



# RICHMOND PRIMARY SCHOOL

*'Learning & Caring for Life'*

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Dear Families,

Why are we such a successful school with such significant recent growth and continuing enrolment enquiries? My belief is we are successful because the best interests of all children at Richmond Primary School motivate our decision-making.

Our website documents the many considerations we make for all families. Intervention, enrichment, EALD support, well-being programs and improvement plans which contribute to



address and improve childrens' learning needs and results. Our staff set professional goals for themselves and engage in continuous learning opportunities. We value the mutual support and respect shown by our community when parents and teachers meet. A successful and harmonious school is something to be very proud of; a much valued collective effort.

Success and growth also brings some challenges. Parking springs to mind immediately! Our infrastructure, such as classes, staffing, technology needs and resources have all increased accordingly. Our enrolment procedures help explain that we will accept children who reside nearest to our school, not any other government school.

Recently we have undergone a school enrolment capacity report with a number of recommendations, including information about future trends, equitable access to facilities, functionality of learning spaces and the amount of students we have the ability to accommodate. Other schools have undergone a similar external audit, particularly those close to the Adelaide CBD and with a comparatively higher percentage of residential building in progress.

Department for Education advisory staff and district/state authorities continue to assist us with changes to address capacity in the future. Please feel confident we continue to base our decisions on the best interests of all children at our school.

As part of this, I hope you have been able to participate in our School Values survey. Information from Emma Voigt, Well-being counsellor, has been provided in this week's newsletter and previously via Skool bag. Your input will help to shape our future directions in terms of school values, culture and inclusivity.

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Ella and Stacey



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## Points of Interest

- **20/5/19—22/5/19**  
**NAPLAN Numeracy**
- **TUESDAY 21/5 Yr 5/6**  
**PEO incursion**
- **WEDNESDAY 22/5/19**  
**Dream Big Excursion**  
**Yrs 4-7**
- **FRIDAY 24/5 Assembly**
- **THURSDAY 30/5 Princi-**  
**pal's Tour**
- **10/6 PUBLIC HOLIDAY**
- **11/6 PUPIL FREE DAY**

# NAPLAN Online - All Ok Here!

You may have heard or read in the media about issues with NAPLAN if schools are doing this testing online. As a NAPLAN Online school I am very pleased to report that Richmond Primary has had great success in accessing the NAP lockdown browser with strong internet connectivity. We have been fortunate, with very few disruptions to student engagement with testing to date.

This success can be attributed to a solid investment into upgrading the schools' internet capabilities by Mrs Ella Blake at the start of the year, and a great team of highly organised and diligent staff who engage in training, implement and follow processes and problem solve effectively.

Year 3, 5 & 7 students are scheduled to complete their last test (Numeracy) next week, with all testing planned to conclude by Wednesday.

Your child's attendance has also supported the smooth running of NAPLAN. So a thank you to parents for your child's attendance and their ability to adapt to change and manage challenges. It really does help set them up for future success in multiple ways.

Kind Regards,

Stacey Eichenberger.

# Community Values Survey

HAVE YOUR SAY ONLINE NOW

## UPDATING OUR SCHOOL VALUES

We are updating our school values and seek your input.

Values are extremely important. They help guide students' words, thoughts and actions, and foster a positive school environment.

Have your say. What values do you think are important for our school community?

Follow the link to complete a 2 minute survey.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9K6SBBN>



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MAY 5	6	7	8	9	<b>MAY 10</b> Survey Opens	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	<b>MAY 28</b> Survey Closes	29	30	31	

# MEET OUR NEW ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY EDUCATION OFFICER

## JOHN HENRY TAYLOR

Richmond Primary School is excited to introduce our new Aboriginal Community Education Officer, John Henry Taylor.

John's role at Richmond is to support our Aboriginal students and the teaching of Aboriginal perspectives into all classroom learning.

Last Friday, John held a 'yarning circle' with our Aboriginal students to get to know them and they ended up interviewing him.

Here's what they found out...

*Where were you born?* Alice Springs

*What is your favourite place to visit?* Out bush on the sand dunes and the Desert Oaks. John used to be a ranger and look after Parks. He'd trap wild cats because they would eat up to 6 or 7 birds a day. He protected the native animals.

*How many children do you have?* Two boys aged 8 and 11 years.

*What is your favourite food?* KFC Zinger Box

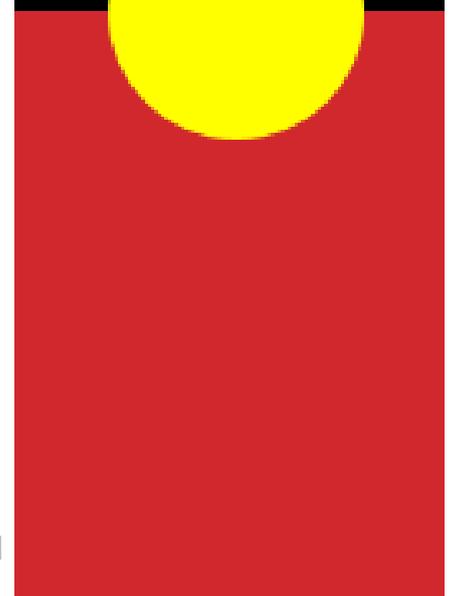
*What is your favourite day of the year?* Picnic Day.  
A public holiday celebrated in the Northern Territory in August.

*Do you like fishing?* No. When John was younger, he went fishing with his cousin and when she threw the line into the water, the hook got him in the face.

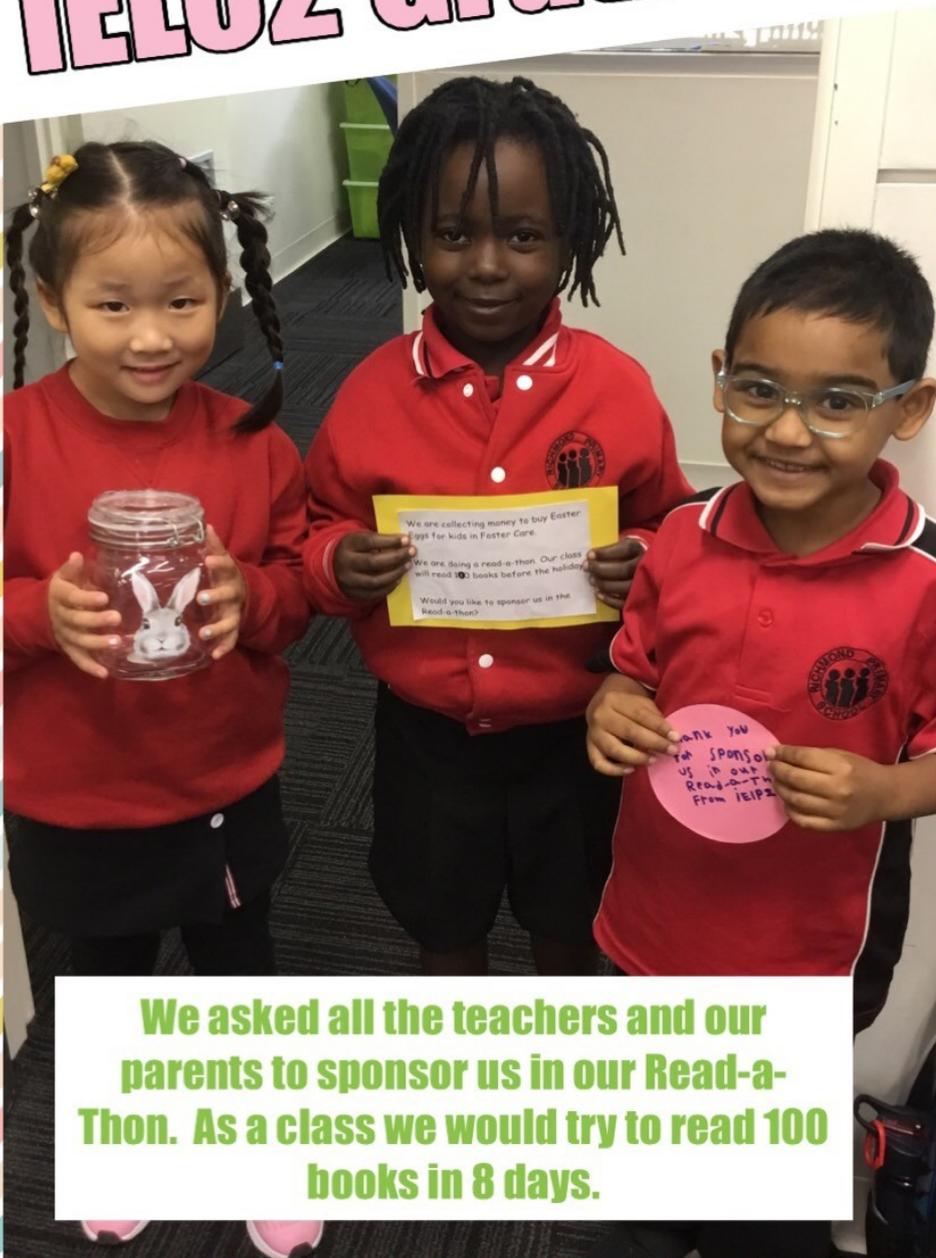


Richmond Primary School's Aboriginal students with John.  
From left to right: Kyah, Grace, John, Mason, Zephyry and Dilshad  
Absent: BJ and Phoenix

JOHN HENRY TAYLOR



# IELC2 Gratitude Project

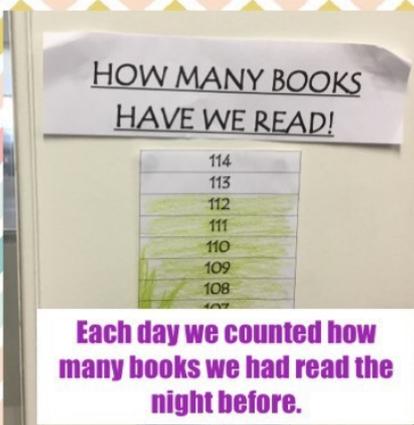


We heard about kids in care that might not get Easter Eggs. We wanted to help them so we did a Read-a-Thon.

We asked all the teachers and our parents to sponsor us in our Read-a-Thon. As a class we would try to read 100 books in 8 days.



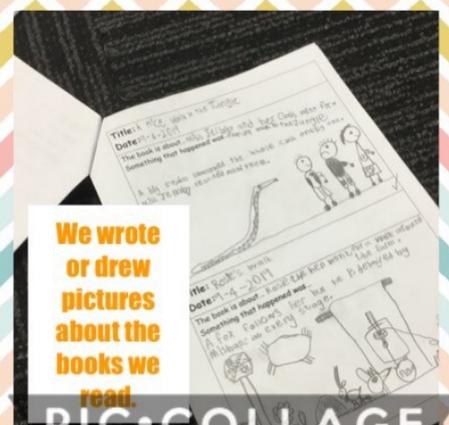
We took home different books each night.



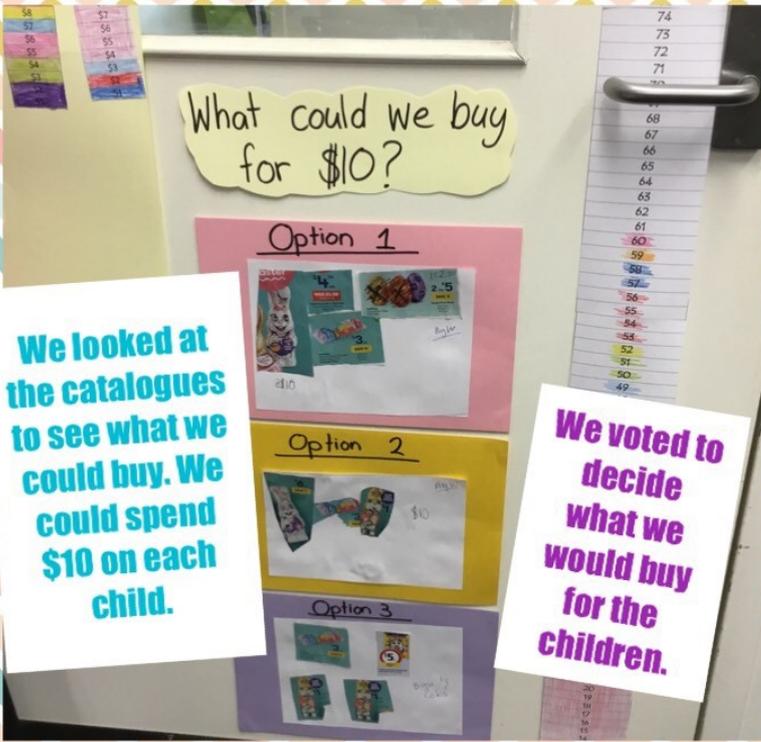
Each day we counted how many books we had read the night before.



We recorded the money we were given.



We wrote or drew pictures about the books we read.



**We looked at the catalogues to see what we could buy. We could spend \$10 on each child.**

**We voted to decide what we would buy for the children.**



**We decorated bags to put the eggs in.**



**We packed the eggs into bags.**



**We raised enough money to buy eggs for 26 kids in care.**

**"It feels good to help other kids feel happy and that makes my heart big and thankful for everything."  
Kayla (IELP 2 student)**

**"It's good to be kind"  
Olav (IELP 2 student)**



**We went to deliver the eggs.**



**They were very appreciative of our hard work.**

**PIC•COLLAGE**

# LIBRARY NEWS



**In the library we made butterflies with Ms Megaw.  
We love working together!**



**Last week the Speech and Language Class decorated  
candle holders and made beautiful candles for Mother's  
Day.**

**PIC•COLLAGE**

Are you the parent of a 5-12 year old?  
Want to encourage positive behaviour in your home?  
Come and join us or watch our live webcast.

Hear psychologist, parenting author and commentator, Jodie Benveniste talk about:

- understanding children's behaviour so you can guide them to be their best
- responding to misbehaviour in positive and helpful ways
- reducing battles and encouraging more cooperation in your home.

**Wednesday 22 May**

**When:** 7.00 - 9.00pm

**Where:** City Rooms  
Adelaide Convention Centre  
North Terrace, Adelaide

**Register to attend in person or view the live webcast at:**

Online: <http://parentingsa.eventbrite.com.au>  
Phone: 8303 1660  
Email: [health.parentingsa@sa.gov.au](mailto:health.parentingsa@sa.gov.au)

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[www.parenting.sa.gov.au](http://www.parenting.sa.gov.au) or  
[www.cyh.com](http://www.cyh.com)

*This seminar is designed for an adult audience.*

# Sports

## 2019 SAPSASA Athletics Carnival

The Airport SAPSASA Athletics Carnival was held last Friday at the Little Athletics Club, Henley Beach. A group of 20 students represented Richmond Primary School in various Field and Track events. Special mention needs to be given to:

Jack Gasiorowski placing 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Boys Long Jump

Ranveer Kumar 3<sup>rd</sup> in Boy's Shot Put

Ethan Carlson 3<sup>rd</sup> in Boy's Discus

Sandro Purugganan 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Boy's 200m Final

**Mr N for being an outstanding PE teacher!**



The day was a great success with Richmond finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> overall within all of Airport Small Schools. Well done team on a great carnival!

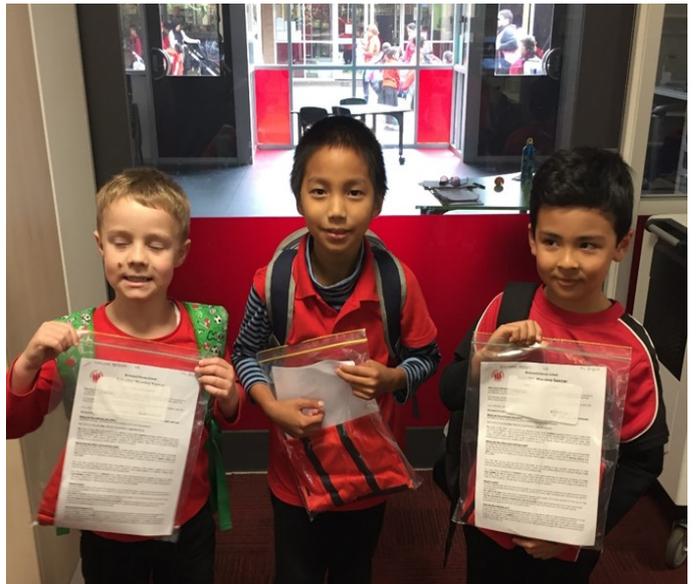
Daniel Nguyen

## Ready for Soccer 2019

Callum, Eason and Rashaad are some of the members of our Richmond Primary School soccer teams.

This moment was captured when they had just received their soccer shirts, shorts and practice/game details.

Lara Richardson, Lara's family, and Tina Spencer must be thanked for their leadership, time and commitment in regards to this sporting program. Lara and Tina spend hours sorting through registration forms, arranging teams, recruiting coaches and managers, coordinating fundraising, and liaising with North West Soccer association to make the soccer season possible. It's a BIG JOB.



Tina and family have recently made the decision to move houses and their contributions will be sorely missed. Thank you Tina, your contributions have been most valued and greatly appreciated. Lara is now in need of volunteer soccer fanatics and co delegate to fill the void... great job satisfaction included!

To all of our coaches, managers, players and cheer squads, here's to a successful season!

**As a reminder**

# 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 your child has shown a special interest/talent in maths you may wish to discuss this with your child's teacher and/or collect an entry form (\$6.50 entry fee) from the front office staff. Our students will be sitting the paper version of this test.

Closing date for entries is Friday 17th May |

## Native Plant Giveaway

Each year to celebrate World Environment Day in June our local council host a Native Plant Giveaway for local residents.

The City of West Torrens will be holding its annual Native Plant Giveaway on Saturday 1 June, 2019, between 10am and 12pm in the West Torrens Memorial Gardens, 1 Brooker Terrace, Hilton. As part of this initiative, residents can get a free pack of native plants for their garden to encourage biodiversity and sustainability across the region. Each pack contains a selection of hardy, attractive and water wise species.

Local residents only can redeem plant packs, but you must present a completed [voucher](#), plus proof that you live in West Torrens on the day. Plant packs are limited (one per household) and residents must meet terms and conditions outlined on the voucher.

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 contact West Torrens Council on 8416 6333 or visit;

[https://www.westtorrens.sa.gov.au/CWT/news\\_and\\_events/Council\\_news\\_and\\_events/Council\\_News/Native\\_plant\\_giveaway](https://www.westtorrens.sa.gov.au/CWT/news_and_events/Council_news_and_events/Council_News/Native_plant_giveaway)

