



Riverside Education Support Centre

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Hello everyone,

As the school year concludes I would again like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support of our wonderful school. It has been a busy year and I thank all our staff and students for their effort and hard work. May I wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, please keep safe and enjoy your family time together.

Colour Run: The Schools P&C colour run was a great success. Most ESC students took part and thoroughly enjoyed the activity. Thanks to our combined schools P&C for organising and running the event.

Graduation: Our Year 6 students Graduation Ceremony was held on Friday 8th December. It was a fitting tribute to our ESC graduates and I wish them well as they commence their High School journey in 2018.

School Reports: Your child's school report will be sent home this week.

Staff Movements: It is with regret that I have to announce that Mr & Mrs McGuffin will be leaving us to take up a remote teaching post. We will miss them and I wish them well in their new positions.

End of School Year: The last day for students is this Thursday 14th December.

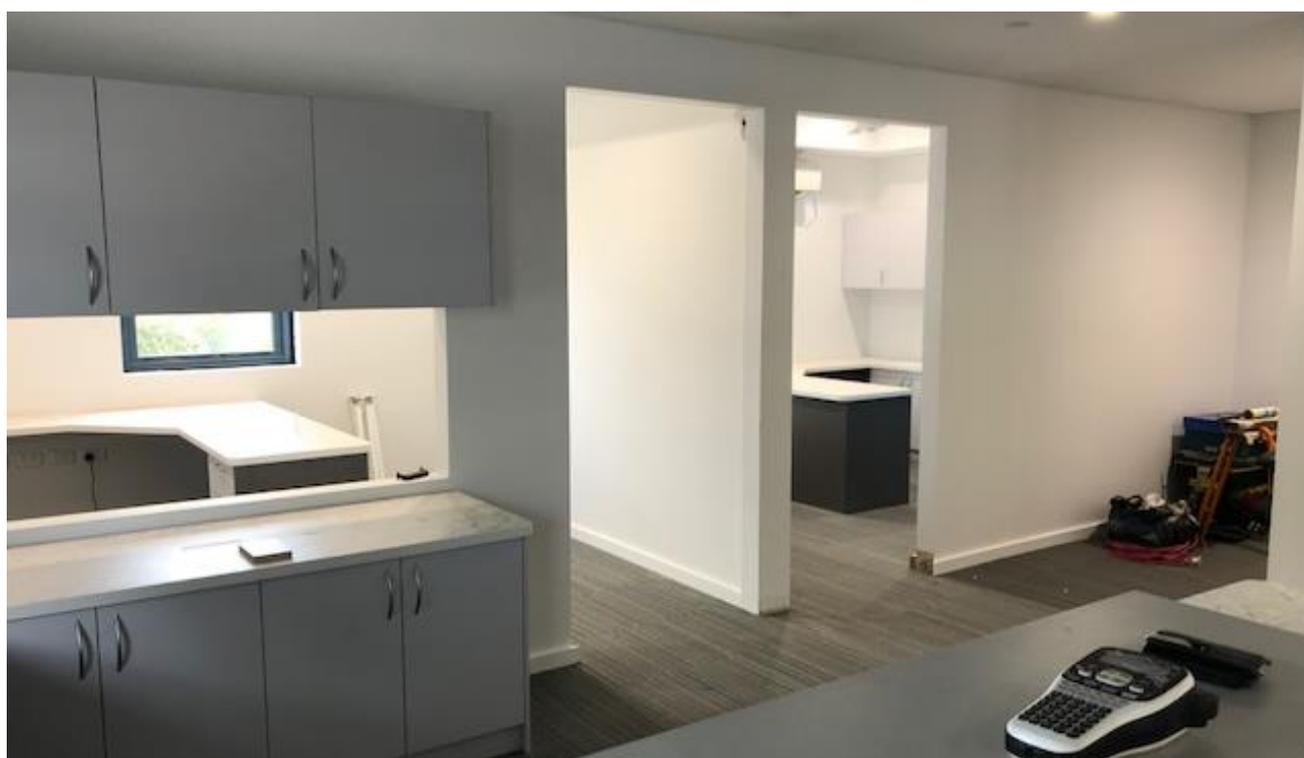
Kind Regards,

Jim Douglas, Principal

Below: Our new office will be ready for the start of the 2018 school year.

Important Dates

Dec 08	Year 6 Graduation
Dec 11	Junior Christmas Concert
Dec 13	Presentation Assembly
Dec 14	Final Student Day of 2017
Jan 31	2018 School Year Starts



Kindergarten

We have come to the end of a great year! The kindergarten class has really flourished over the last few months. It has been wonderful to see all of the students develop in such a positive way. We have had lots of fun with songs, story time, arts and crafts, indoor and outdoor play and cooking activities.

Ethan has completed his Thomas the Tank Engine model and is extremely proud of his achievement. Many thanks to Mrs Douglas for helping with this project.

Our last story focus was 'The Gingerbread Man'. The students thoroughly enjoyed making model gingerbread people and baking, decorating and eating gingerbread biscuits.

For the last couple of weeks we have been enjoying Christmas stories, crafts and songs. We have been practising 'Jingle bells' to perform at the junior assembly on Monday 11th December. We are all looking forward to our final day in Kindergarten on Tuesday 12th December and will be celebrating with a class party for the students.

I would like to wish you all a happy and safe Christmas break.

Merry Christmas.

Mrs Cairns and all the staff in Room 35



Room 31

Hello to all parents and carers associated with Room 31.

As we say farewell to 2017, we must also welcome Dane Page and his family to our classroom. Dane is settling in to our routine and getting to know us all.

This year has been a time of great gains, as the children have grown developmentally across the academic, social, emotional and physical domains. As a classroom staff, we are very proud of the children and what they have all achieved this year, as we know you are.

At this time I must acknowledge the staff that worked with the children this year. Without their patience and dedication, the children wouldn't have enjoyed the success they have had nor had as much fun. Thank you to Mr Nathan Anderson, Mrs Christine Douglas, Mrs Leanne McEvatt, Mrs Karen O'Connor, Mrs Sam Smith, Ms Caroline Somerton and Mrs Claire Stimson -- you have made an enormous difference to each child's schooling and deserve a well-earned, lazy, safe holiday!

To the pre-primary students leaving our classroom and moving to Year One in 2018: Curtis, Dane, Espen, Ronald and Sofia -- we wish you a safe and happy holiday and hope Santa finds you!

To the Kindy children who will return to our classroom next year: Bentley and Jaxon -- we wish you a fun-filled holiday and remember, "Nigel is watching you!"

And to your families, we wish a safe, wonderful Christmas and holiday period, and look forward to seeing you all again in 2018.

I will leave close 2017 with a few photos of some of the memorable experiences the children enjoyed this year. Thank you to you all!

	While blowing bubbles, Bentley is joyfully exercising facial muscles, vital for his speech development!		Sofia happily extends her vocab and utterance, at play with ooey-goey, sticky, slimy Goop.		Brave Espen goes on a bear hunt, at the same time developing comprehension skills and memory.
	Ronald loves to swing, unaware he is self-soothing and expanding his joint attention!		While making mini volcanoes, Curtis builds fine motor skills and control.		Jaxon swings with concentration at Totem Tennis. He is enabling hand/eye coordination and joint pivoting.

Room 19

Welcome to the last report from Room 19 for this year. What a busy and fun filled year we have had.

This year we have been out and about in the community with swimming lessons, horse riding, picnics, live performances at Mandurah Performing Arts Centre and so much more. We have been able to consolidate the lessons learnt in class with our visits out of school.

As we start packing away all the student work books and art work we are delighted to see what fantastic progress each student has made. They all have worked very hard across all areas of the curriculum and should be very proud of their achievements.

All the teaching staff that has worked in Room 19 would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy holiday. Enjoy the holidays with your children and we look forward to seeing you at the start of new 2018 school year.

Room 11

WOW, can you believe it is nearly the end of our school year for 2017. Our classroom was 'created' for semester 2, the students have made some wonderful memories, new friends and produced some beautiful pieces of work.

Miss M, Mrs Vincent, Mrs Cordall and Mrs Williamson would like say a huge thank you to each of our parents and caregivers for their continued support. We have loved each day, educating, playing and supporting the students of room 11 and we know they will move onto their new classrooms and work just as hard.

We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and we wish you every happiness for 2018.



Room 4

Welcome to Room 4's last newsletter item of 2017.

In Technology throughout Term 4, we have been discovering how our food changes after growing. Three key foci of understanding have been developed: all food comes from plants or animals; food has to be farmed, caught or grown at home; and food is changed from farm to fork.

We have achieved these understandings through: growing plants, watching farming and food processing videos, cooking, and interactive activities and games. Students in Room 4 have been very excited to see our amazing Giant Sunflowers growing each week. They have recorded the flowers' growth in a weekly diary. The activities have enabled all of the students to have responsibility towards growing living things, making sure they have had the key elements needed to survive and the understanding that food is grown for eating to sustain healthy living. In the photo (right) you will see that our sunflowers grew to over 1 metre tall.



As part of our Protective Behaviours program, students iced and decorated gingerbread people with the Early Warning Signs we may experience if we are feeling unsafe, scared, anxious, sad or unsure. These feelings and signs are our body's way of telling us something may not be right. Children are encouraged to identify their early warning signs, for example, butterflies in the stomach, sweaty hands, goose bumps, racing heart, and the situations in which they can occur. There are generally three types of situations where we experience early warning signs:

1. When we feel unsafe, but are **having fun** and are **in control** of the situation – i.e. it is our choice to be there. For example, watching a scary movie, diving off a high tower or riding a roller coaster.
2. When we feel unsafe, it is **not fun**, but we are still **in control**. For example, going to the dentist or sitting an exam.
3. When we feel unsafe, it is **not fun** and we have **no control** over the situation. These situations are personal emergencies as the child is in danger of losing control over what happens to them. For example, being lost, being bullied, or being abused by a relative.



Left: Ryan and Courtney enjoyed making their Early Warning Signs Gingerbread people!

On Friday 24th November, Room 4 went to Caterpillar Park to enjoy a whole school picnic together as well as have a visit from Santa. An enjoyable day was had by all. Here are Kerensa-Lily, Chanel, Courtney and Aliya enjoying wonderful time together at the park.



In closing, all Teachers and Education Assistants in Room 4 would like to wish all families a very relaxed and safe holiday season. We thank you for your support over the last year and for the opportunity to teach your wonderful children who make us smile and teach us new things every day.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a very happy New Year. From Mrs McGuffin, Mrs Greenwood, Mrs Filer, Mrs Edwards, Mrs Sumner, Mrs Punch, Mrs Bone, Mrs Hiron and Mrs Smith.

Room 33

A big Ho, Ho, Ho from Room 33. This is it, the end of another wonderful year. We have had a fantastic year full of learning, laughter and fun. Last Thursday we went to Ability Day in Rockingham. The children had a great time and were exceptionally well behaved. We got to watch the Schools choir sing, and we even got up and danced. Logan and Holly were game enough to have a snake lay over their shoulders.



Mrs Hart, Indiana and Rose and Holly boogied away in the Silent Disco. This was so much fun.

Finally, the children got to do something they would normally never get to experience – GRAFFITI a CAR. How cool would it be to drive this car around.

This week has been we have been busy celebrating Christmas. We have baked, decorated our Christmas hamper box and made a some great Christmas art. Harrison is very proud of his art work.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to all my wonderful parents and grandparents of Room 33. You have been a wonderful support to your children and to us teachers. We will miss not seeing you in our classroom. We wish you all a safe and Merry Christmas.



SCHOOL NEWS

Sister School in Bali

This term, we have been able to raise very useful funds for our Sister School in Bali. Riverside ESC is a member of the AdoptaSchool Association. The total amount raised was \$434.25, raised through two activities: Café ESC in Term 4 (Mrs Cairns); and our 'Christmas Gingerbread Man' activity organised through Room 10 (Miss Whiteley) in which all students had an opportunity to make a gingerbread man for a gold coin donation.

The money raised will be used to buy resources for the sister school or to sponsor students so they are able to attend school. I thank everyone for their efforts.

Diana Edwards



The Café ESC Team

Coles 'Sports for Schools' is back for 2018

Riverside ESC has registered to be part of the 2018 'Coles Sports for Schools' fundraising program. The program gives our school the opportunity to earn sports gear by collecting vouchers from Coles. A voucher is available for every \$10 spent, so don't forget to ask for your voucher each time you shop. More information will be available about the program early in 2018.

Dental News

Greenfields Dental Therapy Centre closes Friday 22.12.2017, reopens Tuesday 23rd January.

In case of EMERGENCY please call between 8am-4.30pm Mount Henry: 9313 0552, or for after-hours emergencies please call: 9325 3452.

Congratulations to our 2017 Award Winners

ESC Sports Person Award

Alando Anderson

ESC Consistent Achiever Award

Jai Hunt

ESC Contributor Award

Lillee Nguyen

Student Councillor Award

Jasmin Nughes

ESC Citizenship Award

Jasmin Nughes

ESC Most Improved Award

Geoff Colyer-Long

ESC Science Award

Maverick Drummond

Esc Contribution to Peers Award

Missy Green

Endeavour Award Winners

Room 10 Alando Anderson

Room 7 Tyler Robbins

Room 4 Ryan Mananui

Room 33 Indiana Starcevich

Room 11 Chace Divich

Room 19 William Bosworth

Room 31 Ronald Pickett

Achievement Award Winners

Geoff Colyer-Long

Karen Ugle-Pascoe

Chanel Seager

Logan Brown

Shayla Jones

Timmy Mcglinn

Curtis Heurlin

COMMUNITY NEWS

Vacation Activities and Child Care

A1 is providing a vacation care activity program for the coming school holidays. Their activities are strategically planned by working educators in accordance with the 'My Time, Our Place' National Framework for School Aged Care in Australia.

Location: John Tonkin College

Hours: 6:00 AM to 6:30 PM. Details are downloadable from here: aboutchildcare.net.au/vacation-care-program/.