



RICHMOND PRIMARY SCHOOL

'Learning & Caring for Life'

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Dear families,

This year our school community members have been invited to support the Hilton RSL Dawn Service to be held on April 25 at the West Torrens Memorial Gardens. All schools from the West Torrens Council area have been invited to attend this community event. Four interested students from our school will participate in the formalities; they will read a poem and lay a wreath in honour of all war veterans.

We are extending the invitation to all families and encourage your attendance to support our students and to acknowledge the men and women who fought to protect our country. The Dawn Service begins at 6 am sharp, with a march from the Hilton RSL beginning at 5:45 am. The Memorial Gardens are situated on Brooker Terrace between the library and council offices. After the service, community members are invited to partake in a cooked breakfast at the Hilton RSL for a cost of \$5. We hope you may be able to attend.

Some recent staff discussion has centred on the close link between learning and wellbeing. Children with good wellbeing are more engaged and successful with their learning. The principles underpinning the Wellbeing for Learning and Life framework are; child centred, strengths-based, learning success, relationships and inclusion. We recognize wellbeing is a critical part of how young people learn and grow.



Next term we welcome two new staff members, John Henry, an Aboriginal community education officer (ACEO), who will help to support Aboriginal students and their families one day a week, and Christine Beswick, a school services officer, employed three days a week to support and strengthen our Primary Numeracy programs. Debbie Linke will enjoy some long service leave for four weeks and Sherie Redden will lead Learning Support and Intervention programs during this time. We also welcome back Julia Harris in a fulltime capacity.

Term 1 has had so many highlights (please see photos from our "bookends", Receptions and Upper Primary classes and IELP in this newsletter as an example). We hope these holidays will allow each of us the chance to spend time with family and friends and to rest and recharge. Thank you for such a strong show of support at the beginning of our school year, it is always most appreciated.

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Ella and Stacey



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Points of Interest

- **MONDAY 29/4/19**
TERM 2 BEGINS
- **FRIDAY 10/5/19**
District Athletics Day
- **WEDNESDAY 15/5/19**
Yr.2 Excursion



YARN CLUB UPDATE

NARELLE SCHULTZ - PASTORAL CARE WORKER (PCW)

Are there any parents, grandparents, carers, community members out there who just LOVE knitting and would love to help out with our Wednesday Lunchtime Yarn Club?!

In the past few weeks, students have been banding together to work on the art of finger knitting. As a group, we are excited to take on the challenge of knitting with needles. Several students are already working hard on learning this unique and wonderful skill, which can take a little time and effort to begin.



We are wondering if there are any enthusiastic knitters out there who would love to share their craft with us, and would enjoy sharing tips and helping out Wednesday lunch times in Term 2?

Please see Narelle or contact school directly to enquire or express interest! Note that to volunteer in this capacity you will need to undergo a background check if you haven't already done so.



Warm regards
Narelle Schultz
Pastoral Care Worker (PCW)

The ICAS logo consists of the letters "ICAS" in a bold, black, sans-serif font, centered within a bright yellow square that has a slight 3D effect with a shadow on the right side.

As a reminder

ICAS is changing in 2019. These academic tests will be held online and in September.

ICAS Assessments are online* assessments, designed to recognise and reward academic excellence.

The assessments are based on the curricula for the relevant year and assess higher order thinking and problem-solving skills. Students are asked to demonstrate a deeper, integrated, and thorough level of learning.

To ensure an engaging and beneficial experience for all students, new ICAS assessments are developed annually for each subject in every year level.

ICAS tests (**Science, English and Mathematics**) will be held later than usual this year, in September, Term 3, Week 7 and 9. Each test has an admission/administration cost of \$14.50.

In 2019 our school will again take part in ICAS, a comprehensive skills-based program (Year 3 to 7) that

These tests can be used to measure the depth of student's knowledge if they are doing well in a particular subject area and are not compulsory. You may wish to speak to your child's class teacher to discuss whether these tests would be suitable for your child at this stage.

Your child's class teacher and front office staff will have ICAS permission/consent forms available on request. Any permission forms after May 10th, Term 2 Week 2, will not be processed.

For more information you may wish to access; www.unswolocal.unsw.edu.au/assessments

Ella Blake
Principal

Working Together

Dear Richmond Families,

With the school holidays upon us and many students turning to electronic devices during the holidays, I thought it was timely to share the eSafety website. As a parent myself, I worry about my children's online behaviour. I understand as our children grow older, we can't watch over their shoulders to check every word they type so their online behaviour is guided by the lessons we've taught them.

If your family is at the beginning of this journey or the end, this website is here to help. It provides information to support parents prepare their children to participate in the online world safely and respectfully. It also provides guidance if your child has been involved in cyberbullying, inappropriate images being shared, or if you need to report offensive or illegal content.

I urge all families to take a look at this website and speak to your children at the start of the holidays to reinforce how to be safe and respectful online.

Have a great break and I look forward to seeing everyone again in term 2.

<https://www.esafety.gov.au>

eSafetynews

eSafetyparents

eSafety gives you the tools to *Start the Chat*

Our youngest generations are the first to grow up in a world of constant connection—for them, the online world is now just as important as the offline world.

With technology changing at a rapid pace, it's important to have proactive and open conversations about safe online behaviour early and often. If you feel unsure talking to your child about online safety, you're not alone. In fact, a quarter of Australian parents report they feel the same way.

The good news is, we're here to help you get started. Visit eSafety for advice and guidance on how to **start the chat** about online safety in your household.

Start the Chat



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CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

Schooling in India and Australia through the eyes of Amulya, Preeti and Valerie.

Hi guys!
Remember
what it was like
going to school
in India?

Oh! Do we have
to remember
that time? I love
Richmond
Primary School!

Yes I love this school
too! It gives us so
many opportunities.
Let's just reminisce!
I miss my old school
too.

It was so tiring to
spend 5-6 hours on
homework unlike here
we only have 1-2
hours of homework.

I miss the other subjects
like Hindi, Punjabi,
Geography, Visual
Education, General
Knowledge and Social
Studies. But love the
STEM and coding
programs at Richmond.

Remember, we
started our day with
prayer and the
principal gave us
moral education and
some grammar tips.

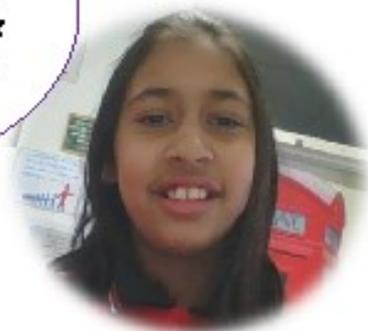
There were no
IELP classes
in India!

I loved it when
school buses dropped
and picked us up to
and from school
because I got to have
a chat with my
friends!

I didn't like it when there were almost 40-50 students in each class with one teacher. Whereas, there are almost 20-30 students in schools here.



Our term exams in India decided whether we will go to the next class or not. I love exams!



Do you two remember how scared we were when we were appearing for our tests and interview with the principal to get admission in our school?



Yes! It was quite scary but we didn't have to do this here! Here we start our next year term in January, but in India we started our next year term in March which is quite weird.



It felt strange when I got to know that there were two types of schooling: Primary and High School. In India, there was a complete school (from Reception to Year 12).

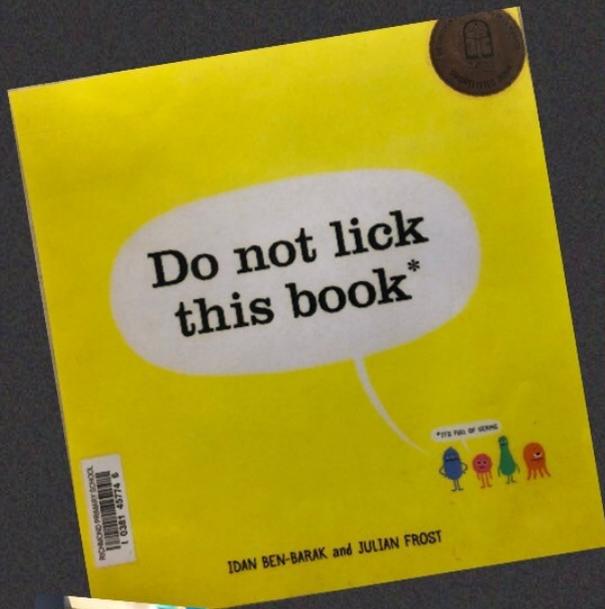


I remember one more thing! There were different teachers for different subjects. Here there is only one teacher for all the subjects. That's all for now! Bye!

BYE!



Miss Alicia's Reception and Year 1 Class



hmmm...
Why do we
need to wash
our hands?





The piece of bread that we touched with dirty hands is growing lots of bacteria. The piece we touched with clean hands only has a tiny amount of bacteria on it.

What we found:

- Germs.
- Mould is growing.
- Germs are called 'bacteria' and this is what we can see growing.
- Germs can make us sick.
- If we don't wash our hands the germs will go from our food and into our mouth.





Years 5/6/7 Camp Toc H

