



# RPSnews

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## Van Gogh makes a great impression

Despite Van Gogh suffering from mental illness he still managed to make many amazing paintings throughout his life.

On Tuesday May 2, 18 Grade 5/6 students went to visit the incredible *Van Gogh and The Seasons* exhibition at the National Gallery of Victoria. This exhibition has the largest collection of Van Gogh's artwork ever to come to Australia.

We were blown away by how spectacular his artwork was.

All of his paintings were focused on nature and seasons.

He put immense detail into all his paintings giving it the look of having layers. It also looked like the paint was wet. He used lots of strong and bright colours to make contrast.

Looking at some of the landscapes you could almost smell spring in the air.

Throughout his life he tried many jobs but either wasn't experienced enough or didn't like it.

He was first a shopkeeper but he didn't believe in money or finance and he gave people free things.

He also tried to be a teacher in Paris but didn't like it, and a miner because he thought of himself as a poor or a peasant.

He gave away lots of his stuff and slept rough to try to be like them. It didn't work, the miners thought he was an embarrassment and rejected him.

Over the next few weeks those students who attended the exhibition will make a painting to do with nature to be shown at the art gallery.

Riley James  
Grade 5/6

**SAVE THE DATE!**

Saturday August 5

**RPS Trivia Night**

Richmond Town Hall

7.30pm

## Diary Dates

### May

8 Year 1/2 CERES excursion

9 **Prep visit to Chesterfield Farm**  
Year 1/2 recycling incursion

11 **Mother's Day stall**

12 Application for Year 7 placement forms due

15 **Choir performance**

19 Prep CERES Sustainability Hub incursion — Farm to Fork  
**District cross country**

24 Open day tours 10am & 2pm

**RPS Movie Night featuring Sing**  
— 5.30pm-8.15pm  
26 Year 3/4 excursion to Royal Botanic Gardens

### June

20 **Prep sustainable gardens excursion (Botanic Gardens)**

### Curriculum days 2017

16 August (Wednesday)

6 November (Monday) (EBA)



# Keep calm — it's NAPLAN time

This week, across the country, students in Grades 3 and 5 will participate in the NAPLAN testing. The results of these tests provide information for the students, parents, teachers and principals including:

- checking students progress compared to national benchmarks,
- measuring school improvement, and
- highlighting areas for further work in schools and the broader education system.

At Richmond Primary we aim to make the NAPLAN testing process as calm and as normal as possible. Students will sit the tests in their classroom areas with their class teachers supervising.

They are encouraged to "have a go" and "do their best" but are also reminded that the results from these tests don't always reflect their capabilities.

If you have any questions regarding NAPLAN please speak to your class teacher or Lisa — marsden.lisa.j@edumail.vic.gov.au

## Fun in the name of science

The teachers had a very enjoyable day last



Monday learning about teaching Science!

We loved experimenting with food dye, acids and bases, exploding film canisters and cabbage juice.

We learnt a large number of experiments about Earth and Space and Physical Sciences.

And we are excited to share them with the students over the next two terms.

With the change to the Victorian Curriculum, which has a greater emphasis on Science, all year levels have been working hard to include Science in weekly activities — Prep-2 through their Investigations and 3-6 in stand-alone Science lessons.

We look forward to sharing more Science news and experiences with the school community in Term 3.

Lisa Marsden  
Assistant Principal



! Experimental approach — teachers learn about teaching science.

## NAPLAN 2017 schedule

<b>Tuesday May 9</b>	Language Conventions	
	Writing	9.15am- 12.30pm
<b>Wednesday May 10</b>	Reading	9.15am-10.30am
<b>Thursday May 11</b>	Numeracy	9.15am-12.30pm

Mother's Day Stall

## this Thursday — last chance to donate

The RPS Mother's Day stall will be held this Thursday, May 11, 2017.

Each gift will be \$5.00 — up to two gifts per child can be bought.

Last days for making donations (deadline for dropoff at the office will be Wednesday May 10 at 10.00am).

A huge thank you to all — the quality of the donations has been amazing!

Also another reminder that Father's Day is not too far away so keep your eyes out for any bargains.



## Ready, set ... read

The Premier's Reading Challenge for 2017 is now open and lots of students have signed up already.

You just need to go on to Signmee to receive information and the consent forms. Families who are not using Signmee need to ask me for a consent form to fill in and return it to their classroom teachers or directly to me.

I will send a slip of paper home with a password as soon as I have parents' consent. Until that happens, encourage students to start reading.

The Challenge closes this year on September 8th.

Students in Prep to Year 2 need to read 30 books; students in Years 3 to 6 need to read 15 books.

The website contains plenty of additional information including listed books.

If you have any questions please get in touch with me via the School Office.

Kate Finlay  
Literacy Coordinator



# Student of the week



## Prep J

### Arabella McInnes

For showing persistence during guided reading sessions to sound out challenging words in the text. Arabella I have been impressed with your never 'give up attitude' and you're reading like a super star! Keep up the great work.

## Prep R

### Molly Sturgess

for her amazing focus during independent learning times. Your thinking during reading groups is amazing! Well done Molly!

## Prep S

### Bridget Van Vliet

For your hard work and persistence with your writing! Keep up the fantastic learning Bridget, Well done!

## 1/2T

### Felix Bisset

For using his time super effectively during Investigation Time to create an exciting and well thought-out plan for a narrative. I can't wait to read the finished product Felix!

### Leo Spinks

For doing an outstanding job with his writing this week when working on narratives. I love how much effort you are putting in Leo to make sure it is your neatest and best work. Super effort!

## 1/2N

### Jordan Percival

For his patient, caring attitude towards his classmates, the enthusiasm he shows for everything at school and for his terrific (self-initiated) AFL project. Well done Jordan!

## 1/2C

### Ayla Shin

For sharing an interesting video with the grade about sustainability and the environment as part of our unit this term. Your enthusiasm during every activity is infectious Ayla! You're a star!

## 1/2P

### William Parker

William Parker for consistently following directions and being organised. You have a fantastic attitude towards learning. Keep it up.

## 3/4S

### Leni Edwards

For some amazing exposition writing-you made some excellent points in your piece about why the holidays should be longer. Well done!

## 3/4C

### Stella Miltos

For making amazing improvements during flexible maths groups. Your hard work is paying off, Stella!

## 3/4A

### Maya Stojanovic

For having such a great attitude to school and making fantastic

progress in all areas of learning. You should be very proud of yourself Maya.

## 5/6C

### Abi Forster

For the wonderful enthusiasm and effort you've been putting into all areas of your work - it's really showing in your results. Love your work, Awesome Abi!

## 5/6L

### Zahli Nadj

For doing such an amazing job during the Walkathon, you are a sports superstar! I look forward to see you at the Olympics in a few years!

## 5/6R

### Hamish Webb

For giving 110% at the Richmond Primary Walkathon. Your effort and determination was something to behold. Eat your heart out Usain Bolt!

## 5/6S

### Arabella Spina

Congratulations for being such a champion! You have been doing a brilliant job as our Sports Captain and you are wonderful role model to those around you.



## \*\*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*

***This Grade 6 student's name was also the name of someone married to a famous Dutch artist.***

### *Last week's clue:*

Take one letter from this Grade Prep student's name, and you'll have the surname of a famous inventor.

**Answer:** EDDISON Cleven, Prep J. (The inventor was Thomas Edison.)

**Winner:** Christos Karakostas 1/2C ... you had a "lightbulb" moment there, Christos!

# Do your body a favour — and the school!

Dynamic Stability are offering an opportunity for all students at Richmond Primary School to take action for a healthier lifestyle.

RPS parent and Physiotherapist Darren Stojanovic is offering a free posture check for all students at RPS with his organization, Dynamic Stability.

All you need to do is book a time with Darren via his email: richmond@dynamicstability.com.au. Parents may then choose to follow up with a Pilates session for their child with a portion of the session cost being sent to the school as a donation for maintenance of the garden area with Nick.

Darren will also offer Reformer Pilates at the clinic on Mon/Wed/Thurs nights for all RPS parents and teachers, where payment will also be in the form of a donation. All proceeds after costs will go 100% to the school.

To book:

1. **Free Student Posture** checks - email richmond@dynamicstability.com.au

2. **Kids Pilates** classes Tuesday 4-5pm, Level 1 161-165 Swan St Richmond, Vic, (03) 9428 3330, These start on 9th May. 4, 6 & 8 week programs available. Email or call for details.

3. **Adults Reformer Pilates** Mondays 7pm, Wednesdays 7pm, Thursdays 5.30 & 6.30pm. Email or call for details. Payment will be collected by the clinic and donated at the end of the year to the school.

So come along, work on getting a healthier body and help out Richmond Primary!



# RPS Events 2017

The next event is Movie Night Term 2, Friday May 26 — it's looking great already!

And don't forget to save the date for our Term 3 Trivia Night — Saturday August 5.

## KIDS' MOVIE NIGHT & ADULTS CATCH UP!

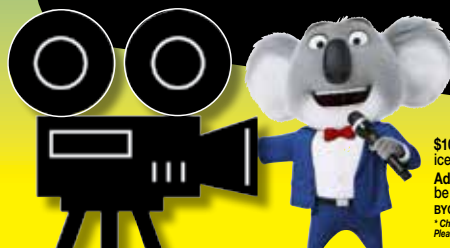
Friday 26th May  
5.30pm – 8.15pm (6pm movie start)

Richmond Primary GP Room

Showing on the big screen "SING" PG

Kids, enjoy the movie and a FREE raffle with your mates in the GP Room. Parents, don't miss the lamb spit, BBQ, drinks and catch up with friends in the courtyard and library. There'll be some pretty fabulous raffle prizes to win and a sneak peek of our Trivia Night planned for mid year. Can you help for an hour? It's the best way to meet people... [www.signup.com/go/1R9V9e](http://www.signup.com/go/1R9V9e)

Book now at... [www.trybooking.com/PSZY](http://www.trybooking.com/PSZY)



\$10 kids: Includes sausage in bread, popcorn, icecream and movie. (3+ kids in same family FREE)

Adults free entry: Lamb spit (limited number so be quick!), BBQ and drinks available at RPS prices. BYO pillow and kids drink bottles! Please RSVP by 19th May.

\* Check out [www.commonssensemedia.org](http://www.commonssensemedia.org) if you would like a review of the movie. Please note: No child minding provided. Parents must stay on premises with children.



PETER ROWLAND



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