



Parents/Guardians

A big well done to our brilliant Student Councillors and Mrs Sloan for the running of our Week 10 Assembly. Listening to the confident and well-spoken students handling their MC roles, I was reminded just how well balanced our students are when given the opportunity to develop their public speaking skills.

Behind the scenes there was obviously support from parents, care-givers and staff to help the student councillors, but the boys and girls themselves were very accomplished.

Congratulations to the Riverside Primary School Choir for their performances at assembly. I am always in awe of the talent of our students and have been able to see the practice with Miss Crawford at different times. The hard work and practice has paid off with an invitation to attend the Mandurah Schools Performing Arts Festival later this year. We look forward to seeing and hearing more from our choir this year.

When I spoke to the school at assembly, I reminded the students how important it is to treat others with the respect and courtesy that we ourselves would like to be treated. It is such a simple, easy and 'free' effort that we can make which have such a profound effect on people around us. This will also show others what we think of ourselves if we talk kindly and politely to others. It is a very important part of growing up, from a child to a young adult, to be able to treat others with respect and use manners and courtesy when talking to each other.

Easter Raffles – Baskets and Prizes

A big thank you to our hard-working P&C members, and also the Riverside School families, who provided all the Easter Egg prizes, baskets and eggs for the children in our recent Easter Egg Raffle Assembly. Over 40 minutes some 130 prizes were won by students and families. This is a fantastic event and one that showcases the community focus of our school families and friends.

Well done to the P&C Committee members who put this all together. It was the best I have seen in 32 years of teaching. The Pre-Primary, Year 1 and 2 classes who also wore their Easter hats and displays looked fantastic.

I wish all families, students and staff a very enjoyable and safe April School Holidays. It has been a very long first term but one that has been very enjoyable with many brilliant events and some wonderful student achievements.

I leave the boys and girls with a challenge over the holidays. Parents, I will be very interested to hear how the boys and girls went with these 4 simple challenges.

1. Read at least 2 books. They must be a novel or story.
2. Learn something that you have not tried before. It could be tying your shoes by yourself or kicking a 'torpedo' with a football. Something that you have always wanted to do. Ask Mum, Dad or a family member to teach you.
3. Help around the house. Sweep up, vacuum, clear the table after dinner or put out the bin. It doesn't matter what it is, just pick something that you don't normally do and surprise your family. Cleaning up your room will probably surprise mum and dad!
4. Memorise a tables list. If you know the 3 x tables then learn the 4 x tables. If you already can do these pick one that is harder... like the 9 x tables. Read, chant them, copy them again and again. Have your family test you on these and then go and practice again. I would love to hear what worked best to help you learn them.

So, that is your challenge for the holidays boys and girls. I look forward to hearing from you, after school restarts on Tuesday 1st May, how many of these challenges you could finish.

Peter Dunning
Principal

Parents - Assembly Changes

After the recent parent survey we have made the decision to change the Assembly day and time. Whole Schools Assemblies will now take place on Friday mornings at 8.50am. We hope this will enable more families to attend.

Rhymetime

Rhymetime is a free fun pre-literacy program run by Cathy Puzey from the Mandurah Library. Rhymetime takes place each Wednesday in the School Library from 9:00-9:30am for any children aged 0-5 years who don't yet attend school or kindergarten on that day. Rhymetime will recommence for Term 2 on Wednesday 9th May.

Term Dates

<u>Term 1</u>	Last Day	Friday 13 th April
<u>Term 2</u>	Commences	Tuesday 1 st May
	Last Day	Friday 29 th June

