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## PRINCIPALS REPORT

### Respect

Respect is such an important component of a productive and cohesive school. At Richmond North, it represents one of our 3 core values. We value it but more importantly we expect our students to display it. Most of our students understand respect – what it is, what it looks like and how to display it. Unfortunately though, it has recently become apparent that some of our students are having difficulty behaving in a respectful manner towards staff and other students. This situation cannot continue. Every teacher and student has the right to be treated respectfully at Richmond North. While we certainly understand that students can sometimes face real challenges in terms of managing their behaviour, this cannot override peoples' right to be treated respectfully. Every year, teachers take time to review and discuss the 5 school rules to ensure that students are aware of the expectations and understand what these behaviours look like in real terms. We put in place strategies to support students in meeting these expectations and we spend time working with students who require help achieving the expectations. Despite our best efforts though, there are still instances where students are behaving disrespectfully towards staff and other students. At a school level we are taking this issue seriously and are addressing it immediately in the following ways –

1. Tightening up consequences for students who are behaving disrespectfully
2. Ensuring instances of disrespect are communicated to parents
3. Implementing a whole school program – Connect to Respect that will - provide a series of lessons that teachers can use to teach respectful behaviour; provide posters for the classroom and playground to reinforce the message; and implement an incentive and reward program that recognises instances of great respectful behaviour.

From 2019 we will be introducing a whole school social skills program aimed at building skills in areas such as confidence, persistence, resilience, organisation and getting along.

In order to fully address this issue though, we need the support of parents. It is important that the messages we are delivering at school are also reinforced at home. Consistency of the message is the key. We need parents to communicate that –

- Everyone has a right to be treated respectfully and in turn should treat others respectfully.
- Treating someone respectfully is not the same as 'getting our/their way'.
- It is not ok to hit or injure others – even if we are angry or annoyed with them.
- It is not ok to swear or speak inappropriately to teachers, adults or other students at school – even if we are angry or annoyed with them.
- Respect is an 'all the time thing' not just a thing we do when we are happy, calm or get what we want.

As parents and teachers, it is important to teach children to separate their behaviour from the context. For example – If we swear at someone (speak disrespectfully) there is a consequence for that REGARDLESS of the reasons for doing it. Often when a child gets in trouble for something like swearing, they will respond by saying things like "they swore at me first" or "they made me angry" or "I couldn't help it". Whether this is true or not, we need to be consistent in the message that their behaviour is not ok. The focus needs to remain on THEIR behaviour, not the context, if we are to give ourselves a chance of correcting it. When we choose to focus on the context, or reasons for the behaviour, we encourage children to make excuses and to think that the rule only applies in some cases and not in others. When we open this door, we are inviting children to always make excuses for their behaviour as they learn that these excuses can get them out of trouble or at least lessen the severity of the consequence. That is not to say that we don't listen to what children have to say at all. Sometimes the explanation they give regarding what happened in the lead up to their behaviour can provide insights that may

be helpful in planning for the future – to reduce the risk of repeat behaviour. However, we need to be clear with children that the consequence for their behaviour will apply regardless of the context. By doing this, we are teaching children that they must find better ways to deal with their anger, frustration and hurt.

The following extract is taken from the NSW Department of Education Behaviour Code for Students document

### **In NSW public schools students are expected to:**

- Respect other students, their teachers and school staff and community members
- Follow school and class rules and follow the directions of their teachers
- Strive for the highest standards in learning
- Respect all members of the school community and show courtesy to all students, teachers and community members
- Resolve conflict respectfully, calmly and fairly
- Comply with the school's uniform policy or dress code
- Attend school every day (unless legally excused)
- Respect all property
- Not be violent or bring weapons, illegal drugs, alcohol or tobacco into our schools
- Not bully, harass, intimidate or discriminate against anyone in our schools

Schools take strong action in response to behaviour that is detrimental to self or others or to the achievement of high quality teaching and learning.

The word 'respect' appears 4 times in the above extract. These expectations are clear. There is no mention of context or excuses. Disrespectful behaviour is not acceptable and will be dealt with in a serious manner.

As I have stated above, we are addressing this serious issue in a proactive, supportive way through the Connect to Respect program. However, where this is not successful in addressing disrespectful behaviour, we are prepared to address this through the school discipline process.

By working together, school and parents on the same page, we give ourselves the best chance at resolving this issue and reaching a positive outcome for students. This in turn makes our school a stronger and more cohesive community. As Principal, I know how important it is to have parent support in this endeavor. I recognise and appreciate the amazing work that parents already do raising great kids. In this instance, I am asking for your support in ensuring that we maintain a consistent message to all students about the importance and value of promoting respectful behaviour.



## **Twilight Market**

The Richmond North P&C will be holding a Twilight Market on Friday the 23 November from 5pm – 9.30pm. We are currently looking for -

1. Volunteers to assist in the organisation and running of the Twilight Market.
2. Expressions of interest from people who may be interested in having a market stall at the Twilight Market.

If you know anyone who runs a market stall or food truck or perhaps even a local business that may be interested in having a stall, please encourage them to contact the school on 4571 1542 or complete and return the attached Stall holder EIO form. Further information will be sent out shortly.

If you would like to volunteer to assist, please click on the link.

## **Kindy Farm Excursion and Stg 3 Camp**

Congratulations to our Kindergarten and Stg 3 students on their excellent behaviour at their respective excursions. It is always great to hear about our students setting a great example when they are involved in activities beyond the school gates. It certainly makes all the hard work in organising these excursions worthwhile when our students display such great behaviour. Well done to all involved.

## **Kindergarten enrolments - 2019**

In order to accurately plan for the 2019 school year, it is important that we have as clear a picture as possible of how many students we are likely to have at our school next year.

If you know of any families that have students starting school at Richmond North next year (in Kindergarten or Yrs 1—6) please let them know that NOW is the time to come up and complete an enrolment form. Some have already done this. The earlier we know about enrolment numbers for next year, the easier our planning becomes. As we are getting close to filling all our permanent classrooms and will be looking at demountables, accurate planning is particularly important.

New enrolments can be for any grade—not just Kindergarten. We appreciate your support with this.

## **Space Camp 2018**

The final countdown has begun with only 20 days remaining until our Space Camp group blast off for the USA. The excitement and anticipation are certainly building as departure day approaches. Participants are reminded that we have our final compulsory group meeting on Friday 28 September, commencing at 6pm.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT
17 September -24 September (Mondays)	Coding K-4
18 September – 25 September (Tuesdays)	Kick Start to Kindergarten
18 September – 25 September (Tuesdays)	Volley Ball with Ty
18 September	Wakakirri Performance
21 September	Netball Gala Day
21 September	Boot Camp Cup @ Comleroy Road PS
26 September	Hawkesbury Cup
28 September	Last Day of Term 3
15 October	First Day Back Term 4

## DAYS TO REMEMBER

MONDAY	Homework Club Breakfast Club Canteen Open
TUESDAY	Canteen Open
WEDNESDAY	Scripture Student Banking Uniform Shop 8.30am-9.15am
THURSDAY	Breakfast Club
FRIDAY	Assembly 2pm (Odd Weeks) Uniform Shop 8.30am-9.15am Breakfast Club Canteen Open

## TEACHERS AWARDS

KR	Alyrah M Jet Mc Tasha L	KV	Savannah C Scarlett W Declan B
1W	Krystal E Zara D Isabelle P	1/2D	Asante L Amelia S Laura A
1/2M		2/3H	Mackenzey L Gracie Mc Noah B
3/4M	Brooke J Daniel B Leia P	3/4P	Lachlan W Georgia B Anya B

5/6W	Alex W Rhys E Emily N Bradley P	5/6Z	Lucy L Ayden C Harley S
MULTILIT	Joshua L Gracie Mc	SPECIAL AWARDS	Aleena M Guy G Saaron B Ruby B Marli B
LIBRARY	Thomas W Evie S Kayla S Mia B Hayley W Lakyn T		



## BIRTHDAY AWARDS

Happy Birthday to Mia T, Jagger R, Evalyn L, Natalia S, Emily S, Elias H, Ebony C, Benjamin D, Noah B, Tyson V, Roman B, Landon B and Oliver B who have all celebrated a birthday.



## CONGRATULATIONS

**CommonwealthBank**



Congratulations to Hayley W for reaching your banking goals and receiving your rewards.

## TWILIGHT MARKETS

Friday 23rd November 2018

The P & C Association will be holding Twilight Markets to raise much needed funds for our ever growing school. If any parents would be interested in holding a stall at our schools twilight markets, please contact Brenda Muscat on [brendalean679@hotmail.com](mailto:brendalean679@hotmail.com) and Rowena Hilder on [rowenahilder@gmail.com](mailto:rowenahilder@gmail.com).



Thank you for your support.

## PRINCIPAL'S MORNING TEA

12 September 2018

Mr Thurling was proud to congratulate both the **Tournament of the Minds** (Stage 3) team and the **Think Blast** (Stage 2) team for representing our school in their recent competitions.

The teams did an amazing job and were complimented by both the event organisers for displaying excellent teamwork and respectful manners. We would all like to send out a big 'thank you' to Mrs Thurling for preparing the delicious food for this special event.

**Alyse McDonald**  
**E Squared Coordinator**



*Students enjoy morning tea with Mr Thurling*

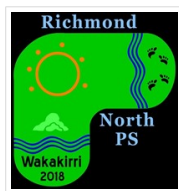
## LIBRARY NEWS

### Library Borrowing Days 2018

MONDAY	5/6Z and KR
TUESDAY	3/4P and 2/3H
WEDNESDAY	1/2M
THURSDAY	KV and 3/4M
FRIDAY	1W, 1/2D and 5/6W

## WAKAKIRRI

A big congratulations to everyone who has been involved in Wakakirri this year. To get to the Award Night is a major achievement, considering the thousands of schools involved. The positive feedback has been amazing, I am so proud of every child who has participated in the dance. They have learnt so much through this experience eg respecting each other, working as a team, sharing ideas, learning routines, getting to practice on time but most of all the wonderful feeling of success through hard work. The children have thoroughly enjoyed the dance and their behaviour has been outstanding. I believe that students should be included if they are interested in Wakakirri, and this was evident by the audience reaction and the comments by the judges. The dance was successful because it was entertaining with a story that was easy to follow and every child looked happy. This has been a school performance whereby all parents and staff have worked together. Thank you to everyone for your support, especially Mrs Donaldson and Miss Riley. I am looking forward to the



Award Night next Tuesday. All the children are very excited and I know they will be fabulous!

Thankyou

**Tanja Kane**  
**Relieving Assistant Principal**

## STAGE 3 CAMP

### DAY 1

Our bus driver Kire was really nice we had some stops. It was a really long trip we went to Parliament House. It was really fun. We went in the House of Representatives. After that we went to Questacon. The first part was super fun. There was a four way air hockey and air hockey against a robot. There was a speed ball my best was 70 km/h. There was a massive slide that was really scary at first. You dropped and you wouldn't touch the slide for about 3 seconds. It didn't hurt when you touched the slide a lot of people backed out which is fine but when you were holding on to the bar you couldn't back out. Mr Wheat went first then me because people were letting us though since they thought they would get hurt; but it was safe. There was also a tunnel and you had to try and stand up in it Oliver and I did it easy. After all of Questacon we went to the Motel and got our snow gear we had chicken schnitzel for dinner and chocolate cake for dessert.

**By Ethan A**



*Students at Questacon Students at Parliament House*

It was an early, cold morning when we met at school on Monday 3rd September. Our bus arrived. It was called Princess Savannah. Our bus drivers name was Kirri. We had a comfort stop at Suttons Forrest. It was a long trip but eventually we got to Parliament House. While we were we learnt that it has 4,500 rooms. We sat in the House of Representatives. After parliament we went to Questacon. It was so much fun. While I was there I was there I did a free fall. It was approximately 8 metres high. There were so many cool rooms. When we went to the gift shop I brought slime, pens and a colour changing pencil. After a fun time at Questacon we stopped for some lunch, and then we headed to our motel, in Berridale, it was called The Southern Cross motel. We got to our cabins, I was in R8 with Paige, Lara, Kim, Cloe and April. After unpacking we went to dinner and got fitted for our snow gear.

**By Ella Jackson**

### DAY 2

We woke up at 5:30AM got dressed into the stuff we wore under our snow gear. Breakfast time we had bacon eggs and hash browns for breakfast. We went back to our cabins and

put our snow gear on. When we got there we went on a ski lift up to the top of the mountain. We had a snowball fight. It was so fun I made so many snowballs and threw them at my friends and the teachers. We went back down the ski lift to the bus. We made sandwiches for lunch. We walked to the leisure centre and I went down the water slide we walked back to the bus. We drove back to the motel we had free time for like 2 hrs.

### **By Bailey Else**

We woke up at 6:00am and got ready for the day. Then we had breakfast we had eggs and bacon and sausages. Then we put our snow gear on and left for Thredbo..... One 1 hour later were here. We went on ski lifts and went to the top of the mountain. We all had a great time in the snow playing with snow balls and building snowman and sliding down ice. Then we went to the pools there was a huge slide I went on it 4 times and played in the deep end of the pools. We went back to the Southern Cross motel. We all had showers then chilled before dinner. My cabin listen to music and played games. We had dinner and did karaoke and slept.

### **By Veronica Marden**



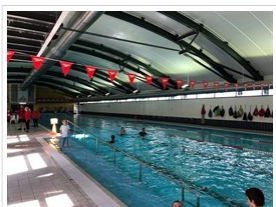
*Having Dinner at the Southern Cross Motel*



*Singing karaoke at the Southern Cross Motel*



*Having Fun in the snow in Thredbo Village*



*Having a swim at the pool in Thredbo Village*

## **DAY 3**

My favourite thing in the War Memorial was the planes that went to War in 1912. Also another of my favourite things was the second most dangerous plane made in 1912. My second most favourite thing about the trip was the snow and the chair lift. It was so cool to go there again but this time I didn't go snow-boarding. My third favourite thing was the Southern Cross Motel, the food was great.

### **By Saaron B**

We went to War Memorial. We saw some videos at the War Memorial we got to see WW2 planes and we saw tanks. That was cool. Then we had lunch at the War Memorial. Then travelled to the Rose Gardens to play tip. We walked to Old Parliament House. In there we saw house of rep we got to pretend we were lawyers. Then we saw an old Speaker's chair.

It was very fragile. Then we went home and watched movies in the bus.

### **By Phillip M**



*Students at Old Parliament House*



*Students at the Australian War Memorial*

## **PARLIAMENT AND CIVICS EDUCATION REBATE (PACER)**

Students from our school have recently undertaken, an education tour of the national capital. Students where given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

## **SPORTS NEWS**

### **District Athletics**

Congratulations to all the students who competed in the Track & Field Events at the District Athletics Carnival. A great effort by everyone with fantastic results for our school resulting in some students finishing the day with a ribbon and 2 students heading to the Regional Athletics Carnival.

#### **11YRS BOYS 800M**

Chayse T – 3RD

#### **JUNIOR BOYS RELAY**

Aldrich L, Daniel B, Charlie H (ran in place of Tristan F), Luca D - 3rd

#### **JUNIOR LONG JUMP**

Luca D - 1st

#### **JUNIOR BOYS 200M**

Luca D - 2nd

#### **JUNIOR BOYS SHOTPUT**

Joe B - 2nd

#### **JUNIOR BOYS DISCUS**

Tyler R - 3rd

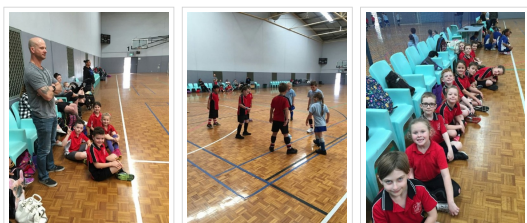
## 9YRS BOYS 100M

Daniel B – 3rd

Good luck to Luca D (1st Junior Boys Long Jump), Joe B (2nd Junior Boys Shotput) heading to the Regional Athletics Carnival on Wed 19th September at Blacktown International Sports Park. WELL DONE!!

## Futsal Gala Day

On Friday 7th Sept, two teams of of Stage 1 students competed in the Futsal Gala day at the YMCA Hawkesbury Indoor Stadium. They finished the day with some wins and lots of smiles. A great fun day was had by all the students.



## PSSA Golf

Chayse T will be representing Richmond North at the NSW PSSA Primary School Golf Championship on Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th September....Good Luck Chayse!

## Upcoming Sports Events

**MILO T20 Blast School Cup Cricket Yrs 3&4** – 14th September

**Todd Woodbridge Cup (Regional Competition)** – 18th September

**Regional Athletics (Track & Field)** – 19th September

**Basketball Gala Day** – 21st September

**Netball Gala Day** – 21st September

**Hawkesbury Cup NRL** – 26th September

## PSSA Trial Dates

All trial dates are over for 2018, please be sure to see our newsletters closer to the end of the year for the 2019 trial dates.

We encourage and like to give the students the opportunity that have knowledge and skill in any PSSA Sports to represent Richmond North Public School.

**Thanks, Emma Racker**

## NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

### Kindergarten 2019 Enrolling Now

We are now accepting enrolments for Kindergarten 2019. If you know of anyone who is starting Kindergarten next year please send them to the office.

### School Gate

Parents please be aware that high school students who are coming to pick up their siblings will not be allowed on school premises until the school gate is opened at 2:45.

## COMMUNITY NEWS



**SECURE YOUR CHILD'S PLACE FOR 2019!**



**Community KIDS**  
North Richmond Early Learning Centre

- Our Specialised School Readiness program is taught by a qualified Preschool teacher, preparing children for school and beyond
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For all centre details and enrolment enquiries, please contact Centre Manager Megan Halford  
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**LVR LACHLAN VALLEY RAILWAY**  
**SATURDAY, 15<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY, 16<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018**  
**RICHMOND HERITAGE SHUTTLES**  
Bring the family along for a Heritage Diesel ride from Richmond Station



**Timetable**  
Both Saturday and Sunday  
From Richmond  
Shuttle 1: 9:15am - 9:45am  
Shuttle 2: 10:15am - 10:45am  
Shuttle 3: 11:15am - 11:45am  
Shuttle 4: 12:15pm - 12:45pm  
Shuttle 5: 1:15pm - 1:45pm  
Shuttle 6: 2:15pm - 2:45pm  
Shuttle 7: 3:15pm - 3:45pm  
Shuttle 8: 4:15pm - 4:45pm  
Shuttle 9: 5:15pm - 5:45pm

**Ticket Prices**  
Standard Sitting  
On board our 1930's Private Compartment Carriage  
Adult: \$15 Child (5-15): \$10  
Devonshire Tea  
On board our 1950's air conditioned Express Dining Carriage  
Standard: \$25 Sparkling: \$35

Join Lachlan Valley Railway at Richmond Station for their annual Heritage Train shuttles in conjunction with 'Clarendon Classic Machinery Rally & Sydney Antique Model & Hobby Show 2018'. This year, climb aboard our 1930 Private Compartment Carriages or our 1950's air conditioned Express Dining Carriage for a traditional railway Devonshire Tea experience

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