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August

- 4 School Council - 6pm
- 6 Grade 2 Sleepover
- 7 August Census Day
- 12 Dot Deviny Information Session for Prep Parents 2010 - 7pm
- 30 Working Bee

September

- 2 Grade 6 Play
- 4
- 11 RPS Auction and Social Night
- 18 Last Day of Term 3: 2.30pm finish



WorkingBee

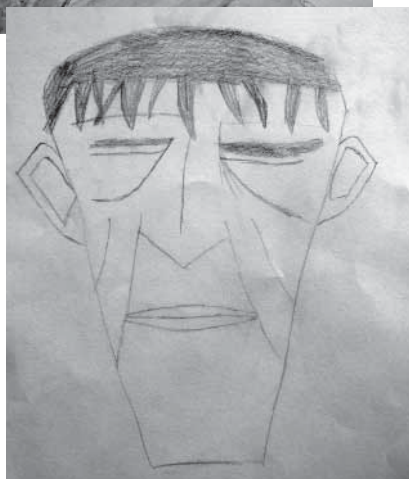
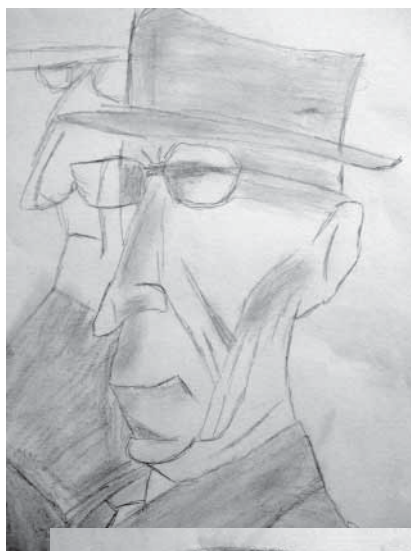
A reminder that Richmond Primary School's second working bee will be held on

Sunday August 30th
10.00am - 2.00pm

We will be having a general clean up and working in the garden!

All welcome.

GRADE 5/6 EXCURSION



The 5/6 excursion to the John Brack Exhibit

On Friday the 23rd of the 7th 2009, the grade 5s went to see the John Brack exhibition. At first we had a lesson, about John Brack, using a big projector. Then we went inside the main exhibit, and looked at all the paintings. Then we drew one of the paintings. It went for about 4 hours & 45 minutes.

By **Tom Davidson**

Friday the 17th of July, Richmond West came here to play Inter-school sports against the 5/6's. We played Soccer, Netball and Basketball. The soccer score was 0-2, the basketball score was 30-31 and the netball score was 12-22. Even though we lost all three games we had lots of fun and we think Richmond West had a lot of fun too.

By **Phoebe Carlile** and **Hayden Ellis**.

FUNDRAISING

Jetstar Boarding Passes

A big thank you to the school community for helping us collect 50 boarding passes so we could enter the second round of the Jetstar Collect4Schools program.

We have just been notified that we have been successful in securing \$1000 in flights. We have been very lucky to secure four of the 200 flights so far offered given the program is open to thousands of schools around the country.

The flights will be used at an upcoming fundraising event. Just a reminder if anyone sees any promotions pitched at schools that they think we could be able to enter let me know and I am happy to co-ordinate.

FATHER'S DAY

The annual stall celebrating Dads will be on Friday, September 4. Preparations are well advanced but it would be great if families could again support the stall with some donations of goodies. I am particularly on the look out for wrapped sweets to go in coffee mugs and glasses. There is a basket in the administration foyer in which donations can be placed. Handkerchiefs, AFL gear, motoring accessories, sporting gear and masculine toiletries are welcome. Please only donate NEW goods and foodstuffs should have a current use by date.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Claire Heaney

NATIONAL TREEDAY - Sunday 2nd July

This Sunday is National Treeday! In its 14-year history, more than 13 million native Australian plants have been planted.....mainly in parks and schools. Very few however have been planted in home gardens. So why not help our environment and local fauna this Sunday by planting a native plant or two in your backyard.

If you only have a small backyard don't be disheartened, as there are literally hundreds of smaller native shrubs and grasses available that look great!!! For inspiration check out the small shrubs and grasses that the Grade 1/2's will be planting along the Barkly Street fence on National School Treeday this Friday.

NEW BINS

Next week we will be introducing a new bin system to the yard.

The bins will be colour coded and labelled as follows:

Yellow for recycling (containers, cardboard, plastic etc)

Blue for landfill (plastic wrap, chip packets, foil)

Green for compost (fruit and vegetable scraps)

Please read the labels and take notice of the bin you use.

Thanks **Kate**.

Dear Parents and Carers

PARENT MANAGED HEAD LICE PROGRAM

The parent managed head lice program commenced on Friday 24th July. We currently have 89% of children participating in the program. It would be fantastic to see if we can get greater participation rates in an effort to reduce/eliminate head lice in the school. Permission forms can be obtained from the school office or downloaded from the school website at www.richmondps.vic.edu.au.

Initial inspections indicate that 22% of children inspected were identified as having live lice or eggs present in their hair. We encourage you to inspect your child's hair each week, particularly after treating, to ensure that the lice/eggs have been eliminated. There will, of course, be some misidentification of lice/eggs when inspections occur, however we ask you to check your child's hair and inform the school either way as this is a requirement of the policy. Our parent volunteers do the best they can in the short time they have available to them to correctly identify lice/eggs and we need to recognize that it is not an easy task.

It is also important to note that under the Health Regulations 2001, children found with lice cannot be readmitted to school until an appropriate treatment has commenced. The school policy can be found on the website at www.richmondps.vic.edu.au.

We are seeking more parent volunteers to join the program. If you are interested please contact Megan. A big thanks to the parents who are currently supporting the program by volunteering as head lice inspectors. The next inspection should take place within the next four weeks.

ON-LINE LUNCH ORDERING SYSTEM

A reminder that you can now order lunch for your child/children each Friday. To register and begin the process go to www.flexischools.com.au

CENSUS DAY

The mid-year school census will take place on Friday 7th August. This census is used by the Department of Early Education and Childhood Development to allocate the school budget for 2010. Please ensure you provide an absence note if your child will not be in attendance on this day.

PREP TRANSITION SESSIONS

Over the past two weeks, the prep teachers have hosted two transitions sessions for prospective 2010 preps. These sessions have been a huge success with over 45 students participating. Please ensure you have submitted an enrolment form for your child for prep 2010 if you have not done so. This will assist with financial planning and budgetary submissions for next year.

Regards **Megan**

Student of the week

Prep

Nicholas Spencer for being ready to learn and for using his getting along skills.

Jasmine Pham for her excellent reading and writing progress.

GRADE

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Zetta Fusinato for being a Maths whiz! You always challenge yourself with harder questions and strive for your best! Congratulations!

Blake Behrendorff for great concentration and persistence, well done Blake!

Lily Stevens for unbelievable courage and strength. The way you have dealt with everything these past couple of weeks Lily has been a real story of resilience and we are really proud of you.

Hugo Boreham for being fair and reasonable and always encouraging others.

Hugo never misses an opportunity to tell someone they have done a great job!! Super work, Hugo!

GRADE

3
4

Luc Bohn and **Nick Pagonis**, for being steely-eyed Rocket Men... demonstrating their Water Rocket for each class with skill and great organisation.

Mia Tran for displaying for confidence in front of the class and always being focused.



GRADE

5
6

Miya Rakete for producing amazing illustrations for her picture story book.

Jakob Jensen for consistently showing resilience in various situations.

Every week, we pose a quiz question based on the name of one of our wonderful students.

Write your answer on a piece of paper, along with your name and grade, and put it in the cream letter box in the office. **The first correct entry drawn will win a Student Pass for one hour.**

The winning entry will be drawn on Tuesday at 3.30pm.

NOTE:

- You may place **only one entry per week** in the box.
- Each player must put in their **own** entry (no joint entries)
- If you win, you are **win-binned** (disqualified) for one week, to give others a go.



This week's clue:

This Area 1 student's name rhymes with the title of a book by the Australian author, D'Arcy Niland.

Last week's clue:

This Area 3 student's name is also the surname of someone who told us of an invasion by the Martians.

Answer:

WELLS Cockayne Gr6

(The author H.G. Wells wrote of a Martian invasion in his novel 'War Of The Worlds'.)

Winner:

Lottie Munro Gr2 ...

No-one would have believed, in the first years of the 21st Century, that the Munro family would feature in three Kidsquizzes in a row!

GRADE 6 SNAPSHOT WRITING

Snapshot of Stu Giving Play Parts
Lachlan Mitchell

I was sitting there with a smile on my face and waiting my name to be called the with play parts I have. Once I was called with my parts I started to feel like I had furious butterflies in my stomach. My heart was pounding at 1,000km an hour, steam was coming out of every exit of my head. I smelt a bit of tension from other comrades of my class. I was thinking 'I should have done better, I should have done better,' over and over again. I had to touch my stomach because the butterflies where getting louder and rougher. I saw happy and sad people of my class. My saliva had disappeared, my mouth dry. My teeth are too hard to separate from clenching my jaw. My hopes and dreams were too high to catch.

The End

Snapshot of Stu Giving Play Parts
by Henry Duffield

The grade sixes are sitting on the floor, Rowan's eating popcorn, and Stu's holding the fate of the next few weeks. *sigh* I feel this beginning is too dramatic. There was tension in the room, but I wasn't contributing to it. I wanted a character just as much as anyone else, but I didn't share that competitive feeling the other sixes had. Stu starts reading the play parts, and I 'retaliate' by eating an Oreo. I hear Cian hiss a long 'yes' after he hears exactly what he wants. The list continues and I'm surprised at some of the outcomes. There are 'yes's' and 'no's', but I hear my name accompanying Max, the character I want, and instantly I turn and high-five Cian. I don't listen to many of the other names, I just give a mindless clap. It finishes and everyone goes off happy or sad, there is no in between.

Highlights this week: **GIANT** Cubby House and **NEW** fuseball table!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Two highlights for this weeks program. Firstly was the construction of our amazing giant cubby house - which Drew oversaw. Come in and take a look, you may even like to go inside and join in the fun!

Secondly, our new fuseball table! Thanks Steph who donated this to the program, it has generated much excitement!

Can you please add to my snippet... Happy Birthday to Charlotte M, Rory and Edan!

IMPORTANT REMINDER:

It is very worrying when children do not turn up, when they have a permanent booking. Please inform the program seperately from the school office if your child will not be attending After Care. This may be due to absence from school, going home from school ill or changed plans after school. Each day, precious time is taken away from the program while we do yard checks, make loud speaker announements and phone calls to track down missing children.

Cheers,
Mia and the OSHC Team



GREEK COOKING

In Greek we made Spanakopita which is Greek for Spinach Pie. It was delicious! All the flavours were really nice! We all can't wait till the next exciting meal we make. The ingredients are as follows;

Spanakopita (Spinach Pie)

- 375g Dodoni feta cheese
- 375g Antoniou fillo pastry
- 1 bunch of spinach
- 1 bunch spring onions
- 1/2 cup oil
- Grinding of pepper
- 100g of melted butter
- 3-4 eggs

Preheat oven to 200°C.

By **Ella Walsh** Gr.6



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