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Dates to Remember

August

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

September

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| 2-4 | Grade 6 Play |
| 11 | RPS Auction and Social night |
| 18 | Last day of term 3 – 2:30pm finish |



NEWS FROM GRADE 3/4

Dear Parents and Carers

This term, the 3/4's have already been involved in some great activities. On July the 22nd, the students visited "Taskworks." This is a problem solving, puzzle centre. The students engaged in many activities, where they had to use their teamwork, creativity and problem solving skills. The "Create-a -scene" was a favourite with all of the students being able to dress up. We have some great photos that will be on the website, if you would like to see them.

This term we are learning about different styles of thinking and how the brain works. All students worked in teams and produced a song/rap that described how the brain works. If you have a 3/4 student ask them to present their song to you!!

We also have some great things to look forward to this term. Students will be involved in a Woodwork Incursion where the students will learn about tools and making models. The students will then be using these skills to create their own model.

As a whole school we are looking forward to the many exciting activities that are taking place this term. Grade 6 play, Footy Colours Day, Special Friends Day, Book Week Activities Day and Science Day just to name a few; some great activities for all students to take part in, we hope that you all have a great term.

Chris, Rod and Tracey.

Father's Day Stall

The stall will be held on Friday, September 4. Most gifts will be priced between \$2 and \$5.

Donations are still required. Wrapped sweets, chocolates and other NEW items suitable for dads, grandfathers, uncles and other significant people in the children's lives are needed.

An opportunity for grade 5/6 students involved in the school play to buy a gift will be available on the Thursday before the stall. More details in coming weeks. Many thanks for your support of this fun day.

Attention Prep Parents: PMP

Dear Prep Parents,

A huge 'thank you' to Jane Lovett (Holly's mum) for all her hard work in putting together the PMP roster, for compiling prep email contacts and organising social gatherings for prep parents.

If we had "Parents of the Week", Jane would be here by now! Except that "P.O.W." would be unfortunate abbreviation, even if it might sometimes ring true!

Please note: No PMP for the week of the 24th August (i.e Tues 25th Friday 28th are out) as Gr.6 are rehearsing for the play – please feel free to help in the classroom those days.

Thanks also, to all our Parent Helpers – we couldn't do it without you! Oxoxo

Sincerely,

The Prep Teachers.

Prep 2010

Special Guest Speaker Dot Deviny talks Child Development

Wondering why your child does things they do? Dot has all the answers.

Dot Deviny has been visiting Richmond Primary School for many years. We love her gentle humour and amazing knowledge and experience.

Everyone welcome, but especially suited to parents of children aged 0-8.

Wednesday August 12th, 7pm, upstairs, in the library. Child care available in the GP room, but only on request.

Please RSVP by Tuesday 11th August

Temporary Home

Temporary home needed for nice family cat.

Max is a gentle, low maintenance tabby that needs a loving home for four months from early December. All expenses covered.

Contact Monica on mferrari@aapt.net.au

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents and Carers

RESURFACING OF PLAY COURTS

As you are aware we have received funding from the Federal Government through the School's Pride Building the Education Revolution program to resurface the basketball, netball and volleyball courts.

We have been advised that this work will commence on Monday 10th August. This requires the entire area being fenced off for the duration of the works, which is estimated to take two weeks. Temporary fencing will be erected to restrict access to the area. As a result there will not be access to the school ground through the Brighton Street double gates or the Burgess Street single gate from Monday 10th August.

The school crossing on Brighton Street can be used during this period, however you will need to walk your children around to the Barkley Avenue gate to enter the school (and exit through this gate at the end of the school day).

Families who enter/exit the school via the Burgess Street gate will need to walk around to the front entrance on Mary Street to access/exit the school.

During this period we will be using the oval across the road for students to play during recess and lunchtimes.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

The School Council has been investigating the viability of the introduction of a school holiday program at Richmond Primary School. The preferred provider for the holiday program was Camp Australia. Expression of interest forms were sent to all families, and posted on the website, on Monday 13th July. The expression of interest forms clearly stated that forms were to be returned by Friday 24th July and that a minimum of 30 bookings was required each day for the program to be viable.

Based on the forms returned by families, the School Council has deemed that the program is not viable due to a low level of interest. This decision was based on the fact that the program must be financially self-sufficient and require no injection of funds from the School Council. Another consideration for the Council was that there was also a requirement for the School Council to commit to the program for a minimum of 1 year in order for the program to be eligible for CCB (childcare care benefits).

Table 1 shows the response rate from families in relation to a September 2009 program. These figures clearly show that the shortfall in the required numbers.

Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	16	17	14	7	9
Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	12	20	12	12	9

Table 1: Number of students to participate in September 2010 School Holiday Program based on returned Expression of Interest forms

The Council will revisit the viability of the introduction of a School Holiday Program in March 2010.

If you have any questions regarding the above information please contact the office on 94281909 or email Richmond.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au.

Regards **Megan**



Student of the week

PREP

Kirrily Michaels for her kindness to others and her wonderful progress in her reading

Emily Ransom for demonstrating so well to others how to work together with different people and for being a great director!

GRADE 1/2

Ben Mennen for being an all round champion member of our grade. Ben is a caring friend, a responsible worker and a great thinker!

Abby Jensen for her persistence and super improvement in maths! Well done Abby – you're a gem!

Leo Edgerton-Ferarri for your maturity and always being a great role model. In particular, Leo, for the way you encouraged and supported your prep buddy on Treeday. Well done.

GRADE 3/4

Benjamin Field-Pimm for working well with others and producing great work in both reading and maths.

Darcy Wischer for displaying persistence with his reading and spelling and showing great improvement.

Matthew Nield for being an excellent all round role model for the students in 3/4C. You consistently display exemplary listening skills, work well in groups and produce quality work. Keep up the excellent work!

KQ*

KidsQuiz

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:

Rearrange the letters in this Area 2 student's name and remove the 'e', and you'll have another word for 'enormous'

Last week's clue:

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

Answer: KIRRILY Michaels GrPrep (D'Arcy Niland's book was called 'The Shiralee'.)

Winner: Olivia Tyrrell GrPrep ... well done, Olivia! Your first win.

Grade 1/2 Cultural Studies

On Monday we were lucky to have a special guest, Leon, to talk to us about life in Kenya. Leon is a friend of Emily in our class.

Afterwards we complete a PMI about our discussion.

Plus

It's good that they live up on the hill so the mosquito doesn't bite them

There are 400 kids at the school so the kids can make lots of friends

They stay at school so they get looked after if their parents pass away.

Minus

They have to kill an animal just to get some meat

Most of the Kenyan kids only have a mum, lots of kids don't have a dad

They don't have much food or water

Lots of kids are orphans in Kenya

They have to walk a long way to school

In Kenya there are bad diseases

There are not many cars

They have to eat the same food everyday

Interesting

They wake up at 5:30am because they need to go to school

They wash in the river twice a week

There are only two seasons in Kenya, wet and dry

They don't get to choose what food they eat

In Kenya they speak three different languages

In Kenya they have more people than Australia

In Kenya women are stronger than men

Walk-a-thon— Belated Announcement

Thank you to Emily Ransome and Paige McFarlane Smith who both raised over \$100 for the walk-a-thon. Both students will receive a student pass from their classroom teacher.

Well done on your fantastic efforts.

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

Dear Parents and Carers,

We can now email out your weekly account. Help us save trees and improve our efficiency by having your account emailed to you. The software program Qkids is set up so that only one parent/carer can be nominated to receive the email. You can let me know via email or drop in if you would like to be on the email mailing list.

Thank-you to those families who have been calling in to let us know your child will be away, it's much appreciated. We continue to ask all families to please inform us if your child is away from school and or will not be attending the program.

Cheers, **Mia and the OSHC Team**
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Nicholas planting a native Acacia on Treeday.

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