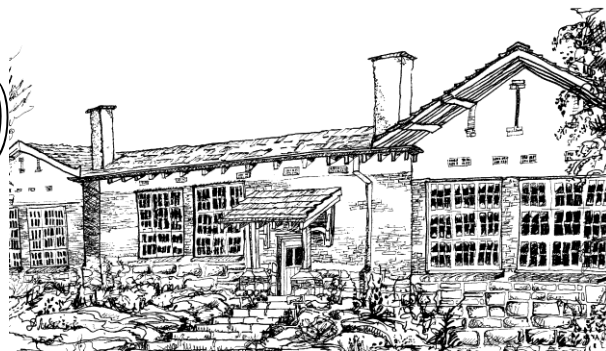


RICHMOND NEWS



Number 10

27 March 2018

Schedule of School Events

- 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](#)
- 12 April [P&C Anxiety seminar](#)
- **13 April break up**
- 30 April students back
- 4 May ANZAC service 9am
- 15,16,21,22 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**

THANKS: The cake stall for Room 8 raised \$344.30.

Should you see **intruders** in the evenings or at weekends / holidays please call School Watch on 9264 4771.

STUDENT ABSENCES

- **Please SMS absences to the school stating:** *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

Kapture additional photographs

Following our recent school photography by Kapture, parents can now view and order special photos taken on the day.

- Year 5 group (for room 4, year 5 students)
- Faction Captains
- Student Councillors
- Year 6 muck up

When visiting www.kapture.com.au/event.asp you will need to enter our school code under the Sports & Event tab to access the gallery; Code: 54VKJP

School Swimming Carnival year 4-6

The carnival is at Fremantle Pool for years 4-6 tomorrow from 9am-12pm. All spectators welcome. The interschool swim carnival will be at HBF Stadium from 9am-12pm on 5 April. I have 14 parent volunteers to time races tomorrow, and just need two more people please? Volunteers, your child has your instruction sheet.

Swimming medals

These will be presented this Thursday 2.30pm in the undercover area.

Family holidays

We have had a large number of requests this week for individual work packages for children to take with them on family holidays. One teacher has been asked for five packages this fortnight, all needing to be tailored to individual students. Please see the Q and A for answers to recent questions on this.

School closed for Easter

The school is closed from Good Friday to Easter Tuesday inclusive. Students return on Wednesday 4 April next week.

P&C big breakfast

This is Friday next week – 7.30 – 8.30am on Friday 6 April in the quad. Pay as you eat, no need to book. There will be a coffee van. All families are welcome. Stay as long or little as you like.

Questions

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

Richmond Primary Library Blog:

<http://richmondpslibrary.blogspot.com.au/>

Lisa Dentith

From the Principal continued

Recent Questions

Email your question.

Q: I am taking my children on holiday / abroad. What are my options re school work please?

A: The Education Act says that children should be at a school. Options are:

1. Enrol them at the School of Distance Education – children do school work online with an assigned tutor. The student must be travelling overseas for a minimum of one school semester or 20 school weeks. (Proof: airline tickets and itinerary) The student should not have access to an English speaking school.
2. Register yourself with the WA Education Department as a Home Educator. You would have to demonstrate to the Education Department that you are fulfilling all requirements of the WA curriculum.
3. Enrol them at a school abroad.
4. Obviously the last option is they miss school and are recorded on the roll as ‘unauthorised absence’ or ‘unauthorised vacation’. The school doesn’t provide individualised work packages because there are far too many requests to cater to. We would suggest you continue with Reading Eggs, Mathletics and any other class work books or assignments you have. It is also a good idea to keep a travel diary.

Q: Do we need to get permission to take our child on holidays in term-time?

A: No, it is your decision. Please email me to let me know the dates. An absence due to a family holiday is recorded on our system as an unauthorised vacation.

Q: Does it matter if they miss school in primary?

A: The school year is 40 weeks. If they go away for 4 weeks that is obviously 10% of the year missed. Anything below 90% attendance is considered by the DoE as an at risk category. Last year, 86% of our students attended over 90% of the time, but 14% of students were below 90%, mainly due to family holidays.

Q: I know they are missing a lot of school due to family holidays in junior primary, but they won’t when they get to upper primary.

A: If they miss PP and year 1 they miss the early teaching of literacy and numeracy. This is very significant. Our lowest attendance last year was in PP and year 1. Last year, of all the year 1

absences 56% were unauthorised family holidays. Year 1 teachers give highly specialised direct instruction in how to read and write. Children cannot learn this via a work package whilst on holidays.

Q: Can teachers give me a work package for each child to take on holiday that I can teach to them?

A: Every work package takes time to assemble. Teachers teach eight subjects, they differentiate the curriculum to cater for each student and they actively teach skills every day. This can’t quickly be put into an individual work package that parents can easily direct, to suit the exact weeks that a child is going to miss. We have lots of students on family holidays all the time, especially as so many have family abroad.

Q: What is your advice then about this?

A: Please try to travel in school holidays. Otherwise see your four options to the left.

Q: Who do I speak to if I have a concern about Instrumental Music?

A: In the first instance, the Instrumental Music teacher. If the situation remains unresolved, please contact Lisa Dentith, who will contact the School of Instrumental Music and speak to their Principal.

Q: When can I apply for 2019 kindy?

A: During term 2, starting 30 April and closing 20 July 2018.

Q: Please can we look around the school before enrolling?

A: The next school tour for interested parents will be conducted on Monday 9 April at 9.30am. We do combined tours as we get so many requests to look around. Call 9339 5055 to book a place on the next tour.

Q: Can there be a rule about children not going on the road before school please?

A: The rule is that children shouldn’t go onto the road at any time. Please could parents stress to their children that once they have been dropped off they should not leave the grounds for any reason.

Q: Please can you remind children about swim rules such as how to touch to finish a race?

A: We do tell them the rules but it’s a carnival not a swim meet and we don’t train for it.

P&C ASSOCIATION

Arts Committee

I would like to introduce myself. I am Claire Harwood and I'm running the Arts Committee. Please, come and help me organise this year's calendar of arts events. It's going to be an exciting one; we have lots of ideas in the pipeline so all welcome.

Please contact me ASAP and I will organise a meeting. crharwood2000@yahoo.com
0405127676

We are also looking for volunteers to help out in the Art department after school drop off. You can do as little or as much as you like. Its great fun helping out and seeing the children's creativity coming out. If you would like to put your hand up please get in contact with Jody Scott at jody.Scott@education.wa.edu.au

Looking forward to seeing some old and new faces.
Claire Harwood

Kids & Anxiety information evening for parents

Richmond Primary School P&C invite you to a free seminar at the school library to help parents and caregivers understand anxiety, behaviours and protective factors for their children.

Date: Thursday 12th April, 2018

Time: 7.00pm - 8.00pm

Tickets are free and can be obtained from the following link:

<https://rpspc.tidyhq.com/public/schedule/events/18471-kids-and-anxiety-seminar>

No ticket – No entry.

Justin Grant

Coles Vouchers

Thanks for collecting these and putting them into the box in the front office.

Lisa Dinis

Big breakfast

The Friday after the Easter weekend, the P&C will organise a big breakfast. These annual events are a popular social event, held before school in the quad. Breakfast will be pay as you eat (egg and bacon rolls) and there will be a coffee van. No tickets or booking required – just show up at 7.30am on April 6th. Everyone is welcome.

Lisa Dentith

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

P&C PRESIDENT: Paula Sowden

virtuallysortedwa@gmail.com

VICE PRESIDENT: Chris Brown

SECRETARY: Helen Barratt

TREASURER: Mike Harwood

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

SCHOOL COUNCIL INTERIM CHAIR: Tammy Tansley

0416674946 tammy@tammytansley.com.au

STAFF REPS: Lisa Dentith, Michelle Gorringer

PARENT REPS: Peter Wade, Kylie Telfer, Adele Healy, Azita Khalessi, Lacey Filipich, Richard Keamy.

PRINCIPAL: Lisa Dentith

Lisa.Dentith@education.wa.edu.au

DEPUTIES:

Erika Holst-Marsh (yr K-2 & student health and wellbeing)

Erika.Holst-Marsh@education.wa.edu.au

Dave Carder (yr 3-6 & curriculum)

David.Carder@education.wa.edu.au

Corporate services: Elaine Van Den Elzen

Elaine.VanDenElzen@education.wa.edu.au

Reception: Lara Carter

Reception email: Richmond.PS@education.wa.edu.au

Reception telephone: 9339 5055

Early childhood off site Kindy: 9339 3407

Canteen: 9319 1758

Richmond PS

37 Windsor Road

EAST FREMANTLE 6158

Web: www.richmondps.wa.edu.au

Getting this Newsletter

New families please note this newsletter is only distributed by email.

To register for the distribution list please email us on Richmond.PS@education.wa.edu.au and put 'newsletter' in the subject line.

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

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

Not-for-profit ads are provided as a community service and are free. The School Council has decided to accept paid advertising from businesses at \$30 per ad. This revenue will be spent on school resources. Businesses wishing to advertise should email a business card sized advert to the school. Services and programs on this page are not necessarily endorsed by the school.



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



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
Any issues with registration please contact footballdepadmin@fremantlecityfc.com

www.fremantlecityfc.com



Gilbert's Fresh Market

Support Our Schools Program (SOS)

Join the SOS Program and Gilbert's will donate 1% of the money spent by you to your nominated school each time you shop at the store. Just scan your card at the checkout. Such an easy fundraiser – no vouchers, stickers or coupons to collect and collate, available every day of the week. Sign up in store.

308 South St, HILTON
T: 6165 5755
E: sos-hilton@gilbertsfresh.com.au
W: www.gilbertsfresh.com.au