



Hello everyone. We are in the season of Djilba (Aug-Sep) – the wildflowers are beginning to display their beauty, the days are cold, windy and occasionally wet, and conception is beginning new life in the

natural world. Like the movement of the seasons, there are always things in motion for our school community. Here are some important items:

Open Board Meeting: RESC School Board invites you to attend our open board meeting being held on August 22 from 6-7.30pm. Come along and be informed about how our Board works and learn of the benefits for our students. Light refreshments will be served.

School Board Membership: I am seeking two parent representatives to join our Board. If you are interested, I would like to hear from you.

Whole School Sports Carnival: Our annual whole-school sports carnival is being held on August 23. Come along for a great day watching your child participate in events. We respectfully ask you NOT to park in local medical facilities' parking bays.

P&C Sausage Sizzle: For the sports day, Riverside P&C will be hosting a sausage sizzle for lunch. Other food items will be available on the day (cakes, etc). If you are wanting to order lunch for your child and other family members, please do so before August 21 using the form already sent home (or ask at the office).

Staff: I extend my thanks to Mrs Rekman for standing in for me late last Term. I can also announce that Ms Rebecca Whiteley has been appointed as a 2nd Deputy Principal for the remainder of the school year to help support staff, students and our ever-growing busy operational obligations.

Student Councillors: I am very proud to announce that our Student Councillors for the Semester are: Jeriley Davis, Sarah Britton and Brayden Hill. They will join with Riverside Schools Student Council who conduct important student business throughout the school and assist with administrative duties such as conducting school assemblies. Well done, Jeriley, Sarah & Brayden.

Thank you all for your continued support of our school.

Jim Douglas, Principal

Introduction: Viv – School Board Community Representative

Hi, my name is Vivienne Cantem. I am a parent of two sons who were students of Riverside Education Support Centre until 2017 when my youngest completed yr 6.

I was the elected President of the P&C Committee from 2014 until 2017, returning to the role in 2021 until March 2023, and I am currently a General Member. I am also the WACSSO (Western Australian Council for State Schools Association) State Councillor for Peel South, first elected in 2018. I will be nominating for my 3rd Term next year in February. I am also a Board member for John Tonkin Education Support Centre College.

I am looking forward to working with everyone on the School Board. Advocating for the educational needs of every student and supporting the school in any way possible.



VacSwim October

Check online for latest information about VacSwim website - [VacSwim - Department of Education \(education.wa.edu.au/vacswim\)](https://www.education.wa.edu.au/vacswim). Enrolments for the October programs close on 14 August 2024.

School Uniforms via Perm-a-Pleat

Parents will be pleased to learn that the school uniform retailer Perm-a-Pleat offers a rebate to schools. Please make sure to specify you are a “Riverside ESC customer” to avoid the assumption that your child may be part of Riverside PS. Each school receives its own rebate. Any funds received from Perm-a-Pleat are utilized for supporting student programs such as swimming, to help offset parent costs.

Board Vision and Invitation

The Riverside ESC School Board, formed late 2023, has agreed on a new vision statement to guide its activities and deliberations:

We aim to support a safe, positive school

where everyone is known and valued,

and where differing needs are acknowledged, accepted and met.

As mentioned by Principal Jim Douglas on the front page, the Board welcomes inquiries from parents interested to join our team and invites you to come along to the Open Board Meeting on August 22.

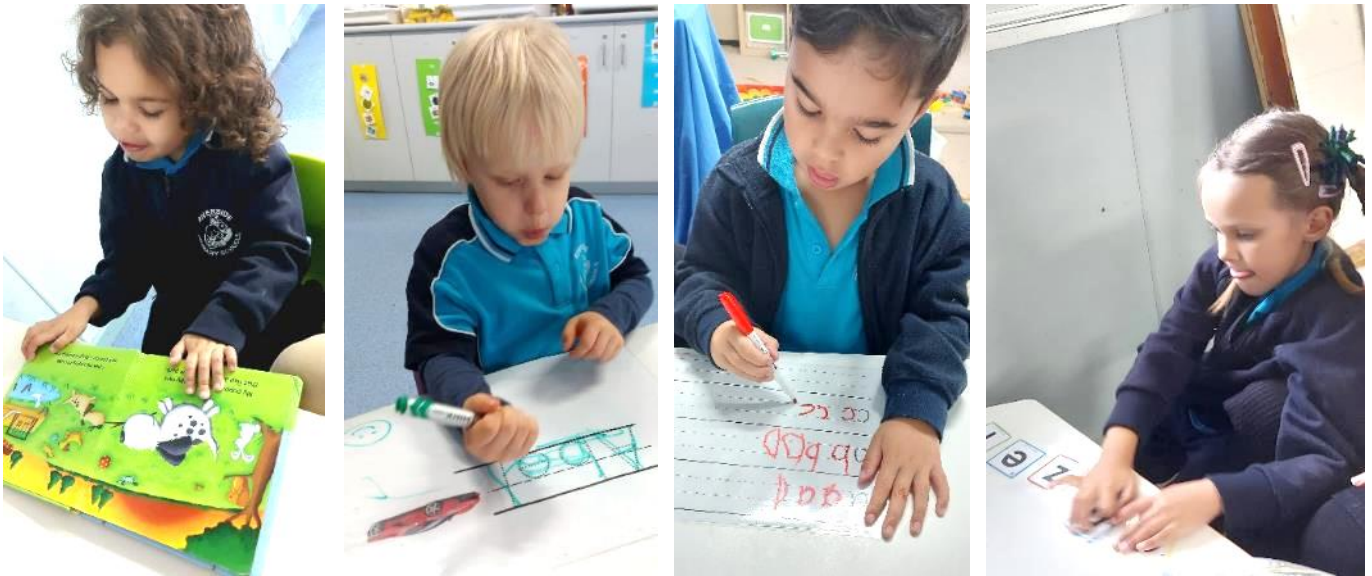
IMPORTANT SCHOOL DATES

Aug 14	VacSwim enrolments close for the October program	Aug 23	Faction Carnival
Aug 20	CutOff date for lunch orders for Faction Carnival	Sep 20	Final Day of Term 3
Aug 22	Open Board Meeting	Oct 07	Students return for Term 4 (Tuesday)

ROOM 31

Hello parents, guardians and caregivers. Last term I wrote to you as the health and physical education teacher. That has now changed and I am delighted to be the new Room 31 teacher for Semester Two.

I have spent the previous two years teaching pre-primary education support, and it is a return to what I enjoy the most. Room 31 have been working extremely hard this term on their literacy and mathematics skills. Name writing, letter formation, word recognition and number ordering have been all part of this term's focus.



We also have been exploring the school and learning about the different play areas, practicing moving from location to location in a calm and focused manner. Practicing riding tricycles and scooters on the school bike track has been another highlight.

Mr. Williams

ROOM 32

Bikes, bikes and more bikes. And a horse!



This term it is all about the new and improved bikes and sporting equipment we have been able to purchase thanks to an amazing donation from the Mayday Opportunity Shop. Everyone has been overjoyed with the new wheels for our existing bikes as well as the addition of not only single riders but a taxi!

Horse riding is a new and exciting adventure for some students in Room 32. Above you will see George learning how to ride with the help of the RDA staff RDA at Fairbridge.

We are looking forward to more exciting learning opportunities in Term 3.

Tanya Wardle

ROOM 30

As we settle into Term 3 it has been nice to meet with parents to discuss their child's report and goals for the coming semester. This term appears to be a very busy one - we are almost halfway through it already.

In English we are continuing to work on letter recognition and learning to blend the letters to make words. It is wonderful to see the students trying hard and working with staff on their blending skills to read and write CVC words. We are using sound boards, bingo games, magnetic letters amongst other activities to help consolidate how to blend letters to make a word. The students are getting quicker reading and spelling CVC words which is fantastic. Next step is to put these words into sentences.

In Maths our focus for the start of term in Number has been on fractions. We can sort shapes into equal or unequal parts and have been learning the language of 'whole and half'. Our favourite activity so far has been making fairy bread and cutting it into two equal parts to show halves. We also continue to reinforce numbers to 50 with the introduction of skip counting. The students are engaging well with the interactive whiteboard by colouring numbers as we skip-count in 2's, 5's and 10's. They are beginning to recognise the pattern and continue counting until we reach 50.

Our year 1's have started horse riding this term. RDA at Fairbridge are wonderful to work alongside and luckily the weather has been fantastic. Students have been able to use the outside arena and take some walks around the beautiful village. Our thanks to the volunteers at RDA for their support. Our students have so much fun.

Bev Mattin



Dominic enjoying his time on a horse.



Aidan's first time on a horse.

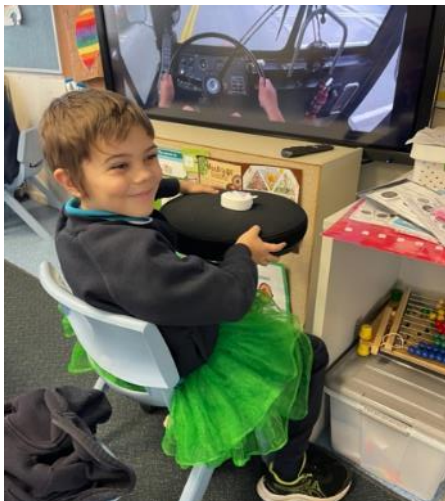
ROOM 35

As we embark on a new term and semester, it brings with it a flurry of activities and learning opportunities for our students. I want to thank the parents and families who took the time to coordinate meetings to discuss their child's progress. Your involvement and support are integral to our students' success, and I appreciate your collaboration.

This semester, our students will continue to enhance their phonic knowledge and development through tailored tasks and interactive games. Among the student favourites is the "Say It, Jump It, Run It" activity, where hoops are set up on the ground, each featuring different sounds and graphemes, including CVC words and spelling words. Students enthusiastically say the sounds/graphemes as they jump from hoop to hoop and then run from start to finish, seamlessly blending the sounds as they move along the course.



Xavier and Emma enjoying the shopping math experience.



Matthew showing excitement while playing the role of a bus driver in our financial math role play.

In mathematics, students have started learning new areas such as statistics and probability, number patterns, fractions, and financial mathematics. Financial mathematics is a favourite, as students role-play a shopping scene to mimic a real shopping experience. Each student receives a purse with pretend coins, role-plays catching a bus to the shops, and spends their money on items at our shop setup. This not only enhances mathematical skills but also offers a fantastic opportunity to incorporate social, emotional, and communication skills. Students take on roles such as shopkeepers, bus drivers, and customers while also learning about appropriate behaviour for public settings.

In our health program, we have been placing a strong emphasis on promoting the development of healthy and active bodies, aligning our activities with the spirit of the Olympics. In the image at right, Zen is enthusiastically making his healthy treat in Health class - dark chocolate melted on rice cakes with a selection of goji berries, pumpkin, and chia seeds.



Students have been preparing for the Faction Carnival scheduled for Friday in week 6. This event involves both schools, and practices take place on the oval every Monday. We are excited to welcome our families to come and support our students during this event in week 6.

We are looking forward to a rewarding and eventful semester ahead, filled with exciting learning opportunities and enriching experiences for our students. Thank you for your continued support, and let's make this semester a memorable journey.

Mrs Lewis

NAIDOC WEEK



During the final week of term 2, our school celebrated NAIDOC Week with interactive and collaborative activities involving the whole school.

NAIDOC Week is a special time in Australia where we come together to honour the history, culture, and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. It's a time to express our gratitude for all the positive contributions they have made to this country. This year's NAIDOC Week was particularly focused on celebrating the incredible spirit of Indigenous communities and uniting in support of each other.

The theme for the 2024 NAIDOC Week was "Keep the fire burning - blak loud and proud." This theme beautifully encapsulates the resilience and camaraderie of Indigenous communities and emphasises the importance of standing together in support of one another. The fire symbolises strength in Indigenous cultures, representing resilience even in the face of challenges. "Blak, loud, and proud" celebrates the strength and pride of First Nation peoples, with the spelling of "blak" showing the deep respect we have for their unique language and culture.

During the week, each classroom was assigned an inspirational Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person to celebrate, research, and present to the whole school. Students participated in various classroom activities and then came together to share their celebrated individuals through informal presentations. The whole-school share was a wonderful opportunity for students to gain a deeper understanding of the significance of NAIDOC Week and to enhance their social and emotional skills by courageously presenting their class posters.



It was truly inspiring to see the knowledge our students shared and the presentations they prepared. Check out our classroom posters showcasing the celebrated individuals. We are incredibly proud of our students' presentations, creativity, and newfound knowledge. Well done, RESC students!

The feedback was overwhelmingly positive, and we couldn't be prouder of our students for coming together as a community. Thank you to

everyone who contributed to making our NAIDOC Week celebration a meaningful and memorable experience for our school.

Miss Terry and Mrs Lewis

ROOM 37

It is hard to believe we are nearly half way through Term 3 already! It has been such a busy term so far and so many exciting things to come. Room 37 has settled in well to our change in routine with Mrs Arthur now running sport lessons and Mrs G coming in to teach Digital Technology on Friday afternoons.



This term, Room 37 have led the way with the Education Minister's Running Challenge. Most days at 1pm we head to the basketball courts and run as many laps as we can in 10 minutes. As the term has progressed, more classes are joining us and it has been wonderful to see the persistence and comradery that this has created within the students across the school.

The students are loving the increase in story book reading this term. Every opportunity we are choosing a book and reading it together as a class. This allows us to discuss features of writing, rhyming words and why events happened. All students are also in the early stages of planning their own story having already decided on their character and setting.

Semester Two also sees our class learning about statistics and probability. We are learning about the 'chance' of events occurring and are working towards increasing our knowledge from three likelihoods to four. We have also been practising creating tallies by voting on what to cook on Fridays, our favourite flavoured ice-cream and counting the different coloured cars that drive past our school.

Friday cooking is looking a little different with students taking charge on cooking choices! We have repeated some previous recipes due to pizza and pinwheels being firm class favourites. We have also cooked some delicious sausage rolls for a warm lunch in this cold weather. The staff in Room 37 are hoping scones will win in the next few weeks!



Our veggie garden is looking amazing still due to all this rain and the TLC shown by our students. We were all excited to add some worm compost from the worm farm into the garden beds at the start of the term and the vegetables are since flourishing even further. If anyone would like some spring onions, we have lots ready for harvest.

Book Week was a hit with the students last week, with all students excitedly discussing their costumes for at least a week before dress-up day. A huge thank you for the efforts put in by our parents to ensure a smooth and happy start to Semester Two.

Mrs Arthur

ROOM 10

Room 10 have made a fantastic start to Term 3. The students have settled straight back into working and focusing on improving themselves.

This semester in Health, students are learning about healthy foods and bike safety. They are riding the school bikes weekly to improve their fitness and gross motor skills and to learn about road safety. It is definitely a favourite activity each week!



During Health lessons they are learning about what foods people should eat more of, and what they should eat less of.

For part of their learning in Mathematics, the students are predicting weather and recording data about the weather. They read a thermometer to see how the temperature changes throughout the day and record daily rainfall by using a rain gauge, both have been set up outside Room 10.



During sport lessons the students are practicing for the Faction Carnival by participating in the whole school faction practices and by focusing on ball skills and team games during class sport times. Sports Carnival is on Friday the 23rd of August.

In our cooking activities during Semester 2, the students are focusing on capacity, time, and temperature. They enjoy baking cakes and slices which allow for more measuring of ingredients, oven temperatures and cooking times.

Kerry Sadler



ROOM 11



We are almost halfway through Term 3, and we've had a fantastic start! Our students are working hard across all learning areas.

This term, our Talk for Writing story is a narrative titled "Lost and Found." The students have enjoyed learning the story actions and incorporating some key signing into the retelling. As a creative hook, they were thrilled to make their own penguins during a craft session.

In Mathematics, we are focusing on understanding the value of numbers and applying mathematical knowledge in practical situations. The class is also working on improving their mental math skills to solve problems more quickly.

In Statistics and Probability, we have been exploring the likelihood of events occurring. The students have had great discussions and enjoyed fun games with dice and bingo to help them grasp the concept of chance events.

On Friday of Week 3, Riverside Primary School celebrated Book Week. It was fantastic to see all the students dressed up as their favourite characters.

Looking ahead to Week 6, we are excited about the Riverside School Faction Carnival. During sports lessons, students are training in their factions for the event. I am proud to see the effort and enthusiasm Room 11 students are putting into these sessions. The carnival, scheduled for Friday, 23rd August, promises to be an exciting day!

Mrs Stewart



ROOM 4

Welcome back to school!

In the literacy sessions, the students have been following the adventures of Six Dinner Sid, as he explores his neighbourhood and eats 6 dinners a day. The students have enjoyed learning how to write letters and send them to their buddies in room 33!

In the numeracy sessions, the Year 5 students have practiced their money skills through the café enterprise project. Each Monday, they make and serve a delicious meal to the staff. On Tuesdays, they run a cash register to take the money from staff and give the appropriate change.

Every Monday, we have been invited to John Tonkin College Education Support Centre specialised workshop and cooking programs for Term 3. Students will have the opportunity to develop new skills by completing a small woodworking project in the school support centres' fully equipped workshop. They have loved the experience so far!

We are looking forward to the rest of the term,

Mrs Blockley



ROOM 33

Students in Room 33 have had a fantastic start to Term 3.

Year 6s are thoroughly enjoying visits to John Tonkin College on Mondays. They have alternated each week between two fun hands-on activities, cooking and woodworking. In cooking, students have so far, enjoyed making a delicious sweet slice and sausage rolls. In woodwork, a small truck is beginning to be constructed. At this stage, some small pieces of wood have been cut, sanded and glued together and a laser machine used to place names on the side of the truck.

Year 5s and 6s from both schools, have been practising for our Sports Carnival on Friday afternoons. Rooms 4, 36 and 33 have also been doing extra short practice sessions. We are feeling more confident with every practice and are enjoying improving our jumping, throwing and running skills. Our Sports Carnival on Friday week 6 (August 23rd).

With high school not too far away, a strong focus for all in Room 33 is to become more organised and responsible for our own learning. We are working hard to prepare the correct workbooks and equipment for the upcoming lesson and are getting much better at putting away properly.



Locky and Ms Shepherd considering their dress-up options for Book Week.

All students have been trying their best across a range of activities. Letter writing to our other grade 5 and 6 friends has proven very popular and students have been absolutely delighted when receiving a reply. Excellent focus has been demonstrated by all during spelling, handwriting and reading sessions and lots of fun is being had learning new maths warm-up games and during counting and place value maths activities.

Looking forward to continuing the fun and hard work for the rest of the term.

Mrs Treloyn

ROOM 36

Hello to all parents, families, and carers of students in Room 36.

This term has been moving very fast and we cannot believe we are halfway through the term already. The students have settled back into school well and are very excited for the upcoming events we have to look forward to this term.

On Friday the 2nd of August our school celebrated Book Week with a dress-up day. The theme this year was 'Bookaneers' and many of the students were very excited to dress up for the day. We had some very creative costumes in our class such as a skeleton, a Minecraft character, and Darth Vader from Star Wars.



Students are being introduced to new Mathematics concepts this semester that are related to learning about money, solving word problems, and continuing patterns made from pictures, repeated addition and even multiplication.

We have also continued our learning in English of parts of speech being our nouns, verbs, and adjectives. Last semester we completed learning activities where we had to separate a list of words into whether they were a noun verb or adjective. We have continued our learning this semester by identifying these

words in sentences.

We look forward to bringing you updates of our students and our classroom as the term continues. As well as informing you about all the fun activities we will be getting up to throughout the school.

Miss Terry