Another year has flown by and the P&C is winding down as everyone gets ready to spend over six terrific weeks with family and friends. We celebrated a very successful year on Monday night with a little Christmas Party after our last General Meeting for the year with lots of yummy food and even wine!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you that put your hand up to help out with an event, donated Easter chocolate, bought raffle tickets, dove down the backs of your lounges to find 5c pieces, pestered family and friends to buy cookie dough, gave your children money to spend at the Mothers and Fathers Day stalls, stood in line to buy sausage sizzles and cakes during the Sports Carnival, bought tickets to the Disco, purchased uniforms from the Uniform Shop and ordered recess or lunch from the Canteen .... Phew! It certainly has been a big year!

We’d also like to show our appreciation to every single member of the P&C but in particular the Office Bearers and Convenors who spend hours and hours working hard while juggling kids, jobs, study, sport and even businesses to make the Riverside Schools P&C the strongest in the state! (According to WACSSO) Considering the tenuous position we were in at this time last year it certainly is a fantastic achievement and one we are all very proud of.

We’ve also had a great deal of support from the Principals and staff from both schools and the Riverside Schools Board without which would certainly make what we do a whole lot harder so ... thank you.

Special thanks to Kevin and Kaye Fowler for the dedication that they show each and every year to the Riverside Schools and the P&C, your contribution is appreciated by all.

We hope everyone has a wonderful and safe Christmas break, that parents, kids and teachers recharge those batteries for the exciting new year ahead. and we look forward to seeing you all in 2017!

Your Riverside Schools P&C

UNIFORM SHOP: LATEST NEWS

**Pre-loved Uniforms** We’re happy to take your old uniforms. Please drop washed items off to the Uniform Shop during opening hours.

**2017 Uniform Pre-Orders** The Uniform Shop will be open on Friday the 27th of January from 8am to 1pm for Pre-Order pickups and sales.

**Hats** We currently have plenty of hats in stock, if the kids hats are a little worse-for-wear it might be time to get a new one for the new year.

**EFTPOS AVAILABLE** Don’t forget, we now conveniently have EFTPOS!!

THE UNIFORM SHOP IS OPEN
FRIDAY 27TH JAN
8AM - 1PM
SALES & PRE-ORDER PICKUPS
PLEASE NOTE IT ON YOUR CALENDAR

A MESSAGE FROM THE RIVERSIDE SCHOOLS BOARD ...

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the P&C for the wonderful job they have done this year.

They have had such a positive year and this is evident by their fund raising initiatives and the success of the canteen.

Congratulations on a great year and we wish them continued success in 2017.
GET INVOLVED!!!
Many hands make light work ....

If you've ever considered getting more involved in your school then next year could be your year to make a difference, we'd love to have you as part of the P&C!

At the AGM in March 2017 every committee position automatically becomes vacant and is open to new nominations. As a few families will be leaving the school at the end of the year current members will not be re-nomining for their position. Training is provided and becoming involved in the P&C can be a great stepping stone to getting back into the workforce if you've had time off to look after children, it looks great on a Resume.

IMPORTANT! If we are not able to form a complete committee and we do not have the positions of President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary filled the P&C will cease to operate which means no Canteen, no Uniform Shop and none of the financial assistance that’s provided to the school via fundraising.

You can always sign up to be a Riverside Helper too using the website below or via one of the volunteer forms you can find at the Canteen, Uniform Shop or in the Office. Riverside Helpers are those people that aren’t on the committee but get to do all of the really fun stuff like helping out at the Mothers and Fathers Day stalls or even taking a shift in the Canteen. We couldn’t manage without our regular helpers, they are incredibly important!

PATS ON THE BACK FROM WACSSO ...

WACSSO (Western Australian Council of State School Organisations) is the body standing right behind P&C’s providing them with guidance, training and assistance whenever and wherever possible.

• Two training sessions were held at Riverside this year with P&C members from Greenfields PS, Lakelands PS and Dudley Park PS also attending.

• WACSSO have commended the Riverside Schools P&C for all of the hard work we have put in over the last two years in particular. Our newsletters are now shown as an example of what other P&C’s can do and are presented as part of the training package.

• WACSSO are now in partnership with TidyHQ who will be developing a system just for P&C’s in the future. Riverside Schools was thanked for bringing Tidy HQ to WACSSO’s attention and for giving both WACSSO and Tidy HQ so much input into how Tidy HQ can work for every P&C in Western Australia.

• Our Secretary, Caryn, has been asked by WACSSO to write an article promoting the use of Tidy HQ to other P&C’s and this is to go into the next P&C Voice and onto the WACSSO website. She has also been consulting on the usability of the revamped Tidy HQ website.

FUNDRAISING: SCHOOL DISCO

We hope everyone enjoyed the new venue this year and the sensory section of each session where it wasn’t so dark or loud especially for those children with sensory issues. The DJ said it was the best school disco he’s ever worked at and how great the dancers are at Riverside. Over $2,000 was raised on the night and everyone seemed to have a terrific time. If you’d like to be a part of the next school disco let us know!

CANTEN SHOPPING LIST

Beetroot, Chocolate Buttons, Tissues, Tinned pineapple, Oats, Paper Towel, Oil Spray, Golden Syrup, Large Muffin Patty Pans, Tuna, Brown Sugar, Vanilla Essence, Popping Corn

The list up at the canteen is updated regularly.

Thank you to everyone who has donated their change to cover the cost of lunch bags in Term 4. So far $53.00 has been donated which should cover the cost of 2,000 bags!
From Trudy (Canteen Manager)

The trained volunteer security guards were a new addition to the Disco this year

CANTEN: LATEST NEWS

✈️ Donations of pantry items for 2017 are welcome to help us cut costs. Items that could be of use if you see them on special are listed to the left. <<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<

✈️ THANK YOU to our volunteers this year! We look forward to having you back in Term 1 and hope to see some new faces due to some of our volunteers leaving the school. Volunteers are always welcome and upon completion of a canteen shift volunteers are provided with a voucher to be spent at the canteen either by yourself or your children, volunteers also receive morning tea or lunch and a drink! So what are you waiting for?

Volunteer shifts have also been reduced in length to accommodate those that wish to help but have less time to spare. Ask to be added to the volunteer roster today by filling out a volunteer form at the canteen, email us or register online.

✈️ Donations to cover the cost of lunch bags are appreciated, feel free to drop your change into the box when ordering your lunch next year.

✈️ Spring Sizzle We hope everyone enjoyed your Sausage Sizzle a few weeks ago, nothing like the smell of sausages cooking on a BBQ!

THE FINAL WORD ...

An enormous thank you to Lori Leggo, our volunteer Canteen Convenor, and Trudy Cates, our Canteen Manager, who’s dedication and tireless efforts this year have managed to turn our Canteen completely around. You are both amazing and we don’t know what we would have done without you this year. Thank you!