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## PRINCIPALS REPORT

Term 4 is traditionally a very busy term with a number of major school events taking place. It's a great idea to keep an eye on the school calendar included in the newsletter so that you can stay up to date with what events are coming up. We love to see parents, families and community members at these events.

### Space Camp USA 2020

We will be holding a Space Camp 2020 meeting on Tuesday 19 November at 7pm. The meeting will take place in the school Library. All students/families that have returned an EOI should attend this meeting. Any students/families who are considering going to Space Camp in 2020 should also attend. We need to finalise numbers at this meeting, so it is important that all interested students and families attend. For those who are still undecided, I have included information below.

The proposed itinerary for the trip includes – Californian Science Centre (in Los Angeles), Universal Studios, US Space and Rocket Centre (Huntsville, AL) and Disneyland (itinerary will be confirmed later this year and is subject to change).

The cost of attending Space Camp will be approx. \$6800 per person, however we will be undertaking fundraising activities to reduce this cost. This is an all-inclusive cost which covers airfares, accommodation, meals, transfers, entry fees and Space Camp costs. Passport, visa and travel insurance are not included.

All students attending Space Camp (and their families) will need to participate in fund raising activities. This will ensure maximum buy in and will help to ensure that these events are well organised and successful. The more money we can fundraise, the less the cost to parents will be.

I have included some links below that provide further information about Space Camp USA and may assist you in making the decision for your child to attend.

<http://www.spacecamp.com/>

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_PJVXOz8jtE](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_PJVXOz8jtE)

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wh\\_V8T6U-D0](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wh_V8T6U-D0)

### Other destinations –

<http://californiasciencecenter.org/>

<http://www.universalstudioshollywood.com/>

<https://disneyland.disney.go.com/>

We are fortunate to have the direct assistance of Jackie Slaviero from OneGiantLeap Australia, to assist us. Jackie is an official ambassador for Space Camp and has been coordinating school groups to attend Space Camp for a number of years. She organises the itinerary and assists with all our travel arrangements. She is also very familiar with the NSW Department of Education requirements for overseas travel such as this.

This is a very exciting opportunity for our students.

All students currently in Years 4 and 5 (Yrs 5 and 6 in 2020) are eligible to participate in the Space Camp excursion. Parents are also able to attend. We will also consider students who are currently in Yr6 (will be in Yr 7 – 2020) as well as other siblings who are currently attending high school.

If you have any questions about Space Camp, please contact me on 4571 1542.



### Redbank Christmas BBQ

Redbank are conducting a community Christmas BBQ on Saturday 7 December at Yeomans Park commencing at 4pm. Redbank have approached our school P&C to run the BBQ for this event. This will allow the P&C to raise funds for our school. It will also provide a great opportunity to promote our school across the community. Redbank have been active supporters of our school for several years. In order for this to be successful though, the P&C need volunteers who can assist with – cooking food, serving customers, setting up and packing away at the end of the evening. Whether you can spare an hour or a whole evening, we want to hear from you. If you can spare any time at

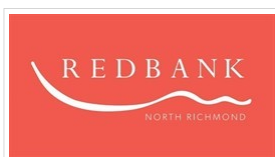
all, please click on the link below and complete the online form. Alternatively, you can contact the school office on 4571 1542 and register your availability.

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=DQSIkWDsW0yxEjajBLZtrQAAAAAAAAAAAAAO\\_RzNGQpUQk5aOEZXNEIUMkpDUTZKN0hJWTEsWERJQy4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=DQSIkWDsW0yxEjajBLZtrQAAAAAAAAAAAAAO_RzNGQpUQk5aOEZXNEIUMkpDUTZKN0hJWTEsWERJQy4u)

You can volunteer for an hour or so and then enjoy the Christmas BBQ afterwards. There are a number of activities for families and children to enjoy. If you wish to attend the Redbank Christmas BBQ (before or after the time you volunteer) you will need to register here –

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/christmas-at-redbank-2019-tickets-77253291675?fbclid=IwAR1UkfcfqXxv07MpLtOC0gBz-BltqsudoiyT7tPjK7sVGh5f9Gaz4WJbHU>

Don't be shy! Help raise some money for our school and enjoy a fun community event with your family. We hope to see you there.



## Year 7 entry to a selective high school in 2021

A reminder that applications for Yr 7 entry to selective high school for 2021 closes at **10pm on Monday 11 November 2019. You must apply before the closing date.**

Selective high schools cater for academically high potential and gifted students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates of their own academic standard. Selective schools help these students to learn by grouping them with students of similar ability, using specialised teaching methods and materials.

Selective high schools are unzoned so parents can apply regardless of where they live. Applications for selective high school placement are considered mainly on the basis of the Selective High School Placement Test results and school assessment scores. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on **Thursday 12 March 2020.**

Detailed instructions on how to apply online are available at –

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>

There are no paper application forms. If you do not have internet access, please notify the school office and we will organise for you to have computer access to complete the application. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Unit for assistance.

**TO APPLY YOU WILL NEED TO REGISTER AND THEN APPLY THROUGH THE HIGH PERFORMING STUDENTS WEBSITE.**

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes>

## UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT
30th July – 10th December (Tuesdays)	Kick Start to Kindergarten
15th October-3rd December (Tuesdays)	Volleyball K-2
17th October – 12th December (Thursdays)	Stage 3 Boot Camp
18th November – 22nd November	Swim School
13th November – 15th November	Stage 3 Camp - Berry
19th November and 26th November	Kindergarten Orientation
20th November	Year 5 Leaders Speeches
21st November	Last day for Library borrowing
27th November	Grandparents day
29th November	Year 6 Fun Day

## DAYS TO REMEMBER

MONDAY	Homework Club Breakfast Club Canteen Open
WEDNESDAY	Scripture Student Banking Uniform Shop 8.25am-8.55am Breakfast Club Canteen Open
THURSDAY	Breakfast Club
FRIDAY	Assembly 2pm (Even Weeks) Uniform Shop 8.25am-8.55am Canteen Open

## TEACHERS AWARDS GIVEN AT WEEK 2 TERM 4 ASSEMBLY

25.10.2019



<b>KR</b>	Hayden W Makenzie S Denika L	<b>KV</b>	Chanel M Lincoln Q Jacqueline I
<b>1W</b>	Jagger R Bronte B Amaya M	<b>1/2D</b>	Aston K Jessica A Lakyn C
<b>1/2M</b>	Lucas S Marli B Zayden L	<b>2H</b>	Eden W Zoey B Aleena M
<b>3/4D</b>	Dylan W Noah B Chayse H	<b>3/4E</b>	Ivy R Luca N Aiden A
<b>4/5P</b>	Tiarna S Will C Ariah Mc	<b>5/6W</b>	Rhys E Ryan M Summer H
<b>5/6Z</b>	Brodie S Jackson C Lachlan W	<b>Multi Lit</b>	Chayse H Jayden B Tipyasuda S

## BIRTHDAY AWARDS

Happy Birthday to Ashlee W, Ashton C, Denika L, Issac W, Marli B, Evie S, Emily N, Layla N, Veronica M, Aiden A, Kane L, Brooke J, Mahalia Mc, Paycin L, Dylan W, Charlie V, Tomas P, Luca N, William Mc, Keira B, lilah-Rae M, Aubree T and Scarlett S who have all celebrated a birthday.



## COMMONWEALTH BANKING

**Commonwealth**Bank



Congratulations to Brodie V, Lakyn T, Alexis R, Noah G and Hayley W for reaching your banking goals and receiving your rewards.

## DAY FOR DANIEL

Thank you so much to all the families and teachers that made Day For Daniel a success on Friday 25th Oct. Every dollar from each and everyone counts in raising funds to help the Daniel Morcombe Foundation continue to raise awareness on Child Safety. The RNPS families have done a wonderful job, in donating a total of \$348.90!! A special thanks to Lucy (5/6W) and her family who generously donated \$40. Also thank you to all the teachers who spoke to our students on the importance of keeping safe and utilising the resources made available by the foundation. Thank you very much!

**Emma Racker**

## SPORTS NEWS

### Bootcamp Gala Day (Stage 3)

Stage 3 competed in a Bootcamp Gala Day on 13th September at Kurmond Public School. The kids had a great day participating against other local schools in different activities. Some of our 5 & 6 students went to Kurmond PS to do some Bootcamp with other schools. It was a great day, we played different sports games and we made some new friends.

**Holly. K (4/5P)**



*Students ready for a great Bootcamp Gala Day*

### Sydney West PSSA Athletics Championships

A huge congratulations to below students who competed at the Sydney West PSSA Athletics Championships on Thursday 17th October at Blacktown International Sportspark. Our students competed proudly representing RNPS and the Hawkesbury. Well done to each of them and congratulations on your efforts!!!

**Luca.D** (Long Jump 11yrs Boys) - 5th, (200mtrs 11yr Boys) - 14th, (100mts 11yrs Boys) - 20th

**Este.H** (800mtr Snr Girls) - 12th, (1500mtr Snr Girls) - 14th

**Aldrich.L** (Shot Put Jnr Boys)

**Krystal.E** (Discus Jnr Girls) - 8th

### Hawkesbury NRL Cup

On Wednesday 16th October a Mixed Junior Team & Mixed Senior Team competed at the Hawkesbury NRL Cup. A great day had by all students playing to their best abilities. The Senior Team won 2 out of 2 games, resulting in winning their pool putting them into the semi Final against Wilberforce. Unfortunately, they lost 12 to 6 but came off the field very proud of their efforts. The Junior Team played hard in all their games, unfortunately not getting a win but had an awesome time on the day!!

### Bootcamp (Stage 1)

On the 18th of October was the Boot Camp day. It was all of Stage 1. There were 10 schools and it was at our school. Sergeant Ty came to do all our games. There was water games which was really fun. It was really hot because we did a lot of sport. It was fun because we didn't have to work. We did speedball, it is just like dodgeball but if you hit no one you are out. We played tug-o-war we had to pull the rope. We won two rounds. The teachers got to play too. They played the water balloon game and all the kids got to wet the teachers



with the water pistols. We all got a necklace at the end of the day. Richmond North got 75 points from the whole day and Comleroy PS came first. We had a great day!

### **Eva.N (2H)**

On the 18th October I went to a Bootcamp, it was so much fun because there was water involved and my favourite sport teacher ran everything. There was 10 schools including us. My favourites games were the water games, I loved the water balloons. You should have been there and I'm not talking to the people who were there!! Tug-o-war was fun because it was really easy against the team we were versing. Speedball was really fun but I accidentally hit someone in the face. The teachers joined in on the water balloon game and I got to wet them with the water pistols. It was the best!!

### **Brock.B (2H)**

## **Super Sports Cup Gala Day (Stage 2)**

On Friday 1st November a number of students from Stage 2 competed against some local schools in the Super Sports Cup Gala Day held at Kurrajong East PS. It was a hot day for the kids but with some games involving water they cooled off and had a blast. They played a variety of games including soccer, basketball, volleyball with a water balloon, tug of war, dodgeball and a few more. On the day they finished upcoming 3rd out of 5 schools and had a great time doing it!!



*Children enjoying a great day at Kurrajong East Public School*

## **Upcoming Sporting Events**

National PSSA Championships	11th Nov
Touch Football Gala Day (Yrs 3 to 6) TBA	15th Nov

## **PSSA Trial Information 2020**

Primary School Sports Association (PSSA) holds trials every year for students in Year 5 & 6 that are interested in trying out for a Hawkesbury Team in a sport that they have knowledge in or are skilled at. We encourage any of our students that feel they would like to trial to do so.

### **How it works:**

The schools in our Hawkesbury District inform the students of the trials available to them by a note in Term 1. A number of our local teachers are assigned a particular sport and run the trials selecting students from our local public schools to form a Hawkesbury Team our District at the Sydney West Competitions.

### **What it involves:**

The students parent/s taking them to and from trials (can be up to 3 trials) in after school hours. If the student is selected

for the District Team, parents are responsible for their child on competition days and also for travel to and from the events which are held in school time. A representative from Sydney West will be present at these competition days and will then select from all the students competing on that day then form a Regional Team to represent Sydney West at the State Championships.

### **Great Opportunity:**

It is a great opportunity for our students to give it a go and possibly get selected to not only represent themselves, Richmond North PS, the Hawkesbury but even maybe their Region and State.

### **What to do next:**

If your child is in Yr5 or Yr6, feel they are skilled in one of these particular sports and would like to try out for this team/individual sport please feel free to contact me (Emma Racker) ASAP so I can gather a list of students interested in trialling in 2020 for the below sports and make sure they receive the information required.

- NRL Opens and Under 11's
- Soccer (Boys & Girls)
- Touch Football (Boys & Girls)
- Basketball (Boys & Girls)
- Cricket (Boys & Girls)
- Tennis
- Diving
- Softball (Boys & Girls)
- Hockey (Boys & Girls)
- Netball
- AFL

**Many Thanks,  
Emma Racker.**

## **NOTES FROM 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.

### **Kindergarten Enrolments for 2020**

We are now taking enrolments for Kindergarten 2020. If you know of anyone who is starting Kindergarten in 2020 or you have a younger child who has a sibling at Richmond North Public School and is starting Kindergarten next year please see the office to complete an enrolment form.

### **Road Safety**

Here are a few things you can do to help keep your children and others safer during drop-off and pick-up times during the school week:

- Make sure your children are fastened in the correct child car seat for their age and size and that it is fitted correctly.
- Stick to the 40km/h speed limit in a school zone and look out for children who may be about.
- Watch for flashing lights on buses. They let you know that there may be children crossing or about to cross the road. A 40km/h limit applies when school bus lights flash.
- Always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways.
- Always park and turn legally around schools. Manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns are dangerous during busy school drop-off and pick-up times.
- Drop your children off and pick them up on the school side of the road in your school's designated drop-off and pick-up area. Never call out to them from across the road – they may run to you without checking for traffic.
- It's safest for children to get out of the car through the Safety Door, away from passing traffic. This is the rear footpath side door of the car.

Here are a few things you can do to help keep your children safer as a pedestrian:

- Talk with your children about being alert in the road environment.
- Plan and practice your trip to school so you use pedestrian crossings where possible.
- Always hold your child's hand. Children need your help to spot dangers such as vehicles coming out of driveways. They can also be easily distracted and wander into traffic.
- Meet your child near the school gate and don't call them from across the road.
- Explain why the place you have chosen is the safest place to cross.
- Remind your child to STOP! LOOK! LISTEN! THINK! every time they cross the road and keep checking until safely across.

## STOP!

One step back from the kerb

## LOOK!

Continuously both ways

## LISTEN!

For the sounds of approaching traffic

## THINK!

Whether it is safe to cross and keep checking

- Talk to them about why they should stop, look, listen, think before crossing a driveway, road or carpark. Young children can learn and practice these safe pedestrian behaviours with you. This will help them to

be safer pedestrians when they are old enough to travel alone.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Richmond Woodlands Biodiversity Forum 16 Nov

Birdlife Southern NSW invites you to come along to the **Richmond Woodlands Biodiversity Forum** on **Saturday 16 November**, to be held at the Greater Sydney LLS Demonstration Farm at Richmond Lowlands. The Forum aims to bring together landcarers, land managers, biodiversity experts and birding enthusiasts to better understand the values of the area and get involved in activities to support the Richmond Woodlands as a Key Biodiversity Area (KBA).

This is a FREE event but online registration is needed for catering purposes

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/richmond-woodlands-biodiversity-forum-registration-73383799921>

For more information or contact event organiser Cathy Goswell [cathycrg@bigpond.com](mailto:cathycrg@bigpond.com) / 0418 865 421 .

### The Story of Phil's Forest 17 Nov

Join Hawkesbury Bushcare as we commemorate over 30 years of dedicated works to restore a small area of Endangered River-flat Forest beside the original road over the Hawkesbury River. Walk and talks on Indigenous heritage, fauna and plants, settlement history and impacts.

Sunday 17th November 8:30am to 12noon.

- Registration at Hanna Park Nth Richmond at 8.30am
- Walk across bridge to commence at 8.45am.
- Refreshments provided.
- Wear suitable clothing for bushwalking.

Register your attendance by:

Monday 11th November

**Contact:** Robin Woods Phone: 0414 672 014 Email: [rwoody07@gmail.com](mailto:rwoody07@gmail.com)

**Martin Gauci:** HCC Community Bushcare Officer 4560 4525

## Kurrajong a Buzz - Promoting Australian Pollinator Week Sunday 10 Nov 10am-2pm

Launched in November 2015, Australian Pollinator Week acknowledges our important and unique pollinators. It is a designated week when community, business and organisations can come together to raise awareness of the importance of pollinators and support their needs. Kurrajong, with its village flower displays, surrounding native bush and nearby farms is an ideal location to promote all that is important about pollinators.

Kurrajong Memorial Park will be a buzz with activity on Sunday 10th November as amateur honey producers, pollinator specialists from Western Sydney University Hawkesbury and farming representatives promote the importance of pollinators for food production and food security. A wide variety of stalls, plants, food, information, something for all the ages.....

This family friendly event is being run by the Kurrajong Community Forum with funding assistance from Hawkesbury City Council. For the latest updates on the event, see the Kurrajong a Buzz Facebook page.

<https://business.facebook.com/KurrajongaBuzz/>

<https://www.facebook.com/events/kurrajong-new-south-wales/kurrajong-a-buzz-event/406084173445185/>

