



Riverside Education Support Centre

2016 GREETINGS



Hello Everyone,

Welcome to a new school year. I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday time. It is going to be another busy year but, as always, I guarantee there will be many rich learning opportunities for your child. I would especially like to welcome those students and parents who are joining us for the first time - welcome to our kind and caring Riverside ESC community.

School Review 2015: Following the conduct of our first Independent Public School (IPS) School Review by the WA Department of Education, which I drew attention to in the newsletter late last year, I can happily report the very favourable report is now ready for viewing on our website and I would encourage you all to read it. The Signed Report confirms that Riverside ESC is a good school and sets high standards for teaching and learning. My thanks are extended to all who were able to participate in the review process.

Enrolments: I am pleased to say we are starting the school year with 57 enrolments. We do have room for more! If you know of anyone who has a child that may meet ESC criteria please refer them onto us.

Attendance: I am sure you already know that attendance at school is compulsory and I would encourage you to ensure that your child attends. If there is any reason that they may be absent please contact the school promptly. Our Student Services Coordinator Mrs Reckman does keep strict attendance records and if required may need to contact you to discuss your child's attendance.

Staff: I would like to welcome Mrs Llisa McGuffin to Riverside ESC. Mrs McGuffin will be joining us on a fixed term contract for 2016.

P&C and School Board: The P&C and School board play a vital role in supporting the school and ensuring aspects of governance are complied with. I extend an invite for you to attend any respective meetings- you say will always be valued. Dates of meeting times can be found on our school website. The P&C AGM will be held on 21st March, please consider especially attending this meeting.

IEPs: Teachers will be contacting you shortly to arrange an IEP meeting to discuss the learning needs and priorities of your child for 2016. This is a great opportunity for you to be able to contribute to your child's educational and skills development.

School Newsletters: Printed School newsletters are delivered to you throughout the year, usually 3 per term. You have an option to receive notification of newsletter publications via the internet, by entering your email address on our school website. Go to the homepage at www.riversideesc.wa.edu.au.

Next Week's Newsletter: We have allowed our teachers an extra week to prepare the first newsletter of Term 1 with stories about settling in, planned activities and programs and much more.

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School Evacuation: On Tuesday 9th February Riverside schools had to be evacuated due to a bomb threat received via a recorded message. I would like to commend staff and students for their exemplary conduct and professionalism during this stressful time. I can assure you all students were safe and well cared for and I extend my thanks for the many phone calls and offers of help from parents and carers. Our school emergency procedures were put to the test and proved we were able to deal appropriately with these type of unfortunate situations.

Communication and information can oft times be problematic during an evacuation situation. Please be assured I will respond to the directives of the emergency services controlling the evacuation and implement Department of Education guidelines to ensure you are informed with correct information in a prompt manner.

School Website:



Our school website has a lot of updated information since our last newsletter of 2015. Here is a list of new articles and changes you will find under “What’s New” or under the Category tabs:

- 2016 Uniform List and Order form
- 2016 Summer Menu for Canteen
- Important Dates and Calendar Updates
- 2015 School Review added to School Reports and Reviews webpage
- Update on P&C, including opportunities to assist and about the forthcoming AGM
- Billy Dower Youth Centre announces Young Women’s Program which will interest girls aged 11 and older
- WA Off Road Racing Association presents its 5th annual day out for children with disabilities AND their families
- ... and Useful Links and General Links webpages have been updated and expanded.

Go to www.riversideesc.wa.edu.au.

I thank you for your continued support and as always I extend an invite to you to discuss anything that is important to you in relation to your child’s education. I have an ‘open door’ policy and will try to accommodate your requests as a priority. I am excited about this school year and I feel privileged to lead Riverside ESC, we have great staff, great students and great experiences are guaranteed!

Best regards,

Jim Douglas,

Principal