

Rivervale Primary Newsletter

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Our Golden Ticket Winners for this term—they will enjoy a special Principal's Lunch



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Standardised Tests

Recently I wrote about our school wide standardised testing to let you know that the children were engaged in this in week 3. We have had all of the data returned and have been able to meet as a whole staff and in year level collaboration groups to discuss the results and what it means for the school. Like NAPLAN, these tests are a single piece of assessment. They give us some relevant information but more emphasis should be placed on the Semester Report and the regular assessments conducted by teachers. The standardised testing type of assessment gives us extra data to back up our current views and educational programs or might give us reason to investigate a students progress a little more intently. It may also provide us with some results that indicate that a student is operating at an extremely high level in a certain area.

Some areas of achievement highlighted from our testing are:

Spelling—across all year levels

Comprehension—for year 2's

Numeracy—for year 2,3 and 5.

An area of particular focus based on this testing is vocabulary. We believe that our Talk 4 Writing program will help to bring about some great improvement in this area.

Please do not hesitate to make an appointment with your child's teacher to discuss their progress.

SCHOOL HOURS

8:45am – 11:00am

11:00am – 11:20am—Recess

11:20am – 1:00pm

1:00pm – 1:30pm—Lunch

1:30pm – 2:50pm

**Early Close—Thursday
2:30pm**

**ASSEMBLIES WILL
CHANGE TO
FRIDAY AFTER-
NOONS @ 2:00PM
FOR TERM 2 & 3.**

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SAFE SCHOOL

At our last assembly we released the results of the survey conducted by our student councillors. The councillors surveyed all students and discovered that:

- 23% of students bike or scooter,
- 33% of students walk,
- 3% of student travel by bus/train,
- 41% of students come by car to school.



This is what we want:

- All those children who bike or scooter to school to wear a helmet
- All of those children who walk to school to know where to cross and how to cross the road safely
- For those who come by car to think about walking with their family once a week or even once a month
- We will be releasing information soon regarding a **WALKING SCHOOL BUS.**

**ACT
BELONG
COMMIT**



Instead of coming to school by car everyday why not walk as a family?

It is a great exercise, bonding and mental health experience.



Let us all try and create a



UPER SAFE SCHOOL

**School returns on WEDNESDAY 26TH APRIL.
HAVE A HAPPY EASTER.**



Honour Certificates



TLC3	Neel Sagar Bunsy, Vihaan Callychurn, Francisco Orozco, Chevy-James Phillips
Room 9	Mikhail Tanoli, Scarlett Ward
Room 7	Jack Casey, Joshua Seaman
Room 6	Finnian Egan, Tayla Souster
Room 2	Dhana Basdeo, Anas Lebbie
Room 1	Thomas Emery, Jessica Meakins

