

RICHMOND PRIMARY SCHOOL

'Learning & Caring for Life'

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Principal: Tracey Davies

Another exciting Term awaits us here at RPS

We hope you had an opportunity to have a rest and spend time with family and loved ones over the holiday break.

Welcome back to all returning families and a special welcome to families new to Richmond Primary School.

We hope you enjoy your time with us and hope you have settled in well.

This term promises to be another exciting term full of many new learning and experiences. Class newsletters, which will be sent home shortly, will provide further details of teaching and learning experiences.

NAPLAN 2017

NAPLAN Testing for all Year 3, 5 and 7 students will be conducted next week from Tuesday 9th - Thursday 11th May.

Tests are administered simultaneously in all schools across Australia.

Aspects of literacy assessed are reading, writing and language conventions (comprising spelling, punctuation and grammar) while numeracy testing includes number, algebra, function and pattern, measurement, chance and data and space.

NAPLAN tests are another way of finding out what students can and cannot do along with school based and standardised assessments.

Parents will receive their child's NAPLAN results during August to September.

Parents/carers may withdraw their child from NAPLAN tests for philosophical or personal reasons.

If you wish to withdraw your child, please email me

tracey.davies609@schools.sa.edu.au or phone the school. I will then organise a withdrawal form for you to complete.

We encourage punctual full attendance of year 3, 5 and 7 students during this time of testing. In the last two years we have had excellent attendance during NAPLAN we hope this continues.

Uniform Reminder

Now it's starting to get cooler can we please remember that the Richmond Dress Code is red tops and jackets with plain black trousers/shorts and jumpers red only unless you are wearing a Year 7 jumper. We are seeing an increase in the wearing of multi coloured, bright pink and fur lined jackets and jumpers which are not school dress code.

School jackets and jumpers can be purchased from the front office or alternatively plain black and red items can be purchased from most local K Mart, Target and Big W stores.

Thanks for your support; we look forward to seeing more students in Richmond Dress code only.

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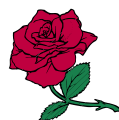
Points of Interest

- 9/5/17—11/5/17
NAPLAN Testing
Years 3, 5, 7
- **WEDNESDAY 17/5/17**
Girls' Footy Clinic
Years 4—7
- **THURSDAY 18/5/17**
Yrs 5 & 6 Excursion
- **FRIDAY 19/5/17**
Zoo Snooze Year 4
Year 7 Excursion
- **WEDNESDAY 24/5/17**
IELC 2 Excursion

MOTHERS' DAY STALL

THURSDAY 11th & FRIDAY 12th MAY, 2017

GIFTS FROM 50c—\$6.00



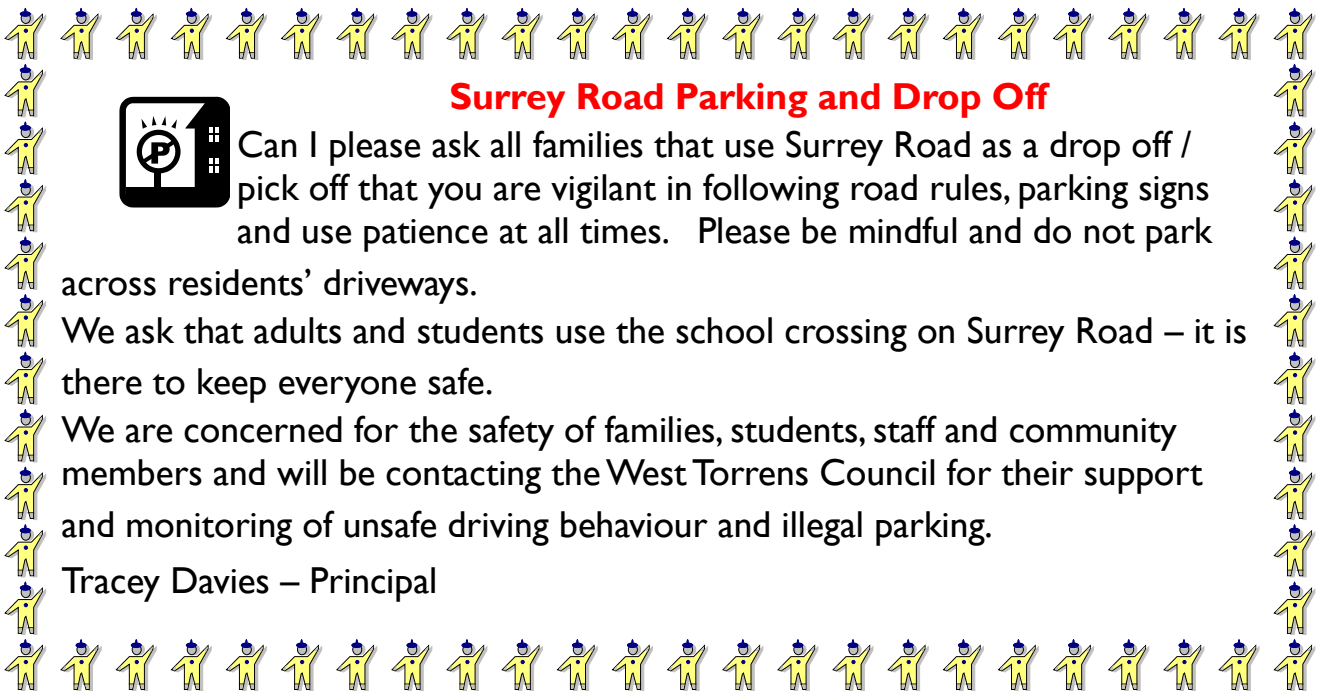
Staffing Update

Glenn Hart is on Long Service Leave until Week 4, Ella Blake returns from Long Service Leave next week.
Ms. Poppy returns in Week 3 from Long Service Leave as does Ms. Megaw.
Ms. Deanne, Ms. Nina and Ms. Voula re-join us for Term 2.
Have a good two weeks!
Regards, Leadership.



Welcome Nathalie Dunser

It gives me great pleasure to welcome Nathalie to RPS as our new school Finance Officer. Please come in and introduce yourselves to Nathalie over the term.



Surrey Road Parking and Drop Off



Can I please ask all families that use Surrey Road as a drop off / pick off that you are vigilant in following road rules, parking signs and use patience at all times. Please be mindful and do not park

across residents' driveways.

We ask that adults and students use the school crossing on Surrey Road – it is there to keep everyone safe.

We are concerned for the safety of families, students, staff and community members and will be contacting the West Torrens Council for their support and monitoring of unsafe driving behaviour and illegal parking.

Tracey Davies – Principal

Attendance - Lateness and Absences

Frequent attendance is critical to any child's learning therefore it is important to understand that the more children attend school the more they will learn.

Under the Education Act of South Australia, parents and/or caregivers are responsible for the regular attendance of all children in their care. All children aged between 6 and 16 years of age must be enrolled and attend school regularly. All children 5 years of age, who are enrolled at school, are also required to attend school regularly. You are requested to notify the school of any absences of students as they occur.

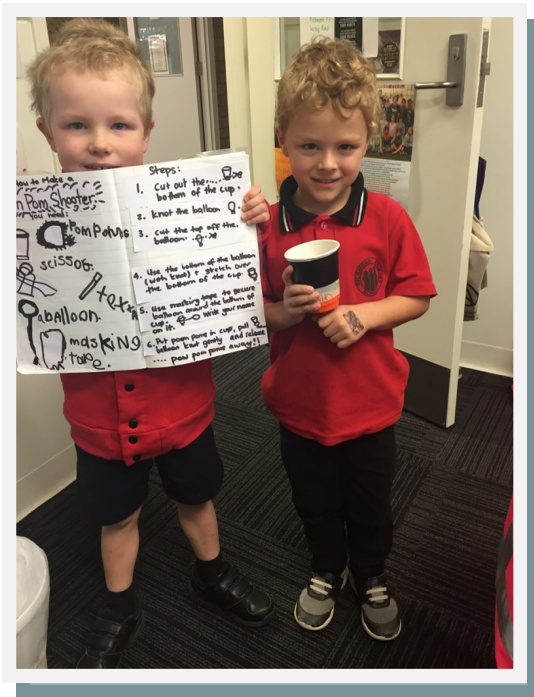
It is also very important for an adult to come to the front office with their child if they are late in the morning so they can sign them in, likewise if a child is departing early they must be signed out at the front office .

The South Australian Department for Education and Child Development (DECD) has set an attendance target for all schools to achieve 95%, in 2016 Richmond Primary did not achieve this target, our attendance from R-7 was only 94% .

This year we will be working from our School Attendance Plan with you to achieve the target of 95% in 2017.

Please help us achieve this and try and minimise appointments , haircuts , birthday celebrations etc. during school hours .





Creativity at RPS

Ronin from MS Alanna's class shared his Pom Pom Shooter creation he made at home with us - how cool! Sam his classmate was his assistant when Ronin shared his creation.

LAST CALL FOR ORDERING PAVERS MONDAY 8/5/17.



SKOOLBAG

Skoolbag 
Smartphone school to parent communication

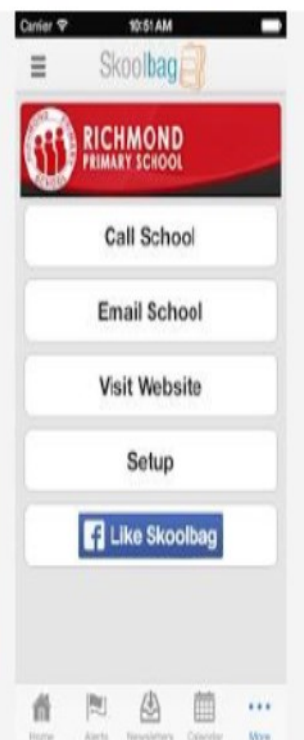
Don't forget to download the Richmond Primary School Skoolbag app (it's a phone app but you can download it on an iPad as well). Useful information is being added regularly. To date, we have 210 users and receiving feedback that it is very helpful.

If you need help please see the front office staff.

How to install Skoolbag on your mobile device.

iPhone/iPad Users -Search "Richmond Primary School Keswick" in the App Store.

Android Users - Search "Richmond Primary Keswick" in Google Play Store.



STEM Matters and Oliphant Science Awards Quiz!

1. Name one of the biggest scientific discoveries and explain how it changed the world.



2. Answer this question...How is Chemistry is like Cooking?

3. Complete this sentence ; Astronomy is the study of ...



4.



4. Name 5 things that are uniquely Australian.

5. In your opinion, what are the best things about the internet?



6. Think of an invention that could save you and your family time. Now draw a diagram (labels please)



7. Games are fun to play. Ask your friends and family what is their favourite game to play and why? Make a list of this information.



8. Crystals can have beautiful symmetry. What does this mean and what else can be symmetrical.



9. If you made a robot what would you call it and what tasks would it perform?



10. Will you enter the Oliphant Science awards this year? I hope so. If yes, what are you planning to do?

Please check out the website. <http://www.oliphantscienceawards.com.au>