



Riverside Education Support Centre

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Hello everyone,

Welcome back to Term 3 which so far has had a smooth start. We have had a number of new enrolments in the school and we are now in a position to run a separate Kindergarten class. I do thank our parent community for the work you do in promoting our school through word of mouth. I can guarantee that we will always provide our students with a quality educational experience.

I would like to take this opportunity to formally welcome our new students and their respective families to our great school. Thank you for entrusting Riverside ESC with your child's education.

Bike Track Area: As you may have seen our new bike track is completed and in use. Now added to this is a shade area with a wheelchair access table that can be used as a learning and relaxation space. And, in the very near future, a new 'musical chimes' play area will be installed to complete the project. These features will enable our students to be exposed to a range of skills, promoting sensory and social development and much more.

New Toilet Block: Construction of the new toilet block is now completed and the facility will shortly be ready for use. On behalf of our learning community at Riverside, I extend my thanks to the Department of Education for this useful addition to the school. In particular the universal access area provides a dignified space for staff to work in to assist our students who may require some extra help with their personal hygiene.

P&C: I would also like to extend thanks to our schools P&C for their kind donation of \$5000 towards our new musical chimes play area. The P&C provide tremendous support for the school and will always welcome anyone interested to work with their team. It is also a great way to learn more about Riverside schools. See contact details at the bottom of this page.

Sports Carnival: You are invited to attend the whole school sports carnival which will be held on 23 August. In the event of inclement weather an alternative date has been scheduled which will be the following week 30 August. There will be lunch orders available. I will send further information home as it comes to hand.

Learning Journey – Come and See: Our learning journey activity will be held on 20 September. This will be a wonderful opportunity for you to visit your child's classroom and view their work. There will also be an opportunity for you to meet with their Teacher. Further information will be forthcoming.

Reminder - Smoking Not Permitted Anywhere at School: As mentioned in the last newsletter, let me reiterate that Department of Education sites are considered to be public places so smoking is not permitted in or near any buildings, in vehicles or on school grounds (including the car park). This complements WA State Government policy on smoking in public places.

Jim Douglas,

Principal

Important Dates

Aug 23	Whole School Sports Carnival
Aug 30	<i>Alternative date for Sports Carnival if Aug 23 no good</i>
Sep 22	End of Term 3
Sep 25	Queen's Birthday
Oct 10	Students return for Term 4
Dec 15	Final Day of School for 2017

Kindy

Hello to our Kindy community,

I am delighted to have the opportunity to guide your children through their Kindy schooling. As you may know, I am just back from overseas and have had one day in the classroom so it is just a little too soon for me to add something to the school newsletter. Look out for my contribution in the next issue.

In the meantime, here are a couple of our new Kindy students settling in to Term 3, Kennedy (L) and Alexander (R):



Kim Hardy, Kindy

Room 31

Hello to all parents and carers associated with Room 31. Welcome to Semester 2 at Riverside ESC.

As you may know, growth in our school necessitated some changes for this semester. It is with sorrow that Room 31 staff and pre-primary children said goodbye to the Kindergarten children at the end of Term 2. They are embarking on a new chapter in their school lives in their own classroom. We wish them all the very best!

As a result, our classroom, Room 31, is now catering to the educational needs of the pre-primary children only.

We would like to extend a big welcome to the Maclean family, who joined us at the end of term 2. Also, we celebrate the return of our effervescent friend Espen, who has just returned to full-time schooling with us after successful surgery.

In addition, it is with delight that Room 31 welcomes Mrs Claire Stimson who, in her capacity as an Education Assistant, will be working with the children from Monday to Thursday.



Curtis enjoyed blowing bubbles!
The story we generated read:

"We blew bubbles. We used our bubble blowers and we had to blow. We stayed inside the pink rectangle on the verandah."

Our new term has begun very smoothly and the children have settled very well. Every Wednesday we conduct our Language Experience session I mentioned to you in a past newsletter. So far, we have played with bubbles, thoroughly enjoyed engaging with 'Shorn the Sheet,' experienced the surprise of creating new colours with others and having a lot of fun with balloon activities.



Mason is focussed on creating green, using blue and yellow! The story we generated read:

"We used red, blue and yellow dye. We picked it up with the eye-droppers. We squeezed them with our Thumbkin and Pointer fingers. We made green, orange and purple."

After the activity, the children experience great joy seeing themselves in photographs on the smartboard, as both a reminder and a motivator, to focus then generate an accurate recount of our activity.

In the photographs presented here you can see Curtis playing with the bubbles. Some children had more fun popping the bubbles than blowing them!

The second language experience activity I would like to tell you about is colour mixing. The children were surprised when they generated secondary colours such as green, orange and purple, by mixing the primary colours of red, yellow and blue, using an eye-dropper with dyes and paper towel.

In addition to developing expressive language skills, extending vocabulary and reinforcing the concepts and conventions of print, our language experience tasks also help the children further develop their ability to self-regulate during exciting activities as well as following staff directions to participate successfully.

As mentioned last term, we were constructing an egg-carton cubby house for the children to enjoy in our classroom. We are pleased to report that it has been completed! This week it will be our 'shed,' where the children will be closely supervised while engaging in some colourful woodwork. This will assist the children in developing hand and arm strength and tone as well as eye/hand co-ordination. Parents and carers should expect some handcrafted pieces to come home in school bags soon!



We look forward to reporting more to you about what happens in our classroom next time.

Glen Webber, Room 31

Room 19

Hello everyone. Welcome to term 3. We hope everyone had a great holiday. The students have settled really well into their new room which is Room 19.

This term we will continue to focus on letter and number identification and formation in English and Maths and integrate our theme Dinosaurs into these as well. We have learnt which dinosaurs are carnivores and herbivores and read the book *Harry's Bucket of Dinosaurs*.

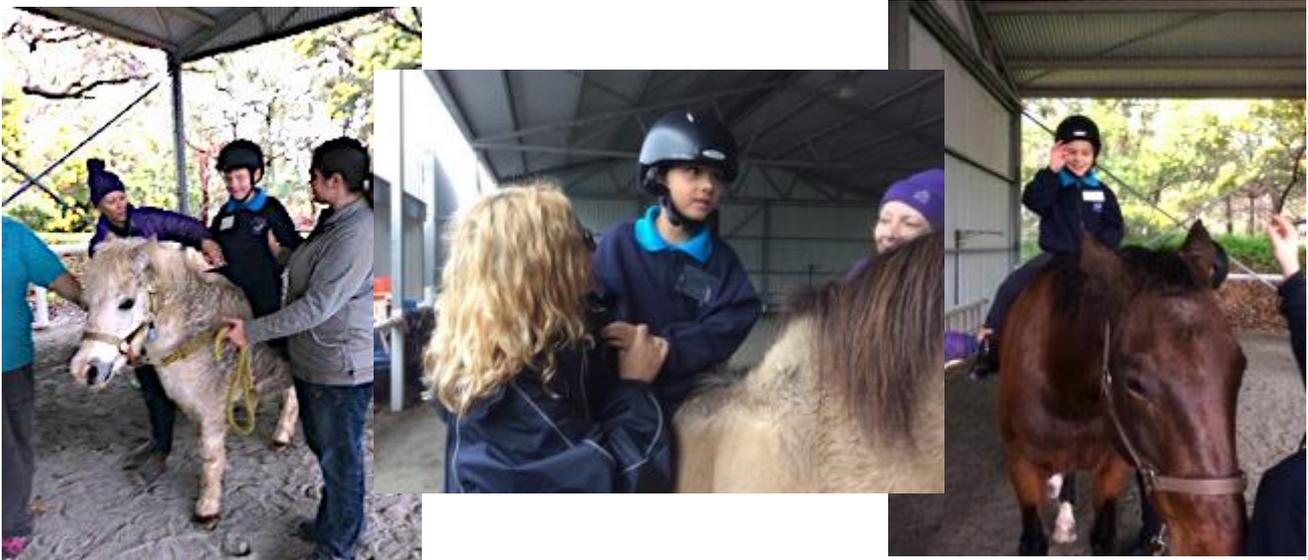


Here is Jonathan and William with their piece of artwork based on the book.



During health, we have been practising our concept circles and we have made some concept colour dinosaurs.

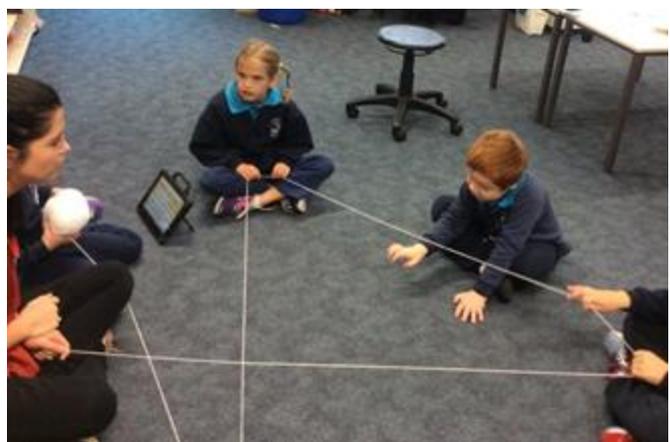
Horse riding has begun with Jerry, Rory and William from our room attending every Wednesday morning with some students from Room 33. They had a great time meeting Billy, Lilly and Milo the horses at Riding for the Disabled, WA.



Room 11

Welcome to Room 11's first newsletter. We have had a fantastic start to Term 3 with our newly established classroom. The students and teachers have settled in really well.

This term we are reading a book called *The Very Busy Spider* by Eric Carle. We have lots of activities organised that are related to this the book.





We have implemented rotation activities for literacy and numeracy where students have one to one time with teachers as well as activities that are independent these are designed for each student's academic level.

These activities are fun and stimulating and the students are enjoying this kind of learning.

Room 11 invites you when next passing our room to pop your head into our porthole and say 'hi'.

Room 4

A big welcome to Room 4 and to fun and learning in second semester, 2017.

In Room 4 Mrs McGuffin will teach Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday and Mrs Greenwood will teach Health & T&E on Thursdays. Also supporting your children in Literacy, Numeracy, Health and Social and Emotional learning everyday are our dedicated Education Assistants. They are Ms Fiona Punch, Mrs Julie Hiron, Mrs Franky Sumner and Ms Anni Bone. Mrs Edwards will visit our class to teach Science and Mrs Filer will teach History and Geography. Wow – what a lot of learning to be done in term 3!

The students in Room 4 are learning to follow their daily routines well and over the last few weeks have enjoyed many social activities getting to know and make friends with new students in Room 4.

Courtney Hay has joined us at Riverside Education Support Centre. Courtney is the big sister of Lucas Hay and like her brother Courtney is proving to be a hard worker who always greets us with a beautiful smile every morning. It is lovely to welcome her to Room 4, to a semester full of learning and fun.

Below is a cluster of snapshots taken in Room 4 during the first 2 weeks of term 3.



Aliya enjoying water play



Science: Room 4 signing what letter the Bee-Bot was programmed to land on with Mrs Edwards.

We will soon be contacting parents regarding Teacher/Parent meetings. Together we will discuss setting your child's individual goals for semester 2. We look forward to speaking with you and meeting with all parents of the wonderful Room 4 students.

Kind regards from all staff and students, Rm 4.



Courtney making a beautiful rainbow with popsticks.



Room 4 students.

Room 33

A warm and happy welcome to semester two from Alicia Hart and her team! We have settled in beautifully after our move to our new room 33.

We have had a couple of staff changes. We now have education assistant Mrs Mount Bryson five days a week. We will have teacher Mrs Wiseman all day on a Thursday and our topic will be Australian authors. We will still have Mrs Filer coming in to teach History and Mrs Edwards Science.

We will continue to work with our pre-primary buddy class on a Tuesday afternoon, our students are wonderful role models for the younger students and we always have a great learning experience with them.

In maths this term we will be looking at chance and data. What's the chance we will all be experts by the end of term?

We have already decorated our class windows with silhouettes of our students and staff. If you are passing by see if you can work out who is who!



Happy Term three everyone! Mrs Hart and the team from Room 33.

Room 7

The highlight to the end of last term was a trip to the Mandurah Power Boat Club where we were taught fishing skills with the community program “Fishability” – a volunteer organisation that provides fishing opportunities for Western Australians living with disabilities. The students were super excited to feel the tug of a fish on the line and then pull it out of the water.



The students learnt to bait their hook and cast out their line. It was then a game of patience to wait for a nibble before pulling the line in. We had some success in catching blowies, however we didn't catch a fish that was worth keeping. The morning was a great success and we plan to do it again in term 4 when the weather warms up.

In Science, this term we have commenced with learning about the Solar System. The logical place to start is with learning about the sun, the star which is the centre of our solar system and around which all the planets orbit.

In Geography, we have been memorising the locations and names of the states of Australia.

Mrs Stanley is continuing with social skill games to assist with co-operation and compliments within our class social environment, to enable this to filter in to all our learning areas for positive outcomes.



Despite the weather in the past two weeks, we have been lucky enough to be able to use the bike track to practise our road safety and bike riding skills. The students have embraced their learning and have thoroughly enjoyed putting what they have learnt into practice.

Within Protective behaviours we will continue with Cyber safety issues and gaining further knowledge on staying safe on-line.

We realize that although the internet is a fantastic educational and entertainment tool, it has some traps that we need to be wary of.

Mrs Greenwood has been the relief teacher in Room 7 for the past two weeks and has enjoyed her time with the seniors and seeing how much they have progressed from last year when she had the pleasure of teaching some of them in Mrs McGuffin's class.

Room 10

Room ten are looking forward to an exciting 3rd term. We have settled in well to our new classroom, located at the front of the campus alongside the mainstream year 6 classes.

This term the students are looking forward to learning about countries of the world we will study the geography, foods, cultures, climate and more from our chosen places. They include Australia, Japan, Africa, England, South America, Italy and Russia.



On our first week of term we have looked at Australia. The children have learned about the geography of Australia,

Australian and Aboriginal flags and their meanings as well as how to say good morning in Noongar. We have also looked into the seasons and we will compare our weather to other countries throughout the world.

Two of our education assistants Mrs Mailey and Mrs Tilbee have attended a key sign workshop as part of their professional development. They have begun to introduce sign language into our classroom this week and will add more each week as the term progresses.

The student councillors for this semester have been selected. We are delighted to announce Alando Anderson from room 10 will be part of the student council team. We look forward to supporting Alando in his new role and wish him well.

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Woolworths Earn & Learn 2017 – runs until September 19

As mentioned last newsletter, our school will again participate in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. First stickers are already in the office! Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school/early learning centre – and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths.

The range of resources is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students – including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts & Craft, Sport and for our library. If you'd like to know more visit www.woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn.



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- set family rules and routines that everyone follows
- get along well with your kids and argue less
- balance work and family without stress

FREE programs offered by the Department of Health

- Seminar Series
- Group Triple P

All parents, carers and grandparents are welcome to attend.

Next program:

Seminar Series at North Mandurah Primary School
Wednesday 30 August, 6 and 13 September (9.30-11.30am)
Register with school on Tel: 9535 5800



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Greenfields Primary Dental Clinic

Greenfields Primary School has advised us that they recently had gates installed which are locked during the day for security reasons. The only gate not locked during the day is the main entrance gate.

When taking your child or children to the dental clinic please enter the school grounds using the gate on the corner of Zambesi Drive and Barlee Close.

If you have an ACROD sticker and wish to use the school's disabled bays, please call the school to arrange for the gates to be opened. Phone 08 9581 1976.

SCHOOL WEBSITE UPDATES

P&C Term 3 Menu – see http://riversideesc.wa.edu.au/images/files/Canteen_2017-T3.pdf

2016 Annual Report – see <http://riversideesc.wa.edu.au/our-school/annual-reports-and-reviews>