



Riverside Education Support Centre

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Hello everyone,

I am sure I have already told you Riverside ESC is a fantastic school: students are comfortable, nurtured and growing day by day; staff are busy, professional and caring; new resources and developments are enabling our educational environment; and we are supported by a committed P&C and School Board. Indeed, our learning community is something we can all be proud of.

As always, there are a few messages to convey to our valued parents and caregivers:

Whole School Assemblies: I am happy to announce that from Term 4 onward, Riverside ESC will be joining the primary school for whole school assemblies. These will be held on a Thursday afternoon (dates to follow). You are welcome to attend and watch and celebrate your child's participation and achievement in assemblies.

State Budget: The Government released the WA State budget last week. Our website will provide information and an infographic detailing the Education budget and its implication for WA schools. Should questions arise, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Term 4: Term 4 will commence on Monday 9th October for staff with students returning to school on Tuesday 10th October. I will be away on long service leave until 20 October. Our Deputy Principal, Mrs Tamara Rekman, will be your Acting Principal during my absence.

Office Upgrade: As you have been previously informed, we are upgrading our Administration office, starting this week. Construction activities will make the front of school very busy, especially the car park. Although the two disability car parks will remain available it will be a very congested zone. For this reason, I recommend parents/carers use the back area of the school as the preferred parking & pick up/drop off points for students. Two disabled parking bays are available in the rear car park and one at the start of Fraser Entrance.

Walking to School: Now that we are moving into Spring and warmer weather, it would be lovely to see more students and families walking to and from school. This will also assist in minimising the traffic with less cars trying to park around the school.

School Gates: As of today we are asking Parents/Carers to please close the school perimeter gates when entering or leaving the school between 9.30am - 2.30pm. This is for student safety. Please note that the large gate next to the cricket nets will no longer be open at any time. It has been set aside for contractor access only. Thank you for your support with this matter.

Learning Journey: Our Annual Learning Journey will be held on Wednesday 20 September. You should be receiving information from your child's Teacher inviting you to attend to come along and view your child's work.

Best regards,

Jim Douglas, Principal

Important Dates

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| Sep 22 | End of Term 3 |
| Sep 25 | Queen's Birthday |
| Oct 10 | Students return Term 4 |
| Nov 30 | Celebrate Ability Day – whole school excursion (details soon) |
| Dec 15 | Last school day of 2017 |

Kindergarten



Mrs Hardy is AMAZING! We love her ☺.

Room 31

Hello to all parents and caregivers associated with Room 31.

It is incredible to realise we have almost reached the end of Term 3. Another holiday break is looming before the children begin the final term of their pre-primary year.



Ronald enjoyed playing with the Dominoes during Outdoor Classroom Day.



Curtis helped create a masterpiece with the spray bottles.

On 7th September, our children enjoyed Outdoor Classroom Day, where we were invited to join Mrs Tregenza's mainstream pre-primary class to engage in a variety of activities outdoors. The children had the opportunity to participate in activities that they do not normally have access to, engage socially with their pre-primary peers and most importantly, have a lot of fun!

They were able to experiment with kinetic sand, paint with spray bottles, use Dominos, draw with chalk, explore mud with their bare feet, play in an A-frame cubby and use natural materials in artworks. It was a great experience for the children and we look forward to planning exciting activities for Outdoor Classroom Day in 2018.

This term we have been working on the 'feelings' component of our Protective Behaviours program. It is important that the children can identify what these feelings look like, as well as what experiences can cause certain feelings.

When we were discussing 'angry,' the children used their fine-motor skills to make angry play dough faces, which



you see here, as well as role playing with staff how they could handle a situation that made them angry.

I have expounded the benefits of the children being read to every day in past newsletters. In short, it is a most effective strategy to develop comprehension, vocabulary, phonological awareness and the concepts and conventions of print. In our classroom, we work with one book per week and the children participate in a range of activities that support learning in the above-mentioned areas.



Our 'paleontologists' Espen and Curtis discover dinosaur bones.

I'd like to mention one picture book we read this term titled "Dinosaur Roar," by Paul and Henrietta Stickland. It was a terrific springboard to go on our own dinosaur hunt, during which we found bones that were used to construct and paint our own dinosaur. We named her Rainbow.

If you are unable to make the upcoming Learning Journey on the afternoon of Wednesday, 20th September, on behalf of all staff in our classroom, I wish you all a safe, happy holiday and look forward to seeing you in Term 4.

Room 19

Room 19 has had a very busy third term. We ventured out to the Mandurah Performing Art Centre to watch a wonderful show called Erths Prehistoric Aquarium. The students enjoyed seeing the dinosaurs up close and personal.



After the show we were taken out back to have a look at them and have a play with some of the smaller dinosaurs. We then went to the foreshore for a lovely lunch and a play on the playground before catching the bus back to school.

This term also included Father's Day and we wish to say a big Thankyou to Mrs Mattin's father who made each of the students a lovely wooden key holder. The students painted them, and then weaved onto provided nails the shape of a



hammer, spanner or screwdriver with some twine. Finally cup hooks were added to complete it. The students each made a lovely card, and in cooking made some cupcakes, to go home with their key holder.



Room 11

Hi there. Welcome to week 9.

Room 11 had a fantastic time at our school Sports Carnival. The students participated in a number of races and team sport games, plenty of ribbons and stickers were won. Thank you to the parents and carers who came and watched or helped us out on the day.



We also had a Dinosaur Excursion at the Mandurah Performing Arts Centre where we saw Marine Dinosaurs and got to meet the puppets after the show. The kids participated in the excursion very well and enjoyed the show. We went to the foreshore park afterwards and ate fish and chips and played on the playground.

We are continuing with our exciting cooking program this week. In week 7 the students cooked fritters, and last week we made Ham and Cheese Omelette. The children are getting familiar with grating and chopping.



Room 4

Welcome to our Newsletter and all the exciting things that have been happening in Room 4.



Technology & Enterprise: Mrs Greenwood and students in Room 4 have been continuing to practice life skills by cooking some wonderful recipes including a hearty Shepherd's Pie and some delicious Banana Bread. The children are also showing a great interest in learning all about where our food comes from. They have been exploring the steps and processes of our food from "paddock to plate". For example, where our milk and cheese comes from, how butter is made, where wheat is grown and what we do with wheat when ground into flour. In the coming weeks relevant recipes will complement and enhance this understanding.

Protective Behaviours: We are continuing to reinforce key strategies to keep ourselves safe, like the concept that we all have personal space and tuning into our "Early Warning" signs. If another person comes into our space and makes us feel our early warning signs we need to assertively tell them "NO"! Then we must "GO" quickly and "TELL" a trusted adult on our safety network hand. The children learn and build their confidence to employ these strategies, through a variety of stories, songs, games, role-play and craft activities.

Once again we look forward to sharing our work with teachers and education assistants from many other schools when we have a professional learning day at Riverside Education Support Centre on the 8th September. (Mrs Greenwood)

Sports Day: The whole school recently had a very successful sports day. Everybody participated in many events and it was wonderful to see so much enthusiasm and sportsmanship from each and every child Congratulations to all the children who participated. You were all seen as 'winners' on this special day. (Mrs McGuffin)



Term 3 is quickly coming to an end. In week 10 on Wednesday the 20th September there is a school Learning Journey. All parents and caregivers are welcome to come to their child's classroom to view all the wonderful work they have been doing during the last 10 weeks. All staff and students in room 4 hope to see you there!

Room 33



Once again, a big hello from room 33! The end of term is fast approaching. We should all be getting tired but no!! Not the staff and students of room 33! We are still raring to go every morning and enjoying making memories through learning.

Our latest 'All about me' student is Indiana. We have learned that Indiana likes family and dolls but dislikes scary movies and onions. Indiana's eyes are Aqua!

We recently went on a fun and informative prehistoric dinosaur excursion at the Mandurah performing arts centre, travelling by bus where we got to practice using our smart rider cards. We also enjoyed alfresco fish and chips for lunch and got to play in the fabulous foreshore playground. An awesome day!



The faction carnival was a huge success. Our students all showed great sportsmanship on the day and earned many ribbons. Our Archie won the encouragement trophy. We are super proud of him.

Last week was Father's day. Our students made monster hug cards and rocky road for their dads as well as visiting the Father's Day stall. We hope all the fathers had a great day.

Room 7

Greetings, Parents and Carers. Term 3 is in its final stages and the students of Room 7 have been working very hard at their learning activities across all curriculum areas.

The enthusiasm of our students to increase their reading and writing ability has been very evident this term, with several having moved 1-2 reading levels in the last 8 weeks. I am very pleased with the progress and the new rotational activities that we undertake each morning.

We have also begun formal handwriting instruction 3 days per week across all levels and we have students that are at pre-writing stage up to those ready to get their pen license by year-end. We hope to see some real improvement in our students writing as they gain more control and confidence.

During Protective Behaviour lessons, we recently completed another 'Cyber Safety' unit from the Australian Government Office of E-Safety. The students responded very responsibly to the activities and demonstrated a strong understanding of the issues and scenarios that were presented in the video.



I would urge you all to monitor closely, any of your children's interaction on the Internet, especially if you notice a change in their online habits (amount of time increases suddenly) and make sure that your computer's safety features and anti-virus software are up to date.

During our weekly Science lessons with Mrs Edwards, the students have been studying the planets of our Solar System and the display in our room looks great. In HASS with Mrs Filer, the students have been learning about community and families and some really interesting facts about Western Australia.

We hope to see you all in week 10 at the Learning Journey, where you will be able to visit our room and others in the school to view your students work.



The students of room 7 after a cooperative games activity.

Room 10

Room 10 have been continuing with their transition to Halls Head ESC. On their last visit the students had a team building exercise with some of the transition students and teachers from other schools. They also had the opportunity to spend their lunch break playing at the campus where they interacted well. Friendships formed with past Riverside students were quickly rekindled and the children raced around having fun.

The 2017 faction carnival was a great success; the children enjoyed the day. As per usual the support was strong from the parents and carers which adds so much to each student's experience.

We have begun to study Britain and are looking at London and the history of the double decker bus. We have incorporated the British theme in our in-house Café



ESC. This week we made delicious Cherry Bakewell tarts. They were very popular with both staff and students. We have also looked at the flags of Britain and made some very impressive flags which will be on display in our classroom.

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Reminder: Woolworths Earn and Learn stickers campaign closes September 19.

Thank you to everyone who has been bringing in stickers. Do keep them coming in until the fundraising program closes on September 19.



Student Accident Insurance

Parents and carers are reminded that students are not insured by the government for accidents whilst at school. Please discuss with your own insurance broker if you wish to have your children covered for such events.

COMMUNITY NEWS

NEW REGISTRATIONS: U6-U17s



The summer season runs from October to March. We compete at Bortolo Parks, Greenfields on Saturday mornings starting 8 AM and occasionally we have a Friday night meet.

Registrations are available online at www.resulthq.com.au. New members will need to upload proof of age when prompted.

For more information visit www.peeldistrictslac.com or email admin@peeldistrictslac.com. Alternatively, go to <http://www.walittleathletics.com.au/Participate/How-to-Register>

Greenfields Dental Therapy Centre Closure for School Holidays

- Monday 25th Sept (Public Holiday)
- Tuesday 26th Sept – Friday 29th Sept

In case of EMERGENCY please call:

- PUBLIC HOLIDAY call Mt Henry: 9313 0552
- 8am to 4pm Tuesday – Friday call Pinjarra: 9531 1846
- For after-hours emergencies please call: 9325 3452

We are open the following week 2nd Oct – 6th Oct 8am to 4pm.

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