



Hi All,

As we enter the last week of Term 3, I would like to extend my thanks and appreciation to all Riverside ESC staff & students. This has been a very busy term and all students have adapted well and produced some fantastic work. Our Teachers & EAs have worked tirelessly to ensure all students are engaged in rigorous learning programs. Well done to everybody.

School Camp: Our school camp was a great success. Everyone who attended had a fantastic time. I would like to thank all students for their behaviour and in particular our Year 6 students from Mrs Cairns's room, who really stood out helping our younger students. Also my thanks are extended to the camp organising committee. We look forward to our next camp in 2018.

School Survey: As part of our Independent Public School mandated compliance, we invite all parents and carers of our students to participate in a school survey prepared by the WA Department of Education. The survey should be available to parents around week 2 in Term 4, either from completion online or by filling a hard copy. Your feedback is always helpful to assist us with future school planning and a summary of the surveys received will be published on our website.

Swimming: School swimming lessons commenced this week. Please make sure your payment and paperwork are received by the school office. We work on a 'no pay - no attendance' policy and can accept day-by-day payments if this more acceptable. Thank you for your cooperation.

Term 4: Please note that students return to school on Tuesday 11 October.

I would like to wish a safe school break to everyone. Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to re-commencing proceedings in Term 4.

Jim Douglas,
Principal



This wonderful Gingerbread House was made by Mrs Stanley for Room 34's Hansel and Gretel story.

Important Dates

Sep 23	End Term 3
Oct 10	School Office Opens
Oct 11	Start Term 4 for students
Oct 20-21	School Photos
Dec 15	End of school year

Room 31

Hello to all parents and carers associated with Room 31.

Term 3 has indeed been a very active one. The children have enjoyed a variety of incursions, participation in the Circus skills program on a weekly basis with Mr Circus, as well as participation in the regular classroom routine which has seen the introduction of our Alert program and the continuation of our very successful Smash! Bang! Crash! routine.

(Right: Mia using the Mini-trampoline during Smash! Bang! Crash!)

As a result, the children's ability to self-regulate is continuing to improve and they are beginning to develop a greater awareness of their levels of alertness, through the use of specific vocabulary modelled by staff. As this improves, the children will be better prepared to access the curriculum, stay on task and manage their own behaviour with a greater degree of independence.



Our use of key-word signs continues and some children have begun to sign independently which is fantastic to see! We will continue with signing all the way through until the end of the school year.

Next term the children are going to participate in a term-long program on Wheels, which should be very exciting! It will include a new routine aimed at developing the children's self-control, based upon the simple vocabulary; Stop! Wait! Go!

The transition program for the pre-primary children to Year One will begin next term, with walks around the school, visits to classrooms and formal introductions to the staff the children will encounter in 2017. It promises to be a very busy final term and I am sure that before we know it, the 2016 school year will be at an end.

For those of you curious about other things that happen in our classroom, you might like to ask your child the following questions;

1. How do we use the Whizz Line?
2. What do we do during our Tug-of War?
3. What bugs do we see in Miniscule?
4. What do we do during our "One Kind Word" routine?
5. When do we go to the special playground?

Have an enjoyable holiday break. We look forward to seeing all of the children safely back at school next term.

Room 32

It is the end of Term 3 and Room 32 has been busy settling into our new room. Everyone has been working hard at handwriting, demonstrating wonderful improvements with pencil grip and letter formations.

‘Chance and data’ is the ongoing focus for our maths lessons. A favourite game is guessing what object Mrs Hart has placed under the cloth, with students using their knowledge and pictures to make an informed guess. It could be a rubber, ball, car, lego block, lego door or something else. We then see what the chance is of the guess being right.

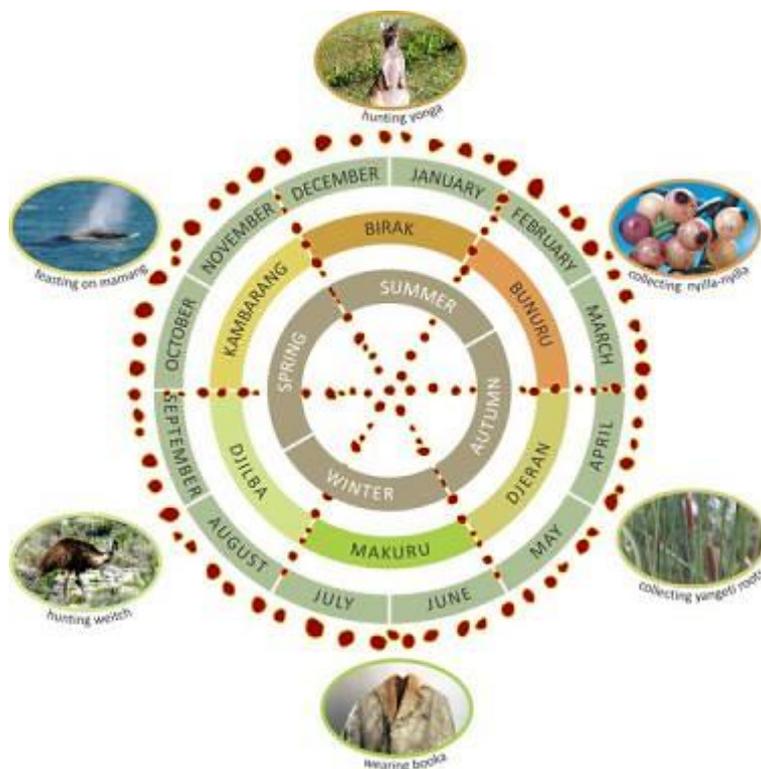
In Protective Behaviours we are learning about early warning signs. The children have made a great poster that describes the butterfly feeling we get in our tummies when we are nervous, frightened or worried. This is a feeling we are all able to identify with. We would love the parents of Room 32 to come in and have a look at this amazing piece of work.



The last week of school is keeping us busy as we reflect on last week’s school camp and attend swimming lessons. We can’t wait to show our wonderful parents the photos from camp. At camp the children had so many

opportunities to experience things that they normally wouldn’t get to do, like milk a cow, watch a sheep being shorn, ride a horse and cook damper over an open fire. If you didn’t come to camp this time, I hope you will be able to join us for the next one in about two years’ time.

Room 33



School camp is over; it was a time of great excitement and learning. We can’t wait to let you know all the things we got to do in our next Newsletter!

As usual we have been very busy at school. We recently had an incursion to learn all about the Nyungar Boodjar Seasonal Calendar. Nyungar people have tradition-ally hunted and gathered food according to the six seasons (See image left of page). How amazing!

As usual we continue having fun doing different activities in Room 33. Some of the things we have been doing are: Writing a Procedure about how to make a ‘Fairy Bread’ sandwich. We were careful not to leave out any of the

procedure steps or the recipe would not have worked out. Of course we got it right and got to eat our sandwich afterwards. Delicious! We have also been making different patterns in shapes, colours and numbers and have learned that the 2 times table always follows a pattern of 2, 4, 6, 8. We have been reading another Joy Cowley Big Book about a little lamb who lost its Mother. We worked hard in groups to do sentence and phrase reconstructions from the story. Then for fun we did story innovations (changes) of the characters and acted them out which was great fun and it helped us learn new words in our vocabulary. Our speaking skills are improving so much.



Here are some photos of our wonderful new students Rose and Vijay making their fantastic patterns.

We welcome Education Assistant Mrs Belinda MB (Mrs MB) in our room Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays which will

be a fantastic help to all our students and have the good news that Mrs Jenny Vincent is also returning to our classroom again on Wednesdays which makes us very happy.

Finally, we wish everyone a safe and relaxing term break. See you in Term 4.

Room 34

Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow, what a term! Without a doubt, one of the busiest terms I have ever experienced, with our students participating in an amazing amount of organised incursions, excursions, dance workshops, training for athletics, weekly circus skills, Bridgetown camp, and lastly swimming lessons this week.

The students of Room 34 have all done very well in all the activities just mentioned, as well as maintaining their participation and effort in their daily schoolwork. I would encourage you all to support your children's access to reading materials and opportunities to engage in community activities during the holidays.



Billy reading the 'Little Red Hen' fairy tale book to the class.

Term 4 will be upon us before we know it, and we will have several students from Room 34 graduating to high school. Transition activities to Halls Head Senior Campus will continue for those students attending that school next year. Please let us know if you have any queries or concerns about your child's move to high school.

Have a great holiday.

Alisdair McGuffin

Room 35

Welcome to Week 10 of Term 3!

Last week was our camp and we had so much fun. We went to the Donnybrook Apple Fun Park and played on all the slides and climbing equipment, played with the animals on the farm and finished the three-day camp off with ten pin bowling. Whew – everyone was exhausted when we returned but very happy to see mums and dads.

This week is swimming lessons – a great way to end the term and an invaluable start to summer which is not far away. All our children were fully organised and came to school with bathers ready for the lesson; thank you Mum and Dad.

We are now finalising our Fairy Tale theme – finishing with the *Three Billy Goats Gruff*. It has been a wonderful learning time with lots of acting out, retelling of stories, and plenty of associated craft activities. Next term our theme will be Dr Seuss and we look forward to reading all his books.

We wish all parents a wonderful holiday – enjoy the break with your children and we look forward to welcoming everyone back for the final term of this year.



Room 36



Room 36 had an amazing time at Bridgetown School camp in week 9 of this term. We began our journey with a play at Donnybrook Apple Fun Park where we climbed, swung, twisted and turned ourselves around until it was time for a sausage sizzle and a drink. We continued to play until it was time to set off again and continue our journey to Bridgetown.

Once at camp we met the wonderful camp manager Colin and his wife Trish who welcomed us to camp and showed us to our funny named dorms (Room 36 girls were housed in Worm Farm and the

boys stayed in Rabbit Hutch). After sorting our beds we wandered through the orchard and saw the animals, followed by a pasta bar dinner and chocolate mousse.

On Thursday after a pancake breakfast we headed off to Lucieville Farm where we held rabbits and guinea pigs, roosters and ducks; we fed pigs and goats and even milked a cow and drank the milk while it was still warm. Damper-making and horse riding (in the rain!) followed after lunch. That night we watched “Meet the Robinsons” and ate some popcorn before heading to bed exhausted!



On Friday, after bacon and eggs breakfast, we said farewell to Colin and Trish and headed to Bunbury to play tenpin bowling before heading home to our families to tell them of our amazing adventures!

Room 37

Room 37 have had an extremely busy term. We have had several incursions including puppet shows, dancing and indigenous workshops.



We have also had our school faction carnival, education support centre maths day (pictured: Serge and Nicholas completing Maths Day activities), end of term cinema excursion and transition visits to Halls Head ESC and Coodanup High.

Amongst all of this we have continued with our class café project, which funded our cinema excursion, maths, language, protective behaviours, PATHS and health programs.

The faction carnival was a fantastic day with lots of fun and ribbons won. Well done to Cameron McDermott from Room 37 who won the ‘encouragers’ award. Fantastic, great effort!



Thank you to Clinton who has led our ‘Circus Skills’ program this term. All of the students have thoroughly enjoyed learning how to make and use circus equipment and how to perform balancing acts.



Last week we all went on the school camp in Bridgetown and this week we have swimming lessons. We are also looking forward to the holidays when we can all have an extremely well deserved rest! Have a great holiday everyone. See you in term 4, which will be countdown to graduation!

OTHER NEWS

Vicinity Offers Special Santa Experience

Caroline Baird, Marketing Manager for Vicinity (formerly Forum shopping Centre) has contacted the City of Mandurah to offer a sensitive Santa opportunity this year for kids with a disability, and their families. A photographer experienced in working with children that have a disability will be employed and the photos will be available for parents to purchase.

Vicinity is open to suggestions from the community of what would suit them best. How long would families need to meet with Santa and any other thoughts would be helpful.

Caroline is proposing the shopping centre be opened early every Sunday in December (depending on numbers) from 9.00am – 10.00am. During this time the Centre will only be open for families seeing Santa.

If you would like to attend or have families, friends that would like to take advantage of this opportunity please ask them to contact Caroline on 9535 5522 or 0400 776 635 or alternatively email caroline.baird@vicinity.com.au.

School Photos -- October 20 – 21

Dear Parents and Caregivers, our school photo days are not far away - October 21 and 22. Early in Term 4 every student will receive a Kapture Photography order envelope to bring home. The recommended method of ordering your photos is online through Kapture's website as your payment is secure and can be easily verified at any time. Alternatively you can pay by cash and return the provided envelope to the school on the photography day.



If you place your order online please DO NOT return your envelope to school.

Late payment envelopes cannot be accepted by the school office or by Kapture. You have 5 days after the last photo date to order, however the option to order online is open until the end of this year but a late fee will apply.

Kapture offer a money back guarantee for any parent who is not fully satisfied with their photo package. Should you have any queries before or after photo day, please direct them to the Kapture office on 9240 1714 or email enquiries@kapture.com.au.

All students will be photographed individually on photo day for school administration records AS WELL as included in their class group photo available for purchase to all families. Should there be any reason why your child should NOT be included in the photo shoot –please contact the school office.



P & C News

COMPETITION TIME: September is Fruit and Vegetable month. Keep an eye open for yummy snacks and two competitions: a chance to win a Fruit & Veggie Hamper, plus a Colouring-In Competition with the chance to win some cool stationery. Winners will be drawn on Thursday 22nd September. Good luck!

WE DON'T BITE but we do like to get our teeth into new ideas. Why not come along and join with the P&C to support your school. Get involved in P&C-run events and fundraisers by completing the volunteer application from available from the school office and uniform shop, or by applying online at <https://riversidepandc.tidyhq.com/>.

P & C DEVELOPMENT: The Western Australia Council of State School Organisations, Inc., (WACSSO) is the peak body representing parents of public school children in Western Australia. Last week, Riverside Schools hosted a WACSSO training session for Greenfields, Dudley Park and our school P&Cs on how to run an effective P&C. It was a great day and much was learned that will benefit our school. The next training day will be sometime in March/April – if you would like to be part of this, please email your expression of interest to riversidepandc@yahoo.com.au.

Finally, the School Uniform Shop now has EFTPOS, making purchase of items that much easier.

Thanks from your P&C.