Schedule of School Events

- 11 March – photo day – kindy
- 13 March – photo day - kindy, PP- yr7
- 14 March – wacky hair day
- 14 March – Assembly rm 7& 6
- 21 March – dads and kids camp
- 18 March – faction swimming carnival @ Challenge stadium 9.30am
- 25 March – P&C 9.30am
  Zephyrs
- 28 March – boardies day
- 28 March – Assembly rm 3 & 4
- 8 April – interschool swimming @ Challenge stadium 9.00am
- 10 April – P&C outdoor movie night on the oval
- 11 April – ANZAC assembly 9am. Last day of term 1.
- Term 2: P&C disco TBA
- 13, 14, 15 May – Naplan
- 19 May – yr6/7 camp
- 23 May – family bush dance
- 30 May – student free day

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

Congratulations to Adam Douglas from year 4 who has won a round the world trip for his family in the 2013-14 Premier’s Summer Reading Challenge.

Adam’s name was drawn from more than 5000 students who completed the Challenge over the summer break, raising more than $32 000 for the Multiple Sclerosis Society of WA. Adam hopes to take his family to Europe. He has entered the Premier’s Summer Reading Challenge each year since Year 1.

Well done Adam!

Swimming

Unfortunately the closure of Fremantle pool this year is having a big effect on our swimming carnivals. The interschool has been moved to Challenge Stadium and now our school faction carnival has had to be moved for this year. The school carnival will be on Tuesday March 18 from 9.30am for the day. I’m very sorry for the changes. It is proving difficult to secure appropriate venues this year.

Parking

Thanks to all drivers for supporting Kirsty as the new P&C Roadwise coordinator (see her report inside) and offering solutions to the safety issues around parking / traffic calming.

School Photos

Photos are next week – Tuesday and Thursday. Order forms have been sent home and need to be returned on your child’s photo day with money and order.

Shave for a Cure

The Student Council has organized Wacky Hair Day for 14 March to raise money for leukaemia research – students are invited to spray, braid, decorate etc their hair and to donate a gold coin.

Lisa Dentith, Principal
P&C Association

The next P&C meeting will be at Zephyrs at 9:30am on 25 March.

Where are your P&C dollars going this year???

Many fun activities are being considered by the P&C for our school community this year, not to mention the donation of valuable resources and IT projects.

Check out the exciting proposed events and general items that will be taken to the next P&C meeting on 18 March for approval. Make sure you are there to have your say or just come along to hear it first! It’s being held over a coffee at Zephyrs on Tuesday 25 March at 9.30am and everyone is welcome.

Term 1 – Dads & kids camp, outdoor movie night
Term 2 – Disco, bush dance
Term 3 – Quiz night, Richmond team city to surf fun run
Term 4 – Dads and kids sports day, end of year family picnic.

Plus:
• Mathletics and (new this year!) Reading Eggs subscriptions for all students.
• $4000 worth of new library books
• New this year! – very cool interschool sports shirts
• Recorder music books for years 3-7
• $11,000 towards computer leases
• And more….

These are just some of the activities and expenditure that were agreed to by the P&C at the Executive Meeting this week. Why not attend a P&C meeting to find out what else is happening and possibly make other suggestions? We’d love to hear from you!

What’s happening with the school fete money???
The much needed upgrades to our undercover area will be commencing soon thanks to the fete proceeds. Quotes are currently being obtained for:

• resurfacing of the floor as it is very dirty and unsightly
• a much better quality speaker and lighting system, and
• cordless microphones.

We will keep you updated. If any parents have ideas for improving the sound/lighting/quality of our undercover area please let us know.

Phil Beeck
P&C President
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Woolworths Earn and Learn
Thank you to all the families who supported our school by collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Points in 2013.

Our new educational equipment has arrived. We earned enough points to buy an Easi-View camera for each classroom. These cameras are to be used with our interactive whiteboards.

The school also purchased some fabulous new musical instruments.

Thank you Helen Bawden for coordinating this fantastic project.

Dads and Kids Camp
Our fourth Annual Dads and Kids Camp will be held the night of the 21st of March.

This is a fantastic night for fathers and father figures to spend with their children- eating, cooking, playing and tenting.

All children ages kindy to year 7 are welcome to attend with their dad/father figure. Registration is at www.dadsandkids.com.au and cost is $30 payable on the day.
Class Representatives callout
The P&C is seeking a parent from each classroom (or the task can be shared) to be a class representative. Reps will:

- Help teachers and the P&C liaise with parents
- Assist the canteen manager to organise canteen volunteers
- Organise social events for the class
- Organise ANZAC day flowers
- Coordinate 2 cake stalls each year on assembly days
- Welcome new families to the class

…and coordinate any other class activities that you think would benefit your class!

It is not a huge job but it is a valuable one for forming a happy classroom community:) We’d love the class reps to come to the P&C meetings but it is not essential.

If you would like to be a class rep please put your name down with your class teacher as soon as possible.

KITCHEN GARDEN NEWS
Thank you to all the families that watered the vegetable gardens and fruit trees over the summer holidays. We have some fabulous produce growing that the children will be able to harvest over the coming weeks.

It has been fantastic to see new faces at Gardening Club. A special welcome to the many Pre-Primary children who have joined us. We have been busy preparing the garden beds for the planting of Autumn crops. We have also been potting up Jade plants and last week we made watermelon slushies.

All parents are invited to help whenever they can, we meet every Friday at lunchtime, from 12-1pm.

This year will be really exciting as we develop the new space that has been created with the removal of the demountable.

Lee Maloney, Deputy Principal

Roadwise Stategies
Hi Parents, being the new Roadwise Co-ordinator for Richmond P&C, I though it an opportune time to seek your input into how we can improve our road and pedestrian safety in the vicinity of the school.

Firstly it might be beneficial for you all to gain an understanding of previous measures that have been undertaken in recent times:

- 3 kiss and drop bays have been installed
- Rubbish bin stickers for local residents encouraging vehicles to "slow down kids around"
- Improved parking signage installation in the school drop off and pick up areas surrounding the school
- Installation of speed humps on roads adjacent to the school
- Road surveys looking at traffic numbers around the school; numbers were too low for a manned pedestrian crossing adjacent to the school
- Walking school bus programme
- A good working relationship has been formed with the local ranger who patrols the school vicinity regularly and when asked if regular problems are arising.

These measures have been undertaken in partnership between the school, the P&C and the East Fremantle Council all of whom are keen to continue to do everything they can to help drivers improve safety for the children.

Please email me at: kv.woodslylon@gmail.com with any suggestions that you may have as to how we can improve the road, pedestrian, cycle and scooter safety in our local community surrounding our school with the view of child safety being paramount.

Thanks for your assistance,
Kirsten Woods-Lyon P&C

PLEASE can parents ensure the school has 3-4 emergency contact numbers for your child. Recently we have been unable to immediately contact a number of parents in emergencies.
**NOTICE BOARD**

These adverts are provided as a community service and are not necessarily endorsed by the school

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**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.campaustralia.com.au](http://www.campaustralia.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.

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**Getting this Newsletter**

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