From the Principal

We have had a smooth start to the year – many thanks to everyone for sending the children so well rested, prepared and enthusiastic about being back. They have been great this week.

New families
Welcome to the 50 new families starting this year. Please sign up on our distribution list so that you receive emails.

New staff
We welcome a number of new staff:
Susan Catalano – Library
Dan Osborn – Room 12 teacher term 1
Sarah Allott – Room 0 and room 7 teacher
Kirsten Robertson – Italian teacher
Lynley Boyle – cleaner

Dave Carder is on leave for semester 1, travelling, and Lee Maloney is Deputy Principal in his absence.

Parent/Teacher meetings
Parents are invited to meet with their child’s classroom teacher in the next few weeks. Teachers will organise the timetabling of this.

Numbers
We have started the year with 420 students, 44 staff members and over 600 parents in our school community. Obviously the office is very busy this week. If you call I will get back to you as soon as I can.

Swimming
The upcoming school swimming carnival (yr4-7) will be at Bicton pool on 27 March at 12.15pm. The inter-schools will be at South Fremantle SHS on 8 April at 9.00am. Fremantle pool is closed for renovations. Everyone is very welcome.

Lisa Dentith, Principal
PTO
**Hip Hop**
Students from year 1-7 will be doing HIP HOP as part of their physical education program. They are bringing notes home now.

**Contributions and Charges**
Invoices will be mailed out during February

**Uniform Recycling**
We have a free recycled uniform system in the office – please donate your good used items that are too small. Any parent may look through the boxes and take items their children will use – no cost to anyone.

**Canteen**
The canteen is open again on Wednesdays and Fridays. Our new manager is Marnie Foley. Please contact the school if you are able to volunteer to assist in the canteen.

**Points of contact**
For general classroom concerns please contact your child’s teacher initially. For bigger or ongoing issues please contact Lee Maloney (curriculum) or Charmaine Cook (pastoral care). I am available to discuss any issue.

We follow the usual business procedure should parents wish to comment or ask about anything – please ring or email the appropriate person with your name and query. This week a mother rang our receptionist to complain at length, refused to be put through to admin and hung up when asked for her name – this really is unfair to our receptionist and is not an appropriate way of communicating with the school.

**Class Lists**
A few parents have said they would have liked to know class lists earlier – I do understand this desire, but it wasn’t possible unfortunately since on the Friday I was still receiving enrolment applications and existing families were still advising that they had moved and would not be back. There is no point putting up class lists until they are final. About 20% of the students (82 students) are in a split class this year. This is normal.

Thanks to the parents who encouraged their child to be resilient in the face of not being placed exactly where they would have liked. All students have been fantastic.

**Graduating students**
We have 14 year 7 students and 40 year 6 students, all of whom will graduate this year. They will all go on camp, have leavers’ T-shirts, be student leaders and graduate together. After this year all students will finish primary school in year 6. We are happy that all the leavers have fitted into in the same wing and are looking forward to a good final year in rooms 12 and 13.

**Make up of student body**
Out of a current total population of 420 students (changing daily):
227 students are in K-2
139 students are in 3-5
54 students are in 6-7

**Teachers & Classes**

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**Sandwich**
This sounds minor but it has been puzzling us for months – a young boy (yr1-4?) has been blocking the toilets every day since last June trying to flush his sandwich away. It’s white bread cut in half or quarters, with a spread filling, crusts cut off and wrapped in cling wrap every day. We have investigated all leads! If this sounds like your son’s lunch please can you investigate? Thanks!!

**P&C AGM: Tuesday 18 February, 7.30pm**
Hope to see everyone there to vote for the P&C Executive committee.

*Lisa Dentith, Principal*
P&C Association
Welcome back to school everyone for a new and exciting year of school and learning in the community of Richmond Primary School. A special welcome to all the new families who have joined us this year.

The P&C is a wonderful place for parents to be involved in the school community. Together we have been able to do some excellent things each year to help our kids in their learning. We also run a number of events that help bring the school together for fun and friendship.

We’d love it if you came along to the twice a term P&C meetings and played your part. The year starts with our AGM which is on….

Tuesday 18th February 2014
7.30pm until 9.30pm
Venue - School Library

Everyone is welcome! On the evening we will have nominations and elections for our new P&C executive committee for 2014. Also positions become vacant and anyone can nominate. We need a…

President
Vice President
Honorary Secretary
Honorary Treasurer
Executive Members (3 positions)
Ex-Officio Member

Other roles are also available for people to volunteer for. These include…

• Book club coordinator
• Building and grounds representative
• Canteen volunteers coordinator
• Entertainment/Cookbook sales coordinator
• Grants officer
• Loyalty programs
• Road Wise coordinator
• School Council parent representative
• School Directory coordinator
• Uniform Liaison coordinator
• WACSSO delegate/District Council delegate
• Honorary Auditor

If you are interested in any of the executive or volunteer roles please contact me before the meeting or come along to the meeting and volunteer.

P&C Membership
We would love you to become a member of the P&C this year. The annual fee is less than $1 and allows you to vote at the AGM and all general P&C meetings. Most importantly it allows you to play a part in your child/ren’s school by being an active member of the community. Meetings are twice a term and often at a coffee shop in the mornings after school drop off.

Canteen
The School canteen that operates on Wednesdays and Fridays is run by the P&C. Our new Canteen Manager, Marnie Foley, oversees the canteen. However the canteen is dependent on volunteers to help Marnie with food preparation and serving. Without volunteers we won’t have a canteen. Please contact Marnie on 0416 949 219 to let her know when you could help.

Dads and Kids Camp
The 4th annual Dads and Kids camp will be the Friday 21st March at 5pm to 9am the next morning. It is held on the school oval. Fathers and father figures are invited to attend with their children aged kindy to year 7. The night features cooking your tea together in front of your tent, night time family activities in the dark, late night snacks and stories with dad in the tent, a cooked brekky, coffee for dads, a short talk on fathering from the Fathering Project and a take home activity to do with dad. The cost is $30 and registration details will be out shortly. It’s one of the best nights of the year for both dads and their kids.

Please feel free to contact me to discuss anything P&C related.

Phil Beeck
Out Going President
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0405 112 135
School Health Nurse
Community Health Nurses work in schools to promote healthy development and wellbeing so students may reach their full potential. A major part of my work is focused on early intervention and the School Entry Health Assessment program.

We serve as a health contact point for children and their families, providing information, assessment, health counselling and referral. The services are free and confidential.

If you have a concern about your child’s health or development, please contact me on 0893391362.

School Entry Health Assessment
All children in WA are offered a health assessment during their first year of primary school. This usually occurs in kindergarten.

A nurse will check your child’s vision, hearing and general development. A form will be sent home sometime during the year.

Parents please complete and sign the forms. Please return the form to the school office.

Immunisation - information for parents
Immunisation programs are designed to keep everyone well and safe, especially those people who are most at risk, such as babies.

Parents or legal guardians who do not immunise their child should note the following:
In the case of a Measles or Pertussis (whooping cough) outbreak, WA schools are required by the DeptHealth, to exclude students who have not received the appropriate vaccination.

Please make sure your school-aged child is immunised and you have provided a copy of the ACIR immunisation record to the school.

Did you know that as parents you can ring the National registry or go to the web site to check out your child’s immunisation status? All you need is your Medicare number. Phone 1800 653 809 or access the web site: www.humanservices.gov.au or email acir@humanservices.gov.au

Head lice
Check your child’s hair regularly for head lice and eggs (‘nits’). Use a metal fine tooth ‘nit’ comb and plenty of hair conditioner applied to the dry hair, to make the task easier and more effective. To help children sit still for this, offer distracting activities, e.g. play a favourite video, provide games, encourage reading, offer a head massage. Tie long hair back. Braid long hair and/or put it up if possible.

Consider applying hair gel or mousse. These do not prevent or repel lice but may help to keep stray hair strands from contact with other heads.

Avoid sharing combs or brushes. Remind your child to avoid head-to-head contact with other children, e.g. when working at the computer with others, or when playing, or hugging.

If your child has head lice please notify their teacher.

The Head lice Fact Sheet is available from the school or www.public.health.wa.gov.au/2/261/2/head_lice_fact_sheet.pm

Positive Parenting Program (Triple P)
There are many ways to be a good parent. Managing children’s behaviour can be challenging at times, however it is an essential part of good parenting. The Positive Parenting Program (Triple P) may help you raise happy and confident children, through small changes and simple routines.

Programs offered include:
• Seminar Series Triple P
• Group Triple P

All programs are at no cost to parents or carers. To find out more, or to register in a program near you phone 1300 550 879 or email positiveparenting@health.wa.gov.au

For more information, go to: www.pmh.health.wa.gov.au/services/TripleP

Leona Stephens, Community Health Nurse
08 9339 1362.
Only four days to go until applications close!

Don’t miss the opportunity for your child to study one of our Gifted and Talented Secondary Selective Entrance Programs...

Applications close 12.00noon on Monday 10 February 2014.

Apply now if your child is in Year 6 this year and going into Year 7 in 2015. Limited places may also be available for children going into Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 in 2015.

VISIT THE DEPARTMENTS WEBSITE
WWW.DET.WA.EDU.AU/giftedandtalented

To apply please complete the online application form.

If you have any questions please contact the Gifted and Talented branch, ph: 9264 4307
http://www.det.wa.edu.au/curriculumsupport/giftedandtalented/detcms/portal/

Gifted and Talented Programs at Melville SHS
Melville SHS is one of eight providers of the Selective Academic Program in Perth. In this program, your child will study Mathematics, Science, Society and Environment and English with other gifted children and enjoy a rich learning environment that is positive, stimulating and designed specifically for their needs.

Selection is based on the Academic Selective Entrance Test. Testing is open to students going into Year 7 in 2015 and is held by the Department of Education. Testing will occur in March 2014.

Limited places are also available for students going into Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 in 2015. More details are available on our website www.melville.wa.edu.au or contact Hilary.Browton@education.wa.edu.au and 9330-0300.
**NOTICE BOARD**

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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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**Play Auskick and AFL Footy**

East Fremantle Power JFC Registration Day
Sunday 16 February 10am to 1pm
Henry Jeffery Oval
Corner Wauhop St and Preston Point Road
Or register online:
Enquiries to Travis French 0417 978 983 or Janet Duncan 0418 907 000

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**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 in the area after school and are a great way for children of all ages to learn self-defence in a fun and safe environment and for adults to get fit.

Karate has many benefits which include confidence, respect, discipline and fitness. Call now to take advantage of this 4 week trial.

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**Yoga for Children**

Youth 9 – 15 years $130 per term
Children 5 – 8 years $80 per term
Enrol now for 2014
Daily classes at 3.45pm
Develop focus, co-ordination, sense of self and have some fun!
Off The Wall – Yoga Studio
89 Petra Street, East Fremantle
Parking & entry to studio behind Commonwealth Bank
Further enquiries Laura 0427 272 252

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