



# RPSnews

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## Dates to Remember

### February

**10** Preps do not attend school  
Miss Peppercorn Lunches commence

**14** District Swimming Trials  
(grades 4-6)

**15** Information Night

**17** Preps do not attend school

**22** Whole School Photos

**24** Preps do not attend school

**29** Preps commence full time

### March

**2** Welcome Barbeque  
5.30 – 7.30 pm

**9** Grades 3 and 4 Excursion to CERES

**7** Parent/Teacher Interviews

**8** Division Swimming Carnival  
Parent/Teacher interviews

**9** Summer Gala Day

**13 Labour Day Public Holiday**  
Public Holiday

### Term dates for 2017

**1** 31st March end of Term 1

**2** 18th April – 30th June

**3** 17th July – 22nd September

**4** 9th October – 22nd December

## What A Great Start To 2017!

We have had a very smooth transition for the beginning of our school year with all students from Grades 1 – 6 settling in well and our Grade Preps enjoying their first day on Thursday.

An exciting development is the completion of our Area 1 Classroom Refurbishment. All the building works were finished just in time on Tuesday, with our teachers working hard to get everything in place for 9.00am Wednesday, for our Grade 5/6 students' first day. All credit to our Grade 5/6 team who had the new space looking great for the first bell. The students have enjoyed their new area, particularly liking the big difference the new ceiling's acoustic design has made, certainly helping with maintaining moderate noise levels. A big thank you to School Council and our builders Context Design & Build, for helping make this project's timely completion possible. If you get the chance please drop by to see the amazing transformation.



**AREA 1 REFURBISHMENT**

Your school community is here to help. If you have any comments, concerns or praise, please speak to your child's teacher, the principal or a School Council member

## Staff at Richmond Primary School 2017

<b>Principal</b>	Dean Banova	<b>Specialist Teachers</b>	
<b>Assistant Principal</b>	Lisa Marsden	<b>L.O.T.E. (Mandarin)</b>	Yan Wu
<b>Business Manager</b>	Jane Burns	<b>Performing Arts</b>	Stu Cooper
<b>Student Administration</b>	Carole Willing	<b>P.E./Sport</b>	Gary Green
<b>Grades 5/6 Teachers</b>	Cassie Shaw, 5/6C Lucie Kershaw, 5/6L Russell Sivewright, 5/6R Simon Purdie, 5/6S	<b>Visual Arts</b>	Blythe Neve
<b>Grades 3/4 Teachers</b>	Aimee Burnett, 3/4A Sam Charlton, 3/4C Josh Hurn, 3/4J Sarah Fagan, 3/4S	<b>Integration Aides</b>	Louise Excell Georgina Morgan Clare Thompson
<b>Grades 1/2 Teachers</b>	Camilla Govier-Friend, 1/2C Kate Finlay/Jo Scott, 1/2KJ Nick Buckley, 1/2N Peter Clemson, 1/2P Todd Mackie, 1/2T		
<b>Prep Teachers</b>	Jordy Cook, 00J Rowena Cooke, 00R Sarah Maskell, 00S		

## Important Dates

Please ensure you pencil into your diary some important upcoming events. This includes:

- **February 15 – Class Information sessions for Grades Prep to 6.** These will be held in grade areas and will be a chance to hear from teachers about your child's learning program for the year.
- Our re-scheduled **Welcome BBQ (now on March 2)** This important event is a great way for our whole school community to get together to celebrate the start of another great year at RPS.
- **March 7/8 Parent Teacher Interviews** – We will send a Signmee to allow you to book a time for a one-on-one interview with your child's teacher. .

## Amart – Supporting our Phys Ed Program

Our Phys Ed teacher, Gary Green and I have visited the Amart store in Victoria Gardens to utilise the \$4,000 store credit the school has available. AMart run a loyalty program which sees them donate store credit each time a family mentions the school when making a purchase. Due to our community's patronage at AMart we have this amazing amount to utilise. This saw us do a 'shop' last week which managed to fill the back of my car with much needed sports equipment for Gary's fantastic program. A big thank you to all of you and please – keep up your support of this great company and patron of the school.



## Grade 3-6 iPad Program

Our iPad program begins on Monday February 13. A Signmee message was sent on Friday with some important information. In the meantime you may want to read this article which has some tips about how to set up your home technology to support safe practice:

<http://www.theage.com.au/technology/gadgets-on-the-go/back-to-school-keeping-your-kids-and-their-data-safe-online-20170131-gu2f8x.html>

# RPS Events 2017

## Save the date:

You're invited to

RPS Welcome BBQ 2017

5.30-7.30pm Thursday 2nd March

Come along for an all school casual catch up with friends, teachers and new families joining our school in 2017. BBQ, sushi, salads, drinks, cool tunes and great company... Lend a hand, it's a great way to meet people and helps make it a relaxed, fun evening. Sign up for an hour of help at <http://signup.com/go/S92qQ8> More details to follow soon... hope to see you there!

The Welcome BBQ is the first of 4 main events organized by the RPS Events Committee. If you would like to join the committee we welcome any help, ideas or donations to raffle/auction during the year. It's a great way to get to know your school community and our meetings are usually at a local pub! Email us at [richmondps7events@gmail.com](mailto:richmondps7events@gmail.com) or if you would like to help out casually look out for details close to each event. Thanks.



AREA 1 CONSTRUCTION WORK IN THE HOLIDAYS

# Learn music

here at school

Come and join in the fun of learning to play Keyboard, Guitar or Ukulele here at Richmond Primary School.

Creative Music for Schools conducts a music program here at school each week.

Small group classes or one-to-one lessons of up to 30 minutes give children an excellent grounding in music where they will learn to read music and play their chosen instrument.

Tuition costs from \$16.20 per lesson and enrolments are now being accepted for limited places in term 1, 2017.

Interested parents should call Sharon during office hours on 9818 2333 or email [sharon@creativemusic.com.au](mailto:sharon@creativemusic.com.au)

 Creative Music  
[www.creativemusic.com.au](http://www.creativemusic.com.au)

# Elevation Dance Studios

314 Church st. Richmond 3121

New to Richmond! First classes commencing January 31<sup>st</sup> 2017!

Elevation dance studios was established to provide movers of all ages with an encouraging environment to explore, grow, develop and relish in the wonderful world of dance.

We offer classes in Contemporary, Jazz, Ballet and Musical Theatre.

**ENROL TODAY & RECEIVE  
A FREE TRIAL CLASS**

Contact our Principal  
**Alex Andrews to enrol today!**  
[www.elevationdancestudios.com.au](http://www.elevationdancestudios.com.au)  
[alex@elevationdancestudios.com.au](mailto:alex@elevationdancestudios.com.au)

# BUBBA PIZZA & RICHMOND PS

Bubba Pizza, 284 Bridge Road, Richmond is supporting RPS fundraising with their

Parents and Friends Bubba Loyalty Programme

When ordering pizzas, please mention Richmond Primary School and Bubba will make a donation to the school.



# CHESS CLUB at your school

Building mental muscles



## Benefits of Chess Classes

- Problem solving
- Tactical and strategic planning
- Lateral and logical thinking
- Decision making
- Self-confidence
- Resilience
- Locus of control
- Visualisation
- Memory

## Learn New Thinking Skills

Our teaching pedagogy follows three stages during each lesson. First we illustrate a new theoretical concept, strategy, idea or skill. Those skills are then reinforced in a staged environment, and finally students have the opportunity to explore their own creativity and apply what they have learned, with individualised coach feedback.

## Classes Starting Soon in Your School!

### Do you want to take part?

Go online to <http://ku.zone> and find out more about dates and times and costs. Programs are run in the school, but the location may vary depending on room availability. Please enquire at the school office.

## HOW TO ENROL

1. Go to our mobile friendly Kids Unlimited Parent Zone at <http://ku.zone>
2. Search for your school name
3. View details about times, dates, costs etc for all programs on offer at your school
4. Continue to enrol your child online

Stay in touch through the ku.zone parent portal- view invoices, update contact details, track your children's attendance, see lesson discussion points and topics taught each week and even print certificates at the end of each term!

Students must be enrolled prior to the program starting. Children who are not enrolled prior to the first class will not be allowed to attend. We require a minimum of 10 students to run a class and maintain an average class size <16. We reserve the right to cancel a program if there are fewer than 10 enrolments. See full terms and conditions on ku.zone.

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