



JUNIOR SCHOOL BYTES

14 Wednesday 23 June

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 25 June Last day of Term 2
Monday 19 July First day of Term 3

FIND OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE JUNIOR SCHOOL:
go to the [Radford JS e-Calendar](#)

Contact Numbers for Junior School

ELC Reception 6162 6298 8am- 4pm
1 - 4 Reception 6162 5330 8am- 4pm
5 - 6 Reception 6162 6290 8am – 10.30am



I write this newsletter message in the midst of report writing. One of the things I most enjoy during this period is having the opportunity to read and comment, on all our reports.

I have been greatly assisted this semester as we have moved to include a 'student reflection' on our front page. An opportunity to hear your sons and daughters reflect upon their semester. I have truly enjoyed reading these, and some have provided me with 'light moments'. One in particular has stayed with me... "I must get quicker at short division, it takes me too long and there must be a reason why it's called "short"! "

Wizard was Wonderful

Congratulations to cast and crew, parents and staff for another wonderful production. Following the final performance on Friday evening, I was able to join with the audience to thank the cast and crew and also, to acknowledge the wonderful efforts of Bronwyn Taylor, Natalie Seears, Jennifer Hillman, Dan Mackay and Tracey Markovic for their time, imagination, enthusiasm and genuine support of Drama in our Junior School. I was particular pleased to see the number of students who managed to perform in both *West Side Story* and *Wizard of Oz*.



Technology Challenge

Each year at this time I pose a Technology Challenge for all students K to 6 who may wish to be involved. The Challenge will be held in Week 3 of Term 3 – allowing time for some 'family frustration' over the break.



In the past, we have attempted Mouse Trap Racers and Egg Drops BUT this year we are attempting – an A4 paper aeroplane challenge – a distance challenge ie. how far the aeroplane travels.

More information will be sent in due course but I thought we could start you thinking. If you need inspiration, ask Kate Georgopoulos in Year 2. I made a plane, a very poor example it seems, while discussing this with Years 1 and 2. Kate volunteered to hold it for me – not satisfied with holding it, she took it apart and created a feat of engineering brilliance!

Professional Development

During the first week of our break, the Junior School staff will be attending professional development here at the College. We have two International Baccalaureate Organisation facilitators flying in to run these sessions on assessment.

Congratulations

Congratulations to 6DVG who came 2nd in Australia in the 'Have Sum Fun Online' Maths Competition. At the time of printing we have received information that one of our Year 5 classes (yet to be revealed) has come 3rd in Australia.

Congratulations also to Callum Mayer who has been invited to join the ACT train on squad for PSSA Hockey. Well done Callum.

Finally

We sadly farewell some staff at the completion of this term. Mr Joel Copeland will journey to the UK for a twelve month teaching spell, Ms Marnie Lehmann will go on maternity leave and Mr James Barnett leaves us after over six years of leadership at Radford. James has been appointed as Deputy Principal of Latham Primary. Tori Maddigan our 'Gap Year' student from England also bids us farewell on Friday. Thank you for the assistance you have given us in so many areas. I wish them all a rewarding journey and look forward to Joel and Marnie's return.



Term Two is tiring, days are short and we are a very busy school – enjoy the break and rest with your lovely boys and girls.

Warmest regards

Paul Southwell

Head of Junior School

Lost Property Yr 1-4 Campus

The lost property containers are overflowing at JS Reception. There are many items that are not named e.g drink bottles, lunch containers, even shoes! These items will be donated to charity at the end of term.

FROM THE COLLEGE NURSE

Common Colds in Children



Common colds usually get better on their own in 7–10 days.

To promote recovery and stop winter illnesses from spreading it is important for your child to:

- Stay away from work, school, childcare and other public places when you or your child is unwell.
- Get adequate rest and hydration.
- Have good hand hygiene. Regular hand washing with soap and water or using alcohol-based gels that can be used without water.
- Have good cough and sneeze etiquette. Cover the nose and mouth with disposable tissues when coughing or sneezing, disposing of the tissues promptly in the bin and washing hands afterwards.
- See your doctor or pharmacist if symptoms get worse.

Have fun teaching your child healthy cold and flu messages with interactive storybooks and activities at

<http://www.nps.org.au/consumers/campaigns/ccncs/parents>

COMMUNITY NEWS

Tuning in to Kids: Emotionally Intelligent Parenting
Facilitators: Helen Connell and Marilyn Hatton

Six session parenting program for parents of children aged 4-12 years

Would you like to learn how to:

- **be better at talking to your child?**
- **be better at understanding your child?**
- **help your child learn to manage their emotions?**
- **help to prevent behaviour problems in your child?**
- **more easily set limits for your child's behaviour?**

Where: St John's Parish Centre Blackham Street, Kippax
When: Commencing Wed 24 August 7:30-9:30pm
Cost: \$200 (includes folder, materials, light refreshments and a booster session)
Contact: Helen 62581584 or 0458 581 558 or Marilyn 62625275

The program is suitable for parents, grandparents, carers in fact anyone involved with children.