



# JUNIOR SCHOOL BYTES

# 18 Wednesday 11 August

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Thursday 12 August

Yr 2 Story Night

Friday 13 August

Choirs Eisteddfod

Wednesday 25 August

Mr Southwell's Birthday ☺

Saturday 28 August

Junior School Bush Dance

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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



**August** ..... some of us see only winter cold and snow on our hills, BUT only 15 days until.....August 25!



### **Junior School Athletics Carnival**

On Friday 6 August the sun was shining - Father Richard had been working overtime and our Junior School Athletics Carnival was a beautiful day!

At the start of the carnival, Mr Martin spoke about our expectations for the day: fun, involvement and sportsmanship. The students lived up to all expectations as the oval was alive with a myriad of sporting activities. It was wonderful to see the determination and perseverance shown by our students as they competed in each event. One marvellous moment will stay in my memory for a long time. A Year 5 student was suffering half way through the 800m race with a terrible stitch. She was visibly struggling. One of our Year 4 boys sacrificed his chance of victory by stopping to check if she was alright. This is the attitude that we promote at Radford and it's wonderful to see it in action.

On carnival days we are also competing for House points. After a day where the lead changed on several occasions, we finished with the following final results:

1 <sup>st</sup> : Wigg	1315 points
2 <sup>nd</sup> : Mackinnon	1281 points
3 <sup>rd</sup> : Mulford	1245 points
4 <sup>th</sup> : Casson	1181 points

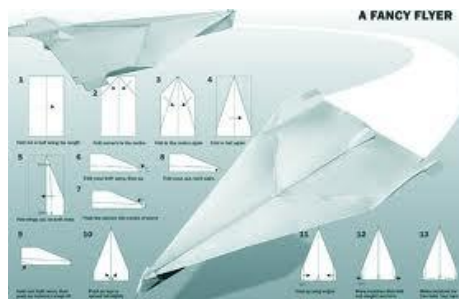
I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Anthony Pardy for his organisation prior to and during the event, our wonderful teachers who always contribute so willingly on these days, and the parents who are always there to support their children. Oh yeah, and I guess the kids are OK too! Thanks to all for making the day a great success!

## 2010 Technology Challenge – The Paper Plane

Over the holiday period, I set the challenge for our students to create a paper plane that can fly the furthest distance. Last week students competed against their own year level to see whose plane would win. It was great to have so many competitors and wonderful to see the number of parents who came along to watch the competition.

The winners were:

Kindy: Jack Flintoft  
Year 1: Sam Frost  
Year 2: Lachlan Seears  
Year 3: Skye Sutton  
Year 4: Liam McIntyre  
Year 5: Thomas Whitbread  
Year 6: Max Mandl



As the paper plane craze has well and truly hit Radford Junior School, we have approached an organisation called 'Paper Pilots' to come along and speak to the kids. James Norton, a member of the Paper Pilots team, is ranked 11<sup>th</sup> in the world for "time in the air". James will be teaching the students about the science behind paper planes, as well as running the Grand Final of our paper plane competition. This will happen during our regular assembly times in Week 5. For more information on Paper Pilots please go to the website: [www.paperpilots.com.au](http://www.paperpilots.com.au)

## Uniforms

I have continued to pursue some possible winter alternatives for our Pre K to Year 4 uniforms, and welcome any parent input and ideas, however, in doing this I have been reminded of our Uniform policy. I have noted some concerns and draw your attention to this policy, with particular respect to hair, jewellery and shoes.

Our uniform in Years Pre K to Year 4 must remain multifunctional and age appropriate with shoes, for instance, being suitable for both class and PE. I look forward to your continued support of this policy.

## Finally

I truly enjoyed our inclusion of a student reflection in our semester reports. Some were very serious, some very deep and some...

*"I think I could improve on sitting cross legged on the floor."*

*"I must get quicker at short division, it takes me too long and there must be a reason why it's called short!"*

*"I think I have double improved in Art, because my old school didn't do it."*

Have a great week.  
Warm regards

**Paul Southwell**  
Head of Junior School

## Music News

On Sunday, the packed Chapel was treated to an absolutely wonderful concert presented by all the Radford Choirs, as part of the Annual Choral Concert. Over one hundred Junior School students were involved in the Year1/2 Warbler group, Year3/4 Girls Choir, Year5/6 choir and the Mixed Boy's group. All choirs performed with great enthusiasm and pizzazz. Our thanks must go to the conductors and managers, Mrs Melissa Alexander, Ms Emily Begbie, Ms Belinda Reitstatter, Ms Jenna Hume and Mrs Brenda Lander, for their leadership. Participation in these events gives our students such inspiration when they hear what can be achieved as they progress to the higher levels of choral singing.

On Thursday this week, we will be hosting a visiting choral group from Queensland. Members of the Birraleee Ensemble can be heard in that famous advertisement singing *I Still Call Australia Home*. Our choir groups will join this ensemble to perform in the RA Young Hall at 2pm.

At the weekend, we are very lucky to have two visiting Music Educators from USA, Brent Holl and Michael Nicholls. They plan to present an exciting workshop in the RA Young Hall incorporating styles of Jazz and traditional music. These educators have written and published many works for tuned percussion, so participants will go away with lots of new skills in this area.

**Brenda Lander**