

Rivervale Primary Newsletter

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PRE-PRIMARY ASSEMBLY

A big “thanks” to our pre-primary students for the very entertaining assembly last Friday. We were given a great rendition of “The Little Red Hen”. It is a story with a great message. The students spoke so well and looked absolutely amazing in animal costumes. TOD was very excited to be able to join them on the stage.

JUPP LANE FESTIVAL

Rivervale Primary School proudly supports the community of Rivervale and the Jupp Lane Festival. Through our Art Specialist Teacher, Ms Johansen, we will be coordinating a “pop up” art gallery in the Laundromat on Kooyong Road. The festival was postponed and will now take place on Friday November 24, between 5 and 8pm. There will be a variety of installations set up on Kooyong Rd and Jupp Lane (right near the IGA). Come along and help celebrate Rivervale.

BOOKLISTS FOR 2018

You should have received your child’s booklist for 2018 by now. If you don’t have a copy, please come into the office for one or go onto the website.

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 1ST DEC
@ 9:00AM**

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SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Last week I met with the school council to discuss many very interesting topics. Some of the areas to share with the wider community include:

HATS FOR 2018: Your school council has asked that all Rivervale students wear a HAT WITH A BRIM in 2018 (like our faction ones). To reinforce the Sun Smart message, we are going to enforce that all children who wish to play outside will be wearing a bucket or wide brim hat. We are also going to enforce that hats MUST BE SCHOOL HATS or PLAIN NAVY BLUE ones. We have recently dealt with issues of children being teased because their cap was not considered “cool” by other children. One of the reasons for uniform wearing is to take the concept of needing to be stylish or up with the latest fashions or brands, out of the equation. We sell Rivervale reversible hats at the front office for \$10.

JACKETS IN 2018: The council members fully endorsed the endeavour to bring about 100% of children in school jackets for 2018. A layby plan has been created so that you can part pay your way to a jacket for next winter.

P and C FOR 2018: We would like to see if we can get enough nominations to instate the Rivervale P and C. We would need at least 10 nominations from parents. From this we would need 4 or 5 office bearers. On Friday morning of week 2 in term 1 next year, we will have a morning tea gathering. This will be your chance to meet the School Council, meet other parents and put your name forward for the P and C if you so desire.

CONTRIBUTIONS: The voluntary contributions help resource your child’s learning. As a school we are allowed to ask for \$60. We only request \$30 (\$60 for kindy) and will do the same in 2018. Many schools manage to collect over 90% of this contribution. At Rivervale in 2017, the collection rate was 48%. When you receive the note about fees and charges the list of extra cost options is not what you necessarily have to pay, rather the maximum that you may be asked to pay if your child is involved in a range of activities, needs text or work books or is involved in Year 6 end of year activities. As parents you would be given plenty of notice if payment is required.

SWIMMING: The council was informed that about 5 children missed out on going swimming this year. They agreed with the school administration that it would be good to try to organise for 2 swimming groups to attend from our school so that we could accommodate 100 students instead of 80. This would not be possible until 2019 as the 2018 sessions are already booked in.

NATIONAL QUALITY STANDARD

Recently, Rivervale Primary School was audited by assessors from the Office of Early Childhood, with regard to our standing against the 7 quality areas of the National Quality Standard (NQS). We were judged to be meeting the standards in 6 out of the 7 areas. The area in which we were deemed to be “working towards” was the Quality area 1- Educational Program and Practice. The comment made by the assessors related to this was- “the school is well on the way to achieving this quality area - connected practise in the kindergarten to year 3 classrooms will ensure this. With the advent of the phonics based spelling program, Letters and Sounds, and the introduction of the highly connected and intensive Talk 4 Writing, the school should be identified as meeting this standard at the next audit.”

Well done to all staff for showcasing our wonderful school and great programs. The assessors commented that Rivervale PS was one of the best schools that they have visited. They could really feel the positive attitude from all staff and mentioned that they could sense the enjoyment that the children had.



ENTHUSIASTIC

Some of you with a keen eye may have noticed a spelling mistake on our TOD sign displayed at the recent assembly. The value now does say “ENTHUSIASTIC LEARNERS”. There was an S missing from ENTHUSIASTIC. That S has now been found and placed in the word where it belongs.

INTRODUCING OUR NEW VISION STATEMENT

We believe that our core business is to **EDUCATE NURTURE INSPIRE**.

EDUCATE: To give your child the best opportunity to succeed.

NURTURE: To look after the whole child—academically, socially and emotionally.

INSPIRE: To guide your child to want to achieve great things.

Educate Nurture Inspire

Our new mission statement now reads:



Our mission is to work in active partnership with the community to maintain an inviting and nurturing learning environment.

The school will prepare students to embrace challenges and take personal responsibility to strive for excellence in all they endeavour.

We aim to foster a lifelong interest in learning to ensure students become productive, confident, responsible and successful members of society.

Honour Certificates

TLC3	Abdi Khaliq Abdullahi Ahmed, Jeremy Bolton, Haniya Bushra, Ruhani Chander Elham Ghullami
Room 9	Terrence Albert, Krishnendu Thattadathu, Tanayah Woodley
Room 7	Jayden Faneva, Frank Ngendakumana, Dreia Srikandi, Vanshika
Room 5	Varad Kurkute, Hayden Tran, Terika Woodley
Room 6	Sara Huseini, Tayla Souster
Room 2	Litia Ashford, Malachi Cooper, Carrie Holloway
Room 1	Faris Chang, Dylan Emery, Brenton Whitby

ACT, BELONG, COMMIT MENTALLY HEALTHY TIP

Turn off the screen for 20
minutes – enjoy the serenity,
the conversation,
or just the simple fact that you
are in control and can change
the pace of your day (life).