



Riverside Education Support Centre

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

April 2018



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It is my pleasure to write to you in the absence of Principal Jim Douglas who is away on long service leave until the end of term. 2018 has got off to an excellent start at Riverside Education Support Centre. New enrolments, completed building works, professional development activities and future planning have all shaped our activities for the remainder of the year.

We have 50 students enrolled for Term 1, spread across classes from Kindy and Pre-Primary through to Year 6. Several students have joined us this term and we warmly welcome Focus, Tyler, Lachlan, Ashton and Yasmin and their families into our school community. Also, welcome to Dane who joined us late last year. We acknowledge it is a big step for you and your children to adapt to a new school, so please let us know if there is anything we can do to facilitate your child's learning journey with us.

Many of our enrolments come via word of mouth about the quality of our school program and professionalism of our staff. If you are presented with the opportunity, let people know we still have space for new enrolments in some classes for 2018. Enrolment inquiries can be initiated for all classes for 2019 too, especially for Kindergarten.

2018 started with a brand new administration building. The only room unchanged was the Principal's office: his patience and ongoing good humour throughout the adjacent noisy construction period were very much appreciated. The new reception area is more efficient and parent-friendly, I now have a dedicated office area, our Manager Corporate Services also has her own office and we have improved storage space. These are all signs of a growing school with a focus on "high performance and high care" (Focus 2018 commitment - Department of Education).

The Department of Education budget cuts have unfortunately limited our capacity for professional development activities for staff this year. Nevertheless, the Principal and Deputy Principal are undertaking essential leadership-focused activities to build connection with DoE strategic planning and to meet the evolving needs of our student community. Our STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) program, which integrates learning from other curriculum areas into a very popular science program, has also been enhanced by attendance at a recent STEM conference by Mrs Edwards.

This year our regular newsletters are being replaced by a more compact communication from the school's leadership team to our entire community and separate class-by-class information newsletters from each class to their respective parent groups. Look out for these in Term 2.

I remind you of the Swimming Carnival on Wednesday. Parents and carers are welcome to attend, and we encourage you sit with your children during recess and lunch times, leaving them with their peers and teachers during the carnival times. Please refrain from taking photographs of children who are not your own.

SCHOOL PROCEDURE – ABSENT FROM CLASS: Tracking of absenteeism is a legal requirement placed upon all schools by the Department of Education.

There are ways you can help:

- If your child is going to be absent, please inform us at your earliest opportunity to explain why. Phone 9534 0328 or call in to the school office.
- If picking up your child from school during normal school hours, your first action is to call into the school office to obtain a release note. Your child cannot leave class without this.

SCHOOL PROCEDURE – CONTACT DETAILS: Remember to advise the school office of your change of contact details or any changes to your emergency contact details. These are vital links should we need to reach out for any reason related to your child’s wellbeing.

Following are some community announcements which will be of interest, several of which invite your participation. These announcements/events come to us through DoE communication channels and are included for that reason. We would be pleased to hear from you if you attend and want to recommend or comment on their usefulness.

Whilst it has been a busy start to the year, I am always delighted as I move through the school and see students actively engaged in a wide variety of activities. Strengthening the communication between home and school is always valuable and I welcome feedback from you, our parents and school community, to continue to enhance the opportunities for students.

Term 1 finishes on Friday this week. Students return to school on Tuesday 1st May. Enjoy a relaxing and safe term break.

Best regards,

Tamarra Rekman, Deputy Principal



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GREENFIELDS DENTAL THERAPY CENTRE – SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLOSURE

Greenfields Dental Therapy Centre (9581 3895) will be closed on the following days during the school holidays:

- Tuesday 17.4.18
- Friday 20.4.18
- Wednesday 25.4.18

In case of EMERGENCY please call:

- Between 8:00am-4.30pm Mount Henry: 9313 0552
- For after-hours emergencies please call: 9325 3452

IMMUNISATION INFORMATION SESSION

Parents/carers are invited to an informal information session about Influenza and Meningococcal W immunisations. These immunisations are free for children under 5 years old.

You will have the opportunity to ask any questions and meet the immunisations team. This event is not restricted to families of Riverside ESC; please share with other families you think may benefit from learning more about immunisation.

There will be an opportunity to book appointments to have your immunisations at the Child and Parent Centre every fortnight or at the other immunisations clinics located in Peel.

There will also be a free sausage sizzle!

Date: Thursday 19 April 2018.

Time: 12.00pm to 1.00pm

Venue: Child and Parent Centre, Kooljack Street, Dudley Park

Website: Childandparentcentres.wa.edu.au

Contact: 95375603 or cpcadmin@anglicarewa.org.au



PARENTS BEWARE – THESE APPS ARE NOT WHAT THEY APPEAR TO BE:

10 APPS TEENS ARE USING THAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW

	<p>Calculator% This app looks like a calculator but functions like a secret photo vault.</p>		<p>Hot or Not Strangers rate your profile. Goal is to lead to a hook up.</p>
	<p>Omegle A free online chat website that promotes chatting anonymously to strangers.</p>		<p>Burn Book Post anonymous rumors about people through audio messages, texts, and photos.</p>
	<p>Yellow This app is designed to allow teens to flirt with each other in a Tinder-like atmosphere.</p>		<p>Wishbone An app that allows users to compare kids against each other and rate them on a scale.</p>
	<p>Whisper An anonymous app where the creators promote sharing secrets and meeting new people.</p>		<p>Kik Messaging app. Kik has built in apps and web content that would be filtered on home computer.</p>
	<p>Ask.fm Ask an anonymous question and get an answer. This app has been linked to the most severe forms of cyberbullying.</p>		<p>Instagram Many kids are now creating fake accounts to hide content from parents. Kids also like to text using Instagram because messages are deleted once a user leaves conversation.</p>

FOR MORE INFO: APPSOLUTELYAPRIL.COM

This information provided by Clinical Nurse-School Health, Child and Adolescent health Service W.A.

PARENT WORKSHOP – KEEPING YOUR CHILD SAFE

How to teach children Body Safety & Abuse Prevention

A WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS & CARERS

Children with disability are more at risk of abuse than other children.

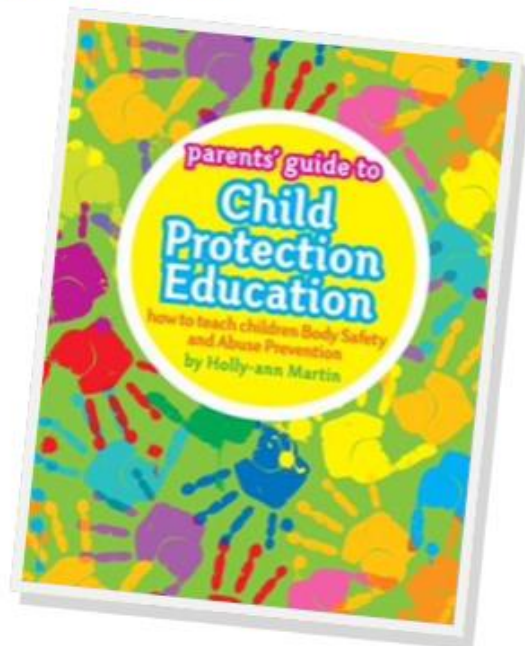
Do you know what you would do in a situation where your child disclosed information about abuse or they told you one of the other children had really rude photos?

Often parents don't want to think about dealing with a situation like this because it's scary and they hope it won't ever happen to their child.

What would you do? Are you confused about how to teach your child to be wary of potential harm, without overloading them with fear, wrapping them in cotton wool, or giving them so much information that their innocence is damaged? Would you know what tried and true steps to take in the event a situation occurred?

In this workshop, Holly will explore Protective Behaviour Concepts including:

- ✓ Theme reinforcement
- ✓ OK to say "no"
- ✓ Yes/Safe/Comfortable feelings
- ✓ No/Unsafe/Uncomfortable feelings
- ✓ Three safety questions
- ✓ Secrets
- ✓ Safety continuum
- ✓ Secret enablers
- ✓ Risking on purpose
- ✓ Cyber safety
- ✓ Early warning signs
- ✓ Safety team
- ✓ Protective interrupting
- ✓ Persistence
- ✓ One-step removed
- ✓ Public and private
- ✓ Problem solving



All attendees will receive a FREE copy of Holly's guide for parents

BIBRA LAKE 8 MAY 2018 10AM—12.00PM
FUTURE SESSION IN BUNBURY 12 JUNE

About the presenter:

Holly-ann Martin is the founder and Managing Director of Safe4Kids and has over 30 years' experience in delivering child protection education. Holly-ann has delivered the Safe4Kids Program all over Australia and including remote Aboriginal communities in Western Australia, Queensland and the Northern Territory. She has also delivered the Safe4Kids Program in Cambodia, Indonesia and Mexico. Holly-ann has produced her own copyright resources, which include lesson plans, music CD, games, posters, parent handbooks, and has self-published four children's books with a child protection and abuse prevention theme.



Holly-ann has significant experience working with children with special needs, having worked as a teacher assistant for 25 years in a variety of school settings, including special schools, education support centres and a language development centre. Through this experience, Holly-ann has been able to introduce sign language to the Safe4Kids child protection and abuse prevention program. This has proven to be very beneficial in teaching Aboriginal children, children with special needs and children who have Fetal Alcohol Syndrome.

Holly-ann has presented the Safe4Kids child protection and abuse prevention program at over 30 conferences since 2007, including the United Kingdom and the United States of America. On the 8th of March 2016, Holly-ann was inducted into the WA Women's Hall of Fame in recognition for her services in teaching child abuse prevention education.



THESE WORKSHOPS HAVE BEEN FUNDED BY THE NON GOVERNMENT CENTRE SUPPORT FOR NON-SCHOOL ORGANISATIONS PROGRAM

Venue: Cockburn Wetland Education Ctr, 184 Hope Road, Bibra Lake

Parking: Parking information will be emailed to attendees

Online Registration: <https://ddwa.org.au/events/>

Information: mary.butterworth@ddc.org.au or 9420 7230 (M, W, F)

Cost: Free—Registration includes morning tea

DDWA Membership: **FREE** for People with Disability, Family, Friends & Individuals. Go to <https://ddwa.org.au/membership/>