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Dates to Remember

March

2 Preps begin full week

3 School Council Meeting 6pm

9 Labour Day Holiday

10-20 Whole School Swimming Program

30-31 Grade 5/6 Camp

19 Term 4 finishes 1:15pm

April

1-3 Grade 5/6 Camp

3 Term 1 ends – 2:30pm

20 Term 2 commences

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you to all the parents who were able to get along to the welcome BBQ last Thursday night. Whilst it was a little cooler than expected it was a fantastic opportunity for new families to meet others in the community.

Parent Helper Training

To assist parents/carers with helping in the classroom, we ask that they attend a training session on literacy. The training will be a brief but comprehensive session about reading and writing and is appropriate for helpers for Grade P –3 students. The session will be held in the staffroom on Monday 23rd February at 2:30pm. Please register directly with Sue Wilson (in Area 1) or email the school at richmond.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au.

Head Lice

There have been a number of reports of head lice in the school community. Please ensure you check your child/children's hair on a regular basis and treat as required. Regardless of the treatment method chosen, your child will require more than one treatment to ensure the head lice are dead and eggs eliminated. A DVD demonstrating the conditioning and combing technique can be borrowed from the office. Please notify the office on 94281909 if you have treated your child/ren for head lice.

School Council

The School Council nomination process closed at 4:00pm on Thursday 12th February. The role of the School Council is integral to the successful functioning of the school as it formulates policy and develops the short and long term goals for the school. I am pleased to announce the Council for this year.

Councilor

Con Georgakas
Chris McNeill
Cathy Cavedon
Fran MacDonald
Joanne Ryan
Hamish Patterson
Andie Frouziz
Tom Pagonis
Lisa Marsden
Kate Melven
Nitsa Tokatlidis
Megan Smith

Child's Name and Grade

Niamh Prep A, Ben 1/2K, Phoebe 3/4C, Gus 5/6ER
Alice 1/2L
Alex 3/4T
Jeremy 5/6ER
Aaron 3/4C
Dougal 3/4R
Griffin 1/2N, Luc 3/4R
Mia 1/2J, Nick 3/4R
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Congratulations to Lisa Marsden, Andie Frouziz and Chris McNeill on their appointment to the Council and thank you and farewell to Maria Nield, Simon Walter and Kim Young who resigned from Council this year. The executive committee and membership of subcommittees will be determined at a meeting on Tuesday 3rd March. We welcome anyone interested in contributing to a sub-committee to contact myself or to attend the Council meeting. The following areas have a sub-committee; Buildings and Grounds, Area 4, Fundraising, Education, Outside of School Hours, Promotions and Fundraising.

Enjoy your week. **Megan**

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser

Where: Burwood Road, Hawthorn
Date: Saturday, February 21
(this Saturday)
Time: 8am to 5pm.

Richmond Primary School will be cooking up a storm this week when we staff the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle.

We will be there from 8am to 5pm and if you see a spot on the roster - stuck to the doors at the front of area 1 - please fill in your name.

Also, if anyone has a spare esky we can use to transport snags and drinks for sale can they contact me. If you are unable to volunteer on the day please encourage your family and friends to call past and buy a sausage.

Claire Heaney 0421 612 507

Education Maintenance Allowance

Last Chance to Apply

Applications are now available for Parents/Carers who are eligible for EMA assistance this year. If you are unsure whether you meet the criteria, you can check with Centrelink, look at the EMA website, or just ask Jane in the Office.

Lost Property

Thank you to Kimelle Chapman and Daniela Accary for volunteering to manage lost property. Please ensure your child's clothing is well labeled.

Lost property can be found in the foyer near Area 1. Please encourage your child to regularly check this area.

Head Lice

treatment and control

Head lice are small, wingless insects that live, breed and feed on the human scalp. They do not carry or transmit disease. They have been around for thousands of years and, given the chance, will move from head to head without discrimination.

Head lice facts

A female louse will lay between three to eight eggs (nits) per day in the hair, within 1.5cm of the scalp. These eggs resemble dandruff but cannot be brushed off. Head lice do not have wings or jumping legs so they cannot fly or jump from head to head. They can only crawl. People get head lice from direct head to head contact with another person who has head lice. This can happen when people play, cuddle or work closely together. Head lice are most common among children and their families. If your family has head lice, tell anyone who has had head to head contact with them, so that they can check and treat their family if needed. There is no need to treat the whole family, unless they also have head lice.

Concentrate on treating the affected person's head. There is no evidence to suggest that you need to clean the house or the classroom. The only linen that requires specific washing is the affected person's pillowcase this should be washed in hot water (at least 60°C) or put in a clothes dryer on hot or warm setting for 10 minutes.

The itchiness may not disappear immediately after treatment. Persistent itch is not a reason to repeat the treatment.

Finding head lice

Half of the people who have head lice never scratch their head so itching is not a reliable sign. Lice can be hard to spot because they move quickly. The easiest and most effective way to find head lice is to follow these steps weekly:

Step 1 Comb hair conditioner on to **dry, brushed (detangled) hair**. This makes it difficult for lice to grip the hair or run around.

Step 2 Wipe the conditioner from the comb onto a paper towel or tissue.

Step 3 Look on the tissue and on the comb for lice and eggs.

Step 4 Repeat the combing for every part of the head at least four or five times.

Step 5 If the person has been treated recently and only hatched eggs are found, you may not have to treat them again since the eggs could be from the old infection.

Step 6 If lice or eggs are found, the person should be treated.

Treating head lice

The two preferred treatment options available for treating head lice are the 'conditioner and comb' method and the use of an insecticide.

Using insecticide products

Any head lice treatment product you choose should carry an Australian Registered or Listed number.

If you use lotions, apply the product to dry hair. For shampoos, wet the hair, but use the least amount of water possible.

Head lice live in the hair and go to the scalp to feed. Therefore, head lice products must be applied to all parts of the hair.

Care should be taken when using these products:

- If you are pregnant or breastfeeding
- In children less than 12 months old
- In people who have allergies, open wounds on the scalp, or asthma.

All products can cause reactions. If you are unsure, check with your chemist or doctor.

Insecticide resistance is complex and common, so you need to check that the lice are dead. If the insecticide has worked, the lice will be dead within 20 minutes. If the lice are not dead, the treatment has not worked and the lice are resistant to the product and all products containing the same active compound. Find a product with a different active compound or speak to your chemist or doctor. No treatment kills 100 per cent of the eggs so treatment must involve two applications, seven days apart.

The conditioner and comb method

If you choose not to use an insecticide, the comb and conditioner method described under 'Finding head lice' can be used every second day until no live lice have been found for 10 days.

Head lice combs

Head lice combs with long rounded stainless steel teeth, positioned very close together, are the most effective. However, any head lice comb can be used.

Preventing head lice

There is no product available that prevents head lice. However, tying long hair back and checking weekly for lice, using the conditioner and comb method, can help prevent the spread.

Things to remember

- Head lice have been around for thousands of years and anyone can get them.
- Using the conditioner and comb method once each week will help your family control head lice.
- Head lice do not carry disease.

Obtained from Better Health Channel
http://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/bhcv2/bhcarticles.nsf/pages/Head_lice_treatment_and_control?open

Student of the week

PREP

Andrew Djaja for settling into Prep so well and for his careful drawings that are so full of information.

Karoline Marxen for settling in beautifully into Prep, enthusiasm and excellent behaviour.

Garbrielle Field-Pimm for settling in beautifully into Prep, excellent behaviour and hard work.

Lily Young for her enthusiasm and love of learning

GRADE 1/2

Will Lane for always coming into class with informative and imaginative information!

Oscar Pearce for incredible math work...Oscar was reading numbers in the millions and explaining all of his working out!

Charlotte Fitch for demonstrating resilience in the classroom and being a great friend.

GRADE 3/4

Sanja Bangard for the commitment that she is showing towards her learning and the great job she did with her homework.

Ella Murray for starting the year with such a positive attitude towards learning. She has taken on each challenge with a smile on her face and completed them to a high standard. Well done.

GRADE 5/6

Hayden Ellis for excellent work on extensively researching his homework.

Anthea Handley for approaching everything in a positive manner and putting in her best efforts.

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:

This Area 3 student's name rhymes with something that is very useful when it's raining.

Last week's clue:

Add a letter to this Area 2 student's name and you'll have a type of large church.

Answer: ABBY Jensen Gr2

A church where abbots worked and worshipped is called an 'abbey' – for example, Westminster Abbey in London.)

Winner: Emma Kirkham Gr1

well done, Emma – our first winner this year!

Bushfire Appeal



Thank you to all families who donated goods for the Bushfire Appeal. Last Friday Tim Pratt, from Pratt Interiors, kindly offered to deliver our items to a depot bound for Kinglake. Kennards Hire also donated a trailer for transport of the goods.

The casual dress and disco day organised by the SRC raised an amazing \$713.70. This money was donated directly to the Red Cross Bushfire Appeal. Congratulations to the SRC for planning and hosting such a fantastic event.

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

Dear Parents and Carers

Another fantastic week for the program. The Active After School Communities Program commenced and children enjoyed Fencing, Tennis and Circus Skills. Little Chefs Cooking Club made "Ants on a Log". Using a celery stick, fill the centre with cream cheese, sprinkle sultanas on top and voila!

On Tuesdays and Thursdays we are offering

a Homework Club in the library for children in Grades 3-6. Please inform Mia if you would like your child to participate. You can do this by email, in person or by phone.

An important reminder to please inform staff or leave a message on the answering machine (94218901) if your child is absent from school or you have made alternate

arrangements after school and they will not be attending the program. It can be very worrying when children who are booked in, do not turn up and takes time away from the program when staff are locating their whereabouts.

Cheers,
Mia and the OSHC Team



BUSHFIRE APPEAL LOADING THE TRUCK

Uke4Kids 2009

Classes at RPS began this week on Wednesday after school.

Big apology - the incorrect flyer was handed out after the demonstrations a couple of weeks ago, and this has created confusion. Parents may think classes will not be starting until next term. NOT SO!! We would dearly love to enrol your child into ukulele for this term. If you have been thinking about it, please call or email immediately. Your child can begin next Wednesday.

If we do receive lots of enrolments, parents of students in the second class will need to make arrangements for their child such as Afterschool care. The first class is at 3.40, the second will be at 4.20, and if there is a third it will be at 5pm

To remind you

- Classes are around \$60 per term
- Grades 2-6 are eligible
- The ukulele costs only \$25 and materials \$5
- It is a wonderful introductory instrument

And its lots of fun!

This year classes will be held AFTER SCHOOL ON WEDNESDAYS

Classes commenced February 18

If your child/children would like to learn Ukulele, you can collect an enrolment form from the office or by emailing us and we send you one. Please respond as quickly as possible. A phone call or email will do and payment can follow.

Yanai Morris & Dassana Uke4Kids 0418 356 574 info@uke4kids.com

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PRESENTATION COLLEGE, WINDSOR

Open Day

SUNDAY 22nd FEBRUARY
1:00-4:00pm

187 Dandenong Road
Windsor 85172704

2010/2011 applications accepted now
for Year 7

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