From the Principal

Industrial action
This will go ahead on Tuesday April 1st next week. I anticipate 11 staff being absent. The school will not close and supervision will be provided to all students who attend. The off site kindy will operate as normal. Classes on the main site will be combined. I apologize for the inconvenience to parents.

School Council
Thanks to all who have nominated for the 2014 School Council. The Council comprises:
- Peter Wade, Tammy Anastasakis, Meredith Fonti (parent reps)
- Sara Millenbach (P&C rep)
- Adele Gaskin, Lee Maloney, Lisa Dentith (staff reps)

P&C movie night 10 April
This will be Wreck it Ralph! Tickets will be on sale from the Student Council from Monday. $10 per family ticket.

Boardies Day (free dress)
On Friday students are encouraged to wear boardies and donate a gold coin for Leighton surf lifesaving club. This means boardies and a T shirt or simply shorts and T shirt – not bathers.

Correction to medal winners
Our apologies to Tom Chapman yr 6 boys silver medallist in the school swimming carnival, who was omitted from out list last newsletter. Sorry Tom!

Reading Eggs and Mathletics
Students from PP-7 have the same password for these two programs, sponsored by the P&C. I encourage all students to log on at home daily to practise their English and Maths.

Mobile numbers
Please can everyone ensure we have as many emergency contact numbers as possible for your child. Every day we are unable to contact some parents as phone are turned off – thanks!

Lisa Dentith, Principal
Class Parent Reps 2014

Many thanks to the following volunteers so far. Please let them know if you can assist with ANZAC day flowers on the last day of term. Please talk to your teacher if your class doesn’t have a rep/s and you can help.

Class
K Amanda Truscott
K Angela Beazley & Nicky Liley
K -
0 Katie Temby
1 -
2 Melissa Cross & Beck James
3 Silvana Gohil & Kate Cattalini
4 Laura Cargill
5 Louise Goddard
6 Melissa Cross & Nathalie Teissier
7 -
8 -
9 Louise Goddard & Andrea Gleeson
10 Peta Van Heemst
11 Lidia Cesconetto
12 -
13 Anna Hayne, Alex Langshaw, Bridget Marshall & Michele Van Ooran

ANZAC flowers:
All classes are looking for parents to help make bouquets for the ANZAC assembly on 11th April - please let your class parent rep know if you can help them

After School Care
New families please note you can access after school care at Richmond via private provider, Camp Australia. Call 1300 105 343 or go to www.campausralia.com.au or call in at the demountable classroom at school after 3.00pm to meet the staff.
This is a private company who rents our undercover area and is not operated by the school.

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’

CHAPLAIN FOCUS

My name is Meng Chan and I am here on Mondays and Thursdays. I started with chaplaincy in 2008. My work in Richmond PS focuses on the following areas:

Exploring & Supporting Activities / Programs that Promote Values & Life-skills
- This in line with one of the goals of ‘Focus 2014: Directions for Schools’ by the Department of Education which states: “…renewed emphasis on students’ personal and social capabilities and mental health promotion.”
- I also do “intentional loitering” in the playground to work in a natural way through play to build resiliency and friendship skills. For example, many students have practised their friendship building skills by taking up my invitation to play with me the game I initiated.

Support in Difficult Times
- Providing pastoral care in difficult situations (during times of grief or when facing personal or emotional challenges).
- Pastoral care is about listening and being with someone as they work on finding hope and resources to take charge of the challenges they face.
- You are welcome to catch me in the playground and/or drop by my room located between the Pre-primary classrooms for a chat. On days I am not available, leave a message at the front office or in the ‘mailbox’ on my door. I will catch up with you when I return.

With a counselling background, I am acutely conscious of the importance of relationships in people-helping. Being relatively new to RPS, I will spend my first year establishing relationships with students, parents and staff. After five years in my other school, I am able to easily spot a new student / family in the school so as to help them integrate as part of the school community. I look forward to the challenge of remembering the names of students, matching them to the correct faces and then to their corresponding parent in 2014. Thank you for your patience with me as I embark on this process.
P&C Association

Our first P&C meeting held on Tuesday at Zephyrs Café was really well attended. A wide range of topics were covered while we drank coffee and ate cake, and it’s evident that lots of parents have great ideas about things we can do to help our school.

Topics of interest included the undercover area upgrade, road safety around the school, school banking and up coming community building events. The meeting also approved more than $30 000 worth of funding that will help our kids this year.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 27 May at Zephyrs Café again at 9:30am. Put it in your diary now and join us for a cuppa.

Phil Beeck 0405 112 135

FREE Positive Parenting Program

This will be offered at Richmond the first 4 Fridays of next term in the Art Room 9am11am. It is for all parents of children 3-8 years. It teaches practical, effective ways to manage common issues such as:

- Tantrums
- Meal time and bed time difficulties
- Whingeing
- Disobedience
- Hurting others
- Wandering

Parents are invited to participate in this eight week parenting program to learn:

- Effective parenting strategies
- Ways to encourage behaviour you like
- How to promote your child’s development
- How to prevent or manage common child behaviour problems

The Positive Parenting Program involves:

- A two hour group workshop session once a week for four weeks; then
- A 15 minute follow-up phone call session once a week for three weeks
- A two hour final group session

To register your EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Phone Richmond PS 9339 5055
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