



RPSnews

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Dates to Remember

February

14 District Swimming Trials (Grades 4-6)

15 Information Night (Grades Prep & 3/4 - 6:00 pm; Grades 1/2 & 5/6 - 6:30 pm)

17 Preps do not attend school

22 Whole School Photos

24 Preps do not attend school

26 Working Bee 10 am - 12 noon

March

2 Welcome Barbeque 5:30 - 7:30 pm

9 Grades 3 & 4 Excursion to CERES

7 Parent/Teacher Interviews

8 Division Swimming Carnival

Parent/Teacher Interviews

9 Summer Gala Day

13 LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Learning about Friendship in Grade Prep

The Grade Preps have had a great start to their school lives and have been producing some fantastic work. The teachers have been very happy to see how quickly they have settled and I'm loving to visit as often as I can to see what a great time they are having.

They have been learning about what makes a good friend. The photo on this page shows Grade Prep R's 'Friendship Tree' where each member of the class traced their hand, cut it out, then drew a picture to show what good friends do for each other. They included ideas like the need to be kind, helpful, sharing and much more which are behaviours we hope to see regularly throughout the year.



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

Spelling at RPS

A start of a new year sees a great opportunity for our teachers to help students get re-acquainted with some great learning habits. After working with educational expert on Spelling, David Hornsby, we have got our whole school spelling program set up and your child will be getting assistance in helping them develop some great spelling 'habits' in the coming weeks. Teachers will be talking about the Grade Level approach to spelling at this Wednesday's Information Sessions. In the meantime here is a reminder of our approach.

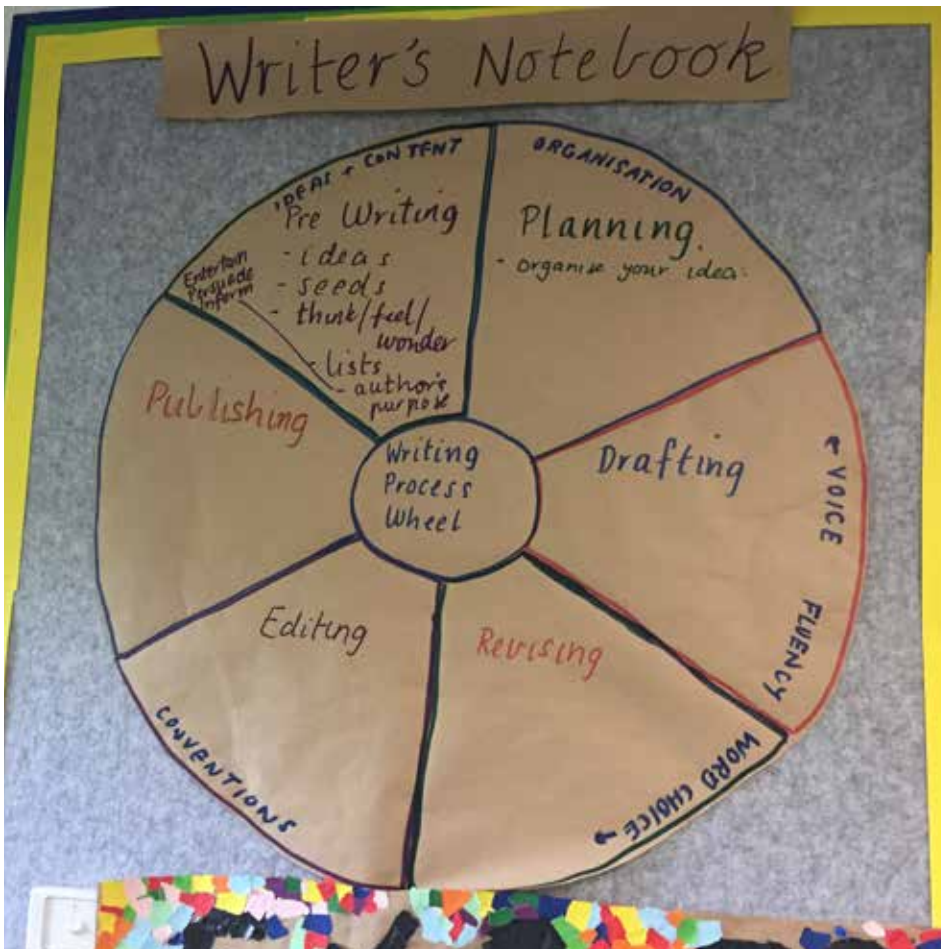
The main principles of our program are:

- Teaching spelling is not about teaching words but about teaching strategies.
- Brain training research shows us that we do not learn word by word. We learn by patterns – visual, sounds and meaning patterns.
- Spelling in English is more meaning based not sound based – sounding out is a bonus!
- The spelling strategies don't change throughout the year levels – what does change is the sophistication of the texts we use.
- Meaning cues are required for phonics to work. For example, we need a context to read the words 'wind' and 'lead'.
- We see letters and hear sounds. We should never say, "Point to that sound." Instead say, "Point to the letter, what sound does that letter have in this word?" or, "Who can hear the sounds, what letter/letters could we write for that sound?"
- Students learn how to be better spellers through reviewing the types of errors they make in their personal writing.

The 5 strategies for teaching spelling are:

1. by sound – thinking about the sounds (man, hot, cup)
2. by look – thinking about how they look (pie, the)
3. by meaning – thinking about what they mean (to, two, too)
4. by connections – use what you know about words to figure out a new word (tree, my, try)
5. by inquiry – use reference materials to learn about words (dictionaries, lists, thesaurus).

Dean Banova, Principal



STAFF AT RICHMOND PRIMARY SCHOOL 2017

Two very important people on RPS staff were omitted from last week's newsletter –

**Student Support (Educational):
Lauren Granger**

**Nurse:
Jenny Klein**

To these two ladies my sincere apologies.

Carole

Grade Level Information Sessions Wednesday Feb 15

Our teacher teams will be presenting in their Learning Zones this Wednesday from 6.00pm. Grade Prep and Grade 3/4 will begin at 6.00pm and the Grade 1/2 and Grade 5/6 beginning at 6.30pm. This will be a chance for parents to learn about the plans for student learning for the year as well as the opportunity to meet your child's classroom teacher. Just a reminder that the aim of this session will be to share important information about our programs, an opportunity to talk about individual student learning will take place at the Parent/Teacher interviews later in the term. These will happen on March 7 and 8 with a booking form to be sent out via Signmee soon.

Working Bee Sunday Feb 26

Our first Working Bee is on Sunday February 26 from 10.00am – 12 Noon. Nick is back in his Garden and needs lots of willing workers to get things looking trim! Please respond to the Signmee booking form to let us know if you can make it.


School Council Elections

If you are interested in joining School Council we are currently calling for nominations. Please contact the office for a nomination form. These are due by COB this Friday, February 17.

RPS STRING ENSEMBLE

RPS String Ensemble starts next Thursday 16th February. Students from Grades 3-6 are very welcome to join the Ensemble. Rehearsals are in Lucie's room (Area 1) at the beginning of lunch every Thursday.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK



1/2C

Christos Karakostas For making a fabulous start to Grade 2. I love your enthusiasm and hard work during every activity. What great leadership skills you have shown already Christos!

1/2KJ

Archie Lloyd For making a great start to Grade 1, always working hard and showing excellent resilience.

1/2N

Meni Pistevos For beautiful handwriting, lovely manners and for having a go at everything. You are a delight to have in our class Meni!

1/2P

Mandy Zhang For starting the year with great enthusiasm and for being a helpful student.

3/4A

Orla Edwards For eagerly solving very tricky Maths problems.

3/4C

Issy Lutz For a responsible, positive start to Grade 4. You have demonstrated excellent behaviour and becoming a great role model for others!

3/4J

Lachie Dowd For being a fantastic role model for our new Grade 3 students. Keep up the great work Lachie!

3/4S

Billy Becker For a tremendous start to 2017. Your hard work and great attitude will take you far this year. Well done!

5/6C

Charlie Johnston For your great start to the year. Your focus, friendliness and enthusiasm set a great example for our whole class. Bring on 2017!

5/6L

Jack Cowley For your fantastic contributions to class discussions, you always add something insightful. Congratulations Jack, what a great start to the year. Keep it up!

5/6R

Tom Pelchen For consistently taking extra care with his buddy during recess and lunch. Your efforts have not gone unnoticed. Keep it up!

Riley James For settling into the new year with ease and jumping into each session with a positive attitude. Well done Riley!

5/6S

Sonny Edelmaier Congratulations Sonny for settling into Grade 5 so well. I love your positive attitude to everything you do.

Imogen Otter Congratulations Imogen for making such a smooth transition to Grade 5. You did a wonderful job on decorating your Writer's Notebook. Great job!

KIDS QUIZ**

Every week, we pose a quiz question based on the name of one of our wonderful students.

Write your answer on a piece of paper, along with your name and grade, and put it in the cream letter box in the office.

The first correct entry drawn will win a Student Pass for one hour.

The winning entry will be drawn on Wednesday at 3.30pm.

NOTE:

- > You may place only **one entry per week** in the box.
- > Each player must put in their **own entry** (no joint entries).
- > If you win, you are **win-binned** (disqualified) for one week, to give others a go.

This week's clue:

Remove the 'i' from this Grade 6 student's name and rearrange the other letters, and you'll have the name of a school subject.

Chinese Whispers 2017 Week 2

Welcome back to the Year of the Rooster. It is nice to see our preps have such a wonderful start in the Mandarin class.

Our learning focuses in Mandarin, for the whole school this year, will be speaking and listening. The story "xiao ji li li" will be the most important learning material for the first semester for most of our grades. The Grade 6 will be focusing on initiating and maintaining interactions in Mandarin, and to produce some videos by using different apps.

Bes wishes for a very productive year in 2017!

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Mandarin Teacher, Yan

WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTOS

Envelopes and information sheets for the whole school photos were sent home last week. Please read the instructions, carefully. Orders may be done on-line or return the envelope to school.

If you wish to have sibling photos, an envelope can be collected from the school office.

If you have any queries, please contact Advanced Photography direct on info@advancedlifevic.com.au or telephone 9852 1133.

RPS Events 2017



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.

No need to RSVP just come along.

Can you help?... it's a great way to meet people and helps make it a relaxed, fun evening. **Sign up for an hour of help at www.signup.com/go/S92qQ8** or donate raffle items, (experiences, vouchers, wine etc) at richmondps7events@gmail.com... *hope to see you there!*

FREE Try Rugby Day

The Melbourne Rugby Union Club is hosting a FREE Try Rugby Day on the 25th February 2017. This community event is open to boys and girls from 5 years to 17 years old. The Melbourne Rugby Union Club is a not-for-profit club based in Stonnington with players from a range of south eastern suburbs.

Melbourne Rebels players will be in attendance for photos and autographs.

If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Iezzi - miezzi@iezzi.biz - Junior Competition Coordinator
Melbourne Rugby Club - 0438277994

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.



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Selling your house? Mention RPS at the time of listing and **Biggin & Scott Richmond** will donate **\$1,000.00** to the school. They will also donate **\$500.00** to the school for every new management property signed up, where RPS is mentioned.