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## October

21 Prep 2010 Transition  
2.30 - 3.30pm

23 Red Faces - gold coin donation

25 School Working Bee  
10am - 2pm



## WORKINGBEE NEWS

WORKING BEE POSTPONED

Please note the working bee scheduled for this Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October has been postponed for one week and will now be held on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October from 10.00am – 12.00pm. We apologise for any inconvenience.

Lisa

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

**Sunday October 25<sup>th</sup>  
10.00am – 2.00pm**

We will be having a general clean up and working in the garden! **ALL WELCOME.** A sausage sizzle will be provided! Please email Lisa if you are able to attend: marsden.lisa.j@edumail.vic.gov.au

27 Special Friend's morning  
9.30 - 11am

27 Book Fair  
-29

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to the final term for 2009. I hope you managed to enjoy the holidays whilst braving the cold weather.

## EVENTS

This term we have a number of events occurring within the school so keep an eye on the calendar to ensure you have them penciled in. Some of the main events are;

- Whole School Skipping Program
- Life Education Program including a parent information session
- Special Friend's Day
- Prep Transition Program
- Carols By Candlelight
- Book Fair
- Whole School End of Year Presentation Night

## AUCTION/SOCIAL NIGHT UPDATE

The confirmed amount raised at the Auction/Social night was a phenomenal

\$20824! This is an amazing effort by the Fundraising team and is a reflection of the amount of work they put into organising such fantastic events. To all those involved in making the night such a success – thank you.

## SUN SMART POLICY REMINDER

As part of the school's Sun Smart policy all students must wear sun smart hats in term 4. Sun smart hats include broad brim and bucket hats. Baseball caps are not acceptable as part of the policy.

Any students not wearing hats will be asked to remain in the undercover area and to sit in a shaded area during any outdoor or physical education sessions.

Please ensure your child has a labeled school hat to bring to school at the beginning of next term.

Enjoy the term **Megan**



ARTICLE INSIDE

## PREP PLAYHOUSE MAKEOVER

Mietta Idle, Spencer Bodin and Holly Lovett-Heeps whose parents helped to 'make-over' the playhouse in Area 1.

SCHOOL EVENT

## SPECIAL FRIENDS' MORNING COMING SOON!!!

Please start to tell your Special Friends (grandparents, uncles/aunties, etc.) about our upcoming event. They will be invited to view our classrooms from 9.30-11am. It's on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October, so be sure they mark it in their diaries.

THANK-YOU

## PREP PLAYHOUSE MAKE-OVER

We are extremely grateful to Megan Harrison, Kaylie Burrows and Paul Heeps for their tireless work on the revamp of the Area 1 playhouse. The much-loved playhouse was looking a little worse for wear after many years of "Mums and Dads" and "Doctors and Nurses"! So the very brave Megan took to her overlocker and cheered up the interior, with the help of Kaylie, whilst enlisting the assistance of Paul, who rebuilt the exterior. Megan and her team spent tens of hours of their personal time and resources to transform the cardboard shanty into a masonite masterpiece, complete with funky retro furnishings. All the children and staff are delighted with the result, especially the disco balls! In fact, older students visiting the area have been overheard saying, "We didn't get a playhouse like that!" So thank-you, thank-you, thank-you Megan, Paul and Kaylie - now we have a playhouse "like that"!

**Sarah, Anne, Natalie and Sue**

EDUCATION

## LIFE EDUCATION AUSTRALIA

This year, the Life Education Mobile Classroom will visit our school from Friday 30 October to Friday 6 November.

Life Education is a health-based drug education program, emphasising appreciation of the body, its workings and how to keep it healthy. Our school has had the benefit of this program every two years since 1990.

A PARENT'S INFORMATION session will be held on Wednesday 4 October at 9.00am, in the Mobile Classroom.

**Stu Cooper**

HOLIDAY WRITING

## GRADE 3/4 HOLIDAY WRITING

Nghiep Tran Cong came to our school from Vietnam at the start of the year. He had some strong skills in mathematics but very little English. The students in 3/4 R have helped him make considerable progress. Here is his recent report on his third term holiday.

### MY HOLIDAY.

On my holiday I went to my home in Vietnam.

On Tuesday I went to my farm. I saw my friends and my family again. I saw my dog, cat and fish; they are bigger and are lovely. On Friday I went back to my home. I went to Hanoi. Hanoi is good. It has many cars, buildings and people. At night I went to the top of building. I looked down. The people

were very small. They looked like ants. The cars were medium size. They were running very fast. It looked so much fun to be in them.

On Friday I went back to the plane. On the plane I was thinking about Hanoi and I wanted to stay in Vietnam.

The End.

## GRADE 5/6 CANBERRA CAMP

On the 5<sup>th</sup> of October the Grade five and six classes left for camp in Canberra. We all arrived at school at about 7:00am and got on the bus at 7:30am. The trip lasted a whole 9 and half hours. At the end of the day everyone was exhausted but that didn't stop us all being excited about mini golf that night. It was a bit of a let down as some of the holes were a bit repetitive but it was still fun. When we headed back home we went to bed straight away. We had to wake up a 6:00am! We first had breakfast then left on the bus to the CSIRO. It was very interesting as they are working on a treatment for cancer using shark blood. Then we left for the electoral education centre. We learnt how the federal election votes are counted. Then we had lunch in the gardens outside Old Parliament House. In Old Parliament House we went in to the House Representatives and got to sit in the seats where the politicians sat. Later that night we went to Questacon where we had a go on their free fall slide. There were also heaps of cool optical illusions and puzzles. On Wednesday it was Ben's birthday. That day we were fortunate enough to go to the AIS (Australian Institute of Sport). We were shown around the Institute and got to see some amazing gymnasts training for a junior completion. Then we went to Sportex; a virtual sporting room. It had things from cricket to soccer to rowing. After that we left for Regatta point where we over looked Canberra. Then to the High Court where we got shown around all three courts and found out what happens there. Then we went to New Parliament House where we did a role play debate. Then we went to the real Senate and

the real House of Representatives. That night we went to the Australian Botanical Gardens where we went on a night walk. The day after was George's birthday and we went to Telstra Tower where the wind was blowing very hard outside but we still got a great view of Canberra. After that we went to the War Memorial where it was pretty sad but we all enjoyed seeing the exhibits and the eternal flame. That night we had Red Faces there were a good variety of acts to end camp. The next day it was straight on the bus back to Melbourne. It was sad leaving Canberra but fantastic to see family again. All in all it was a great trip and everyone had a great time. We would like to thank all the teachers who came with us, especially Emma, who organised everything. We would also like to thank our bus driver Eddie who got us everywhere safely and also told us lots of interesting facts about Canberra. Finally we would like to thank the Australian Government for helping with the cost of the excursion by contributing funding under the Parliament Education Rebate (PACER) programme. By **Ben Walter** and **George Niarkhos**



# KIDS QUIZ

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:

I don't think you'd use this Area 2 student to grow rice in!

**Note:**

There was a winner for this question, but we've forgotten who it was! Could those people who put in an entry please put it in again, plus anyone else who wants to enter?

## Student of the week

Prep  
★

**Aayush Srivistava** for settling into his new school and learning to play new games with new people, while he is still learning English!

### Greek

**Jade Nguen**  
prep: For being enthusiastic and always 'having a go' in Greek.



GRADE

1  
2

**Remy Newstead** for a huge improvement in concentration. Remy gets on with his work and doesn't let others distract him. Keep it up, Remy!!

**James Rizzo** for impressive maths skills, particularly his ability to work out the answer quickly in his head. Super work, James!

**Sinead Macauley** for always being cheerful, for deep thinking when thinking of roll topics and for making a huge effort to work things out for herself in class. Well done Sinead, it's a pleasure to have you in our grade!

GRADE

3  
4

**Kelli Kang** for working well with others during our unit activities and for making sure that she works to the best of her ability at all times.

**Sarah Jones** for the excellent work she has been putting in during our map making activities over the last couple of weeks. She has shown a great eye for detail and has produced a superb map of Barkly Gardens. Well done.

**James Grant** for the great maturity and leadership that he shows in our class every day. He provides a strong example for all students, in particular his group working skills and his attitude to his fellow classmates. Keep it up.

**Lili Gunn** for being such a calm, motivated, and talented student. And, for assisting in having the Melbourne Cup come to our school.

### RED FACES

Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of October marks the day of Richmond Primary School's Red Faces!

Next Friday many brave kids will get up in front of the school and pit their talents, comedy acts and just about anything you can fit into a 2 minute time slot against the judges.

Prizes will be awarded to whoever comes out top, and a gold coin donation will be required if you want to watch OR perform in the show. Entries for performances have closed. Don't worry though, you can still watch.

Money donations will go towards the Make A Wish foundation.

### SRC Presidents



### GO STU GO

Here is the evidence that teacher's don't 'take it easy' on their holidays! Below is a photo of Stu competing in a 20 km Race Walk in England while he was on his break. This photo was taken at the 15km mark. He finished in the top 10 as well, great work Stu!

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Program:**

This Term's Active After School Communities Program will commence next week. Monday will be Cricket, Tuesday Triathlon Training (including 3 weeks using bikes) and Thursday African Drumming Dance.

Clubs are as follows, Monday Crafty Kids and Sewing, Tuesday Fun with Paint and Computer, Wednesday Little Chefs and Sporty Kids, Thursday will be a fortnightly rotation between Pottery and Woodwork, plus Computer Club, Friday 3-D Inventions and Movie Day.

Be sure to get in early if you would like to secure a booking, as we have limited places available. Tuesday is fully booked and one place is left on a Thursday.

**Congratulations to Tallulah, Isabelle, Mia P and Lily M this weeks winners of the You Were Caught Being Positive Raffle!**

**Hats:**

Please remind your child/ren to bring their hats on the day they attend After Care. The rule is "No hat, no outdoor play". We encourage all families, particularly those with preps to provide a separate hat for your child. This will make for a smoother transition during your child's school day, as their hat will remain in their tub.

A box labeled Hats will remain in the OSHC foyer, so place a broad brimmed labeled hat in the box or in your child's bag. It does not need to be a school hat.

**Accounts:**

Accounts go out every Tuesday via the school mail. When paying online, the account details are on the bottom of your weekly statement and on the school website. Help us save trees by requesting your account be emailed out.

Cheers,

**Mia and the OSHC Team**

pearce.mia.p@edumail.vic.gov.au

# Richmond Primary School Prep Transition Sessions

Come along to Richmond Primary School so that your child can meet the staff and their "buddy" for next year. Afternoon tea will be provided for parents while children participate in the program.

**When:** Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October and Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November

**Where:** Richmond Primary School, Brighton St, Richmond

**Time:** 2:30-3:30pm

**RSVP: Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October**

To book a place for your child please call 94281909, email richmond.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au or detach the form below and return to Richmond Primary School, Brighton St, Richmond, 3121.

Kind Regards

Megan Smith  
Principal

**RICHMOND PRIMARY SCHOOL PREP TRANSITION SESSIONS**

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

My child will be participating in the following transition sessions:

- Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October
- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November

Parents Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

## SCHOOL MUSIC PROGRAM

### LEARN KEYBOARD, GUITAR, HERE AT RICHMOND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Come and join in the fun of learning to play keyboard, guitar at the school. Creative Music for Schools conducts a School Music Program of private or small group classes each week at the school aiming to give children an excellent grounding in music. Children will learn to read music and play their chosen instrument. Lessons can be started at any time during the school year. Tuition costs from \$13.40 per lesson (payable per term) and enrolments are now being accepted for term 4. Interested parents should call Swee during business hours on 9818 2333 or visit our website at [www.creativemusic.com.au](http://www.creativemusic.com.au) for more information.

Your school community is here to help. If you have any comments, concerns or praise, please speak to your child's teacher, the principal or a School Council member

## Ukulele Classes with Uke4Kids Term 4

A reminder that term 4 classes begin next week at the same time as term 3. Please note that term fees are due in advance. Also, please remember that payments may no longer be left at the office or handed to the teacher but paid directly into the uke4kids account or mailed to our PO Box address. Thanks to all parents who have already paid.

**New enrolments are welcome – it's never too late to start with the ukulele.**

The Uke is a great musical starting point, i.e. easy to play with quick results – to play and sing songs by the end of a term are all great features of this very interesting little instrument – and it's cool! Check out all the great "you tube" sites. Many of our students are now playing songs with up to 7 chords and 4 strumming styles within a song. Not beginners stuff.

Initial investment is around \$100 including ukulele, a term's lessons and materials, and then only \$55-\$70 per term - a relatively small investment for both the instrumental package and lessons.

Term 4 enrolments for new or returning students are open from Preps to Grade 6. If you would like to enrol your child, please email us, download one from our website, or you can collect one from the school office.

Enrolments must be posted or emailed directly to:  
Uke4Kids, PO Box 336 Abbotsford 3067.

Info & Enquiries 0418 356 574  
Email [info@uke4kids.com](mailto:info@uke4kids.com) [www.uke4kids.com](http://www.uke4kids.com)

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