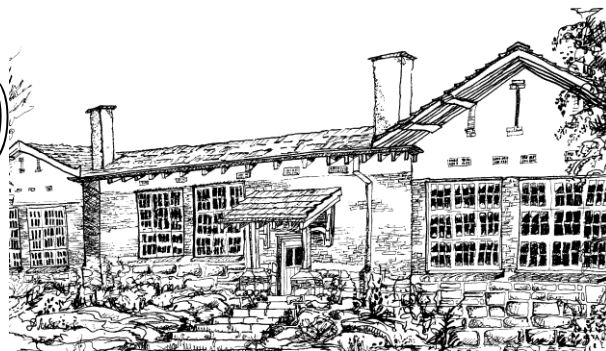


# RICHMOND NEWS



Number 6

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## Schedule of School Events

- 2 March assembly rm 8 13
- **5 March school closed Labour Day**
- 6 March kindy photos
- 8 March k-6 photos
- 13 March School Council 3pm
- 16 March assembly rm 7 12
- 16 March Wacky hair day
- **16/17 March P&C Dads and kids camp**
- 28 March swimming carnival
- **30 March school closed Easter**
- **2,3 April school closed Easter**
- 5 April intersch swim am
- 6 April assembly rm 6 5
- 6 April [P&C Big breakfast](#)
- **13 April break up**
- 30 April students back
- 4 May ANZAC service 9am
- 15-17 May NAPLAN
- 18 May assembly rm 12 11
- 28 May-1 June Yr 6 camp
- 1 June assembly rm 3 4
- **4 June school closed WA Day**
- **5 June school closed PD day**
- 15 June assembly rm 10 0
- 16 June [P&C Bogan Bingo](#)
- 29 June assembly SIM
- **29 June end semester 1**

## STUDENT ABSENCES

- **Please SMS absences to the school staning:** *Child's full name, room, absence date, reason*

SMS: **0417 973 697**

Please do not try to call this number and only use it to notify of absences. THANKS

## From the Principal

### Parent talent pool

At the end of last year the School Council called on parents to establish a talent pool of guest speakers who could come into classrooms to speak to students.

What an amazing response they have had. A wealth of guest speakers have signed up... from pilots to surgeons to soldiers... firefighters, adventurers, musicians, dentists, engineers, veterinarians...to people who are fluent in foreign languages, who have lived in unusual places, have written books or competed in sports events at the highest levels. And a myriad of topics from careers counselling to Silicon Valley to forensic science to psychology to goal setting to local government to women's football and everything in between have been offered!

Teachers will be inviting speakers into their classrooms this year so that as many students as possible will benefit from hearing these talks. Many thanks to everyone who has offered their time.

### Birthday treats

It has been traditional for children to ask to bring in birthday treats for their class mates. Over time though, expectations change, and processes have to be constantly reviewed. These days about 8% of our children have allergies, a number of which are life threatening.

I discussed this concern at both P&C and School Council, who agreed with discontinuing the practice, on the basis of health and safety. Therefore please could no more edible birthday treats be sent to school.

One parent's response to this discussion was: *When making class treats I'm always worried what might happen if I get it wrong.*

We had to weigh up the benefits versus the risk to students. We will explain it to students, who are usually very receptive to the special needs of others. Classes will still recognise birthdays in various age-appropriate ways.

### Questions

As always, please email me any quick queries or questions and I will respond as soon as I can. Recent questions overleaf.

*Lisa Dentith*

## From the Principal continued

### Recent Questions

*Email your question.*

**Q:** Why is Richmond closed on Easter Tuesday?

**A:** WA Government schools are all always closed that day. Usually it isn't noticed as it falls in the two week holiday, but whenever Easter falls outside holidays we are closed on the Tuesday as well.

**Q:** May I provide birthday treats for the class on my child's birthday?

**A:** This has recently been discussed at P&C and School Council. The answer has always been yes, bearing in mind allergies and healthy choices. However with increasing numbers of students having potentially life-threatening allergies (8% of our students this year) the answer is now no, please don't. No parent wants another child to fall ill after eating a treat they sent in.

**Q:** Is it true dogs aren't allowed at school?

**A:** Yes between 8am -4pm they aren't.

**Q:** Why a dads & kids camp?

**A:** It is one of the events run by Dads of Richmond Kids, who are aligned with the national Fathering Project. For the rationale behind these events please go to The Fathering Project: <http://thefatheringproject.org/>

**Q:** Every morning at "kiss and drop" zones, people park and go into the school, no doubt causing issues for others trying to drop off. More frustrating is there is parking available on the other side of the street and not being used. Is there any way you could remind parents of the correct flow to use please?

**A:** This is always an issue. Some parents get angry at being asked to follow the parking signs. However the signs are clear and we ask everyone using the kiss and drop to show consideration for other parents by using the zone in the correct way. No 'park and leave' between 8.00am-9.00am and 2.30pm-4.00pm.

**Q:** Please can you remind students to wear bike helmets when cycling around the streets after school? I see children in Richmond shirts around town not wearing helmets.

**A:** Yes we will remind them, and we run bike ed for year 4s. However this is really up to parents to manage outside school.

**Q:** How can I access the school psych?

**A:** Contact the deputy, Erika Holst-Marsh

**Q:** If enough parents complain will you reconsider having split classes?

**A:** It isn't something I can control. Government schools cannot cap numbers when classes reach regulation size. Any additional enrolments flow into a merged class with the year above or below.

**Q:** When can I apply for 2019 kindy?

**A:** During term 2, starting 1 May.

**Q:** Is kindergarten compulsory?

**A:** No. In Western Australia, children can start their education in kindergarten, however compulsory schooling starts in pre-primary. All children of compulsory school age (PP) must be enrolled in school and attend every day – this is the law.

You can find out what year your children need to start school with the school-age calculator here <https://www.education.wa.edu.au/web/our-schools/enrolling-in-school>

**Q:** Can we look around the school before enrolling?

**A:** A school tour for interested parents will be conducted on Monday 9 April at 9.30am. Call 9339 5055 to book a place on the tour.

**Q:** How do I enrol at Richmond?

**A:** To enrol your kindergarten or pre-primary child for 2019, collect an application for enrolment form from our office or website and apply during term 2.

**Q:** Just wondering if the school is going to issue parents with an invoice for the lump sum payment scheme for excursions 2018

**A:** No, we aren't as it's optional. Parents just come into the office to pay into their account and we will debit their child's expenses through the year. We do hope that the majority of families will choose the lump sum option as it's easier for everyone. All children have an account set up ready for use.

**Q:** How do I contact the Chaplain?

**A:** Frances Hoyle. Available Monday, Tuesday and Thursday EMAIL: [francesh@youthcare.org.au](mailto:francesh@youthcare.org.au)

**Q:** How do classes get Ruby the bear?

**A:** Each assembly a Student Councillor awards Ruby to the class with the tidiest bag rack.

**Q:** Do we do a cake stall for both our assemblies?

**A:** No, just the one where you're doing the item

### Swim Trials yr 4-6 (for school carnival)

Please be aware that time trials for our year 4-6 swimming carnival will take place this Friday during swimming lessons.

Students will have the opportunity to compete in breaststroke, freestyle or backstroke.

If your child is unable to attend the swimming trials please contact Erika Holst-Marsh or Dave Carder to discuss alternatives.

### Gardening Club

Thank you to all who have been keen to get their hands dirty in gardening club so far this term. Lots of planting, mulching, trimming and harvesting of delicious vegetables is already under way... and lots of eating too.

So far the students have tasted roast sweet potatoes (with red onion and burghul) juicy watermelon, capsicum, fresh basil and mint - all from the garden. Each week new recipes are created with a focus on vegetables, fruit, whole grains, seeds and different cooking techniques. To date the students have tasted raspberry, lemon & mint slushies, soaked sunflower seed pesto with wholewheat pasta, wholespelt scones with lemon curd and labneh and roast capsicum and cream cheese on sourdough toast. Students have learnt about the benefits of soaking seeds, what is labneh and how it is made and charring capsicums. Gardening club is allergy- aware.

We are always happy to have parent helpers and this fortnight a big thank you Katrina Tamlin & Pam Neesham.

*Gardening Team: Lee Maloney, Lisa Walsh, Nicole Walsh, Narelle Sachman, Liz Hepworth*

#### RECIPE: SOAKED SUNFLOWER SEED PESTO

1/2 CUP SOAKED SUNFLOWER SEEDS (Place sunflower seeds in a bowl. Completely cover with cold water. Leave overnight. Scoop off floating husks. Drain just before using)

1/4 CUP OLIVE OIL

3 CUPS FRESH BASIL

1/4 CUP GRATED PARMESAN

1 CLOVE GARLIC - PEELED

1 TBSP LEMON JUICE

PINCH SALT

- 1.PLACE ALL THE ABOVE INGREDIENTS INTO A FOOD PROCESSOR OR BLENDER AND BLITZ UNTIL SMOOTH (EVEN A LITTLE BIT CHUNKY IS OK)
- 2.COOK AND DRAIN WHOLEWHEAT PASTA
- 3.STIR PESTO THROUGH WARM PASTA, TOP WITH GRATED CHEESE OR RICOTTA (ROASTED CHERRY TOMATOES IS ALSO A GREAT ADDITION) ENJOY

### Naplan Online

If you wish to withdraw you child from NAPLAN testing this year please contact the Principal now. NAPLAN ONLINE DEMONSTRATION SITE: <https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site>

### School photos: March 6 and 8.

Order your photos online through Kapture's website. If you pay online, there is no need to return the order envelope to school.

OR you can pay by cash and return the provided envelope to school on photograph day.

Any queries before or after photo day - Kapture on 9240 1714 or [enquiries@kapture.com.au](mailto:enquiries@kapture.com.au).

### Coles Sport for Schools

Will anyone volunteer to coordinate this program please? Just requires

- registering us on their website,
- gathering the vouchers that are mounting up in the office (til 11 May),
- then sending them to Coles by 15 June.

**Quick, easy job that gets great sports equipment for the school!**

### School Council

Many thanks to everyone who has nominated for School Council. We have received sufficient nominations and will contact nominees by email shortly. Our first meeting is 13 March 3.00pm.

**SCHOOL COUNCIL INTERIM CHAIR: Tammy Tansley**

**0416674946** [tammy@tammytansley.com.au](mailto:tammy@tammytansley.com.au)

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PARENT REPS: Azita Khalessi and TBA

PRINCIPAL: Lisa Dentith

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[Elaine.VanDenElzen@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:Elaine.VanDenElzen@education.wa.edu.au)

Reception: Lara Carter

Reception email: [Richmond.PS@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:Richmond.PS@education.wa.edu.au)

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Early childhood off site Kindy: 9339 3407

Canteen: 9319 1758

Richmond PS

37 Windsor Road

EAST FREMANTLE 6158

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## P&C ASSOCIATION

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### Dads and Kids Camp

#### Friday 16 March from 5pm

Preparations are well underway for this year's camp, organised by the Dads of Richmond Kids (or DoRKs for short). The DoRKs group is associated with **The Fathering Project** and their School Program, which aims to assist fathers and father figures to be the best parents they can be. One of the first activities organised by previous fathers at our school was the inaugural campout, held at Richmond back in 2011. It has become such a success that numbers have exceeded more than 100 families every year since 2015.

The idea of the camp is to create an enjoyable, relaxed atmosphere that helps grow stronger connections between Dads and their kids and to help Dads support each other in the challenging job of being an effective parent and father figure. The Richmond PS camp out was recognised as such a success story that the naming rights and the activity program were soon adopted by The Fathering Project, and promoted widely on their website as the key activity for any newly developed school group.

So the camp is not only a chance for Dads to have some quality time with their kids but also an opportunity to learn more about being an effective father. Along with the fun, games, brekkie and coffee, this year the DoRKs will be hosting a speaker from The Fathering Project, to talk about the benefits of being an effective father figure. To learn more about the important work of the Fathering Project and The Fathering Project Schools Program, visit their website <http://thefatheringproject.org/>

In the meantime... get your registration in for the camp by visiting the P&C events website [www.rpspc.tidyhq.com](http://www.rpspc.tidyhq.com).

We look forward to welcoming you to our first event of the year! For more info contact Mike Slattery on 0468 615 446 or email [mikeslattery346@hotmail.com](mailto:mikeslattery346@hotmail.com) or contact a P&C committee member.

*Dads of Richmond Kids, Richmond P&C*

### Coordinators

Dads of Richmond Kids	Craig Petzke
Arts Committee	Claire Harwood
Nature Play	vacant
School Banking	Liann Cooper; Rosa Chiappini, Katrina Tamlin
Book club	Susan Catalano
Grants	Chris Brown
Graduation	Peta van Heemst & Mike Harwood
PP Plates	Katrina Law
Kindy T towels	Silvia Piviali
<b>Entertainment book</b>	<b>vacant (June)</b>
<b>Coles vouchers</b>	<b>vacant (starts now)</b>
School Council Rep	Azita Khalessi
Honorary Auditor	Rhys Davies
Canteen Manager	Anna Howard
Asst Canteen Manager	Kate Cattalini
Kitchen Garden	Lisa Walsh

### Class Reps

Kangaroos	Agnieska Willis & Michelle Pearson & Michelle Grant
Koalas	Joanna Coleman
Room 0	Jodi King & Emily Steedman
Room 1	Pia Zoiti & Liv Katin
Room 2	Silvia Piviali & Gess Chapman
Room 3	Katie Ecclestone
Room 4	Lisa Highman & Sarah Arthur
Room 5	Anna Hayne
Room 6	Shirley Elliot
Room 7	Nikki Liley & Agata Sleeman
Room 8	Anna Howard & Adele Healy
Room 9	Jess Zoiti
Room 10	Lisa Highman & Amanda Wray
Room 11	Gemma Ekin & Rachel Winter
Room 12	Peta Van Heemst
Room 13	Kathy Pecotich & Kylie Cuthbert

### P&C Meetings 2018

15 February	General – AGM 7.00pm library
22 February	Executive
17 May	Executive
29 May	General 9.00am Zephyrs
26 July	Executive
7 August	General 9.00am Zephyrs
16 October	Executive
30 October	General 9.00am Zephyrs

### 2018 P&C PRESIDENT: Paula Sowden

[virtuallysortedwa@gmail.com](mailto:virtuallysortedwa@gmail.com)

VICE PRESIDENT: Chris Brown

SECRETARY: Helen Barratt

TREASURER: Mike Harwood

EXEC: Lisa Dentith; Craig Petzke; Justin Grant; Tony Estrano

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Norm McKenzie Reserve  
3rd Sunday each month; 9:30am to 2:00pm  
<http://eastfremantle.wa.lions.org.au/>



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East Fremantle  
George Street  
balletwest.com.au

### Marshalls Tennis Academy Tennis Coaching Term 1

[Richmond Primary School](#) form and [East Fremantle Lawn Tennis Club form](#)  
See brochure downloads  
at: [marshallstennis.com.au](http://marshallstennis.com.au)


**Dads and Kids Camp Friday 16 March from 5pm**  
**Richmond Primary School**  
\$30 per family  
Registrations [www.rpspc.tidyhq.com](http://www.rpspc.tidyhq.com)

For Richmond PS K-6 students - regrettably older or younger siblings are not able to attend.

If you would like to come but don't have any camping equipment, then get in touch and we should be able to find you some!

Info: Mike Slattery 0468 615 446  
[mikeslattery346@hotmail.com](mailto:mikeslattery346@hotmail.com)

<http://thefatheringproject.org/>



**MINIROOS 2018 SEASON**

JOEYS		KANGA'S	
Age groups: Under 5's, 6's & 7's	Time: 8.30am to 9.45am	Age groups: Under 8's & 9's	Time: 9.30am to 11.30am

Starting Date: **5th May 2018** | To register please go to  
Venue: **Hilton Park** | [www.playfootball.com.au](http://www.playfootball.com.au)  
Any issues with registration please contact [footballdepadmin@fremantlecityfc.com](mailto:footballdepadmin@fremantlecityfc.com)  
[www.fremantlecityfc.com](http://www.fremantlecityfc.com)



**Cott Pirates**  
Cottesloe Junior Rugby Club  
Come and play rugby at Cottesloe  
We welcome boys and girls from the age of 5  
Registrations open now - Open training night  
Thursday February 22 at 5pm  
[cottrugby.com](http://cottrugby.com)

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Please advise by return email if you would like to be removed from this distribution list.