Hello Everybody,

As Term 3 draws to a close I take this opportunity to thank all staff and students for their hard work and effort. It has been a very busy time and I am continually encouraged by the learning and engagement in our classrooms. Well done to everyone and you may take a well-deserved 2 week break!

**Learning Journey** - You are invited to attend Riverside’s Learning Journey on Wednesday September 23rd, from 3:00 PM to 5.00pm. Come and visit your child’s classroom and chat with their Teacher. Please contact the Teacher to discuss any alternative arrangements; otherwise we look forward to seeing you there.

**Staff Changes Term 4**

- Room 31: Mrs Filer will be taking a well-earned break and we wish her a great holiday. She will be replaced by Mr Glen Webber who we warmly welcome to Riverside ESC.
- Room 37: Ms Macukat (Ms M) will be taking leave until the end of 2016. We extend our best wishes for her upcoming new arrival. Mrs Ailsa Williams will be taking over for the remainder of Term 4.

**Book Week & Lapathon** - May I extend my thanks to those of you who supported these events. Participation from RESC was active and proved to be very successful. Book week in particular was great fun - keeping with the theme there were lots of Kings & Queens and I have hear that a certain ‘King’ made an appearance but has now ‘left’ the building.

**Sports Carnival** - A big thanks to all parents/carers who turned up on carnival day to support your child. It was a fantastic day and the participation rate was very encouraging. I am very proud of all our students who took part in the races - what a great example of the kind of spirit to ‘give it a go’.

**Transport 2016** - I recently sent out a letter from the School Bus Service (SBS) with instructions for ensuring your child retains their place on the bus or submitting a new application. *It is crucial that you comply with the submission dates.* Unfortunately the school has no say on any of these matters so I encourage you to contact them directly if you have any queries or questions. If you did not receive the information please let me know.

**School Website** - Our school website is a great place for you to visit as a first reference point for information. It is updated on a regular basis and has some great community links for you to browse.

**Parent Survey** - My sincere thanks to all of you who participated in the recent parent survey. The results have been collated and they are very encouraging- you responses were valuable in assisting the school with its future direction. The results can be viewed on our website.

**Term 4** - commences on Monday October 12th for staff and Tuesday October 13th for students.

I extend my best wishes for the upcoming holidays and thank you for your continued support.

Best regards,

Jim Douglas, Principal

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Room 31

Room 31 and the Pre-Primary area are lucky enough to have some new playground equipment. This equipment enables children in wheelchairs and using walking frames to access the sensory activities. It’s a great hit at recess and lunch. Students from other ESC classes are also able to use the equipment as part of their routine.

Mrs Filer is going on long service leave for the next 15 months and would like to thank all the parents / carers for the support this year working with their child. “I wish them all the best and know Mr Webber is looking forward to continuing their journey with them” (Louise Filer).

Room 32

Room 32 participated in ‘fruit and veggie September’ by enjoying some great fruit and vegetable platters with our friends.

This Term we have been learning about transport. On Friday we had an awesome excursion. We caught a bus to the train station then a train to Perth and a ferry to South Perth where we had our lunch and then back again.
Room 33

At the end of Term 2, Mrs Cairns and Miss K from Room 33 attended a TEACCH workshop at Kalamunda Primary School. Specially designed to assist children and adults with Autism, TEACCH showed how to structure the learning environment to ensure they get the most out of their education. At the beginning of Term 3, we began implementing some of these principles into the classroom; including individual schedules for each student and a block of subject rotations.

There are now 8 separate areas within the classroom: 4 independent stations and 4 one-on-one teaching stations. Every student spends 15 minutes on each station. The students really enjoy this style of teaching and it has greatly improved their concentration by only having short periods per activity. Mrs Cairns and Miss K will attend part 2 of this workshop at the end of term and are hoping to include more TEACCH tools in the classroom for Term 4.

Room 34

Hi everyone. Term 3 has been an extremely busy and exciting one for the students of room 34. With our life skills program in full swing, the students have been learning lots of new skills and becoming more independent at a range of personal tasks.

Our community access program has continued with visits to the Mandurah Forum using the local Transperth buses. Students have been assisted to purchase goods for weekly cooking activities as well as any other items needed by the school. The students have been very attentive, listening to instructions and being very careful on footpaths and car parks.

Have a great holiday and we look forward to seeing you all again in term 4.
Room 35

For the past 8 weeks Room 35 have been attending horse riding at the RDA. We have been learning how to mount and dismount a horse; how to be safe around horses – number one rule is never walk around the back of a horse!: how to hold the reigns the correct way and how to use the stirrups for our feet. Sitting up tall in the saddle is also a very important rule which we practice when we get to ride around the beautiful grounds at Fairbridge.

Room 36

The Munchkins of Room 36 have been to the Land of iPads again to learn about how to take photographs. They learned how to take portrait pictures of each other and the Rulers of the Land. Queen Whitely was very agreeable to the Munchkins taking many photos of her and her Land. Some pictures were dark, some were blurry but after trying their hardest the Munchkins managed to take some wonderful photos. Here is some of their hard work.

Room 37

This term room 37 joined in with the whole school to celebrate book week. All our students enjoyed dressing up for the day. They spent some time looking through the library to add books to their wish list. In class they made a castle and designed their own books and made king and queen crowns to wear for the day.

All students had a wonderful time at the Sports Carnival and won many ribbons in their races. Well done to all our students for a fantastic effort on the day.