From the Principal

Building program term 3
As previously advised in the newsletter, the building program to address our shortfall in required toilet facilities (we have fewer than the required number of female toilets, and no universal access toilets) will begin on the last Wednesday of this term and continue through the holidays and term 3. The plan is:

3 July – builders’ compound established on the front lawn and builders’ equipment delivered. The main entrance on Windsor Road may be closed for the day.

Holidays – Main demolition work including converting two existing staff toilets into girls’ toilets in the main block. Creation of external doors from rooms 12 and 13 into the quad. Demolition and rebuilding of existing staff toilets to include a universal access toilet.

Term 3 – closure of lobby and entrance from quad to staff room and front office for rebuilding of staff toilets. All access to front office will be via front door only. Building of new veranda in the quad along the wall of rooms 12 and 13 to match existing. Building of new student universal access toilet on the end of room 13.

The building work should be completed for term 4.

The advantage for us will be increased female toilets, two new universal access toilets and doors opening from rooms 12 and 13 into the quad with matching veranda. We have wanted to have external doors and an extension of the veranda around the quad for some years.

I will be speaking to the students about the building program but would appreciate parents also talking to their children about taking care around the building site – especially during the holiday period when staff will not be on site. Thanks!

Lisa Dentith, Principal

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
Kitchen Garden News
The Kitchen Gardens are full of winter crops and we are harvesting produce weekly. Thank you so much to Meredith Fonti and Beck James who help out during Friday lunchtimes. Remember all students are welcome to join in and we love to have extra help if parents can make it along.

This week we made Kohl Rabi Fritters. Thank you also to Mike Dean for repairing the greenhouse and Mike, Lina Jinman and Nicola Parry for helping to move two raised garden beds last week. They are now filled with potatoes. If you are wandering by, check out the amazing strawberry plants growing in the greenhouse. Meredith and Room 8 have created hanging strawberry pots.

We are lucky to have received some new trees (lemon, lime, mandarin and orange) for the school grounds, under a Be Natural Landcare Grant co-ordinated by East Freo Farm, that aims to plant citrus trees around East Fremantle for the community. Thank you Beck for organising this and Denise, our school gardener, for planting them near the gate entry from Osborne Road.

REMEMBER: Waste Free Lunches every Thursday.

RECYCLING: Please place your old batteries and ink cartridges in the boxes provided in the undercover area.

School Chaplain - position vacant
We are actively looking for a new School Chaplain. Please call Dawn France on 0406 662 705 if you are interested.

Kindergarten enrolments for 2014
Enrolment applications are now being accepted. Applications close on July 26, 2013. Please can parents let their friends know this information if they have a child due to start kindy.

Woolworths Earn and Learn
Thanks to parent Helen Bawden for coordinating this – please keep collecting tokens when you go to the supermarket.

Congratulations....
To the students who will represent Richmond in the Interschool kwick kick footy competition at Fremantle Oval:
Juliet Illich, Manon Rodet, Aiden Spencer, Edward Astill, Sophie Eastaugh, Charlotte Broad, Swam Nicholas, Bennett Nolan, Lewis Martin, Lachie McGrath, Zane Lewis, Callum Taylor, Natasha Hayne and Lily van Ooran.

And to the student who will represent us in the long bomb:
Kate Taylor, Matthew Byron, Noah van Ooran, Lewis Martin, Lachie McGrath and Lily van Ooran.

Fete 2013
Thanks to everyone who is getting involved with the fete preparations. Your help is really appreciated. There are still big and small roles for anyone who’d like to assist in any way. Please contact Jane on rpsfete2013@gmail.com

Interested in onsite Before School Care at RPS?
Can I ask people who might be interested in an onsite before school care service to email me at bowiefamily@bigpond.com – include a rough idea of how many days and number of children you have that would use the service. I will compile this information by volume not family name. All responses will be treated as confidential and will be used only to indicate school community demand. Katina Bowie, RPS Parent

East Fremantle Football Club
Quiz Night
Friday 21 June
$200 – table of 10
0408 280 125

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