

Richmond Primary School Newsletter



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Term 1, Week 1 2021 Week ending Friday 29 January

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WELCOME

Dear families,

Welcome back! It is an exciting time for all of our staff, students and community as we continue to create engaging, relevant and successful teaching and learning opportunities.

A special welcome to our Reception students and new students/families who are attending Richmond Primary for the first time this week. Our enrolments continue to grow and we start 2021 with 15 mainstream classes and 3 Intensive English Language Program (IELP) classes.



We welcome new staff; Rebecca Martin, Year 5, Emma de Cure, Year 3, and Tracey Hamden, assisting with finance/administration, and we welcome back Voula Karahalios and Soula Anthony, IELP classes, and Louise Cielens, Year 3, team teaching 2 days a week.

As a community, we are committed to learning. Learning is for everyone whether we are a student, teacher, staff or parent. All staff have spent much time prior to this week to prepare relevant learning experiences and school processes that support, engage and challenge our students.

There is always much to consider. We continue to look for ways to address and promote growth in any areas requiring improvement. Our school data, values, recommendations, agreements, parent feedback, department priorities and improvement goals guide us.

This year is the final year that Year 7 students will be attending primary school; Year 7 is transitioning to secondary schools in 2022. Next week our 3 classes of Year 6/7 students will enjoy Aquatics, a water safety program to support students to become confident and to develop skills to remain safe in aquatic environments. We also have a Year 6/7 camp to Aldinga planned in Week 7, exciting times ahead!

New footpaths and housing continue to transform Surrey Road. Please be reminded of safe driving practices at pick up/drop off. No U-turns please, we need predictable vehicle directions for child safety and efficient flow of traffic for all drivers.

As always, I look forward to working alongside our school community once again as we continue to strive for ways to improve all student learning outcomes at Richmond Primary School.

"I just couldn't wait to get to back to school" Krishiv, Year 3

Kind regards, Ella.

DIARY DATES 2021

TERM 1

February

- Mon 1st Aquatics Year 6/7
Fri 5th R – 7 Assembly @ 1.30pm
(Limited parent seating available)
Mon 15th Governing Council AGM
Mon 22nd Parent Teacher Interview Week 1
Wed 24th Principal Tour @ 9.15am
Fri 26th Year 3 - 7 Assembly
(Limited parent seating available)

March

- Mon 1st Parent Teacher Interview Week 2
Mon 8th Adelaide Cup Public Holiday
Tue 9th **Student Free Day (OSHC available)**
Wed 10th – Fri 11th Year 6/7 Aldinga Camp
Wed 17th Governing Council Meeting @ 6pm
Fri 12th R – 2 Assembly @ 1.30pm
(Limited parent seating available)
Fri 19th Harmony Day Dress up Parade
Wed 31st Way to Go – Bike Education
(Yr. 5 and Ms. Luda's classes)

April

- Thu 1st Reception – Year 7 Assembly
Fri 2nd Good Friday Public Holiday
Mon 5th Easter Monday Public Holiday
Tue 6th Way to Go – Bike Education
(Yr. 5 and Ms. Luda's classes)
Wed 7th Way to Go – Bike Education,
(Yr. 5 and Ms. Luda's classes)
Thu 8th IELP Graduation
Fri 9th R – 7 Assembly at 11.30am
(Limited parent seating available)

2021 TERM DATES

- Term 1 Wed 27th January - Fri 9th April
Term 2 Tue 27th April - Fri 2nd July
Term 3 Mon 19th July - Fri 24th September
Term 4 Mon 11th October – Fri 10th December



M & S INVOICES

Next week, Students will receive a number of important forms to take home, including school fee invoices, student details to be checked, as well as a parent information circular.

TERM 1 – COVID UPDATE 2021

Acquaintance Night combined with parent teacher interviews.

Thank you to all members of our school community who have helped us to stay safe during the COVID-19 pandemic.

While there is currently no community transmission of COVID-19 in South Australia, it is important we continue to follow the advice from SA Health and Directions set by SAPOL. To help minimise risk at our school we have been provided with a COVID-19 site safety plan, QR codes for Richmond PS (which will be activated later this term), and two touch-free hand sanitiser stations for adult use, near to the staff room and front office. Additionally, increased cleaning at our school will continue.

All adults on site must continue to physical distance wherever possible, including at school pick up and drop off.

After much consideration and discussion as a staff, we have decided to combine our traditional Acquaintance Night with parent teacher interviews this year. In this way, we can confidently manage and record adult attendees, adhering to COVID recommendations and requirements.

Parent interviews will be earlier this year, occurring during Term 1, Week 5 and 6, (Feb 22- March 5). These interviews are designed for teachers and parents to meet and share information about each child/student. This may include previous data sets, recent work samples and general conversations about progress, interests and areas for development. This may also be a chance to clarify routines, communication processes and expectations.

Interviews are of 15-minute duration and can be face to face, via Teams meeting (online) or by phone conversation.

A link to book your child's/children's interviews will be sent to you via seesaw, skool bag and school newsletter in the coming weeks.

Prior to interviews your child's 2021 classroom information will be communicated via handouts, Seesaw or Teams, whichever is most applicable to each classroom setting.

We thank you for your understanding and continued support throughout this complicated time.



RPS GOVERNING COUNCIL AGM

Richmond Primary School's Governing Council Annual General Meeting (AGM). All welcome!

We will hold Richmond Primary School's Governing Council Annual General Meeting (AGM) on **Monday 15th Feb** and everyone is welcome to attend. Elliot Keane, our Governing Chairperson, and I will present our 2020 Annual Report. **To be held in our school hall at 6 pm.**

We strongly encourage parents to be a part of our council meetings, held twice per term. We ask that, if possible due to limited supervision, children not attend the evening.

If you would like to nominate as a 2021 Governing Council member please email dl.0381.info@schools.sa.edu.au supplying your name and the name of your child and his/her class teacher by Friday 12th February. If you have registered but unable to attend, information from the evening will be sent home with your child the following day.

Ella Blake



FROM OUR GC CHAIRPERSON, ELLIOT KEANE

Welcome back to school! And another GC invitation.

If you are new to Richmond Primary we want to offer you a warm welcome to our school. We are proud of our amazing teaching staff, passionate school leadership and friendly school families. Don't be afraid to offer a smile and a greeting to other parents and we encourage you to make the effort to make new friends across the school.

This year Sarah and I have three children at Richmond and we are thankful our kids get so well loved, supported and taught by the teachers of Richmond Primary. I also have the privilege of serving as our Governing Council Chairperson. I really enjoy the opportunity to work alongside our school leaders and support their vision for a fantastic school for every student.

Our Governing Council is a team of passionate parents who want to contribute to making our school even better. Governing Council meets twice a term to collaborate with school staff, share ideas and positively contribute to the life of our school. You are welcome to express your interest in joining our team too. We'd love to meet you and talk with you some more about what it means to be part of Richmond's Governing Council. Everyone is welcome to attend our school's Governing Council Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Monday 15th Feb, 6 pm

If you are new to our school or have questions about our school community please feel free to contact me at elliott@richmond.org.au or call me on 0408 180 284.

Elliot Keane, Governing Council Chairperson.

IGNITE ASSESSMENT – GLENUNGA INTERNATIONAL HS

Year 6 2021 students – Sat 20 Feb 2021

Year 7 2021 students – Sat 27 Feb 2021

IGNITE is a program for students with high intellectual potential. Glenunga International High School is a DfE Special Interest School which is funded to provide programs for IGNITE students previously known as 'Students with High Intellectual Potential' or 'Gifted and Talented'.

Taking into consideration the Year 7 Transition to high school in 2022, Glenunga will be conducting separate Ignite Assessments for the Year 6 2021 and Year 7 2021 students. Students can only sit once for the assessment.

Registration for the assessment must be made online via

<https://gihs.sa.edu.au/specialist-programs/ignite/>

Please contact Nicole Lake, Ignite Leader

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Manager william.ridge@gihs.sa.edu.au or 83795629 for queries

PUPIL FREE DAY WEDNESDAY 20TH JANUARY 2021

Much was accomplished last week, both preparing our classrooms and engaging in professional learning. Our teaching staff are dedicated and committed to providing high quality teaching and learning programs for every student in every classroom. Last week, we focussed on;

Formative Assessment The goal of formative assessment is to monitor student learning to provide ongoing feedback that can be used by teachers to improve their teaching and by students to improve their learning. More specifically, formative assessments: help students identify their strengths and weaknesses and target areas that need work.

School Improvement Plan 2021, reading, writing and number sense. We discussed target reviews, goals, challenge of practice and consistency of pedagogy/program.

Consideration of **Literacy and Numeracy 2021 whole school agreements**, focusing on descriptions of current RPS practice at each year level.

Social Emotional Learning, our whole school agreement, school values, circle solutions, consistency in terms of addressing student behaviour.

Data informed practices. Staff sharing student information and discussing data informed best practice.

FRUIT FLY RESTRICTIONS FOR RPS COMMUNITY

If you live in a fruit fly outbreak or suspension area, host fruit and fruiting vegetables purchased from a retail outlet must be kept secure when taken home – this means in a sealed bag or container – and it must then remain at home.

- This means host fruit and fruiting vegetables must not be included in lunch boxes or otherwise moved around.
- You'll need to consider alternatives for lunch boxes, like non-fruit fly host vegetables such as carrots, celery, cucumbers and lettuce, or cooked fruit, processed fruit (such as fruit straps), fruit puree, canned fruit or frozen fruit. These restrictions only apply to fruit fly host produce – find the full list at pir.sa.gov.au/fruitfly-produce

If we all play our part we can quickly eradicate this pest from our area.

JOHN, OUR GROUND PERSON

John, our much loved ground person, is retiring from Richmond Primary in the coming weeks in order to spend more time enjoying things like trail and bush walking.

John has worked at RPS since October 2011 and he says he has enjoyed dealing with a consistently great group of people.

John has been extremely versatile, accommodating and able to share his generous sense of humour with many of us. We will miss working alongside John and send our collective best wishes for his new adventures ahead.



HATS

Students are required to wear a hat whenever they are involved in outdoor lessons, and at recess and lunch play times. At Richmond PS we have a "No hat, no play" agreement, students without hats are asked to sit in the shade at break times.

With so many hats at our school, it is important to write your child's name on their hat, to assist with a safe return or to be found in our lost property collection (outside our front office)

More information can be found; <https://www.richmondps.sa.edu.au/app/uploads/2021/01/Sun-Smart-or-Wet-Weather-Policy-Nov-2020.pdf>

