

# Rivervale Primary Newsletter

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**Waterwise  
School**

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Our Year 5/6 class in “celebration mode” following their fantastic assembly.



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New uniform orders are still being taken at the office. Drop in and check out the display of what is available to order.

### ARE YOUR DETAILS UP TO DATE??

If not, please contact us with your correct address and/or phone number. It is important that we are able to contact you if the need arises.

*We hope that you all had a great mid year holiday. Welcome back to a very busy and exciting term. This newsletter will have a special edition calendar detailing the events coming up in this term.*

## Uniforms

*There has been a delay with our new uniforms. We really thought that they would be here by now. We have our fingers crossed for week 6 or 7 of this term. We will let you know as soon as they are in. Thank you for your patience.*

## Talk 4 Writing

*On the first day of this term, all of the Rivervale staff completed a very intensive Talk For Writing (T4W), Professional Learning experience. You will hear and see a great deal more about this in the coming months. Don't be surprised when you see your child acting out a story like they are performing on a stage.*

## Farewell

*It is with a touch of sadness that we say “farewell” to one of our dedicated team. Sharon Stirland, Education Assistance, is resigning to pursue some life long travel dreams and focus on herself. Sharon has provided so much positive energy at this school. We will miss her and wish her all the best.*

## Sausage Sizzle Success

What an amazing achievement from our School Council members and their helpers. The election day sausage sizzle raised \$1,000. Well done to Tara Palmer who co-ordinated this. Tara wanted to pass on a special "Thanks" to Monica, Courtney, Kim and Erin and all of the children who helped for most of the day. The money raised will go into our new uniform fund and our playground fund.

## Assembly Change

Unfortunately we have had to reschedule this Friday's year 4/5 assembly. We will still have an assembly—it will be a councillor run one. The year 4/5 assembly will now be on Friday 23rd September, week 10 of this term. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

## Morning Supervision

You may not be aware that Mr Major has supervised children who arrive early to school in the undercover area from 8am—8.30am for about a year now. We are finding that most children arrive sometime between 8.20 and 8.45am. We are modifying this morning supervision a little. Please be aware that this supervision is not a requirement of schools and is done as a good will gesture.

- There will be supervision in the undercover area from 8.15am—8.30am ONLY
- All children that arrive at school before 8.30 MUST GO TO THE UNDERCOVER AREA (unless they are with parents)
- Any children arriving before 8.15am will need to sit quietly in the undercover area. (UNSUPERVISED)



## Parent Interviews

• Thursday 8th September 1:00 -4:00pm

## Faction Carnival

• Thursday 15th September @ 9:30am



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# Census

The Federal Government has asked schools if they could help to pass out Census information as there is a nationwide census taking place on Tuesday 9th August. This is the first time that the census has been done online. Here is the information for you.

## Distribution and collection of the Census

### Q. When and how will I complete the Census?

You will receive a Census letter in the mail between 1st and 9th August 2016.

You must complete the Census on Tuesday, 9th August 2016.

Anyone who has a working internet connection can use the online Census.

Go to [census.abs.gov.au](http://census.abs.gov.au) and enter the 12 digit Login code from your Census letter to complete the Census online.

If you would like to complete the Census on paper you can request a paper form by calling the Census Inquiry Service on 1300 214 531. The paper copy will be sent to you and you must return it in the Reply Paid envelope provided.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics will assist anyone who needs help with the Census. There will be information in many different languages.

You could ask your family or friends to help you fill in your Census. If you need an interpreter please call the Translating and Interpreter Service (TIS National) on 131 450.

After 9th August a Census Field Officer will visit homes that have not completed the Census. This person will have a yellow shoulder bag and wear an official identification tag.

# Parent Meetings

On Thursday 8th September, Week 8, teaching staff will be relieved from their normal teaching duties to meet with parents. Those meetings will be about the documented plans being implemented at this school to help your child learn. A documented plan refers to both the ongoing process and the associated documentation that informs the education of a student. **NOT ALL CHILDREN REQUIRE DOCUMENTED PLANS.** Teachers will make contact with parents a few weeks before 8th September if a meeting is required.

## Nationally Consistent Collection of Data for School Students with Disability

Our school is part of a national project about students with disability and/or learning difficulties. We have been asked to provide data about the number and learning needs of children at our school. The name of the school and the name of the students will not be reported. Information about the different types of needs and the programs and resources the school uses to overcome barriers and support children with special educational needs will be collected. We believe it is important to contribute to this because it will help Governments and the Department develop better policies that acknowledge the level of resources needed in schools to meet the needs of all students in Western Australia.

## 2016 DATES

Assemblies @ 9:00am in the Undercover area

Friday 29th July

Friday 12th August

Friday 26th August

Friday 9th September

Friday 23rd September

Friday 21st October

Friday 4th November

Friday 18th November

Friday 2nd December

### Term 3

Tues 19th Jul—Fri 23rd Sept

### Term 4

Tues 11th Oct—Wed 14th Dec



# PEAC

All students in year 4 will have the opportunity to be assessed for suitability of the PEAC program. (Primary Extension and Challenge) PEAC provides additional programs for the top 2% of students in the state. There are some students in year 4 whose potential is not so easily recognised. There may be students who are underachieving at school and there are some students who demonstrate certain skills and abilities more at home than at school. The PEAC test will measure the student's ability to recognise patterns and predict with speed and accuracy and measure each child's ability to apply their knowledge and learning. The scores from the tests will be used in the selection of students for PEAC courses and extension programs during 2017 – 2018. Testing at Rivervale Primary, will occur on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August. It involves two 20 minute tests. If you do not wish your child to be included in the PEAC testing, please notify Mark Major before the testing date – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August.

# P & C

So far we have had 5 parents nominate to be on the reinstated Rivervale P&C. We need at least 7. Here is the return slip again (see below). Try to encourage some of your friends to get involved so that we can get this initiative off the ground.

## Rivervale P&C Nominations

We have had 3 nominations from parents so far. Remember that we need at least 6 or 7 to reinstate our P&C. Not all members will have to nominate for office bearer positions.

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### Rivervale P&C

I \_\_\_\_\_ would like to be a part of the Rivervale P&C in 2016

Child/Children's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*\*\*PLEASE HAND INTO THE FRONT OFFICE\*\*\*\*\*



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