

Parents/Guardians

We have had a fantastic end to the term with Riverside hosting the Peel Schools B Division Interschool Athletics Carnival. This was a brilliant day that showcased our Riverside students efforts and endeavours, and although we did not come away with the trophies we certainly won respect and the plaudits of the spectators and other schools for the positive and enthusiastic way in which our students competed in every event, race and game. Well done to all our students who represented our school. We are very proud of you!

A big thank you to our PE Specialist Mr Tyren Nagtegaal and his band of teachers, staff and helpers for setting up and running the carnival so smoothly and successfully. Thank you to the P&C members who ran the sausage sizzle and cake stalls and providing the PA system that was used.

A special mention to the Riverside parents and families who came along and cheered on our team and also provided support and encouragement for all the students from all 4 schools. It was fantastic to see our community come together in this way and it really is a strong and positive cultural aspect of our Riverside School.

Recently students from Year 3, with some Year 4 students from Room 3, travelled to Kings Park by charter bus to enjoy a day participating in the Kings Park Festival – Aboriginal Language Activities. The children were fantastic ambassadors for Riverside Primary School and received many positive comments from members of the public and Kings Park Staff for their behaviour and positive manners. Well done Rooms; 12, 13, 14 and 3 for your brilliant values and Riverside manners. Thank you to Mrs Ashlee Otway, Mrs Bridget Annels, Mrs Kris MacRae, Mrs Fogarty-Dodd and Mrs Sue Karlovsky for the organisation and supervision of the day. We also had many parents attending who came along to help and support the students. I am sure you all went home happy and exhausted after the big day out in Kings Park. Thank you.

Our Student Councillors, together Mrs Helen Sloan and Mrs Kym Scott travelled recently to Parliament House to be hosted by Hon. Mr David Templeman. The students and teachers were taken on a tour, participated in question time in the Legislative Assembly and enjoyed lunch in the Parliamentary Restaurant with Mr Templeman. After all this excitement the group travelled back to the train and caught the train back to Mandurah. The group were very appreciative of the attention shown to them by Mr Templeman and the Parliamentary Staff and came back to school with a much deeper appreciation of the work of our elected representatives and parliament. Thank you Mrs Sloan for organising this wonderful opportunity for the students who, I'm sure will remember this day forever.

This week we enjoyed the spectacle and celebration of running our Student Learning Journeys in all our classrooms. Walking through all the rooms you would have been very impressed, like I was, with the quality and skill of the work on display, but more importantly that each student's work was a display and honour of their work commitments and 'doing their best'! Thank you to all the students for preparing their work so beautifully to be displayed in this way, and more significantly, being able to explain to their parents and family members the process and journey they worked through to experience the learning in the work displayed. The conversations we have with our children about their learning is a rich and important part of the child's development. Even deeper learning occurs during this discussion and explanation to others of the task and learning activity.

The children enjoyed walking around with their class on Thursday morning visiting each room and reading, looking at and interacting with the many class displays. There were a lot of very happy kids who recognized friends, brothers or sisters work in the different class displays.

Parents, if you would like to discuss any aspect of your child's work or learning please feel free to contact the teacher directly to make a time for a parent, teacher and student interview.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our students and staff for their hard work this term. It has been a very busy term, but has also been very successful with many brilliant events and also fantastic achievements in our classes.

Our staff continue to work very hard to provide the best academic and social-emotional opportunities for your children and are to be commended for their hard work.

Thank you parents for being so supportive of your child's school endeavours and also participating in the school when available.

To all our school community I wish you an enjoyable and restful October School Holiday Break and hope you all return safely and recharged ready for the last 10 weeks of Term 4.

I leave the students with a 'Principal's Challenge' – try to read 3 books these holidays. Show them to your parents and carers and dare them to ask 4 questions of the book that you can answer. If you can read 3 then challenge yourself to read 4! Go on – try it – you never know what you are capable of until you try!

And, of course GO EAGLES!

Peter Dunning

Principal Riverside Primary School



Parents Cars in Staff/Administration Car Park

Parents are requested not to drop their child in the main front, staff car park and to use the 'kiss and drop off area' out the front of the school on Minilya Parkway.

We had a very near miss this week with a young student walking with their mother across the front entrance to the school almost being hit by another parents car exiting the staff car park quickly, after using this area as a kiss and go space.

With students, and staff walking through the car park and the driveway crossing the footpath space on Minilya Parkway there is no justification for parents exiting this driveway at the busy start and end of school times. We do realise that we have a number of parents of children with disabilities who must use the Disable Parking bays in front of the administration block but must display an ACROD sticker at all times when dropping off students with disabilities.

The safety of our children is paramount and we all have a responsibility to ensure our kids are safe walking to and from school around the school gates and roads.

Thank you for your consideration to keep all our children safe.



STUDENT SAFETY

Just a reminder about everyone's safety before and after school.

Please make sure you are wearing a helmet if you are riding and be careful when crossing the road.



School policy is that the riding of bikes, scooter, skateboards on school grounds is prohibited, please make sure that you jump of your modes of transport as you enter the gates. Thank you for your continued support in this.

School Watch—Look, Listen, Report

School Watch Security T: 1800 177 777

or

Police T: 131 444

Every year, criminal damage to schools not only costs Western Australian taxpayers tens of thousands of dollars, but also inconveniences students, their families, teachers and local residents.

While the Police and Department work closely together to minimise crime at school premises, you too can help. With more than 650 public schools involved in the School Watch program the community's role is vital, particularly after school hours and during school holidays.

Most importantly, if you live near a public school and see or hear suspicious behaviour immediately contact School Watch Security or the Police.

Let's work together to help create safer school communities.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN reports will be sent home this week. Just a reminder that this is just a snapshot in your child's learning and is only one aspect of their journey so far alongside your child's teacher assessments and semester reports, on their educational path. If you have any queries regarding your child's NAPLAN results please contact the school.

Important Dates

Friday 21 September	Last day of school for student
Monday 8 October	School Office open Term 4 Pupil Free Day

2019 Enrolments

Planning for 2019 is now underway, **if you are not** returning to Riverside Primary School in 2019 please let the school know at your earliest convenience

