Welcome to Term 2. I am happy to advise our new website has finally been launched. See the last page for details.

ANZAC Day: Students were involved in a variety of activities to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the 1915 Gallipoli Campaign. Making poppies for the Shire of Mandurah (on display at the local library), watching videos and making posters were just some of the varied activities students were engaged with. Our classroom displays are very rich in appreciating and honouring our brave ANZAC troops. This all culminated in an ANZAC Assembly on 24/04/15. The reverence from our students for this solemn occasion was outstanding. Well done to all staff and students for you engagement with this important event in our national history.

Australian Early Development Census (AEDC): This is a National compulsory census for students in their first year of schooling. Data collection will be gathered by Mrs Louise Filer (AEDC Coordinator) and she will submit it online. The collection period will run from 4th May-3rd July 2015. Approval notes for those students who are required to participate will be sent home shortly to the respective parents/carers.

National Quality Standards (NQS): The National Quality Standard establishes a consistent national position about what “quality” means in early childhood education and care, regardless of state/territory and regardless of service type. The NQS will be implemented as an ongoing quality control mechanism at Riverside ESC during 2015. If you require any further information about the NQS please contact the school, information will also be made available on the schools website.

Attendance: I would like to thank everyone for your continued effort with your child’s attendance. If for any reason your child is absent from school could you promptly inform us. Mrs Rekman our School Attendance Officer maintains a very strict register and is obligated to follow up student absences. There may be times when Mrs Rekman, accompanied by your child’s Teacher could perform a home visit to discuss an extended run of absences with you.

School Reports: Your child’s Semester One school report will be sent home during Week 10 (22/06/15).

School Board: We are seeking Expressions of Interest (EOI) from any parent/carer who may be interested in joining our School board. If you wish to submit an EOI or require further information please contact me to discuss this opportunity for greater involvement in the operation of our combined schools.

Nepal Earthquake: As a School community our thoughts and prayers are extended to the people of Nepal and others who have been affected by the recent devastating earthquake. This is a tragedy and often our children come across images and news items that may be confronting for them and they will ask questions. It is important to validate their enquiries and give them appropriate information. If such questions arise within our school I can assure you our well trained Teachers and Support Staff will be able to assist and support your child’s needs in a caring and nurturing environment.

Thanks for your continued support and I wish everyone well for the School Term.

Kind Regards,
Jim Douglas - Principal
Room 31

We have been remembering, reading and doing great work about our ANZAC’s.

Declan with his field of poppies  
Timmy with his counting poppies  
Lucas with his soldier at sunrise

We are all looking forward to our Mother’s Day morning tea on Wednesday 6th of May.

Room 32

In Room 32 this term our theme is *The Sea*. We have had fun activities making sea horses, fish and turtles. We have talked about what sort of animals live in the ocean. Harrison said “shark, stingray, dolphin, octopus, turtle and seaweed.” Paul-John said “fish and crabs”.

Dental News

Please be advised that while we welcome your child’s enrolment with School Dental Services, our clinic programme is currently behind schedule. As a result, your child may not receive a dental examination for 24 months (instead of our preferred 12 months). In the meantime if you have any concerns about your child’s dental health please contact our centre Ph: 9581 3895

To assist us with the long waitlist please let us know at the Dental Centre if your address or telephone number changes and keep or cancel appointments.

Please don’t MISS appointments! Greenfields hours 8AM-4PM

Kind regards,

Greenfields Dental Therapy Centre Dental Health Services
Room 33

We all hope you had a lovely Easter Holiday!

Room 33 are settling well into Term 2. We had a very touching and important ANZAC assembly on Friday 24th April where our Student Councillor Nicole laid a book of remembrance at the flag to represent our school. Thank you Nicole.

We have a lot to get through this term. We will be continuing with our choir practices every Wednesday with a performance at our own school at the end of term. We are also starting up our enterprise activity and selling coffee etc to staff in our school!

We would like to welcome Kyle who has joined our class. I am sure we will have a great term!

ANZAC celebrations in the school courtyard

Room 34

Hi Everyone. I’m sure you all enjoyed the Easter break and holidays as summer came to an end with a burst of fine weather.

The students have all settled back into school, following their routines and learning new things. This term we have a circus theme, which gives us the opportunity to read some funny stories, create some exciting and vibrant art and play activities.

During our PE lessons this term, students will be learning the game of ‘lacrosse’, a game which Mr McGuffin is very experienced at.

Thankyou
Mr McGuffin Rm34
Room 35

We hope everyone enjoyed their holidays and are fresh and ready for a busy term ahead. Our theme for this term is “Under The Sea”. We have read the story “The Rainbow Fish” and how he made new friends by sharing his brightly coloured scales. Also the story “A House for Hermit Crab” who had out grown his shell and is helped by his friends to find a new one that will fit him. We look to forward to showing off our wonderful work.

“Under The Sea” -- showing our backdrop with our Rainbow Fish and Hermit Crabs

Room 36
(See next page)

Room 37

This term we are happy to welcome Brendan Cooper to our room. He has settled in very well. The giant slinky is his favourite free time activity.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Notes were sent out last week to families who have not paid their voluntary contribution. Parents/carers are encouraged to pay as soon as possible.

Payments help fund many of our valuable programs.

Thank you.
Room 36

In the lead up to ANZAC Day Room 36 students have been learning about the history of war. We have learnt about the legend of Simpson and his Donkey, read the story of Anzac Ted, put together models of helicopters and assault ships and even baked Anzac cookies. Why not have a go at home following our simple recipe.

**Anzac Biscuits**

**Ingredients**
- 1 cup desiccated coconut
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 cup rolled oats
- 1 cup plain flour
- 1/4 cup butter
- 3 tbs Golden Syrup
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 2bs boiling water

**Directions:**

1. Combine dry ingredients in a mixing bowl. Melt butter and golden syrup in a large saucepan over low heat (or in a microwave for about 1 minute on high). Mix baking soda with boiling water and stir into the melted mixture, and then pour into the center of the dry ingredients. Mix to a moist but firm consistency.

2. Drop slightly rounded teaspoons of mixture onto a greased biscuit tray and press flat with a fork dipped in flour.


Makes approximately 30 delicious Aussie Anzac Biscuits.

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**STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE**

Parents are reminded that students are not insured by the Government for accidents whilst at school. Should parents wish to have their children insured they should seek advice from an Insurance Company.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

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RESC New Website Launch

Welcome to our new website – launched at last! There is much to explore and we invite you to browse the various tabs and pages. Your feedback and suggestions will be valued and responded to.

The colour theme of the site reflects the learning priority area of Health, Safety and Wellbeing, in particular the symbolic colours of the Protective Behaviours program taught to every child.

www.riversideesc.wa.edu.au

CONTENT: The Home Page provides quick links to information on Enrolment, Transport, Uniform and Absence. There you will also find a Calendar which will keep you up to date on school events and term dates.

The bottom of the Home Page has a regularly updated blog to inform you of current items of interest.

And a host of other webpages provide information on our school, annual reports, access to the latest and past newsletters, and much more. The canteen menu is there too.

USEFUL LINKS: You will also find information and links to an array of services and facilities that may be of assistance to the disability community.

RESC FOR MOBILE APPLICATIONS: The website has been designed for computers as well as for mobile devices, so access to information, policies, forms, etc. is easier than ever.

We encourage you to share the website address with friends, family and other members of your community.

Enjoy.