From the Principal

Minister for Education
The Hon Peter Collier MLC, Minister for Education, visited Richmond this morning. On arrival the Minister commented that the school has a great reputation. During the visit I think this was well demonstrated by all he met.

He watched our coding club, a year 4/5 robotics lesson, a pre-primary literacy lesson, a year 4 literacy lesson, visited our nature play garden where year 2 students were doing maths, then listened to our chorale. He spoke to lots of students. All the students he saw were fantastic ambassadors for our school.

At the end, he had a cup of tea with the P&C and School Council and chatted to the Student Councillors before planting a tree to launch National Tree Day.

Everyone he spoke to - students, staff and parents alike - was positive, knowledgeable and enthusiastic about their role in the school.

As he left, he commented that we do indeed have a great school.

The school is a community effort – staff, students, parents and the wider community. Many thanks to everyone for your contribution.

Lisa Dentith

Tomorrow is Planet Ark's National School Tree Day!
You can get involved by helping us plant native plants and bushes in our nature playscape. Come down before school starts on Friday morning any time after 7am with your child/children, bring some gloves and a small trowel and plant a plant together!
A big thanks to Fremantle Ports for sponsoring the purchase of the plants. To find out more, or to do something yourself check out http://treeday.planetark.org/schools/

The P&C Nature Play Committee
A quick update on the goings on of the School Council. For those that don’t know, this is the group of parents and staff who meet regularly to discuss issues relating to the school such as budget, uniforms, strategic direction of the school, and decisions such as chaplaincy etc. We usually meet once a term. Meeting dates are published in advance in the newsletter and all are welcome to attend or to raise items for discussion.

At our more recent meetings, we have reviewed the budget for year. We have also continued to discuss and review the Independent Public School (IPS) scheme to see whether it is something that would benefit students and staff at Richmond. We have discussed how best to manage the ad hoc payments that need to be made for excursions etc, and there will be more coming on that over the next few months. We also have also discussed the Nature Play Garden and continue to work with the P&C on this.

Today the Council toured the school with the Hon Peter Collier MLC, Minister for Education. It was great looking at it through a fresh pair of eyes, and it is truly is something to be very proud of.

Having the full complement of the P&C Exec and School Council really contributed to the sense that this school has a real sense of community and that there are so many people that play a part in making it as good as it is.

I will update you all again after our next meeting. Until then, if you have any questions on the role of the School Council or to raise an issue, please feel free to speak to one of the members of the Council or see Lisa.

Tammy Anastasakis – Chair

Congratulations!

Let us know if you have some news!

Congratulations to Cai Foster-Wilson who has been offered a place on Lesmurdie High School’s specialist academic LEAP programme (Extension and Acceleration, Maths and Science). Well done!

FRIDAY 29 JULY is Planet Ark’s School Tree Day.

Come to the nature play garden tomorrow any time after 7am with your child/children. If you can’t make it, encourage your child to visit gardening Club at lunch time and they can come and plant one then

You’ll be joining thousands of individuals in making a difference, fostering a young person’s love of nature and creating environmental change. Nothing so simple could be more important for the planet or the future health and wellbeing of our children. Sara Millenbach

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