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*"No one can do everything, but everyone can do something."*

~Unknown

## The latest information from your P&C ...

### OUR FIRST NEWSLETTER FOR 2017!

Term One of 2017 has zoomed by and what a Term it's been! Unfortunately we've lost our dedicated P&C Secretary but we hope to have a replacement very soon, and for the first time in years we even have a P&C Vice-President! Congratulations also go to Kristy Wilkins who will be the new P&C Representative on the Riverside Schools Board and those new members of the P&C who have put their hands up for positions on the Uniform Shop, Canteen and Fundraising Sub-Committees, we know that you will all make valuable contributions.

Also, the news that Deborah Bloor, the Riverside Primary School Principal, was resigning, was a huge shock to all of us. So on that note, the members of the P&C had a little something to say ...

**"Behind every great school is a caring Principal"** you've heard that before no doubt and if you've been on Pinterest lately there's all sorts of interesting projects centring on that quote alone. .... What this quote neglects to mention however, what the fancy origami, the glitter paint and the glue doesn't explain, is that a Principal has a great many things to care about! And, while the welfare and education of the students is top of that list of course, there are so many other things that need to be treated with care to make a school a fun and welcoming place to be. Without paying care and attention to staff, resources, building maintenance, the grounds, the play equipment, parents, carers, the wider community and every little thing in between, Riverside Primary would not be the fun and welcoming place it is today and our students would not be performing as well as they are against like schools.

While many see the School Principal as the authoritative figure, the 'scary' person you need to go and see only when there's a problem or when your child, ... or even worse, you!, is in trouble, there are many others that see more than that and have had the chance to work with and get to know her. Deborah Bloor has also been the support you need when your child is going through a really difficult time, she's the one who takes time from her busy day to write a personal letter to a student and she has also been the one who allows your child to pursue a project on school grounds for a cause that's so important to them.

For teachers, she was the one who gave the green light to start a new program or find extra EA time or resources, who gave an ear or even a shoulder. She was the one who 'had their back' and even stood up to the Education Department where necessary.

Deborah Bloor was instrumental in setting up the P&C right from the very start, way back in 1995. Without her help the P&C would never have been able to raise the funds needed for just about every piece of play equipment you see on the school grounds, new schools aren't provided with play equipment by the government. Without her support and encouragement over the years we wouldn't have an on-site Uniform Shop and our Canteen would have closed at the end of 2015. She has been the words of wisdom when the P&C has had to deal with some very difficult times over the last few years and has given support and guidance to those of us on the committee who were determined to turn the P&C's finances around. She has attended over 170 P&C meetings over the last 22 years which often means she spends over 12 hours at the school on those days. She's most often the first one to arrive and the last one to leave.

So if you see Miss Bloor around the school on the last day of Term be sure to wish her well in whatever she chooses to do next, she has surely earned it! If you see her out and about in town, give her wave and say 'Hello'. And Miss Bloor, please begin your new adventure safe in the knowledge that you are appreciated and will be missed.



### Your Riverside Schools P&C

#### FUNDRAISING: CLASSROOM CASH

Thank you to everyone who gave up some free time to help out with this, it's a bit of a messy job but can raise a lot of much needed funds for our classrooms. We'll announce how much cash we received in a future newsletter.

#### FUNDRAISING: MOTHERS DAY STALL

Information on this years Mothers Day Stall will be sent home at the beginning of Term 2.

*"We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give."* - Winston Churchill

#### PARENT & CARER MORNING TEA

It was wonderful to see those who made the time to stop by and grab some cake and a coffee or tea last week, thank you for coming along. Thank you also to those P&C members who baked and to Trudy in the Canteen who also contributed some yummy treats.



## CANTEEN: LATEST NEWS

 **Winter Menu** The new Winter Menu will be out soon, please make sure you order from the correct menu in Term 2 to avoid disappointment.

 **Pantry Item Donations** of pantry items for 2017 are welcome to help us cut costs. Items that could be of use if you see them on special when you are doing your own shopping are listed below.

 **THANK YOU to our volunteers this term!** We look forward to having you back in Term 2 and hope to see some new faces as well. **Volunteers are always welcome** and upon completion of a canteen shift volunteers are provided with a **voucher** to be spent at the canteen either by yourself or your children, volunteers also receive morning tea or lunch and a drink! So what are you waiting for?

Volunteer shifts have also been reduced in length to accommodate those that wish to help but have less time to spare. Ask to be added to the volunteer roster today by filling out a volunteer form at the canteen, email us or register online.

 **Lunch Bag Donations** to cover the cost of lunch bags are appreciated, feel free to drop your change into the box when ordering your lunch next year.

### Pantry Items Currently Needed

Beetroot	Golden Syrup
Chocolate Buttons	Large Muffin Patty Pans
Tissues	Tuna
Tinned Pineapple	Brown Sugar
Oats	Vanilla Essence
Paper Towel	Popping Corn
Oil Spray	

The list up at the canteen is updated regularly

Any items donated are appreciated.

*Thank you* to everyone who has donated their change to cover the cost of lunch bags in Term 1. So far \$38.35 has been donated which should cover the cost of 1,500 bags!  
*From Trudy (Canteen Manager)*

## FUNDRAISING: EASTER RAFFLE

Thank you to parents and carers who donated such fantastic prizes for this years Easter Raffle! The number of prizes to give away this year was fantastic. We had 1st through to 4th prize for each class plus a Donators prize ... boy, that's A LOT of chocolate!!

Without the P&C Members who spend each morning collecting the raffle tickets and donations for the few weeks leading up to the big Draw this wouldn't have been possible. Some of them have had so much fun they've actually become members of the P&C! You don't need to be a member to help though, whether you have 15 minutes every morning for a few weeks or an hour here an there over the year, the Riverside Helpers pitch in when they don't have other commitments and the P&C truly value your contribution, we couldn't do it without you.

Enjoy your Easter Break and school holidays and stay safe.

OPEN

The Uniform Shop is open

Monday: 2.45-3.15pm

Friday: 8.30-9.30am

and is staffed entirely by volunteers.

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## UNIFORM SHOP: LATEST NEWS

 **Pre-loved Uniforms** Please drop washed items off to the Uniform Shop during opening hours.

 **Winter Jackets** We currently have plenty of Winter Jackets in stock plus **Iron-On Logos** if you wish to purchase a navy blue jumper instead. REMEMBER: The school dress code requires students to wear a navy blue jacket or jumper in winter and not one of another colour.

 **2017 Price Rise** There will be a slight price increase beginning in Term 2 but we have endeavoured to keep these rises to an absolute minimum. New prices will be announced at the beginning of Term 2.

 **Skirts** We will no longer be selling skirts as sales are extremely slow. We will not be placing orders on them in the future, once they've sold out that's it. They are still allowed to be worn though.

 **Skorts/Shorts** New style of skort and better quality shorts coming soon!

 **Hot Klobber** From the end of Term 2 you will be able to purchase certain items from Hot Klobber on Park Road and this will allow parents and carers to shop outside of school hours. The prices will be the same as what you can purchase them for at the school Uniform Shop, our Uniform Shop will continue to be open on the days advertised.

 **EFTPOS AVAILABLE**



**NEXT GENERAL MEETING**

Monday 22nd May @ 6.30pm

**JOIN the Riverside Helpers TODAY**  
by filling out a Volunteer form  
(the Admin office have some)  
or email the P&C at  
[riversidepandc@yahoo.com.au](mailto:riversidepandc@yahoo.com.au)

