Hello Everyone,

As Term two draws to a close I would like to thank all staff and students for a very productive term.

In this newsletter I write about a new education tool the school is trialling, plus draw your attention to a number of matters of importance to you as parents and caregivers of our students.

ABLESWA

I am pleased to inform you of a new trial curriculum initiative in which our school has been invited to participate -- Abilities Based Learning and Education Support WA (ABLEWA) -- based on the Victorian ABLES curriculum.

What is the ABLESWA Trial? The Trial involves in-class trialling of the curriculum and professional learning resources and the application of an assessment tool from the University of Melbourne. Furthermore, our school will help in the trial and assessment of on-line guidance materials and professional learning modules.

When does the Trial Begin & what does the Trial Involve? The trial will begin in Semester 2. Participating schools are expected to provide timely feedback to the Authority via an on-line survey in mid Term 4, 2015. An assessment tool will enable teachers trained in the use of the program to prepare a learning readiness report for each student, which links to the curriculum to inform individual education programs.

Why participate in the ABLESWA Trial? ABLESWA provides teachers and schools with evidence-based curricula, teaching strategies and resources to support the development of targeted learning programs.

Benefits of participating in the Trial:

- Teachers will be provided with access to assessment tools, individual reports, and guidance about teaching strategies and resources that will enable them to effectively plan and teach for the individual needs of students with disabilities and additional learning needs;
- Teachers can share and collaborate via the Intranet;
- Students gain access to learning tasks;
- Schools are better equipped to help every student with a disability meet their individual learning goals; and
- Students are assessed on the basis of their abilities, not their disabilities.

The following link will provide additional information about ABLEWA: http://k10outline.scwa.edu.au/home/principles/guiding-principles/student-diversity/ablewa

If you have any further questions about the trial please contact me on (08) 9534 0328 to discuss.
**Kindergarten 2016:**
We are now accepting applications for our Kindergarten program for 2016. Prospective students must meet ESC criteria; this information will be available on our website.

Next week our 2015 Kindergarten intake will be full; with new enquiries having to go on a waiting list, so please act early for 2016.

**Student Reports:**
I am currently reviewing student reports and they should be ready for sending home in week 10.

**P&C and School Board:** I would like to extend an invitation to all parents/carers to attend our joint school P&C meeting. The meetings are usually held every 3rd Monday during school terms.

In addition I would like to hear from anybody who is interested in joining our School Board as a parent representative. Board meetings are held once or twice a term. Both the P&C and School Board play a vital role in our school community. There is minimal time commitment but the time you do commit will always be appreciated.

**Winter Season:**
Please ensure your child is appropriately dressed for the winter period which is now upon us. Winter uniform is now readily available at our uniform shop.

**School Holiday Break – End of Term 2:**
It seems remarkable that this 1st Semester of 2015 is so nearly over, finishing two weeks from now. The last day of this school term is Friday 3rd July. School will recommence for students on **Tuesday 20th July.**

I would like to extend my best wishes for the upcoming school holiday break and express my thanks for your continued support.

Best regards,

Jim Douglas,
Principal

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Room 31

It’s week 8 already and 2nd term is finishing fast. Room 31 have been looking at the letter P. Some wonderful art work has been made and the Pre Primary students went to a Penguin excursion this week. Here are some photos of our work and penguins the Kindy students made.

Room 32

The students from Room 32 join Room 35 and Room 31 on Fridays for a session of drama. The children love this time and are able to express themselves through dress ups and roll play. The children have enjoyed dressing up as Cowboys, Policemen, Doctors, Bakers and other great costumes.
Room 33

We have all been working very hard in Room 33 this term. We have been doing lots of work on adding and subtracting, telling the time and verbs, nouns and adjectives. We have also been doing lots of work within Protective Behaviours, especially the concept circle. We really enjoyed doing our ‘Pirate Map Concept Art’. We are continuing with our Café project and really enjoying taking, preparing and delivering the orders. We would like to thank all members of staff who have been supporting us with this enterprise project. We are holding a healthy cooking session for parents on 25th June. We hope that you are all able to come along and help us cook a healthy lunch with and stay for dessert afterwards! Look out for your invitation.

Room 34

Room 34 have been very busy this term, reading about the Circus in Literacy, Night and Day in Science, recognising all their numbers in Maths and learning how to use a telephone keypad.

We continue our morning fitness routine every day and have enjoyed learning some different games during PE sessions weekly such as Lacrosse and Hockey. We have begun our training for the sports carnival next term, and will be learning the team games such as leader-ball and tunnel-ball.

The students also really enjoyed the Reconciliation Day activities (during which they created a t-shirt design) and the Black String Puppet show that came to our school.

Room 35

Room 35’s theme for this term is “Under The Sea”. There are so many wonderful creatures that live in our oceans like jellyfish, seahorse, crabs, fish, whales and so many more.

Mrs Wiseman bought us in a real baby octopus to look at and touch. It felt very slippery and the suckers on the arms were sticky, it was really interesting. We are counting the days till we go on our excursion to Aqua, how exciting!

Rm 35 Images (L-R): Holly’s jellyfish; Riley and Indiana’s seahorses; the baby octopus

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Once upon a time there were six little students in a school called Riverside, who always came looking lovely in their blue uniforms. They all looked so neat and tidy!

The little students have been learning about the sun and the moon and about the differences between night and day with Mrs Edwards in Science. The little students have also been going to the garden to see how all the vegetables are growing. There are pumpkins, tomatoes, lettuce, spinach and sunflowers. They are not ready to pick yet but hopefully by next term they will be.

So next term it will be -

Fee Fi Fo Fum
All these yummy vegetables
Are good for my Tum!

Room 37

During cooking we have been learning how to look for the cheapest price of the ingredients on the internet.

We are using coins to work out which is more or less in dollars.

WEBSITE UPDATES: [http://www.riversideesc.wa.edu.au](http://www.riversideesc.wa.edu.au)
- Calendar updated to include new events and dates
- Cerebral Palsy information added to the Useful Links for Parents and Caregivers webpage
- Latest newsletter uploaded
- What’s New section on the home page update
- Subscribe to the School Newsletter to receive via email – errors found on the application form have been notified to our host provider and should be rectified by end of this week.