



JUNIOR SCHOOL BYTES

19 Wednesday 18 August

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday 24 August	PSSA Athletics
Wednesday 25 August	Mr Southwell's Birthday ☺
Saturday 28 August	Junior School Bush Dance
Friday 3 September	Fathers Day Breakfast

**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 realise that from time to time this may sound monotonous, but, another busy week in our Junior School has managed to display again the strengths of our curriculum, our approach and your sons' and daughters' talents.

We commenced with our Year 3 classes' Art Exhibition, which was the culmination of their Unit of Inquiry 'The Power of Paint' (*Central idea - Society is reflected through its Art*). Not only was the standard of student art work outstanding, the two Gallery Guides who accompanied me truly knew 'their stuff'. Following this, we enjoyed a tremendous Year 2 culmination of their Unit 'How do stories open our lives' (*Central idea – Stories are a window into our own and other people's imagination*). This Unit required intense collaboration and planning between class and specialist teachers, the result: superb.

Friday's 'Celebration Assemblies' featured some tight and enjoyable presentations from Year 1TM (senses) and 5EC on 'Joseph and Philosophy'.

Head of Junior School Awards

Congratulations to students who received our first Head of Junior School Awards last week. The successful students will soon see their photographs on display in our foyer.

Arrivals at School

This morning I struggled to get out of bed, it was minus 3 degrees. However Mrs Southwell pushed me, to make sure I arrived at 7.30am as usual. I realise that we are still in the chill, but remind all families that we start our day with literacy and numeracy sessions at 8.40am sharp. Students arriving late are disadvantaged and programs missed.

Playground News

Following an extremely successful playground 'makeover' in our ELC, we are shortly commencing to upgrade our Year 1-4 areas – the first phase will be to create a huge sand pit/desert bed on our northern boundary. We look forward to attracting many of our younger students to this area – which will be just far enough away to allow the sand to dissipate before returning to our classrooms! This is just the beginning, with more to come on both this site and our Year 5/6 area.

New Classes for 2011

We will be advertising this weekend for new teaching staff to fill the newly created, additional Year 3 & 4 classes for 2011. In doing this, we will also be creating additional leadership positions and increased counselling and individual support as well – to ensure we retain our positive culture and strong relationships.

Parking

Meetings to prepare a parking and pick up strategy have commenced. More information will be shared in future 'bytes' and, as we get closer to implementing, via personal e-mails.

Winter Breaks

We have had an increase in the number of students who are missing, or finishing early, on Fridays to escape for a break. I remind all families that our schedule is very busy and important.

Finally

It seems that I will continue to struggle to win future reading challenges – Princess Lara has one new word read, read, read, read.....!

Warm regards

Paul Southwell

Head of Junior School

WANTED

Do you have any metal coat hangers just hanging around? (excuse the pun) If you do, the Library would love to use them to hang up some books. All donations can be left at JS Library.



"GENERATION NEXT" PARENTING SEMINAR - 29 August

An event not to be missed... Radford College is hosting this seminar at Canberra Girls' Grammar School on Sunday August 29th 2010, in conjunction with other independent schools in the ACT. Speakers include:

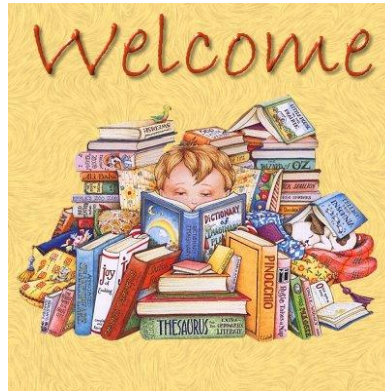
Michael Carr-Gregg
Paul Dillon and
Susan McLean

They will speak on a range of issues to help us understand the unique health and well-being challenges faced by our students, and how these challenges can be met.

Please see the [attached flyer](#) for details of the presentation and how to order tickets. Please make your cheque payable to "Radford College" , and return your form and payment to Lisa Moloney via any of the Reception Offices(JS, HS, or Main Reception).

This is a fantastic opportunity to hear some of the most respected and up-to-date speakers, we hope you can join us!

Book Week in the Junior School 2010
"Across the Story Bridge"
Week 6 Monday 23 – Friday 27 August



We have a variety of activities planned for **Book Week** this year.

Year 1-4 will be having an Art and Craft Day on **Wednesday 25 August**. This is a day where we will be celebrating some of the short-listed books through art activities. The children will move through four stations during the day that will include activities that relate to "Bear and Chook go to Sea," "Roland Harvey's trip to the Top end," "Clancy and Millie and the Very Fine House," and "The Fox and the Very Fine Feathers."

Year 5 and 6 will be completing a bridge construction challenge. They are going to design and construct a bridge made of newspaper and masking tape. The bridge needs to be able to hold the weight of a pile of books. The bridges will be tested during the Junior School celebration time on Friday.

ELC are going to have a dress up day on **Thursday 26 August**. The children will be completing art and craft activities that relate to the book "Isabella's Garden." The staff will be presenting an interpretation of The Three Billy goats Gruff for the children of the ELC and Years 1 and 2 in the afternoon. Parents are most welcome to attend.

On **Thursday 26 August**, all of the Junior School will be holding an Indigenous Literacy Great Book Swap. The Great Book Swap is a simple fundraising idea. Students and staff donate one of their favourite books and pay a gold coin donation to swap it for someone else's book. We encourage all Junior School staff and students to participate in this new initiative.



On **Friday 27 August**, we will be holding a **Covering Morning Tea** – the sequel, part two in the ongoing saga. We encourage all covergirls and coverboys to come and have a pleasant morning of coffee, tea, food and covering in the Junior School Library. If you would like to attend, please email library@radford.act.edu.au
We look forward to seeing you during our days of celebration of the wonder of books.

Jane Stanton
Teacher Librarian