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'Learning & Caring for Life'

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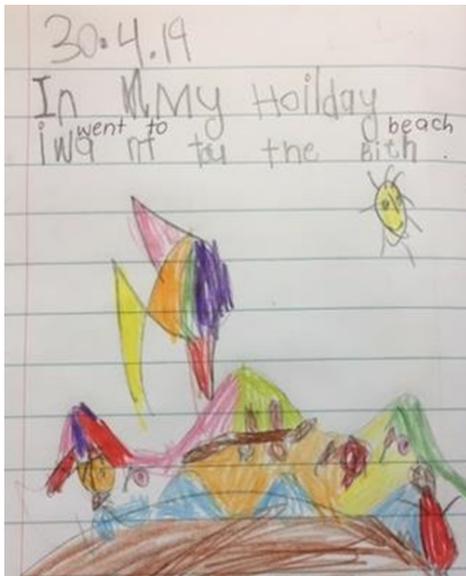
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Dear Families,

Welcome back to school. Term 2 offers many more successful and engaging learning opportunities for our students and school community.

During the recent school holidays we were able to make improvements to our facilities; repairing the ceiling, painting the walls of our beautiful heritage building (OHSC and IELP classrooms), and repairing the linoleum flooring of the STEM 2 room. We thank OHSC staff, parents and children for their flexibility during this time and hope they will enjoy their much-improved surroundings.



At any given time, there is much to do in regards to school facilities and we appreciate any feedback from our school community in terms of prioritising work to be completed. New pavers and mulching of our Nature Play are to be completed soon.

We are extremely proud of Richmond Primary School's representation at this year's ANZAC Day service. During the Dawn Service Harper, Briony, Jack, Willow and Sayde read a poem and laid a wreath. We have received much praise from our wider community as a result.

Over the next few weeks the majority of Year 3, 5 and 7 students will be preparing for and completing NAPLAN Online. This assessment, other tests such as PAT M and PAT R, classroom based assignments and tests, online subscription progress, etc. combine to help us gather data to inform our student progress and teacher practice. For additional information, you may wish to visit; <https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment> or see page 4 of this issue.

May we please ask for your support in regards to being punctual? We have concerns about children who arrive late without parental supervision, regularly arrive late, and/or arrive late with no written explanation. Teachers must record any lateness or absenteeism each day. When a number of students are recorded as absent, then late, without explanation, and subsequently followed up it can significantly add to the number of tasks at the start of the day. Focusing on the first lesson of the day can be challenging when taking all of this in to consideration.

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Points of Interest

- **FRIDAY 10/5/19**
District Athletics Day
- **14/5/19—17/5/19**
NAPLAN
- **WEDNESDAY 15/5/19**
Yr.2 Excursion
- **20/5/19—23/5/19**
NAPLAN
- **WEDNESDAY 22/5/19**
Dream Big Excursion
Yrs 4-7

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Being late for school has a negative impact on your child's learning. Lost minutes may add up to lost hours of learning. Being late for class often means important instructions are missed and the class is interrupted. Children need to arrive on time ready to settle into their learning activities. Arriving at least 5 minutes before the first bell allows your child to interact with their peers and get themselves ready for their busy day. Attending school regularly and arriving on time helps prepare children for the real world, where it is expected that they turn up to work every day and on time.

I hope we can work together on improving punctuality and in turn reducing the collective time taken to address the issue of lateness. I am always appreciative and grateful of the support given by our community in many different ways.

Finally, **our school hall is required as a polling venue on Saturday May 18th**. We are planning a BBQ fundraiser and hope we have a number of our parents and staff available to assist on this day. More details can be found in this newsletter.

Ngā mihi nui

Ella and Stacey

School Values

Dear Families,

This term our school will be reviewing and updating our school values. In the coming weeks, we will invite all families in our Richmond School community to participate in an online Monkey Survey and share the values they believe are important for our students to live and learn by.

Teaching students about values is extremely important. They are the principles that guide their actions, thoughts and words, and help foster a positive school environment.

We encourage all families to have their say.

Keep an eye out for the survey...
coming soon!



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STEM

Dear Families,

Whilst the holidays may have been partially relaxing, teachers were also busy planning for a great term 2.

I met with a few teachers to collaboratively plan for Science, STEM or Technology and I'm excited to also be working with teachers a couple of teachers also!

The Department have a variety of programs to support schools and students in STEM. For example Sherie Redden and Louise Brasshaw are site representatives in the STEM500 program. As of 1st May, Kyah and Phoenix have been accepted into a 2 day ATSI STEM Congress program later in the term. A great term awaits us all.

Stacey Eichenberger



Richmond Primary 2019 Choir

We have a large group of students in Choir this year with at least half singing on stage in September.

Students had their first interim assessment last term and have another on Wednesday 12th June to check we are progressing well. Students have been working hard learning at school (and home through the online portal!) to ensure they have the correct words, tone, pitch and speed for their alto / soprano part. Some songs are sounding great with many more to be learnt.

Students learn many skills in choir...

"Something challenging in Choir is that we all have to sing in perfect unison and harmony so we are really working as team to make the songs work." Cassie

"Choir helps us learn a lot of skills like social skills and also vocabulary." Katha

"We would like to give a shout out to Ms Howes for teaching and conducting Choir and Narelle for being the musician to help us." Cassie.



Choir also gives students opportunities to contribute in other ways. Such opportunities include soloist, musicians for the orchestra & guest artist and drama through being part of the troupe or a host.

We have Mille and Cassie pursuing a host role with 6 students interested in trying out as a soloist. See

<http://www.festivalofmusic.org.au/soloists.html> for access.

ALL students year 4-7 are invited to contribute by designing the 2020 songbook cover. Schools may submit 2 entries for judging. Teachers will have this information to share with students very soon!

Yours in Music, Stacey Eichenberger.

Are you moving?

To assist us with student numbers and class placements for Term 3 could you please notify our front office staff in person or via email dl.0381.info@schools.sa.edu.au if your family has decided to move to another school? There are many reasons for relocation and change of school so if you could “keep us in the loop” it would be most appreciated.



NAPLAN is ONLINE in 2019

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) takes place each year for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 and has been an every-day part of the school calendar since 2008.

This year Richmond is moving to **Online** NAPLAN assessments, meaning NAPLAN is transitioning from paper-based tests to computer-based assessments.

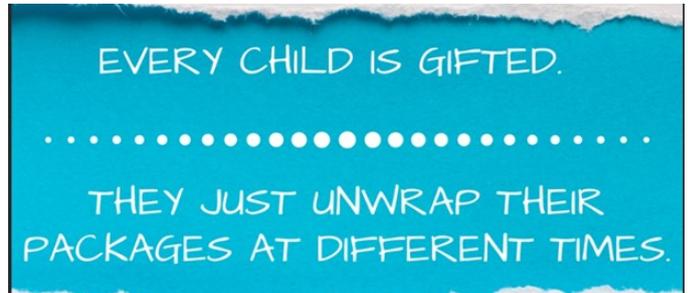
Students have already accessed a practise test to become familiar with the log in process, the tools available, the types of questions they may be asked and logistics in inserting their answers.

Year 5, 7 & 9 students will complete the writing aspect via computers. Year 3 students will still complete the written test by hand. Please support your child to make the most of the Typing Tournament access

Online testing brings many benefits and opportunities including providing better assessment, more precise results and faster turnaround of information.

The NAPLAN Online test window for 2019 is **14 to 24 May**. Please refer to <http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site> if you wish to look at an example of NAPLAN Online.

More information for parents is available at www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support/ or <https://www.nap.edu.au/docs/default-source/default-document-library/naplan-online-information-brochure-for-parents-and-carers.pdf?sfvrsn=4> . This information form is also available in Arabic, Bosnian, Chinese, Hindi, Khmer, Persian, Samoan, Serbian, Sinhalese, Somali, Spanish, Tagalog, Turkish and Vietnamese.



Australian Mathematics Competition

One of the world's largest school-based mathematics competitions to be held at school on **Thursday 1 August 2019**

Dear families,

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 you are interested you may collect an entry form from our front office staff.



Richmond Primary School had numerous **Oliphant Science Awards** successes in 2017 and 2018 and we are hoping for more success this year. The 2019 Award Categories are as follows: Computer Programming & Robotics, Crystal Investigation, Games, Models & Inventions, Multimedia, Photography, Posters, Science Writing and Scientific Inquiry.

Last year Sarah C received a Highly Commended Award for her game, Taxonomy Guess Who?

Sarah wrote; my game is to guess your opponent's animal by asking questions about taxonomy. Taxonomy is the science of the classification of living things. The slogan says, not only for learning, but also for fun.

Please take the time and visit <http://www.oliphantscienceawards.com.au> and read the flow chart in this week's newsletter to find out how your child may be involved. Our school coordinator is Stacey Eichenberger and there will be meetings for interested students starting in Week 2.



Please, can you assist with our Election BBQ fundraiser, May 18th?

Richmond Primary School hall will be a polling venue on Saturday May 18th and our school community and the local RSA, Retired Serviceman's Association, plan to raise funds by providing a BBQ.

Federal Election RPS BBQ Roster, Sat May 18

One hour shifts, **7.15 am until 1.30 pm** please call the school, 82931863, speak to our office staff or email dl.0381.info@schools.sa.edu.au if you are available to help. It would be very much appreciated. Many hands make light work.

With the election coming up many of us have questions! Richmond PS students recently asked the ABC's political expert, Annabel Crabb, to answer some and help us to understand how Australia's political system works.

Check out the BTN website : <http://www.abc.net.au/btn/campaigns/ask-annabel/11056326>



I would like to participate in the Oliphant Science Awards!

What do I need to do?



- Ask your coordinator for a registration form or download it and print it from the Awards website: www.oliphantscienceawards.com.au
- Check out the categories available and choose which you would like to enter - don't forget, you can enter different projects in different categories!
- Ask your Coordinator if you need more information!

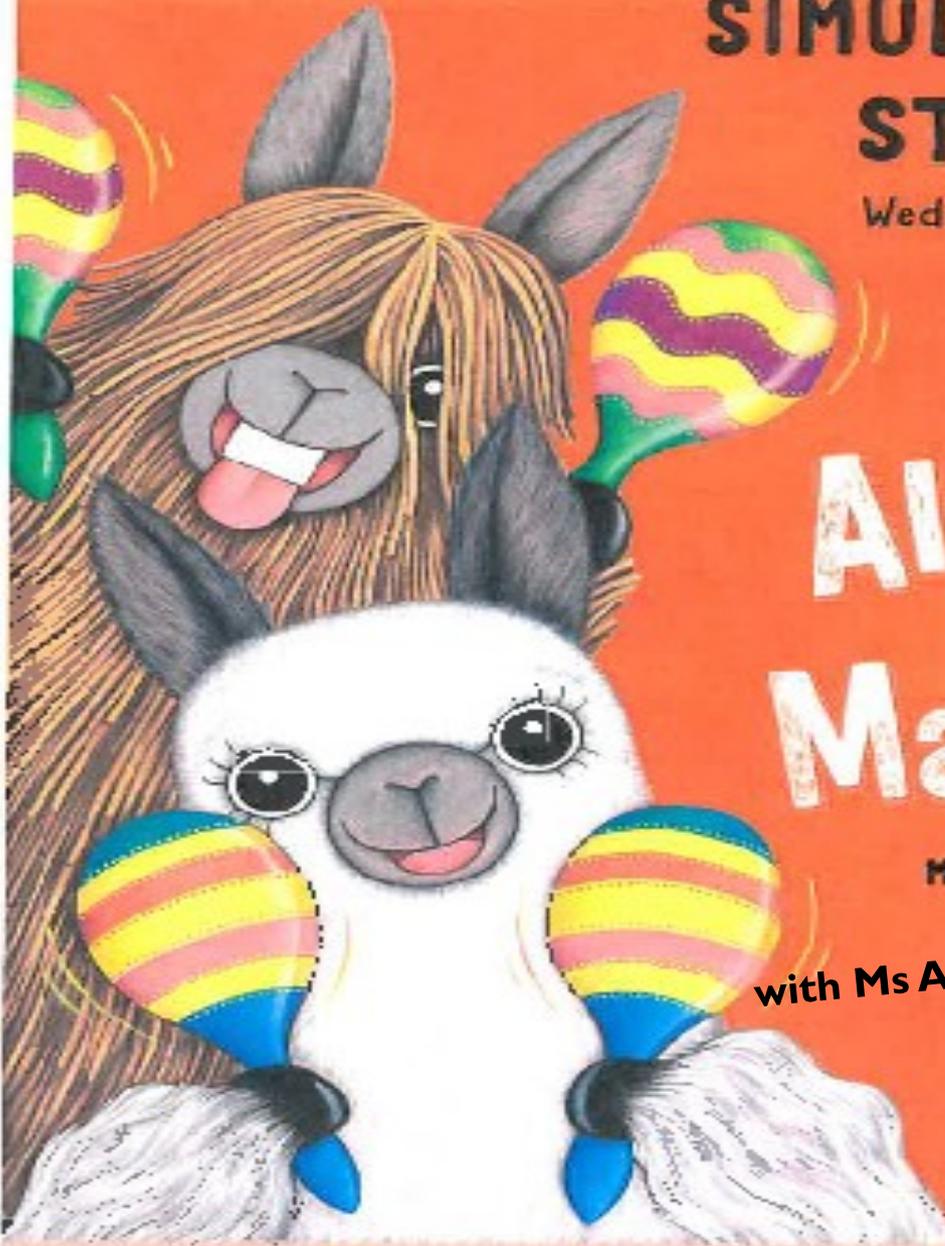


Remember to ask your COORDINATOR or go online and have a look at www.oliphantscienceawards.com.au if you have any questions at any stage!

#NSS2019
#1millionkidsreading

NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME

Wednesday 22 May 2019
alia.org.au/nss



Alpacas with Maracas

MATT COSGROVE

with Ms Angela's class 10.30a.m.



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www.alia.org.au

SCHOLASTIC

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Scholastic Book Club will recommence this term. Order must be placed on-line only.



ANZAC DAY
Don't be forgotten

ANZAC DAY

ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE

WEST TORRENS MEMORIAL GARDENS

REMEMBER

By S George Van Staveren

Remember, Australia, now peace bells have rung,
And Victor's songs have been joyfully sung.
Remember the blood that was shed for this land;
Forget not the courage so noble and grand.

Remember, Australia, when birds sweetly sing,
And nature's soft blossoms are glories of spring.
As trees gently sway in the light laughing breeze,
Remember the battle to keep gems like these.

Remember, Australia, those brave men who fell,
Whose lives ebbed away in a valley of hell.
Remember their children, and others loved dear,
And give them a future to face without fear.

Remember, Australia, the brave who return,
The wounded, the war-torn, you must never spurn.
Remember those men, and discharge you debt well,
Secure and in comfort, be sure they all dwell.

Remember, remember, forever, these sons!
Who flung back the foe with a thunder of guns!
As free soil you tread, and on beauty you gaze,
Remember, Australia, remember always!

This year, the Hilton RSL invited students from Richmond Primary School to participate in the Service of Remembrance held at the West Torrens Memorial Gardens on ANZAC DAY.

The school would like to acknowledge the following students for their outstanding effort representing our school: Charlie Skedgwell, Briony Piro, Willow Woodward, Tom Gasiorowski and Sayde Meakes.

On the morning of ANZAC Day, the students had an early start; arriving at the Memorial Gardens at 5:40am. All 5 students bravely stood at a lectern and read a poem titled, 'Remember' to many dignitaries and a large gathering of people. The students were later invited to lay a wreath in honour of those who served. The students were praised for their exceptional effort and told, 'they did their school proud'. Well done!



"They did such a great job and the school should be proud to have students like this representing Richmond Primary in the public on what is a special and respectful day to so many."

Thoughts shared by a community member.





2019 PUBLIC EDUCATION AWARDS

Recognising excellence



Government of South Australia
Department for Education

Nominate, recognise and celebrate an outstanding educator in the 2019 Public Education Awards.

Get involved and say thank you to a leader, teacher or support staff member making a significant difference to the lives of their students and their communities.

An educator's influence continues beyond the classroom and supports children and young people to reach their full potential in life. We all remember a teacher who inspired and motivated us to enjoy learning, and the awards honour the dedication and passion of individuals who deliver the best possible outcomes for young people and their families.

The Public Education Awards are entering their 9th year and we're excited to share excellence in South Australian public education and invite you to celebrate and recognise an educator who makes a positive impact every day.

The Public Education Awards recognise excellence in South Australian public education, and nominations are open 1 to 31 May. Visit www.education.sa.gov.au/awards to nominate and find out more about the awards.

RAMADAN

By Alaa, Rahaf, Laraib and Ms Hidayah



We go to the mosque to pray everyday.

Did you know that Ramadan will start on the sixth of May and finish on fourth of June?

Ramadan is a time for prayers and thinking about other people who are less fortunate than ourselves .



In our country Ramadan is during the holiday season so we can fast and rest during the day.



In Australia we go to school as normal so sometimes we can feel tired from fasting and lack of sleep.



Children can start fasting as soon as they are ready. They do not eat or drink from sunrise to sunset.



Ramadan food. Yummy!!!!

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