



JUNIOR SCHOOL BYTES

17 Wednesday 4 August

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 4 August	Yr 5/6 James Hird Cup
Thursday 5 August	Yr 5 & 6 Technology Challenge
	Parent Forum – Library
Friday 7 August	Athletics Carnival

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 commence this week's newsletter with 'Best Wishes' to Ms Tanya Stevenson, who is recuperating after knee surgery. I'm certain that this will not slow Tanya down for very long and we look forward to our dynamic P-2 Director's early return.

Congratulations

We have recently received some outstanding results from the UNSW Science Competition. This competition involves over 50 000 students throughout Australia and Asia. We were thrilled to receive:

- 6 High Distinctions
- 15 Distinctions
- 34 Credits

from the 74 children involved.

Athletics

A reminder that our annual Athletics Carnival will be held this Friday 7 August, on the P&F Oval (lower oval), starting with 800m events at 9am. Students from Pre Kindergarten to Year 6 will be involved throughout the day, providing 'those moments we remember'.

We welcome as many supporters and helpers as possible. If you are able to help for all or some of the day please contact Anthony Parady the Sports Administrator by email anthony.pardy@radford.act.edu.au .

The House Shirts will look fantastic – a reminder that these will be required on Friday. More information is available on the Junior School Intranet page.

Staff Tops

As I constantly state, we have a wonderful staff in our Junior School. This talented group has recently supported the idea of a Junior School Staff jacket and top, with so many purchasing these items. Look out for them at the Athletics Carnival.

Parent Forum

The Education and Wellbeing Committee of the Radford College Board hold 4 education forums each year. This Thursday 5 August, the Library section is presenting in the Senior Library at 5.15pm. Our Teacher Librarian, Ms Jane Stanton will be speaking about her vital role in our Junior School.

Finally

As if watching ‘that Rugby match’ wasn’t enough, I must declare that I will have to be out of the College on Friday – don’t want people to think the leg had gone again! I have never managed to ‘live down’ that 2008 hamstring embarrassment.

Warm regards

Paul Southwell

Head of Junior School

Poetry from Yr 5

Sitting on the couch,
Leaning on Harry's pillow,
Drinking Harry's tea,
While patting an Armadillo.
Chief is sleeping in the bean bag,
What a cute puppy dog,
He steals my Dad's hat,
And chews it with Max the cat.
Chief likes to eat rats,
He swallowed one whole.
He gobbled it down, while sitting on a mole.

By Jack Black

Democracy is the song of freedom and
having your voice heard.
Democracy isn't stale bread, it's yeast
constantly rising.
Democracy is a quilt, piecing together
different opinions.
Democracy isn't bossy.

By Liam Pierlot

Democracy definition poem

Democracy allows citizens to have their say,
So sun can shine again on a rainy day.
Democracy gives people freedom of speech,
And questioning your leader won't cling to
you like a leech.
Democracy is not oppression,
And you won't end your life in deep
depression.

By Josh Robinson

Democracy is freedom.
The one which no one fears.
Democracy is happiness.
The one which everyone hears.
Dictatorship on the other hand.
Has one person in charge.
Dictatorship is big.
With most countries being large.

By Will Davies

Music News

On Sunday 8 August, all of Radford's choral groups will be performing in a Choral Concert in the chapel. It will be a wonderful opportunity to hear choral groups from Year 1 through to Year 12 performing, and all interested members of the Radford community are welcome to attend. The concert begins at 3pm.

Year 1/2 Warblers, Year 3/4 girls choir and Year 5/6 choir are reminded that they need to wear their Winter Uniform and meet their conductors and managers at 2.30pm.

Brenda Lander

FROM THE HEALTH ROOM



Please do not send your child to school if they are unwell.

- They will not perform at their best and
- There is the risk that they will spread their illness to other students and school staff.

Children who have:

- A fever greater than 37.5 C
- An unwell, pale or flushed, red-eyed look
- Nausea, vomiting and/or diarrhoea
- Conjunctivitis or communicable disease, (Measles, chicken pox etc)
- A disruptive cough and cold or flu symptoms.
- An injury or illness requiring medical attention

will be sent home from school.

If your child is unwell at school the procedure is:

- for the child to be sent to the Junior school sick bay (or ELC).
- The College Nurse or first aid staff will assess them. Paracetamol will not be given to keep a sick child at school. If they are unable to remain at school, the staff will contact the relevant parent or guardian.
- Please don't give your child various cough and cold medicines to self-administer. This poses a safety issue for the student and other students at the College.

Please help to keep the impact of winter illnesses on the Radford community low.

Don't hesitate to contact me if you have any comments, suggestions or concerns, Karen Baker, karen.baker@radford.act.edu.au

BUSH DANCE

It's time for all you blokes, sheilas and young'uns to come together and join us for a family night of ole fashioned, bush dancing fun!



The **GONE BUSH BAND** will perform all your favourites like Along the Road to Gundagai, Waltzing Matilda, the Barn Dance, Home Amongst the Gum Trees... the band will also conduct some good ole dance callin' throughout the ev'ning.

So, if you're in the mood for frolicking amongst the haybales, gather your family and friends and join us:

Date: Saturday 28 August
Venue: Radford College TB Millar Hall
Time: 6pm-10pm
Cost: \$10 per adult
\$ 5 per child (children under 3 – free!)



BYO: Dinner and drinks

**Dress up your table and dress up yourself
to be in the running to win great prizes!**

***Tables will be made up of a maximum of 12 people,
so grab some friends and join in the fun!***

***Tickets can be purchased by completing the form at
ELC Reception or
Junior School Reception
from Monday 9 August – Friday 27 August***

The cost of the tickets will be debited to your account.

(All enquiries to Lisa Clarke – 6162 6298 or events@radford.act.edu.au)