



Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

With Term 3 underway, Swimming Lessons, preparation for our upcoming Sports/Athletics Carnival, Book Week and Dress Up Day and of course the beautiful (wet and windy) winter weather, it has been a very busy three weeks.

Our first week began with lots of excitement as we had all the celebrations and activities around our NAIDOC events which culminated in the dancing and singing in the NAIDOC Assembly. This year's theme was particularly important – Because of her, we can! This special message helped our boys and girls recognize the importance of family, mother, aunt, sister and Grandmother, not only for the indigenous families, but also for all Riverside families.

In our NAIDOC celebrations the students learnt the art of boomerang throwing, aboriginal art techniques, focussed their Noongar Language skills around family and culture, learnt dance and song, and engaged in a variety of activities led by local and community indigenous elders and community members.

It was an honour to engage with the community elders, and a pleasure to see the young students embrace and engage with the culture, language and heritage which makes us so proud in Riverside.

Thank you to Miss Ashlee Otway and Mrs Sue Sharp for organising and running such a worthwhile and important event for us.

Student Councillors Semester 2 Presentation

Congratulations to our wonderful boys and girls who have been nominated and recognized as student leaders at our Whole School Assembly last week.

It was fantastic to see just how proud and enthusiastic the students were winning this coveted position to represent their class in the Riverside Student Council.

We are sure that Mrs Sloan will enjoy working with these fabulous students for the rest of the year as they work around the school, supporting, helping and encouraging their peers and class mates.

Thank you to the outgoing Semester 1 Student Councillors as they have done a great job for their classes.

We look forward to seeing the positive impact the councillors will make in our school.

As our community is surrounded by river, estuary and ocean it is vital that all students learn to swim, not just for physical skills and fitness, but also for the ability to save themselves in a water incident.

The swimming instructors have let us know how impressed they are with the Riverside students, behaviour, attitude and skill. Well done boys and girls!

Peter Dunning
Principal

To The Riverside Primary School Community

One of the exciting initiatives which our newly appointed principal, Peter Dunning, has promoted is a partnership with Fogarty Edvance, education consultants, to implement a researched based approach to school improvement in the form of a renewed Riverside Primary School Improvement Plan.

Being able to harness the expert consultancy and school specific initiatives supported by the Fogarty Edvance Group has meant that the school staff are better enabled to focus on, not only academic improvement for all students but also supporting student welfare and well being. The school improvement initiatives focus implicitly upon supporting staff and school structures to build success for students.

We are all very excited with the opportunity that this represents for our students and our school, and whilst we realise that the program runs across a three year implementation phase, there will be obvious changes and initiatives that will be engaged even in this semester.

The Riverside Schools Board strongly supports Peter in this process and sees the plan as being beneficial to the development of the school and an integral part of the School Business Plan which is at present being renewed.

John Reyburn
Board Chair

CHAMPION LIFE ONLINE PROGRAM

Starting this term our Year 4-6 students are engaging in Health and Well Being lessons using an interactive on-line program called Champion Life. This program, designed around the WA Health Curriculum, uses real life sports, community and youth 'Champions' that engage the students around physical, mental and social challenges. The students participate in the lesson challenges and then film themselves completing the challenge and upload the film clip to their individual 'student dash-board' to create a record of their performance. The 'student dashboard' can only be viewed by the teacher, the school principal and the student themselves.

Completing the Lesson Challenge then opens up an "Extension Activity" that is otherwise closed. The students gain Champion Points with the lesson challenges and extensions completed. The 'gameification' of the teaching and lesson activity has been a real hit with the kids.

One very important aspect of the Champion Life program is that the students complete a mental health checklist on how they feel each time they log on. Teachers are then able to touch base with students who need extra attention and support around their well being.

The Champion Life program also is open for all students Kindy to Year 6 to engage in their class with their teacher through what is called a Body Set. This is a short 5 minute burst of activity and fun games that promote 'physical activity and movement' to warm up and engage the class or, a 'warm down' to calm the class after a busy session or returning from recess/ lunch etc.

The teacher are sent the weeks 'Body Sets' at the start and end of each week and these have proven to be very popular with the classes.

We are excited to be part of the first 'wave' of schools in the region to take up this important Health and Well-Being program.

SWIMMING LESSONS

A big thank you to the families and students for being so organised and prepared for your swimming lessons, which began this week. Parents please ensure all towels, goggles, clothes etc. are marked with the child's name as we invariably have lost property that we try our best to locate owners.

Although two weeks in the winter term is not ideal it is important to realise that the students are very resilient overcoming the rain and conditions getting to and from the pool to complete their lessons. As a school we are asked to put down our preferences, which is always in the summer months, but with so many schools also asking for these terms we must take our turn in a rotation to accept lessons in a winter timeframe. Our staff work very hard to ensure the students are organised for the smoothest transition to and from the pool for the lessons.



RHYMETIME

Rhymetime takes place each Wednesday in the School Library from 9:00-9:30 for any children aged 0-5 years who don't yet attend school or kindergarten on that day. It is conducted by Cathy from the Mandurah City Library. Parents, if you are available at this time with your pre-school child, come along to the library to join in the fun.



TRASH FREE TUESDAY

Congratulations to the students in Rooms 3 and 13 who brought the most trash free lunches to school in Term 2. The students in these classes students received an ice-cream in a cone for their environmental efforts.



FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY FAMILY FUN DAY

Thank you to the parents and grandparents who supported the Year 1 students at Term 2's Fresh Fruit Friday Family Fun Day activities and healthy fruit picnic.

Congratulations to Jade Pelling, the mother of Ella Pelling from Room 17, who was the winner of the fruit platter in the free fruit raffle.



Nationally Consistent Collection of Data for School Students with Disability

All schools in Australia will participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD) on school students with Disability again this year.

The Data Collection is an annual count of the number of students with disability receiving educational adjustments to support their participation in education on the same basis as students without disability.

We are required to provide data about the number and learning needs of children at our school to the Australian Government Department of Education. The name of the school and the name of the students will not be reported. Information about the different types of needs and the programs and resources the school uses to overcome barriers and support children with special education needs will be collected.

We believe it is important to contribute to this because it will help Governments and the Department develop better policies that acknowledge the level of resources needed in schools to meet the needs of all students in Western Australia.

Further information for Parents and Carers can be found on our School Website.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Cherie Dobbs on 9534 0300 or the Western Australian Department of Education Disability Services and Support on 9402 6477.



Canteen News

Many thanks to the parent, carers and students who made a donation to our school lunch bags tin last semester. You raised a huge \$142.50!! Thank you, every cent is greatly appreciated.

SOME MENU CHANGES

Jelly - unfortunately is classed as a 'red' item within the traffic light system & can no longer be sold daily at the canteen. We are however going to have a 'Jelly Day' once a month on the second Wednesday of each month.

Muffins - Also fall into the red category sadly but good news is Muffin Break have 4 varieties of muffins that are 'amber' & we are going to be trialling these very soon.

SWIMMING LESSONS

Please know that all students can still order lunches whilst the swim lessons are on. Lunches will be ready around the different class session times.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The Athletics Carnival is fast approaching (Week 7, Wednesday 29th August 2018) and the canteen will be offering pre-ordered hot foods, salads, sandwiches, cakes & drinks. A flyer will be sent out very soon.

VOLUNTEERS are always welcome, we have a few regular volunteers but are always looking for more, please don't hesitate to come & say hi & let me know your availability.



Many thanks everyone for your continued support of the Schools Canteen.