



JUNIOR SCHOOL BYTES

16 Wednesday 28 July

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 2 August	K-Yr 2 Technology Challenge
	Yr 6 Field Trip to Point Hut Crossing
Wednesday 4 August	Yr 3 & 4 Technology Challenge
	Yr 6 Field Trip to Lake Ginninderra
Thursday 5 August	Yr 5 & 6 Technology Challenge
Friday 7 August	Athletics Carnival

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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



The Great Technology Challenge

The time has come once again for our third annual Technology Challenge. In previous years we have been amazed by the skill and speed of 'Mouse Trap Racers', thrilled by the excitement of 'The Great Egg Drop', and this year will test our engineering skills with 'The Paper Plane.'

The Challenge is not compulsory, but will be a lot of fun and provide opportunities for some family 'conversations'. This year's challenge involves the following:

- You must make a paper plane using an A4 sheet of paper
- Cardboard is not allowed
- The A4 piece of paper must be recycled or re-used
- The aim of the competition is for maximum distance
- Mum and Dad can help as much as they like!



The challenge will be held at the following times in the RA Young Hall:

K – Yr 2 on Monday 2 August	1.00pm to 1.45pm
Yr 3 & 4 on Wednesday 4 August	1.00pm to 1.45pm
Yr 5 & 6 on Thursday 5 August	1.00pm to 1.45pm

I look forward to some good old fashioned paper plane flying fun!

Visiting Poets from the United States

Our Year 3 to 6 classes have indeed been fortunate to have Michael Salinger and Sara Holbrook in their classrooms this week. Every class has responded so enthusiastically that I decided to share a small number of reflections from our Year 5 cohort:

- *Yesterday I thought poetry was boring and for old people... but today I think it is exciting and indulging! **Sam Dyne 5SM***
- *I have never really liked to read or say poetry that I have not written myself, but when I re-read Dr Seuss last night, I realised that it is actually not that bad and I enjoy it! **Will Davies 5TL***
- *Yesterday I thought poetry would be really boring and I was really not looking forward to this subject but today I feel that poetry can be bouncy, fun and happy and now I think it is cool! **Brianna Fitzsimmons 5SM***
- *Yesterday I didn't know a thing about poetry but today I realise that poetry can be from Nursery Rhymes to describing food and many other exciting things in between. **Jasper Mazurkiewicz 5TL***
- *Yesterday I thought that poetry was a boring bunch of words that did not make sense but now I realise it can be funny, entertaining and knowledgeable! **Lewis Shaw 5SM***

Registration

Radford College was visited by the ACT Governments registration panel last week as we presented our documentation and responded to initial questioning. I congratulate Mr Nick Martin on his presentation of our online curriculum planners which drew a tremendous response from the visiting panel. The registration process, which occurs every five years, will continue in a month's time. As you read this newsletter, I am representing Radford on a registration panel at the Islamic School in Weston.

Authorisation

In addition to embracing ACT Government registration, we are excited by our upcoming International Baccalaureate Organisation (IBO) Authorisation visit set down for October. If we are successful we will have achieved full authorisation as an 'IB World School' in only three years – an incredible feat.

Presentation

This Friday I have been approached to make a presentation relating to our usage of Commonwealth Grants supporting Literacy. Our new 'Wordwork' program has been deemed an exceptional, innovative whole school approach to literacy.

Year 6 Exhibition

As our second Year 6 Exhibition commences with a focus upon 'tuning in' our students understanding of waterways. I commend parents to keep the evening of 16 September free to join in this culmination of the Primary Years Program. I am certain you will be 'staggered' by the presentations.



Congratulations

During the holiday break we received the news that two of our Senior Primary classes achieved excellent results in the national 'Have Sum Fun Online' problem solving maths competition. 6DG achieved second place and 5TL achieved third place out of all of Australia! Congratulations!



Finally

Lara Southwell and I were fortunate to both stay awake long enough to see some of the Australia vs South Africa test match – Mrs Southwell left us to our own devices. Sadly only one of us was that interested.

Warm regards

Paul Southwell

Head of Junior School