

# Richmond Primary School Newsletter



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Term 4, Week 3 2021

Week ending Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October

Pam Thompson  
Principal

Tina Farmassonis  
Deputy Principal

## WELCOME

Hi everyone,

I would like to welcome Tina Farmassonis who has joined us as Deputy Principal for the rest of the year. Tina has quickly settled in really well and has already made positive connections with staff and students.

What a great week the R-5 students had last week with their swimming sessions. I had many conversations with them and was pleased to hear how much they were enjoying going to the pool, but the last day with games and dancing in the pool was definitely the highlight for most of them.

We are now busily planning for Sports Day on Friday 19th November.

On Monday staff were involved in a workshop with Sarah Centofanti, from the Department's Progressive Assessment Test (PAT) team, where we looked at our PAT data and how that informs us when planning future teaching and learning. We all worked on analysing the data in reading and maths so that we can prioritise the focus areas to improve student learning outcomes. In the afternoon we started the process of developing our SIP, which will start a new 3 year cycle next year. All staff were engaged in lots of professional and robust discussions.

## Staff Carpark

I would like to remind parents that the car park is for staff only between 7:15am & 3:45pm. Please respect these times as many of our staff are arriving between 7:15am & 7:45am and unable to park as there are parents parked in the car park. This means they have to park on the street and move their cars every 3 hours. We really appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

## Mobile Phones

As you are aware students' mobile phones need to be handed in to the front office in the morning and picked up at the end of the day. If your child brings any other device to school that has mobile communication enabled, such as watches, they also need to be handed in to the front office. Please advise your children of this if they have such devices at school.

There is a lot of talk around at the moment about the Squid Games series on Netflix. An information sheet has been sent to all families via skoolbag. You can also find relevant information on the [Australian Council on Children and the Media's website](#).

Pam

## DIARY DATES 2021

### TERM 4

#### October

Fri 29<sup>th</sup> World Teachers' Day

#### November

Mon 1<sup>st</sup> Governing Council  
Fri 5<sup>th</sup> Assembly (Rob O) IM Performing  
Fri 12<sup>th</sup> JP Assembly 01D/12A  
Tue 16<sup>th</sup> '22 Reception Transition Visit 1  
Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Sports Day  
Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> '22 Reception Transition Visit 2  
Fri 26<sup>th</sup> RPS Art Show  
Tues 30<sup>th</sup> '22 Reception Transition Visit 3

#### December

Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Governing Council Dinner  
Sports Assembly (Time – tbc)  
Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> 6/7 Graduation  
45ROB – Zoo Snooze  
Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> IELP Graduation  
Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Last day of Term 4  
Farewell Assembly  
Dismissal 2pm

### 2022

Term 1 31<sup>st</sup> January – 14<sup>th</sup> April  
Term 2 2<sup>nd</sup> May – 8<sup>th</sup> July  
Term 3 25<sup>th</sup> July – 30<sup>th</sup> September  
Term 4 17<sup>th</sup> October – 16<sup>th</sup> December

## Year 7 to high school

If you have a child going to high school in Year 7 next year there is a new short video from the Department for Education featuring interviews with year 7 students who have already made the move to high school. You can find the video [here](#). I would encourage you to watch the video with your child/ren who will be in Year 7 at high school next year.

Have a great weekend

Pam

Honesty

Inclusivity

Courage

Empathy

# HAPPY DIWALI

This week Miss Emma's class have been learning about the Diwali festival which will be celebrated by many families next week. Working in groups, our class researched Diwali and presented our learning to our buddy class. We then created our own rangoli designs using chalk with our buddies.



## HOW LONG DO WE CELEBRATE DIWALI?

Diwali is celebrated for 5 days and the third day is the main event.

-Joey, Mayan, Ranvir



## WHY IS IT CALLED DIWALI?

The word 'deep' means light, and 'aval' means continuous light.

The word Diwali is a variation of the Sanskrit word Deepavali.

It is called Diwali because you celebrate it with lights.

-Aarvi, Ayrton, Kalila

## WHAT IS DIWALI?

Diwali celebrates Rama's eventual defeat of the evil spirit. Diwali is a festival of lights. It is one of the major festivals celebrated by Hindus.

-Abdul, Dhairya, Linkin, Pratul



## WHY DO WE CELEBRATE DIWALI?

Diwali is called the festival of light. Indian people give presents to other people. After, they have a feast with their family and friends. They play with sparklers and fireworks.

-Nina, Shagun, Tia



## HOW IS DIWALI CELEBRATED?

When Indian people celebrate Diwali, they wear their best clothes. They also decorate their houses with Rangoli patterns inside and outside their houses. Indian people also perform ceremonies inside their houses. They like fireworks which happens at night.

-Marly, Nusayr, Naunidh



## HOW IS RANGOLI SIGNIFICANT TO DIWALI?

Rangoli is an art that is made in India. Rangoli is made out of flour, powder lime stone, red ochre and dry rice flour. It represents happiness, positivity and good luck.

-Ayanna, Harsirat, Rayaan

## WHAT FOOD IS EATEN DURING DIWALI?

Aloo Bhaaji is the most liked snack in Hindu culture. During Diwali we eat samosa, gulab jamun, paneer tikka and sooji halwa.

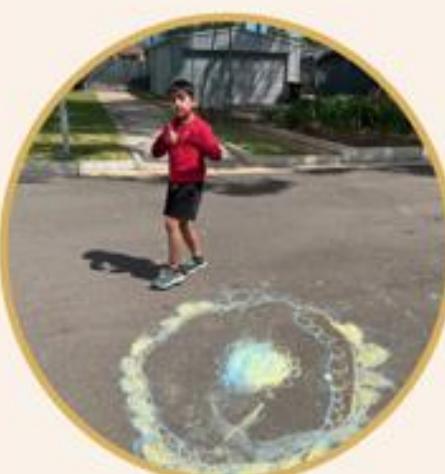
-Arsh, Jayde, Nimisha



## WHAT IS THE STORY OF DIWALI?

In one of the main stories in Hindu mythology Diwali is the day Lord Rama, his wife Sita Devi and brother Lakshmana return to their home land after 14 years in exile. The villagers lit a path for Rama who had defeated the demon King Ravaan. After, he slayed the demon Lord Krishna and declared it a day of festivities.

-Joey, Mayan, Ranvir



## Happy Diwali Everyone!



Diwali or Deepavali is a five-day celebration. This year it is from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November to Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November. However, in Maharashtra, Diwali festivities begin one day earlier on Govatsa Dwadashi. While in Gujarat festivities begin two days earlier on Agvaras and culminates on Labh Panchami.

The exact dates change each year and are determined by the position of the moon – but it usually falls between October and November.

People often think of Diwali as a Hindu festival, but it is also celebrated by Sikhs and Jains.

Diwali is called the Festival of Lights and is celebrated to honor Lord Rama, the seventh avatar (incarnation of the god Vishnu). It is believed that on this day Rama returned to his people after 14 years of exile during which he fought and won a battle against the demons and the demon king, Ravana. People lit their houses to celebrate his victory over evil (light over darkness).

Lakshmi the goddess of happiness and good fortune, also figures into the celebration. It is believed that she roams the Earth on this day and enters the house that is pure, clean, and bright. Diwali celebrations vary in different communities but its significance and spiritual meaning is generally “the awareness of the inner light”.

There are also other regional variations on the festival. For example: In the region of Bengal people worship the goddess Kali, the destroyer of evil forces, during Diwali. And in Nepal, people celebrate Lord Krishna’s victory over the wicked king Narakaasura.

### References

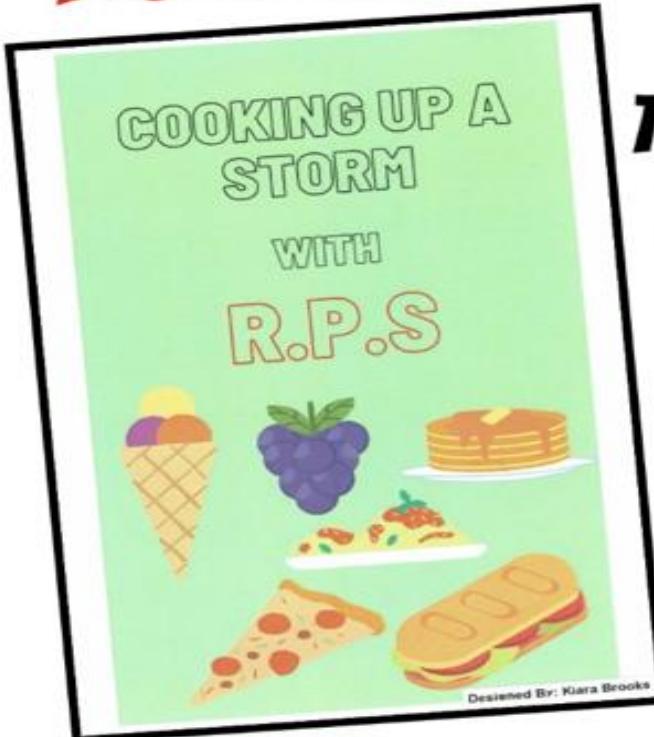
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To all our Hindu, Sikh and Jain families, Happy Diwali!

# R.P.S. FUNDRAISER



**THE R.P.S. COOK  
BOOK IS NOW  
AVAILABLE**

**ONLY \$12**

**40 DELICIOUS RECIPES FROM OUR  
SCHOOL COMMUNITY**

**PURCHASE THROUGH THE QKR APP  
ORDER BY NOVEMBER 5TH**

Hi All

We all know life is busy and preparing a meal the whole family will enjoy is hard so we have created the Richmond Primary School Cookbook full of amazing recipes just waiting for you to try.

**OUR COOKBOOK IS ONLY \$12 AND CAN BE PURCHASED THROUGH THE QKR APP.**

Orders must be placed by **FRIDAY THE 5<sup>TH</sup> OF NOVEMBER**, so be quick so you don't miss out.

It would also make a great gift for grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends..... for Christmas, birthdays or as a Thank You! 😊

Please support our wonderful school by purchasing your copy **TODAY.**

Thanking you in advance for your support.

**Adele On Behalf of the  
RPS Governing Council**

## 2021 RICHMOND SOCCER SUMMARY

On all counts the kids and coaches have enjoyed this season!

A great big **THANK YOU** to the coaches for their weekly contribution of fielding the sides and their efforts in supporting the children. Also, thanks go to the families for supporting the program, the COVID Marshals and complying with the COVID management plan as outlined by the NWJSA. Thank you to the staff at the school for their behind the scenes work, including keeping everyone informed via Skoolbag.

It started out as a tricky year with Covid implications but by Term 3 everyone seemed to be well and truly settled and enjoyed the remainder of the season.

Sadly, there is no "Carnival" this year, which means 'no' major fundraiser. It is also unfortunate, as it is a great day for all teams to support each other at the one venue, and the chance for the kids to play several games as a closure to the season. (Fundraising has been addressed through the 'fundraising committee'.)

Finally, I'd like to take this opportunity to send a heartfelt **THANK YOU** to LARA for her tireless efforts as the Richmond Soccer Delegate for the past 13 years. She has been a great source of knowledge of the program and of the NWJSA. She has been the "*face*" of Richmond Soccer! Lots of her personal time (and her family's time) has gone into seeing that the kids laugh, participate and have fun on the pitch, whilst learning skills such as teamwork and spending time with their peers. It's time for Lara to move on as her child leaves Richmond Primary. Her passion will remain in the form of helping me navigate through the duties of the Delegate so the program can remain an important part of Richmond Primary School.

There will be a "Trophy Presentation" (to regular players) in Term 4 – as part of our annual sports assembly on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December – more details to follow.

*Thanks again, Tania*

**Housekeeping** – There is still a large number of soccer tops not returned to the school as at publication. If your child still has one, please return it to Rod at the front desk asap. Thankyou

## Learn a Language



### LEARN JAPANESE IN 2022!

#### INVITATION TO AN INFORMATION SESSION FOR FAMILIES OF R-6 STUDENTS FROM ALL SCHOOLING SECTORS

We are delighted to inform you that in 2022, the School of Languages will be offering an R-6 Japanese program at Henley Beach Primary School on Mondays from 3.10-4.40pm.

Families from all schooling sectors are invited to attend an information session for parents/carers who wish to know more about the school and this exciting new program. This will be an opportunity to meet the School of Languages Principal and the Japanese language teacher that will be offering the program. Details of information session:

**WHEN:** Tuesday, 16 November 2021  
from 5.30 - 6.15pm  
**WHERE:** Henley Beach Primary School  
38 Hazel Terrace, Henley Beach

#### Who are we?

- The School of Languages is a government school established in 1986 to offer language learning that complements and supplements languages programs in mainstream schools and ethnic schools.
- We offer 23 languages after hours, in 30 different locations around the metropolitan area to over 2,000 students from all schooling sectors.
- Courses follow the Australian Curriculum and are aimed at second language learners.

#### Why learn a language?

- The earlier children start learning a language and the more languages they learn the better their chances for future success.
- Research shows that the bilingual experience influences brain function from infancy to old age.
- Literacy skills improve as students make comparisons between their own language and the one being studied.

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