

Rivervale Primary Newsletter

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When I spoke to all of the children at one of our recent Monday assemblies, I reminded them of how important goal setting is. We also spoke about the attitude, behaviour and effort section of the semester report. We want all children to get to a C grade in all subject areas (and beyond if capable). What we notice is that the children who do well academically also do very well with regard to their attitude, behaviour and effort - and this effort level is vital. We touched on working as a team and how you can put this into practise when you work in a group or when you work together as a faction to earn the faction reward for the term. We have introduced some new games and activities to both class time and break times - these require students to work as a team. Our new table tennis table is a terrific addition to our games and playground equipment.

HATS

Please ensure that your child always has a hat to wear at school. Apart from needing one for outside play at recess and lunchtime all children engage in at least 2 hours of physical activity including PE, sport or fitness every week. These activities are generally outside. We changed our policy last year following the requests of so many parents to ensure that we had a "no hat no outside play" policy for the whole year not just the warmer months.

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**

**NEXT ASSEMBLY IS
ON FRIDAY 3RD
NOV @ 2:00PM**

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NUMERACY EXTENSION

Mr Rob Mackenzie is now working with some of our pre-primary students every week to provide some maths extension. It is a priority at Rivervale to provide high quality teaching and have high expectations of success for all of our students.

EDUCATE NURTURE INSPIRE

After several months of investigation, interrogation and thought, the staff and students have managed to encapsulate what we are all trying to achieve at RPS. Our new vision statement is powerful and simple :



EDUCATE NURTURE INSPIRE

The changes at the school over the past 3 or 4 years have been carefully planned and managed by staff and community. We believe that we are creating the best possible learning environment for your child. Having said that, we realise that we will always be striving to improve our service.



Educate Nurture Inspire

SPORTS IN SCHOOL

This term the students from rooms 7 and 9 are working with Dylan from Rugby WA to learn about touch rugby. We received a grant from Sporting Schools which has allowed us to receive 5 weeks worth of training and over \$500 worth of equipment. Through team games such as this, we are endeavouring to teach the children about co-operation, team work and build resiliency.



Mr Major recently organised a great tennis tournament for our middle school students. It was great to see the children participating so keenly in a doubles competition. Not only were there great skills on display we saw great sports.

We encourage parents to have a game on the new table tennis after you drop off your children in the morning or pick up in the afternoon.

SWIMMING LESSONS

I know that we have had about 10 families disappointed that their child could not be involved in swimming lessons this year. The reason that we are only having 80 places is to keep the cost down. Currently swimming costs \$58. If we go above 80 places we would have to go to the pool in 2 separate groups- this is dictated by the swimming instructors. 2 groups mean 2 buses. The cost will increase to about \$78 per child (if 110 children attend). For every child less than 110 it would cost more to go. We have found over the years that the higher the cost of the swimming the fewer children attend.

Just like you, we do not want children to miss out. I will speak with our school council when we meet in a few weeks and get an indication from them as to whether we need to increase the numbers attending and therefore the price. We would really appreciate your feedback on this.

*When we put the swimming note out 3 weeks ago we very clearly stated that there were only 80 places available. That it would be “first pay first go”. Please understand that organising any excursion is time consuming and involved as there are many issues of care and safety to consider. Swimming is a water based excursion and involves even more planning. Therefore the time frame for notes and payments is crucial and has to be adhered to **(i.e. NO LATE NOTES CAN BE ACCEPTED)**

ABORIGINAL CULTURAL STUDIES INCURSION

We are very fortunate to have our AIEO, Ms Carol McCormack work with all students and staff delivering a terrific Aboriginal Cultural Studies program. As a part of this program and as a way of celebrating NAIDOC and Reconciliation, Ms McCormack has organised a terrific cultural incursion experience. Funding has been provided by PALS (Partnership, Acceptance, Learning and Sharing). On Friday November 3 we will have guest speakers, role models and the Madjiti Moorna Aboriginal Choir at the school. They will join us at the morning assembly and then conduct workshops and activities with the children. At 2 pm we will have a special whole school gathering in the undercover area to perform the songs that the children have been learning. PARENTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THIS GATHERING. An incursion note is included in this newsletter.

ROOM 9 ASSEMBLY

What a wonderful production of Goldilocks we had from room 9. They put their own twist on this traditional story. The voices were clear and full of expression. The costumes and timing were excellent and the part that we enjoyed the most, “THEY ALL HAD FUN”.

Well done staff and children.





Honour Certificates



TLC3	Enrico Beven, Haniya Bushra, Tarlia Kieu
Room 9	Lillian Casey, Edimo Irakoze, Hritika Pun, Christopher Roebuck-Baxter
Room 7	Jack Casey, Eva Dodd, Sophie Meakins, Frank Ngendakumana
Room 5	Krystalea Cross, Jason Fullard-Garlett
Room 6	Paora Cross, Miguel Medina Perez
Room 2	Litia Ashford, Dhana Basdeo, Elieza Magbitang, Deacon McGuire
Room 1	Lauren Jeffery, Edcel Magbitang, Johaness McCoy, Visya Ngendakumana



ACT, BELONG, COMMIT MENTALLY HEALTHY TIP

Mistakes are.....

- Expected
- Respected
- Inspected
- Corrected

