

# RICHMOND PUBLIC SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

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**Term 1 – Week 3**  
**Thursday 13 February, 2020**

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### Important Dates

Thursday, 13 February	Parent/Carer Information Night
Monday, 17 February	P & C Meeting
Friday, 21 February	RPS Swimming Carnival
Friday, 21 February	Café – 2:30pm
Thursday, 27 February	Brainstorm

### Congratulations Kindergarten!

Congratulations to our Kindergarten students who have done a wonderful job in settling well into 'big school'. I have been visiting the Kindergarten class on a regular basis and I have been very impressed with the way they are responding to their teacher, to their peers and to their Year 6 buddies. Over the last week, our Kindergarten students have been doing the Best Start Assessment with their teacher. The results of the assessment will give the teacher baseline data for the school to measure student improvement. By all reports, the teacher is very impressed with the results.

Well done Kindergarten!

### Scooters / Bikes and Helmets

Thank you to all the students who ride a scooter or bike to school wearing their helmets. It is a rule at Richmond Public School that if you ride a scooter or bike to school that you must also wear a helmet. On many days I watch the students leaving the school walking their bikes through the school playground with their helmet. The students know that without a helmet, the scooter or bike cannot be ridden home.

Great work, Richmond Public School.

### Mathematics Computation Quizzes

Date	Stage	Skill
10 February	K	Reading and writing numbers to 10
21 February	Year 1	+1 and - 1
	Year 2	+10 and -10
	Years 3-6	X5 and ÷5



### Well Done Year 6 Buddies!

Well done to our Year 6 students who have taken on the role of being a Kindergarten Buddy. Our Year 6 students took on their role with a lot of care and enthusiasm. It was wonderful to see the Year 6 students eating with their Kindergarten Buddy and taking them around the playground ensuring the Kindergarten Buddy knew the rules and where they were able to play. It takes a lot of energy for some of our Year 6 students who were seen chasing their Kindergarten Buddy during recess and lunch making sure they didn't run into an out-of-bounds area. I have had a number of positive reports from our Kindergarten parents/carers who have appreciated having their child cared for by a Year 6 Buddy.

Congratulations Year 6!

## Feeding Families Friday

Thank you to the many families who continue to donate to our Feeding Families Friday Program which began in 2017. For our new families, this is an initiative started by our Student Representative Council who are supporting a local charity titled, 'Hawkesbury Helping Hands'. This charity assists the homeless along with many families who are in desperate need of food items.

The SRC is not asking for donations from each family every Friday. However, as you go shopping during the fortnight, possibly purchase one item for this worthy cause. The basket and sign is in the school's foyer and is in a permanent position within the foyer.



Each Monday, a member from Helping Hands comes to collect the donated items. Richmond Public School is such a wonderful school with many good things happening, it is nice to stretch our generosity outside of the school and to those who are needy.

## Mobile Phones ~ 2020

With our many new families and students coming to our school from around the area, it is important that students and parents / caregivers are aware of the policy regarding mobile phones at Richmond Public School.

The policy states:

*"All students bringing mobiles phones to school are to have them off and out of sight by 8:40am. At 3:10pm, students are permitted to turn their mobile phones back on. Any phone that is seen, heard or used between the hours of 8:40am and 3:10pm will be confiscated and handed to the Principal / Executive teacher in charge. Collection of the confiscated phone must be made by the parent/carer.  
Parents/carers wishing to contact their children during the day are to call the school."*

Signs have been placed in classrooms reminding students of this policy. There are many reasons for the policy, primarily the school does not accept responsibility for any

phone brought into the school grounds, in addition to the fact that there is a need for us to understand that technology is moving very quickly, especially for our younger students.



## Volunteers' Child Protection Training

Thank you to the many parents/carers who attended our Parent/Carer Volunteer Child Protection Training. It was also great to see so many new volunteers. If you were unable to attend the training, an additional session can be organised through the front office.

## Saint Vincent De Paul Clothing Bin

As of 2016, Richmond Public School had a St Vincent De Paul clothing bin placed within the school grounds. Though the school still fully supports Stewart House and the wonderful work that they do, providing a clothing bin within the school throughout the year may assist families in clearing out their wardrobes on a regular basis. There are a few guidelines which I kindly ask the community to follow:

1. The clothing bin is for school community use only;
2. School community members who are donating clothes are not permitted to drive their car onto school grounds;
3. Donations are to go directly in to the bin and are not to be left on the ground at the base of the clothing bin; and
4. All donations are for St Vincent De Paul, community members are not to remove items from the clothing bin.

## **Working with Children Check (Reminder)**

It has been legislated that from 2016 all volunteers, be it sporting, reading helpers, fundraising helpers, canteen workers and the like are to have a Working with Children Check. There are exemptions to this expectation. However, this is also very difficult to monitor and therefore we ask that all volunteers at Richmond Public School have their Working with Children Check.

The initial Working with Children Check can be accessed at;

<http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/working-with-children/working-with-children-check/volunteers-and-students>.

Once this check is completed online, volunteers will need to submit relevant paperwork to the Roads and Maritime Service (RMS) in order to be issued a WWC number. As a volunteer, there is **no cost** involved in gaining this WWC number. This number must be given to the school office along with the paperwork in order for volunteers to begin service in our school. We understand that this process takes a little time to complete, however the safety of our students is imperative to all concerned.

## **Richmond Public School App' ~ for our new families (Reminder)**

In 2015, Richmond Public School initiated its own app titled, 'Skoolbag'. There are instructions further into this Newsletter in getting the app onto your phone. Both the Play Store and the Apple Store have the free app'. This process was undertaken as part of the school's Strategic Directions for 2015 under the Community Participation and Engagement direction. The app' has many options for you to access including Alerts, Events, the school's website, the fortnightly Newsletter and much more. In addition, the school is now able to notify families through their phones if an excursion is late or early. On the app', you are able to turn on notifications for the grades your child/ren are in, thus ensuring you don't receive notifications unnecessarily. In 2015, the app' proved extremely valuable when Stage 3 was required to return back early from their Canberra excursion due to a number of illnesses. The message of their early return was sent out on the app' as an Alert and parents/caregivers were fully informed of the incident and their early return.

Thank you to the Community Participation and Engagement Team for their continued work in this area.

I encourage all families to explore this great initiative.

## **Strategic directions for 2018-2020 (Reminder)**

The Department of Education require all schools to have three Strategic Directions. Richmond Public School's Strategic Directions for 2018-2020 are:

1. Quality Teaching with a focus on Literacy and Numeracy;
2. Student Welfare / Staff Welfare; and
3. Community Participation and Engagement

Over a number of years, Richmond Public School has been working through the school plan with much success which has been demonstrated not only in our NAPLAN results but also through school based data.

The school's three year plan is available on the school's website.

## **Parent / Teacher Interviews – Date and On-line Booking Procedures**

It is believed at Richmond Public School that parents/carers need to be informed of their child's progress early in the year. Therefore Parent / Teacher Interviews are to be held in Term 1 from Monday, 30 March through to Friday, 3 April. This is also a chance for the teachers to discuss specific programs the student may be working on and how best this work can be consolidated at home. It may also give the parents / carers an opportunity to discuss any concerns they may have in regards to their child's progress and well-being.

Families will be given a choice of available times, they are then assigned a time to meet the teacher. I ask that you keep week 10 of term as free as possible so that you may be able to attend the Parent/Teacher Interviews.

A note will be sent home further into the term outlining times that your child's teacher is available. In addition, as with last year, we are booking interview times on-line. In the near future each family will be sent home their login password, similar to last year. Families will need to login to SENTRAL (our computer based students tracking

system) and, using the login details, you will be able to place your name on the interview schedule. This will be locked in. You will also be able to look at additional classes (if you have more than one child at our school) to enable you to be at the school for both interview times. A note will be sent home with instruction and details before the interview bookings become available. The on-line Parent/Teacher Booking Procedure will be open from Monday 2 March, 2020.

### **School Uniform** (Reminder)

Thank you to the many parents who have sent their child/children to school in our beautiful school uniform. The uniform policy was established by the school and the school community and is discussed on a regular basis at our P&C meetings.

Just a few reminders regarding uniform:

1. Necklaces are not to be worn;
2. Studs or sleepers are permissible in your child's ear. Any earrings that dangle are not permitted;
3. Rub on tattoos are not permitted as this is not part of the school's uniform;
4. Nail polish is not permitted. Clear gloss is acceptable;
5. Any lipstick or eye shadow is also against the school's uniform policy; and
6. Any long hair should be securely tied back (or in ponytails). This is not only for safety but minimises the risk of head lice.

The Uniform Policy was established for the safety of your child apart from the fact that Richmond Public School is not a place to set fashion trends. I thank you for following these simple guidelines.

### **Mathematics Quiz Competition** (Reminder)

At the top of this Newsletter there is a grid outlining a mathematical concept that is being quizzed within classes. This is again continued on from 2018 as staff and parents/caregivers have indicated that their students/children are more confident with mathematics due to the Mathematics Computation Quizzes. Classes each day will focus on the fortnightly concept and at the end of the fortnight each

student will be assessed and the class will calculate an average. During the Monday morning assembly, trophies are handed out for the best class result and the most improved result. I ask that you quiz your child during the fortnight to ensure their greatest success. Thank you.

### **Richmond Public School – Nut Free**

(Reminder)

With the prevalence of anaphylaxis within schools, I would like to remind families that Richmond Public School makes every attempt to be a nut free school. I kindly request that parents / carers do not send their children to school with peanut butter sandwiches, with peanuts or with any nut related item. Our school canteen is very careful with this policy and makes every attempt to purchase items that were not processed on a machine that was used to make a peanut product.

I thank you in advance for your co-operation with this very important policy.

### **Money Collecting ~ 2020** (Reminder)

Money days at Richmond Public School are **Monday, Wednesday and Fridays**. We provided a variety of ways to make payments within the school to make it easier for families and alleviate some students bringing large amounts of money to school. **EFTPOS** payments are only done on money days. Parent Payment on line (**POP**) is a secure site which enables families to pay for all relevant activities using your home computer. Families will need to go to the schools website.

[www.richmond-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.richmond-p.schools.nsw.edu.au)

On the home page there is a tab on the right which states, 'Payment on-Line'. By clicking into this button you will be presented with a screen that will require certain details to be added. It will also ask for details relating to the student and activity. You then submit and a receipt will be issued via email to you. If a payment is made before **6pm**, your payment will be on the next day's school statement, if it is made **after 6pm**, the school **will be notified** two days later. Please ensure on your child's permission note that you fill in the section for POP which will require the receipt number.

We also have an option at the school to receipt what the system calls **Fees in Advance** which allows parent/caregivers to pay a sum of money into the system attached to the family, which operates like a savings account so that when payments need to

be made the funds come out of this area. It is a great way to prepare for the year or when you have that little extra cash so that it alleviates the stress with payments. If you have any queries in relation to this please see the office staff at Richmond Public.

**Cut off dates for all activities** at Richmond Public School will still apply and late payments unfortunately, unless discussed earlier, will not be accepted.

A reminder that our school website under Notes and Forms will have all the relevant notes that are sent out to families, so if you have missed one please ensure that you look within this area of our website.

**Lani Superina**  
*Relieving Principal*

## Kindergarten



## OC Camp

On Thursday, 30 January and Friday, 31 January, 5D attended their OC Orientation Camp in Yarramundi and Ms Superina and I had the pleasure of sharing this experience. It was an action packed and fun-filled two days. Our goals of getting to know each other, making new friends, building a team and overcoming challenges were most definitely achieved. Some of the activities we participated in included the crate climb, flying fox, swimming, archery and ropes course. The students were extremely well behaved throughout and the camp leaders commented about the respectful nature of our students.

Well done, 5D. Welcome to Richmond Public School!

Mr Crye – 5D Teacher



## P&C News

The 2020 Richmond Public School Parent & Community (P&C) Committee invite you to attend our first meeting on

**Monday, 17 February  
from 7pm-8pm.**

We have a generous and supportive community, and the P&C are asking for your opinion on how we should raise and spend funds. You are not required to hold a position on the committee if you choose not to, the existing members are simply inviting you to have an input in the decision making.

If you are unable to attend but want your thoughts heard, please email us at any time [richmondpspandc@gmail.com](mailto:richmondpspandc@gmail.com) or see the office staff.

The lovely staff of Richmond Public School provides babysitting if required.

P&C Committee

## Canteen News

The Flexischools Online Ordering App has now been updated to reflect the correct classes for 2020, please ensure you update your children/s classes.

You may have noticed there has been a change to the Flexischools App. The most important change has been that there are now 2 separate tabs when ordering for recess and lunch. The lunch tab can be found by swiping to the side of the recess tab. Please do not place the lunch order on the recess tab as the food will be served at recess time. If you are having issues using the app, please come and see me or call the school and ask to be put through to me, and I can guide you through it.

Parents & Carers, if you or someone you know would like to volunteer in the canteen on Mondays and Fridays for 2020, please either drop into the canteen or the front office. We appreciate any help you can give, even if it's only a few hours each term. We'd love to have you as part of our team.



Spotlight on.....Banana Chips 50c

Crunchy Banana Chips have been added to the menu this term. Banana chips are slices of fresh banana that have been fried in coconut oil. They contain natural sugars, are rich in fibre, iron and potassium and are gluten free. They may be less suitable for diabetics as they are more likely to cause a blood sugar spike than snacking on a small, fresh banana.



### Rainbow of Food Recipe – Yellow (Banana Chips)

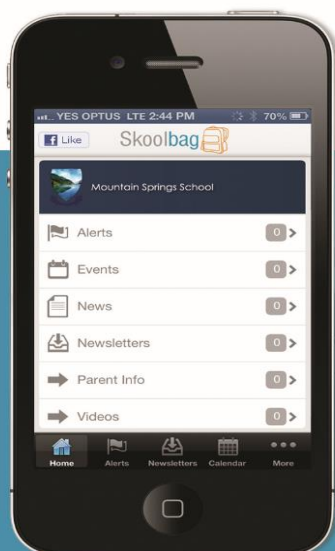
To make your own delicious banana chips at home, simply preheat your oven to 110 degrees Celsius, slice 2 just ripe bananas, place slices in a single layer on to lined oven trays and bake for between 30 – 90 mins turning slices once or twice during baking. Allow the banana chips to crisp up for at least 5 minutes once cooked / dried. Serve as is or sprinkle with honey and cinnamon.



Don't forget to download the Flexischools app and create an account so you can order online and have exclusive access to specials that I will be offering from time to time. We have some items that are available until stocks last that are not listed on the printed menu.

Nadine & the Canteen Team





# Skoolbag

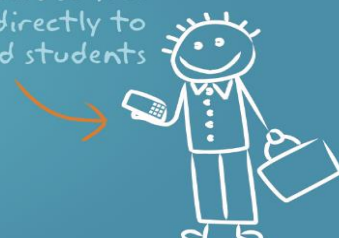


Smartphone school to parent communication

Skoolbag is a mobile App for your school to communicate directly to both parents and students. It works through both smart phones and smart devices (such as iPads and Android Tablets). Ideal for:

- > School, free push notification alerts
- > School events
- > School newsletters
- > School documents
- > School RSS feeds
- > School social media (Facebook, Twitter)

Skoolbag delivers school notices directly to parents and students



## How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

### iPhone & iPad Users

1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. If iPhone, you will see your school appear, click "Free" then "install".
4. If iPad, change the drop list to "iPhone Apps", your school will then be visible, click "Free" then "install".
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.



### Android Users

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.



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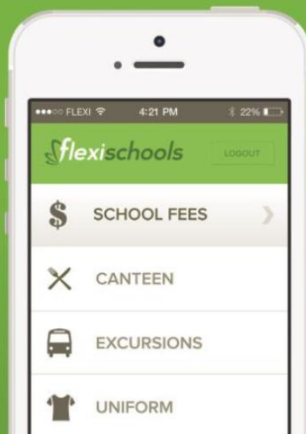
Find out more at [www.skoolbag.com.au](http://www.skoolbag.com.au)

Skoolbag delivers school notices directly to parents and students



# Richmond Public School canteen is now online with Flexischools!

Register today and purchase lunch from the comfort of home or on the go!



## The easiest way to pay online.

### REGISTER



1 Go to [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au) and select the **REGISTER** option and enter your email address.



2 You will be sent a registration email. Click on the link in the email to complete the registration.



3 Fill in your details on the Registration Form and click "submit".



4 Add your students, select their school and class.

### ORDER

[flexischools.com.au](http://flexischools.com.au)



1 Go to [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au) and select the **LOGIN** option. Click on "Start an order" for your student.



2 Select the service you wish to purchase from. You can also set up orders in advance.



3 Add each of your items. Extras and options will appear where relevant to the item.



4 Select your payment option. Pay for the one order or "top up" your account. Complete payment to place order.



## Welcome to the Richmond Public School Uniform Store

*The School Locker is proud to be working in partnership with your school.*  
Our goal is to provide great shopping experiences for families. Our retail stores are inspired by a simple idea – one store with everything you need for school.

The School Locker is delighted to extend a warm and friendly invitation to shop for uniforms in the Richmond Public School uniform store which is opening soon on your school campus.

We aim to provide your school community with excellent service, quality products and a wider product range than you would usually expect to find in a school uniform store.

Purchases you make from the school uniform store, from any of The School Locker superstores and from The School Locker website will generate revenue for your school.

### Campus store opening hours

Wednesdays 2:00pm - 4:00pm

### Payment options

The School Locker accepts cash, EFTPOS, Visa and Mastercard. Interest free and leasing terms are available for technology purchases. Ask the campus store staff for more details.

### Can I order my uniforms online?

Uniforms are available for purchase online at [theschoollocker.com.au](http://theschoollocker.com.au).

When purchasing online you may choose to have your order shipped to you, or collect your order from the school uniform store.

A wide range of technology devices, sports equipment, musical instruments, footwear and stationery is also available for purchase on The School Locker website.

### Get the Student Advantage

Every student is eligible for a free Student Advantage membership which provides access to Student Advantage pricing online, and ensures your school earns revenue from all purchases you make at any of The School Locker stores.

Visit our website to set up your Student Advantage number online or visit the school uniform store and our friendly staff will be happy to help you.

[theschoollocker.com.au/customer/account](http://theschoollocker.com.au/customer/account)

### For more information

Contact Irene Grech  
Email [Richmond.PublicS@theschoollocker.com.au](mailto:Richmond.PublicS@theschoollocker.com.au)  
Phone 02 8796 2100  
Website [theschoollocker.com.au](http://theschoollocker.com.au)

# Quick guide to setting up your Student Advantage Membership online.

Get started by visiting  
[theschoollocker.com.au/customer/account/](https://theschoollocker.com.au/customer/account/)

## Step 1



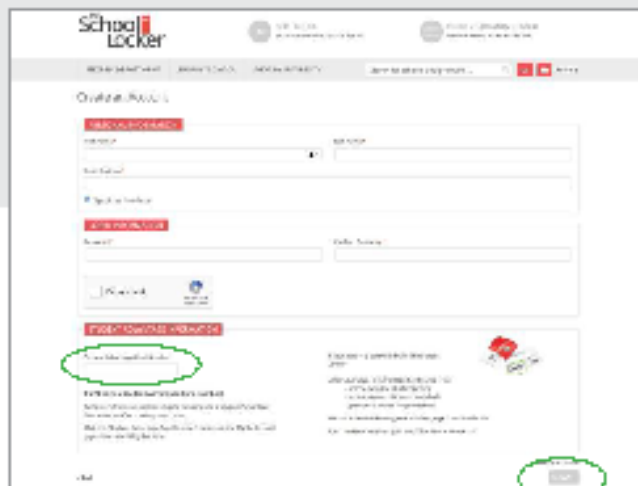
Are you a new customer?

Click **CREATE AN ACCOUNT** and go to Step 2.

Do you have an account but need to set up your Student Advantage Membership?

Login to your account using the Registered Customers form Refer to **Step 3** Instructions.

## Step 2



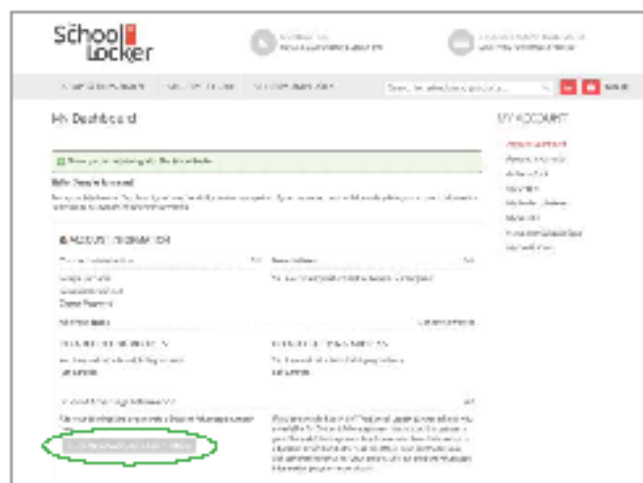
Complete the **Create an Account** form.

If you **DO** have a **Student Advantage number** provided by your school (via email or on a Student Advantage Card) enter it in the **Student Advantage Card Number** field and click **SUBMIT**.

That's it, you're finished! This will immediately assign your Student Advantage Number to your account so you see Student Advantage Pricing when you login.

If you **DON'T** have a **Student Advantage Number**, skip the **Student Advantage Information** section and click **SUBMIT**.

## Step 3

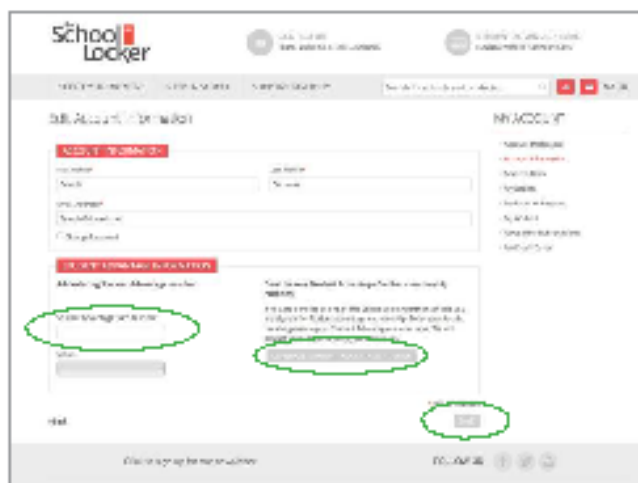


You will be re-directed to the **My Dashboard** page.

Click on the **STUDENT ADVANTAGE CARD NUMBER** button.

You will be re-directed to the **Edit Account Information** page.

## Step 4



If you **DO** have a **Student Advantage Number** enter it in the **Student Advantage Card Number** field and press **SAVE**.

If you **DON'T** have a **Student Advantage Number** click on **GENERATE STUDENT ADVANTAGE NUMBER** button.

A pop-up window will appear. Complete your details including Parent/Guardian Name, Email Address, Student Name, School and Year Level. Click **SUBMIT**.

This will immediately assign your Student Advantage Number to your account. Click **SAVE** and you will see Student Advantage Pricing each time you login.

# Book Club LOOP

Richmond Public School

**LOOP** is the Scholastic Book Club  
**Linked Online Ordering & Payment**  
platform.

It's easy to order and pay online for your child's Book Club order using  
your credit card.

Head to **scholastic.com.au/LOOP**

or



Follow these **easy** steps!

**1** Simply grab your child's Book Club catalogue and either **SIGN-IN** or **REGISTER**  
your account.

**2** Add your child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for),  
then select your **SCHOOL** and your **CHILD'S CLASS**.

*Note: You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school.*

Looking for **MORE** product information? Additional content such as videos and downloads  
are available for select titles. Select your issue and enter the item number to view  
information on titles and some great resources, such as videos and reviews.

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LOOKING FOR MORE PRODUCT INFORMATION?



Item No.

**FIND**

**3** Click on **ORDER** and enter the item number from the Book Club catalogue.

**4** All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still  
be delivered to your child's classroom if you order by the close date.

*That's it!* There's no need to return paper order  
forms or payment receipt details to your school.

 **SCHOLASTIC**





# Richmond Public School

## Term 1 -Parent/Carer Planner

As of Thursday 30 January, 2020

Term 1 2020	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Wk 1	27.1 <i>Australia Day Public Holiday</i>	28.1 <i>SDD</i>	29.1 <i>Students Return</i>	30.1 <i>Kindergarten Begin 5D OC Camp Newsletter</i>	31.1 <i>5D OC Camp</i>
Wk 2	3.2	4.2	5.2 <b>Sport House Meetings – 2:30pm</b> <i>Yrs 3-6 Assembly 12.30</i>	6.2 <i>Kindy Best Start</i>	7.2 <i>Kindy Best Start Café Begins- 2.30pm</i>
Wk 3	10.2	11.2	12.2 <b>Volunteer Child Protection Training – 2:30pm</b> <i>K-2 Assembly 12.30</i>	13.2 <b>Parent/Carer Info Night 6.30-7.30pm</b> <i>Newsletter Leadership Camp</i>	14.2 <b>Leadership Camp</b>
Wk 4	17.2 <b>P&amp;C Mtg- 7pm</b>	18.2	19.2 <i>Yrs 3-6 Assembly 12.30</i>	20.2 <i>Scripture Begins</i>	21.2 <b>Richmond Public School 's Swimming Carnival – School Tabloid Competition</b> <i>Café- 2.30pm</i>
Wk 5	24.2	25.2	26.2 <b>Hawkesbury District Swimming Carnival</b> <i>K-2 Assembly 12.30</i>	27.2 <i>Brainstorm K-2- 12pm Yrs 3-6-2pm Newsletter</i>	28.2 <b>Clean Up Australia Day</b>
Wk 6	2.3 <b>Online P/T Interview Bookings open</b>	3.3	4.3 <i>Staff Mtg- 8.15am Yrs 3-6 Assembly 12.30</i>	5.3	6.3 <i>Café- 2.30pm</i>
Wk 7	9.3	10.3	11.3 <i>K-2 Assembly 12.30</i>	12.3 <i>Selective HS Test for Yr 6 Newsletter</i>	13.3
Wk 8	16.3 <i>P&amp;C Mtg- 3.30pm</i>	17.3	18.3 <i>Yrs 3-6 Assembly 12.30</i>	19.3	20.3 <b>Touchdown Cut Off Harmony Day Mufti Day</b> <i>Café- 2.30pm</i>
Wk 9	23.3	24.3	25.3 <i>K-2 Assembly 12.30</i>	26.3 <b>Online P/T Interview Booking Closes</b> <i>Newsletter</i>	27.3
Wk 10	30.3 <b>Parent/Teacher Interviews</b>	31.3	1.4 <i>PBL Awards Cut off Yrs 3-6 Assembly 12.30</i>	2.4 <b>School Photos</b>	3.4 <b>Touchdown Morning Tea - 10.20am Public Speaking Display - 11.30am</b> <i>Café- 2.30pm</i>
Wk 11	6.4 <b>RPS Cross Country Carnival 11.30</b>	7.4 <b>Peer Support Yr 6 Training</b>	8.4 <b>ANZAC Day Service 10.15am</b> <i>K-2 Assembly 12.30</i>	9.4 <b>Easter Hat Parade- 10.15am</b> <b>Last Day of Term 1</b> <i>Newsletter</i>	10.4 <b>Good Friday</b>