From the Principal

Cake stalls: Thanks to all the parents who have volunteered to help organise the cake stall for their child’s assemblies. Please let your teacher know if you can help on their assembly day.

ANZAC flowers: All classes are looking for parents to help make bouquets for the ANZAC assembly on 10 May - please let you class teacher know if you can help organise this for your classroom. For new parents’ information, all children bring a few flowers in on the day and volunteer parents make them up into bouquets for the class to lay at the flagpole during our assembly.

Carpet tiles- Thank you to Melville Carpets on Canning Highway for donating some new carpet squares to us for the children to sit on in assemblies. Thanks to parent Melissa Scott for organizing this.

Naplan Testing (year 3, 5, 7) will be in week 2 next term, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. A timetable is at the back of this newsletter. Tests can not be conducted prior to the published test dates under any circumstances. Catch up day will only be used for unavoidable circumstances and parents should liaise with me please to arrange this beforehand.

Please can everyone ensure their child is at school for the whole of Naplan week. Should you wish to withdraw your child from testing please call me. Thanks.

The website for more information is http://www.nap.edu.au

Swimming – the school carnival for yr4-7 is this Monday from 12.00pm – 2.45pm. Thanks to everyone who has volunteered to assist on the day. All parents and friends are welcome to come along to Fremantle pool to watch the event. All children are required to travel to and from the pool on the bus so that we can keep accurate numbers – parents please don’t take them home from the pool. Many thanks!

Lisa Dentith, Principal
Woolworths Earn & Learn 2013
This year we will be participating again in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school – and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths.

From Monday 8th April to Sunday 9th June, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Points. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Point for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Points onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheet and when it’s complete, the Points Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box here at the school or at your local store.

At the end of the promotion, we’ll be able to get some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students – including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts & Craft, Sport and for our library.

If you’d like to know more please call Helen Bawden (Parent Coordinator) on 0409378345.

Entertainment Books
Order forms have been distributed and additional copies are now available from the front office.

This is a great fundraiser. Books are $65 each with $13 from each book coming back to the school.

There are bonus vouchers for the first 40 orders. So get in quick.

Please put your completed order form plus payment in a labeled envelope in the P&C box in the front office. Payments can be made by cash, cheque (made out to entertainment book), credit card (Mastercard or Visa) or online.

Any queries please contact Jane on 0419 923 619 or raw@rawanimal.com.au

Italian News
At Richmond Primary School we endeavour to offer real life opportunities for our students to engage/use the Italian language throughout the year.

One such event is coming up and open to all Italian classes. The annual Italian Primary School Competition run by the Italo-Welfare Association of WA is underway with this years theme being il Bicentenario di Giuseppe Verdi – Celebrating 200 years of Giuseppe Verdi’s music.

Entry forms and competition details have been made available to all students. Already many studenti are in the process of completing some lovely pieces of work – Please encourage your child to return a signed permission slip (Photocopied on the back of their entry form) to Signora Blanchard in Room 7 by the closing date - 17th of April 2013.

Italian Club
The Italian room is open on Wednesday from 12.25pm at lunchtime for all Italian students who would like to read Italian books, play Italian games and have some fun Italian style!

Buona Pasqua a tutti e Buone Vacanze
Happy Holidays
Signora Blanchard

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

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 or call in at the demountable classroom at school after 3.00pm to meet the staff
Will my child be affected by this decision?
In 2015 Year 7 public school students will move to secondary schools. This means that students in Year 4 in 2012 will be undertaking their Year 7 public school studies in secondary school.

Why is this change being introduced into public schools in WA?
Many private schools in Western Australia and schools in other states and territories successfully educate Year 7 students in secondary settings and we have learned from their experiences.

Year 7 students are, on average, six months older than in the years before the school starting age was raised; and currently approximately half are celebrating their 13th birthdays while still in primary school. They are ready for the challenges that secondary schools can offer them and have the maturity to thrive in the new setting.

Western Australian public school students deserve access to the same educational opportunities as their peers in other schools in Western Australia and other parts of the country.

What happens in other parts of Australia?
Nationally, having Year 7 students in secondary schools is the norm, and most private schools in Western Australia are now organised this way.

Already eight Western Australian public secondary schools enrol Year 7 students together with 55 district high schools around the State.

What is the impact of the national curriculum?
With the introduction of the national curriculum, all Year 7 students need access to specialist teachers who are currently only available in secondary schools.

In secondary schools, young adolescents will benefit from the support of specialist teachers, pastoral care coordinators, psychologists, chaplains and other health and social services specialists.

Secondary schools also have a wide range of specialist facilities to motivate and engage students in subjects such as science, design and technology, the arts, languages and physical education.

Can Year 7 students access Gifted and Talented programs and Specialist Programs?
Yes, access to these highly regarded programs in public schools will be available to Year 7 students.

How will my child prepare for secondary school?
Schools and families have always worked together to help children as they progress from primary to secondary school.

Secondary school principals and staff are experienced in helping students settle into their new environments. They will build on transition programs already in place, refining and adding to these to better suit Year 7 students.

Over the next three years they will also develop plans and processes to make the transition for Year 7s as smooth as possible.

Do Year 6 and 7 students both move at the end of 2014?
Yes. In 2014 primary and secondary schools will ensure that both Year 6 and Year 7 students are fully supported as they prepare to move to secondary school the following year.
Primary school principals and staff will ensure that both groups have the opportunities and experiences that children and families have come to expect in the final year of primary school.

**Why is this change not happening until 2015?**
Bringing in the Year 7 move from 2015 will give families time to adjust plans for their children’s futures. It will also ensure the necessary planning and structures are in place for a smooth transition to the new arrangements.

The three year lead time also means that teachers will have time to undertake professional development for the national curriculum in Year 7.

**Gifted and Talented: Important information for students entering high school in Year 7 2015**

Significant changes have been implemented to ensure your child is prepared for entry into Gifted and Talented Selective Entrance programs in high school from 2015.

The application, testing and placement process is open to all student in Year 6 2014.

**Key Events and Scheduled Dates**

- **October 1 2013** - Applications Open
  Applications open for entry into selective academic, arts or languages programs in Year 7 2015

- **February 10 2014** - Applications Close
  Application close for entry into selective academic, arts or languages programs in Year 7 2015

- **March 15 2014** - Academic testing
  Students applying for placement in Gifted and Talented programs must sit the Academic Selective Entrance Test.

- **May 9 2014** - Academic Performance Reports
  Academic Performance Reports posted to the listed parents or carers.

- **July 4 2014** - Placements finalised
  All offers of placement for Gifted and Talented programs will be finalised before the commencement of Semester two.

**When does my child go to high school?**

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How will Richmond PS be affected by the transition of year 7 to high school?

- We will have a joint year 6/7 graduation ceremony at the end of 2014
- We will have a joint year 6/7 camp
- We are already taking increased enrolments in early childhood, as year 7s have already drifted to independent secondary schools, so our overall numbers will not be unduly affected by losing the year 7 cohort.
- Year 6 will take on the traditional year 7 roles on Council etc.
- We do not expect to lose staff or facilities.

For further information on the Year 7 transition to high school google Schools and You - http://det.wa.edu.au/schoolsandyou

or

Parent Line
An information telephone line will operate during normal business hours.
T: 1800 791 197

Parent Email
E: therighttime@education.wa.edu.au

NAPLAN timetable: All tests will be in the mornings

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Explaining Autism  
(Free Event) 
Those who attend this FREE event will be presented with valuable information. Participants will also be informed of other seminars and workshops (providing more in-depth information) to be presented by Autism Association of WA throughout 2013. 
Registration: email seminars@autism.org.au or call 9489 8900. 
The Boulevard Centre, Cambridge Library Building 99 The Boulevard Floreat.  
24 April 2013 – 9.30 – 1pm 

Parent Jill Noye volunteers for a charity org who are desperately trying to raise money or supermarket cards for refugee families in the community.  
The website is carad.org.au  
Currently they are seeking $50 Coles or Woolworths gift cards so families can buy food, as well as any cash donations. CARAD is a registered charity and donations are tax deductible, 

Johnny Moran Karate teaches karate classes to children and adults in the local area. 
A special offer for the school's students - 4 WEEKS FREE beginners karate lessons! 
Classes are held after school and are a great way for children of all ages to learn self-defense in a fun and safe environment and for adults to get fit. 
Karate has many benefits which includes confidence, respect and fitness. Call now to take advantage of this 4 week trial. 

0402 830 402

The following organisations have 2013 contracts with us for use of our facilities to run activities for Richmond students. If you would like your child to attend, please pick up a flyer at the front office. They are user pays: 

Marshalls Tennis: Thurs & Fri 7.45–8.30am 
Total Chess: Chess Club - Wed 3.15–4.15pm
Violin Sports: Music lessons – Wed 3–5pm  
Positive Groove: Dance lessons – Thurs 3.05 – 5pm  
Camp Australia: After school-care – every day 3–6pm