

Dear Parents and Carers

Term 2 Weekly Clubs: Monday Puppet Making and Sporty Kids, Tuesday Knitting/ Sewing and Computer Club, Wednesdays Little Chefs and Crafty Kids, Thursday Jewellery Making/Bead Club and Computer Club, Friday Science Club and Movie Day. Plus a whole lot more fun things happening everyday!!


Active After School Communities Program: Will run for 7 weeks commencing 5th May. Tuesday Fittnesworx Boot Camp, Wednesday Marital Arts and Thursday Dance/Drama/Circus.

OSHC Billing by email: We are now able to send out your weekly account via email. If you would like to be a part of this please

email me on pearce.mia.p@edumail.vic.gov.au.

We are collecting tins, plastic bottle socks and fabric. All donations are appreciated.

Cheers, **Mia and the OSHC Team**



**SEE OUR SCHOOL  
SEE OUR STUDENTS  
SEE OUR GARDEN  
SEE US WORK  
SEE OUR TEACHERS  
SEE YOU AT OPEN DAY**

**RICHMOND PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**\* WEDNESDAY 20 MAY  
TOURS 10AM/ 12PM/  
2PM**

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## Dates to Remember

### May

**5** School Council Meeting 6pm

**8** Mother's Day Stall

**12-14** Grade 3 and 5 NAPLAN Testing

**15** Interschool Cross Country

**17** Garden Working Bee 10am-2pm

**20** Richmond Primary School Open Day

**29** Walk-a-thon

### June

**2** School Council Meeting 6pm

**8** Queen's Birthday Holiday

**12** Curriculum Day – Child Free

**20** RPS Monster Trivia Night

**24-26** Grade 3/4 Camp

**26** Term 2 ends – 2:30pm

## NEWS FROM GRADE 1/2

Dear Parents and Carers

The cold weather is finally here and while it's time to rug up and hibernate with hearty stews and chocolate, Richmond Primary has decided to keep active and healthy through the Kidz Bodz program. The ten week healthy eating challenge has a different focus for each week. As many of you will be aware this weeks' challenge is to eat a healthy breakfast each day. As encouragement staff decided to model a healthy breakfast on Thursday morning with the whole school invited to enjoy Weet-Bix and fruit at school. Next week the focus shifts to being active. Staff will take fifteen minute activity sessions every morning ranging from running to dance, with Chris and Riley talking of a 'surprise' activity our guess is Aerobics Oz Style! Keep up the good work at home.

Many people will be aware of the whole school focus of 'Sustainability' this term, level 2 is taking a closer look at the 4R's; refuse, re-use, recycle and reduce. The grade 1/2's are hoping that we can come up with an effective recycling program that can be implemented throughout the school on a long term basis. Students have come up with some great suggestions on how to save paper including looking up the newsletter on the RPS website! We are also looking at recycling facilities for bottles and cans and a compost bin for every classroom; this will be very handy for the beginning of 'Free Fruit Friday,' a government funded initiative that means all students from Prep to 2 will receive a free piece of fruit on Fridays. Thanks to Natalie and Sarah for organising!

## From the Orange Foxes



## Grade 3/4 Camp

This year the Grade 3/4 students will be attending Mt Evelyn Recreation Camp in Mt Evelyn. Camp will be from Wednesday June 24th through to Friday June 26th (last week of Term 2).

Further information and permission notices will be sent home this Friday (tomorrow). A parent information night will be held in week 4 or 5 (dates to be confirmed) where you will be able to see photos and ask questions about details of the camp. (We will also be searching for parent volunteers to attend!)

Thanks,

**Tracey and Kate**

## SPARK Reading Program

Students again have the opportunity this term to work with volunteers from Ernst and Young on further developing their reading skills. Thirteen students participated in the opening ceremony last week. Thank you to all the volunteers who give their time each week in helping support our students.

## Discipline Policy

This term the school will update its Discipline Policy. We would like to have some parental input into this very important school policy.

An initial meeting will be held next Thursday 7th May in the staffroom at 4.00pm. Please contact Lisa if you would like to join staff at this meeting.

**Phone: 9428 1909**

[marsden.lisa.j@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:marsden.lisa.j@edumail.vic.gov.au)

If you are unable to attend this meeting but would still like to be involved please let Lisa know.

## Jetstar Collect 4 Schools

A reminder that we are on the hunt for Jetstar boarding passes. We have pledges of 10 but need 40 before mid - May to be in the running for \$1000 of domestic flights. Please spread the word among friends, family and colleagues. Passes can be handed into the office.

## Walkathon 2009

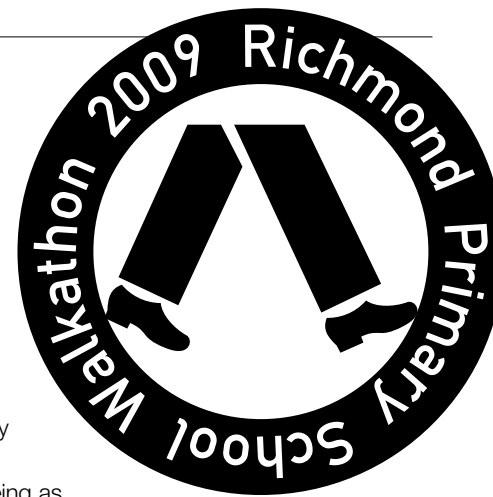
By now all children should have received their Walkathon booklets and we ask you to assist your child / children to gather as many sponsors as possible over the next few weeks.

**REMEMBER:**

If at all possible please keep this date, Friday 29th May, free and come along to the Barkly Gardens to cheer on and support your child, and/or assist in any way you are able (eg. punching holes in cards as children complete laps, handing out icy poles, walking laps with your child etc). Other family members and friends are most welcome too.

It is always a great day and we look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

**Emma**



## Mother's Day Stall Friday 8th May

The Friday prior to Mother's Day the school runs a Mother's Day Stall. All items for sale are those that have been donated by the school community and wrapped by the fundraising committee. Most items are priced from \$1 to \$5. Classes come down to the stall (under Area 3) at various stages throughout the morning and can purchase gifts for Mum, Nana or another significant person in their lives. Selling normally starts about 9.15am and is usually finished by 11.30am.

It is a great idea for the littlelies, in particular, to have their cash in an envelope with their name on it, how much they can spend in total and what gifts they need to purchase.

For example, Harriet Jones, \$20, gift for Mum, 2 gifts for Nanans.

### Donations for the Stall:

We require good quality, new items such as glasses, cups, plates, candles, soaps, toiletries and individually wrapped lollies/ chocolates. The lollies are added to the cups, glasses and plates and wrapped. The kids really love purchasing something with a lolly in it. Any donations of new items that you yourself would like to receive are welcome but please keep in mind the price range (\$1 to \$5) when making donations.

The most important thing is the kids LOVE choosing items to buy for their mum!

All donations can be left in basket near office area.

Many thanks.

## Working Bee

**Sunday 17th May  
10am-2pm**

It is more than one year since work on our garden began and thanks to the many hours of hard slog from RPS students, we have made great progress. While there is still more brown than green, we now have the foundations for a thriving, successful garden for the years to come.

However there are still a number of areas that need work and so we respectfully ask that you lend a hand on Sunday 17th May from 10am-2pm to help out. Some of the projects that will be undertaken on the day include:

- Constructing a 'farm style' fence around the garden perimeter
- Painting the timber shed
- Cleaning out storm water drains
- General tidy-up

Many thanks in advance.

**Nick**



# Student of the week

## PREP

**Jacob Batch** for hard work, enthusiasm and good work.

**Audrey Hawkins** for so often having a go at writing words and sentences all by herself.

## GRADE 1/2

**Emily Jones** Emily consistently tries her hardest at her school work. I was especially impressed with her fabulous holiday journal! Emily is considerate and great class member, thanks Emily.

## GRADE 1/2

**Angus Russell** for being a Maths Counting Whiz - even counting by 7's, 8's and 9's!!

**Grace Mc Camish** for astonishing everybody by being able to spell astonishment and many other difficult words!

**Paddy Walter** for the calm and respectful way he goes about his business and for the effort he puts into producing some truly outstanding handwriting.

## GRADE 3/4

**Lili Gunn and Jessie Morton**, grade 3, for the superb way they have cared for Nghiep and helped him. Also, for being high quality students in everything they do.

**Nikita Batch** for the wonderful work she is producing and the improvement she has shown in maths.

## GRADE 5/6

**Sasha Howell** - for showing her great leadership skills by taking the initiative to umpire a netball game during lunchtime.

# 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:

**STILL NO WINNER! HAVE ANOTHER GO.**

**This Area 3 student is much nicer than the deadly radiation you'd get if you changed one letter in their name.**



Grade Prep Starfish have been having fun being scientists, exploring, questioning, predicting, and observing. We explored soap bubbles with bubble mix and paint. We filled plastic cups with paint and bubble mix. We placed a straw into the cup. If we blew quickly through our straws our bubbles were small but if we blew slowly and gently we made big bubbles. When the bubbles grew high we placed paper on top of the cup so the bubbles touched the paper. When we removed the paper we made gorgeous bubble art!

