



**RICHMOND PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
*'Learning & Caring for Life'*  
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Dear families,

Our school is a busy place with many and varied opportunities. This week's Principal's Tour was a chance to highlight many of our teaching and learning programs to our wider community.

You may like to know what it is that we share during these tours. Did you know? Our school is 120 years old with an enrolment of approximately 350 children in mainstream, IELP, Speech and Language classes. Our community comprises of over 40 different nationalities and our 2018 Site Improvement Plan focuses on Literacy, Numeracy and Social and Emotional Learning. We offer both intervention and enrichment opportunities. Our specialist subjects are Performing Arts, Visual Arts, Italian and PE. Choir (Year 5/6/7) and Musical Instruments (Year 5), SAPSASA sport (Year 5/6/7), ICAS and AMC academic comp. Year 3-7, Langhorne Creek writers competition and Oliphant Science participation are available to our students. We access various online subscriptions such as Typing Tournament and Reflex Maths. Our most recent developments is our STEM upgrade and we are now planning a nature play redevelopment/ outdoor learning area. We have strong partnerships with other local schools, our parent community, local council and OHSC. You may now be able to understand why we are proud of our school's successes.

Last week we received our first copy of a book, "Excuse Me, Can I Tell You Something? It is written by Scout Sylva-Richardson (RPS Year 7, 2017) and illustrated by Therasa Herraman and Jay Sylva (RPS Year 4, 2017). Scout has written a warm and gentle story about her loveable, friendly brother Jay. His brain works differently to yours or mine. Jay is autistic. It is a remarkable achievement and we would like to acknowledge Scout's skill and commitment. A signed copy now sits proudly in our library. Continued page 2



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Points of Interest

Friday 8th June, Assembly  
 at 2.15pm

Tuesday 12th June, PUPIL  
 FREE DAY

Thursday 14 June IELC 3  
 ( Ms. Lee) excursion to  
 Adelaide Central Market

Thursday 14th June, "Little  
 Sprout" Speech and Lan-  
 guage class excursion to  
 Botanic Garden

This weekend, to celebrate World Environment Day in June, our Council will host a Native Plant Giveaway for local residents, held on Saturday 2 June 2018 between 10am and 1pm in the West Torrens Memorial Gardens, Brooker Terrace, Hilton.

Local residents are invited to bring along the voucher located in our school newsletter and swap it for a free pack of native plants.

Each pack contains a selection of 12 hardy, attractive and water wise species that will bring colour and life to any garden. There will also be an interesting variety of plant forms including flowers and low shrubs. For further information you may wish to contact West Torrens Council's Environment Team on 8416 6333

Please be reminded that the upcoming long weekend will be extra-long for our students due to our **Pupil Free Day Tuesday Week 7, June 12th.**

Kind regards,

Ella and Tracey

## Richmond Soccer News

Last weekend presented us with great soccer yet again; it was awesome to see so many kids having an excellent time! Well done to the U6 and 7 teams for your excellent effort and all the new skills displayed. We have seen some great team work and fair play which has led to successful results. All teams have behaved and played in a manner that would make everyone at Richmond Primary School proud. So keep up the good work!

A note to parents: It will start to get colder and it is possible that it will rain for most games. Please don't hesitate to bring your child to play, as it is a winter sport (and to be honest I think the kids like it too-this is the one time they can purposely get dirty and wet!) So just rug up, bring an umbrella, maybe a spare towel and grab a nice hot tea or coffee!

Another side note is that the COLD/FLU season is approaching; again this is when we need players to attend as it is likely that some will be away sick, so if your child is able to play that weekend please bring them. There is nothing worse than having to forfeit a game and your team missing out because your team didn't have enough players. Please arrive early (at least 15 minutes before a game-for those teams that don't have clinic). This helps coaches and team managers organise your teams for the day. My U12s team knows that they need to arrive half an hour before the game.

Thank you all for a great turnout last weekend and we'll see you on Saturday!

Kindest Regards,

Scout

U12 Coach



# Native plant giveaway

## Bringing back biodiversity

**Make your garden more environmentally friendly with plants that are native to West Torrens.**

Swap this voucher for a pack of 12 local native plants. These species are drought tolerant, provide a source of food and habitat for local wildlife and will contribute towards preserving biodiversity across the region.

We will be giving away a limited number of plant packs to local residents to promote water conservation and improve the sustainability of gardens in the City of West Torrens.

### How to redeem the offer

Bring this voucher to the City of West Torrens Memorial Gardens, 1 Brooker Terrace, Hilton, on **Saturday 2 June 2018** from 10am - 1pm. Complete the required details on this voucher and present it on the day to claim your plants.

**REMEMBER - come early as stocks are limited.**

### Terms and conditions

- Limit one coupon per household.
- To be eligible, on the day you will need to present proof of residency within West Torrens with a current rates notice.

### Disclaimer

As plant stocks are limited, Council will not be held responsible if the holder of this coupon cannot redeem the offer due to unavailability of stock.

First name:.....

Surname:.....

Address: .....

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Suburb: .....

Post code:.....

Phone:.....

Email: .....

- Yes I would like to join GreenE-news to receive Council's quarterly environment newsletter and updates about exclusive offers via email. *Note: this email address will only be used for the distribution of GreenE-news and no other Council information.*

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# Australian Mathematics Competition

One of the world's largest school-based mathematics competitions to be held at school on Thursday 9 August 2018



The Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC) was introduced in Australia in 1978 as the first Australia-wide mathematics competition for students. It has since spread internationally, with students in more than 30 countries attempting the same problems. Students are asked to solve 30 problems in 60 minutes (Years 3–6) or 75 minutes (Year 7).

The problems are designed to test mathematical thinking and questions are designed so that they can be answered just as quickly without a calculator as with one. The problems get more difficult through the competition, so that at the end they are challenging to the most gifted students.

If your child has shown a special interest/talent in maths you may wish to submit/register your child's name (below) and pay the \$6.50 entry fee within the next 2 weeks to the front office staff. Closing date for entries is Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June, Week 7.

Ella Blake

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I would like my child.....

class teacher/year level..... to participate in the 2018 Australian Maths Competition.

Signed.....

Please enclose \$6.50 registration fee.

# Richmond Primary School Choir News

## Our Choir Receives An A

Last Wednesday the choir was assessed and graded for their vocal talents, song and music knowledge as well as presentation. Mrs. Fudge came to our school to grade the choir and after awarding them an A she also stated,



*This is a wonderful group – a really nice warm sound and every single student gave their all. Excellent knowledge of words and parts, and everything was sung with confidence and joy. Leadership, teaching staff, school support staff and parents are all very proud of the choir.*

Our Choir is very much looking forward to performing at our next assembly. In the meantime here are some photos.

Poppy Cumiskey.





Along with the other Junior Primary classes our class received new tables. We had lots of fun working on the floor while we were waiting for them to arrive. Now our new tables provide an excellent flexible learning space!





The reception/ year 1 students were investigating which surface was the best to build a free standing tower on. I think our nice new tables came out on top!



# STEM Really Does Matter 2018!

## Term 2 Week 5.

Why not try this challenge next?

THE 2018 PRO & ISA

## STEM Reading and Design Challenge

Starts 14 May and finishes 6 July

Announcement of winners in National Science Week, August 2018

### THE CHALLENGE

The Premier's Reading Challenge and Inspiring South Australia are teaming up to challenge you to read about Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) in the lead up to Science Week.

There are great prizes to be won.

There are 4 age categories. You need to read at least one book from the Premier's Reading Challenge booklist. The book must come from one of the following categories: STEM, Science, Science Fiction or Nature.

### THE PRIZES

- All individual students will receive a certificate of participation
- A selection of prizes including books and vouchers will be awarded to:
  - best individual entry and runner up for each age group
  - the school with the most entries.



More about the Premier's Reading Challenge: [www.premiersreadingchallenge.sa.edu.au](http://www.premiersreadingchallenge.sa.edu.au)

More about Inspiring South Australia: [www.inspiringsa.org.au](http://www.inspiringsa.org.au)