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Dates to Remember

October

23 Red Faces - gold coin donation

25 School Working Bee
10am - 2pm

27 Special Friend's morning
9.30 - 11am

27-29 Book Fair

30 Whole School Life Education Program

November

3 Melbourne Cup Day
(public holiday - child free)

4 Prep 2010 Transition 2:30-3:30pm

4-6 Whole School Life Education Program

11 Prep 2010 Parent Information Night
7pm

13 Whole School Athletics Day
Prep-One 2:00-3:30
Grades 2-6 1:30-3:30

21 Richmond Primary School Fun Day
1pm-5pm

December

10 Yarra City Carols By Candlelight
Citizens Park

16 Whole School Presentation Night

18 Last day of term 4



Dear Parents and Carers

Already it is week 3 of term 4 and as I write this I am reminded by a hot northerly wind that summer is just around the corner.

This term, throughout the school, we are focusing on 'Creativity' and in grade 1/2 we have chosen to study Ecosystems. If you step into one of the four grade 1/2 classes you will immediately notice that each of the grades have taken a different ecosystem; 1/2K River, 1/2L Urban Jungle, 1/2J Rainforest and 1/2N Desert. Each week students will study a different ecosystem, with writing, maths and reading being integrated into all learning. Towards the end of term, when students have a firm understanding of what makes an ecosystem, students will then begin thinking about what adaptations an organism would need if it were moved to another ecosystem.

Statewide online literacy testing is well underway at Richmond PS. Prep to Grade 2 teachers will be working with students for the next 3 weeks to assess their writing, spelling, reading speaking and listening abilities.

We have begun our school-wide skipping program. Each Monday and Thursday students take part in various skipping-related fitness activities for 45 minutes. We are now into week 2 of the program and already it looks to be a real success.

The garden is noticeably a much greener place thanks to the flurry of spring rain that we have just had. If you take a walk through the garden now you may notice some of the following; burgundy garlic bulbs pushing their way up, asparagus spears exploding through the soil surface, cabbages the size of soccer balls, beautiful pink Pigface flowers and you may smell the perfume of apple blossoms. In a few weeks, plumbers will be in to connect our new 3000 litre water tank for the garden. A 25mm polypipe will be run from the existing water tank near the sandpit to the new garden tank which will sit behind the Nashi tree. The installation will be timely as very soon the spring rain will have evaporated from the soil and we will need to begin manual watering again. Those who kindly offered to cart water to the garden last summer will be most grateful of the reduced water carting distance, I'm sure!!

Lisa, Jane, Kate and Nick

Working Bee

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

Sunday 25th October
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 e-mail Lisa if you are able to attend.

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Changes to Road Rules

Effective from 9th November there will be a number of changes to the road rules. Two which impact on school aged children are explained below;

Child restraints

The new rules
All children under seven years of age must wear a child restraint or booster seat when travelling in a car for improved safety. The type of restraint will depend on the age of the child as follows:

- under the age of six months: to be restrained in a properly fastened and adjusted approved rearward facing child restraint (e.g. infant capsule)
- from six months to less than the age of four: to be restrained in either a properly fastened and adjusted approved rearward or properly fastened and adjusted approved forward facing child restraint with inbuilt harness (e.g. child safety seat)
- from four years to less than the age of seven: to be restrained in either a forward facing child restraint with an inbuilt harness or booster seat restrained by a correctly adjusted and fastened seatbelt or child safety harness.

There are also new laws about where children can sit in vehicles.

- If a car has two or more rows of seats, then children under four years must not travel in the front seat
- If all seats, other than the front seats, are being used by children under seven years, children aged between four and six years (inclusive) may travel in the front seat, provided they use an approved child restraint or booster seat.

VicRoads also recommends

That you have restraints fitted by an approved child restraint fitter.

To find an approved child restraint fitter in your area, see the VicRoads website at www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/ChildRestraints

What you have to do

To comply with the new child restraint rules you:

- have to know which is the correct child restraint(s) to use
- have to ensure that each child passenger is wearing a properly fitted and fastened child restraint or booster seat suitable for their age every time you drive a car.

VicRoads has detailed information on its website about which child restraints are suitable, how they should be fitted and where you can find the right restraints. You can also get advice from organizations such as KidSafe, RACV or your local council.

Exemptions

Taxis will continue to be exempt from the child restraint requirements. However, parents are encouraged to use their own restraints in taxis where possible. When there is no suitable child restraint available a seatbelt must be worn.

Wheeled recreational devices

Scooters, skateboards and roller blades

Scooters, skateboards and roller blades are called Wheeled Recreational Devices in the road rules.

A scooter has two or more wheels and a footboard supported by the wheels. It is steered by handlebars, designed to be used by one person and propelled by any one or more of the following: gravity, the user pushing one foot against the ground, an electric motor or motors (with the maximum power output of 200 watts).

Wheeled Recreational Devices can travel on footpaths and on roads where the speed limit is 50km per hour or less.

The road safety rules

- Wheeled Recreational Devices can't be towed, or slipstream and must not be used on the road at night (except crossing at the shortest route, for example at an intersection).
- Scooter riders are required to wear an approved bicycle helmet.

What you have to do

When riding your scooter, skateboard or roller blades, DO NOT hold onto other vehicles to be towed, or sit so close behind them that you are carried along in their slipstream.

Also do not use a wheeled recreational device in areas that have the sign below displayed.

Road safety reasons

Unless properly used, scooters, skateboards and roller blades can be dangerous. Drivers have difficulty seeing you in traffic especially if you are being towed or slipstreaming, which is why this activity is now illegal.

Remember drivers are more likely to be looking for cars and other vehicles, not scooters, skateboarders and roller bladers.

Student of the week

GRADE 1/2

Anjali Boopalan for the stunning progress she has made to her handwriting this year, for caring for Antionetta when she arrived at our school and for always having a smile on her face. Thanks for the positivity you bring to our class Anjali.

Mason Lu for settling into school, trying his hardest and taking on challenges with a smile on his face!

Geena Parkinson for her bright, bubbly personality! Your energy and enthusiasm always puts a smile on Lisa's face.

GRADE 3/4

Liam Hounihan, 3 / 4 C for his great effort in spelling, good leadership skills and for being a cool customer.

Kate Noble for always trying her best at everything she does. She is a fine example of a student who has been rewarded by the hard work she puts into her schoolwork.

Donovan Sibley-Cooke for showing a hunger for learning each and every single day. He always tries to get the best out of himself and always asks interesting questions of his teacher.

GRADE 5/6

Magella Stecher-Keyland for showing excellent persistence in completing difficult mathematics calculations.

Wells Cockayne for retaining a lot of information we learnt whilst in Canberra and for his improved ability to work with others.

Jade Farrell for being a fantastic role model at all times.

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.

STILL NO WINNER! AH WELL, IN IT GOES AGAIN ...

This week's clue:

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

Becoming a Waste Wise School

In order to become a Waste Wise accredited school, RPS needs to reduce the amount of waste we send to landfill.

Lunch Boxes

The main source of waste at school comes from lunches. Cling wrap, Glad bags, chip packets, juice boxes and organic waste are an example of the waste schools dispose of.

Many children at RPS already have reusable containers for their lunches. Lunch boxes with dividers that are designed for school lunches can be purchased from Tupperware, Kmart or the supermarket. These types of lunch boxes can be used to store and transport morning tea and lunch to school without the need for plastic.

Here is an example of a 'nude' lunch.



Dear Parents and Carers

Active After School Communities Program:

Tuesday's Triathlon Program, will be very exciting indeed. All children must wear sports shoes to be able to participate.

There has been a change to Thursday's activity and we will now be running Calisthenics from 4-5pm.

Available Spaces:

We have plenty of room on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday for a permanent or casual booking. Tuesday we have 5 places available and on Thursday 3.

Hats:

Well done to those children who have remembered their hats! We continue to encourage families to provide a separate hat for the program, which can be left in the foyers Hat Box.

Accounts:

We currently have 112 families booked into the OSHC Program, out of this number 18 families now receive their accounts via email. Please help us to be more environmentally friendly by requesting your account be emailed out.

Cheers, **Mia and the OSHC Team**
pearce.mia@edumail.vic.gov.au

Grade 1/2 Ecosystems.



Personal Assistant to the MD



At STA Travel, we pride ourselves on being the largest student and young adult Travel Agency in the world.

We are searching for a PA to our MD – a role that we believe is ideally suited to a mother looking to re-enter the workforce. The role requires that you work five days a week - however the hours are flexible to suit your situation.

Your main responsibilities in the role are:

- Coordinating travel arrangements (domestic and international)
- Diary and schedule management
- Composing PowerPoint presentations
- Organising and facilitating correspondence
- Taking and circulating Meeting minutes

The successful applicant will have:

- Strong competence in the Microsoft Office product suite, especially Word and PowerPoint
- Effective communication skills
- High degree of attention to detail
- Strong organisational skills
- Experience in a similar role (valued but not essential)

To apply for this amazing position, forward your cover letter, resume and preferred M-F working hours to jthomas@statravel.com.au by Wednesday the 28th of October.

VICSWIM – Summer Kids

Here is an opportunity to enjoy the water AND stay safe this summer. Enrolments are now open for the VICSWIM 'Summer Kids' program. See details at www.vicswim.com.au

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