



**Term 1 dates**  
**Wed 31st January to**  
**Friday 13th April**

## Dear Parents and Carers

A warm Riverside 'welcome back' to all our families and parents. Our students have had a very smooth and happy start to the year if the smiles, laughter and obvious joy that are evident in the classes and play areas is anything to go by.

Our new students have made a great start to becoming Riverside kids and the first nervous 'butterflies' seem to have settled and they have made new friends, built friendships and have joined in their classes smoothly. As it is the first few weeks for me also at Riverside Primary I understand how our 'new' students are feeling. I have felt very welcomed at Riverside and have enjoyed the first two weeks immensely! Thank you for the families and staff who have made me feel such a part of Riverside so quickly.

Teachers have already begun the very important Class Meetings that are held in the first three weeks and I urge all parents and carers to attend, if they haven't already done so, to connect not only with their child's teacher but also to build the relationship between school and home. Understanding class routines, timetables and how best to support the child in school and at home is vital for a child's success. If you are unable to attend your child's Class Meeting at this time, please contact the teacher to set up a short meeting early this term to catch up on all this important information.

A big thank you to the mum's, dad's and families for organising and preparing the boys and girls for the start of school. Having all the stationery, bags and uniforms and the students ready to start each new day is so important and sets the kids up to perform at their best.

Education is a very individual journey and success looks differently for each student. What is the same though, is the effort to achieve, learn and give yourself every chance to learn. I urge all our boys and girls to use every opportunity this year to learn, grow and enjoy their school year.

We have a wonderful term ahead of us and I wish every student well to do their best in all their class activities.

Have an awesome term!

Peter Dunning  
Principal

## National Assessment Program In Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)

A brochure outlining the Literacy and Numeracy testing program is being sent home with Year 3 and 5 students today. If you wish to withdraw your child from this testing program please see either their class teacher or Mrs Wozniuk.



## Rhymetime and Riverside Family Playgroup

Rhymetime and Riverside Family Playgroup will commence on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February. Rhymetime and Playgroup take place each Wednesday in the Community Room from 9:00-10:30 for any children aged 0-5 years who don't yet attend school or kindergarten on that day. Rhymetime takes place in the first 30 minutes of Playgroup.

## Term Planner

The Term 1 Planner has been uploaded to the website. Please refer to this for upcoming events.

**EARLY CLOSE** Reminder to NEW families—The school day finishes at 2:30pm every Thursday.