



Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a real joy to be able to walk through our classrooms and see the boys and girls so actively engaged in their lessons and their learning. When I am in classrooms the children take a real pride in showing off their work and wanting to discuss what they have been doing.

I had the happy job of showing a prospective parent around the school this week and the comments that the parent made were highly complimentary of the happy and engaged classes of students. What was also said was how pretty and well resourced the school is with lovely shady gardens and play areas and very clean grounds. It is obvious that this is the result of some hard work by teachers, garden and cleaning staff who go above and beyond to provide a supportive and engaging learning space. Well done team!

Early Close Wednesday 21st March for Teacher/Parent Interviews

The school has been granted permission by the Education Department for an early close of 12.30pm on Wednesday 21st March for the annual Teacher/Parent Interviews to take place. Information with interview times listed is being sent home with students this week. Interviews will take place over Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd March in afternoon sessions.

School Gates

We have made the decision to support a safe environment for students with the school gates around the school to be locked at 9:30am, with the exception of the main front gate. All gates will be unlocked at 2.30pm, 2pm on Thursday afternoons for early close and 1.15pm on Schools Assembly days. This decision has been made in the interest of our Duty of Care and Safety for all students.

Appropriate strategies have been put in place in the event of an evacuation with all gates being opened immediately. Recess and lunch access to the oval will continue as per normal. All visitors are asked to access the school through the main gates and the Riverside Schools front office.

Assembly

What a fantastic turnout for our first 2018 School Assembly. Not only was it a showcase of the talents of our Year 6 students in Room 9 but a celebration for our first Honour Certificate Winners, presentation for our Student Councillors, Enviro Rangers and also our Faction Captains being recognized and receiving their badges. Congratulations to all our student leaders and we wish them well in their respective positions for Semester 1.

Last week, Room 3, Year 3 & 4 students dazzled us with their language skills by singing and reciting a poem in Noongar. Well done to the students who received honour certificates, keep up the great work!

Peter Dunning
Principal
8th March 2018

Rhymetime and Riverside Family Playgroup

Each Wednesday in the Community Room from 9:00-10:30.am.

Parents, give your child an excellent start to their education by attending the Rhymetime sessions which are held for half an hour each Wednesday beginning at 9:00 in the school library, followed by Riverside Family Playgroup (see over).

Any young children aged 0-5 years who don't yet attend school or kindergarten on that day are eligible to be involved in this great **free** program. Rhymetime is facilitated by Cathy Puzey from the Mandurah City Library.



Fresh Fruit Friday Family Fun Day

Parents/grandparents of Year 1 students are invited to join their children in a Fresh Fruit Friday Family Fun Day at 8:50am on Friday 23rd March. The children will participate in outdoor games followed by eating fresh fruit. Parents/grandparents are invited to spectate or participate in the games and then join them in eating a healthy fruit picnic. Please bring along a picnic rug and some fruit to eat with your children/grandchildren.

Parents/grandparents of Year 1 students who attend will receive a free raffle ticket in the fruit platter draw.

Normal classes will resume at 9:50am.





UNIFORM POLICY

Thank you to all parents who make sure their children are in the school uniform, as outlined in our Dress Code Policy. By encouraging the students to wear a uniform we are forming a social relationship of pride, belonging and respect. It also fosters and enhances the public image of the school and assists students to learn the importance of appropriate presentation.

Helping your child with the correct uniform also makes "morning life" easier for families as students know what they must wear for school.

Lately we have noticed increasing numbers of children who are not wearing correct school uniform - mainly this is children forgetting what's allowed and what isn't. It's important for all children to wear practical, sensible and safe clothing.

We expect all children to wear school uniform as follows:

- School Navy broad brimmed hat – (with school logo)
- School Aqua polo t-shirt, Year 6 and Graduation polo with school logo
- School tartan skort
- Navy mid-thigh shorts: **Please note that all shorts must be of a RESPECTABLE length.** (inappropriate length will not be tolerated)
- School Check dress
- Navy wind cheater/jacket with school logo preferably
- Faction coloured polo t-shirts with logo on Sports Day and the Faction Carnival

Please find a copy of our Dress Code Policy on our website or a hard copy in the front office.



Come join our Noongar playgroup for a play and a yarn and meet other families in our community.

When: Every Friday
Time: 10.00am- 1.00pm
Where: Community Room,
 near the Year 1 Block

Please bring water bottle and hat (Fruit supplied)

To register or find out more information contact:

Ashlee Otway (AIEO) at Riverside Primary School on 9534 0300



Please join us at the

Riverside Family Playgroup

A Playgroup for children aged 0-5 and their families.

Where: Riverside Primary School
When: Wednesdays 9:00 – 10:30am
Includes: Rhymetime 9:00-9:30 with Cathy from the Mandurah City Library

Please bring a hat & a piece of fruit to be shared At Playgroup ...

- You can have fun playing with your child
- You can meet other parents
- Your child can become familiar with the school environment ready for future years.

For more information please phone Riverside PS: 9534 0300