

Rivervale Primary Newsletter

ISSUE 2 Term 1 March 2019

Our Student Councillors



We were very pleased to announce our : School Councillors ,

Faction Captains and Sport Monitors for 2019. Congratulations to all of these children. It is a wonderful that you put yourself forward to take on a leadership position at your school and a credit to you that you were selected by your peers for these very honoured positions.

In particular, I would like to acknowledge the Student Councillors for 2019. These students will be able to show their leadership qualities and also develop some new skills associated with being a leader in a school. We all look forward to working with them.

Faction Captains (left to right) : Frank Ngendakumana, Linton Ninyette, Brooklyn Hines, Tyzak Ireland, Paora Cross, Alyssa Faneva.



Sports Monitors (left to right) : Alysia Wheelock, Uni Heard, Princess Kumah, Vinnie Ugle, Hayden Tran, Krystalea Cross.

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**

Classrooms open at 8:30am. There will be supervision available from 8:15am in the undercover area for children who arrive earlier than 8:30am.

Please phone or email us at the school if your child is going to be absent from school.

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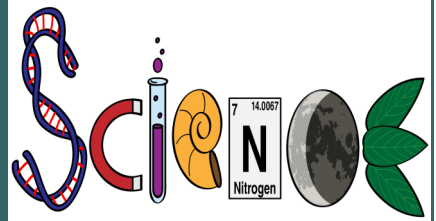
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Morning crosswalk is unattended from the 18th March, 2019.

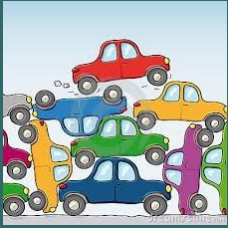


SCIENCE LAB UPDATE

We are 1 step closer to our grand opening of our science lab (the children have been using the room since day 1). Last week saw the arrival of \$15000 worth of new science resources. These kits, the new facility and the expertise of our teachers will take science and technology to a new level at Rivervale.



PARKING



Thanks to most parents for parking safely in the mornings and afternoons. I would ask that you do not park on the verges on Acton Avenue as you have to drive on the footpath to do this. This then creates a safety issue for pedestrians.

CROSSWALK- VERY IMPORTANT CHANGE!!!!!!

We have had no luck in finding/hiring a new crossing warden for when Mr Pascoe departs. I have asked the government department that controls this, for assistance. Until we find someone or receive assistance from this department I will have to take the unfortunate step of having an uncontrolled crossing in the morning. This will begin on **MONDAY MARCH 18**. We will put out a separate note regarding this and speak to the children about how and where to cross safely. If you do drop your child at school I would suggest that you drop them on the school side of Acton Avenue so that they do not have to cross the road. The crossing in the afternoon will be controlled by myself or Mr Major. This is a much busier time of the day and therefore is a priority. Hopefully I will be able to pass on some positive news soon regarding this.

VALUES

We are now into week 6 of our one important value for term 1, GOOD MANNERS. I must say that the news is very good – we have so many examples of good manners being used and respect being shown and very few examples of the opposite. We are hoping to see TOD, our values bear at the assembly this Friday. TOD will hand out some TOD awards linked to our GOOD MANNERS value.

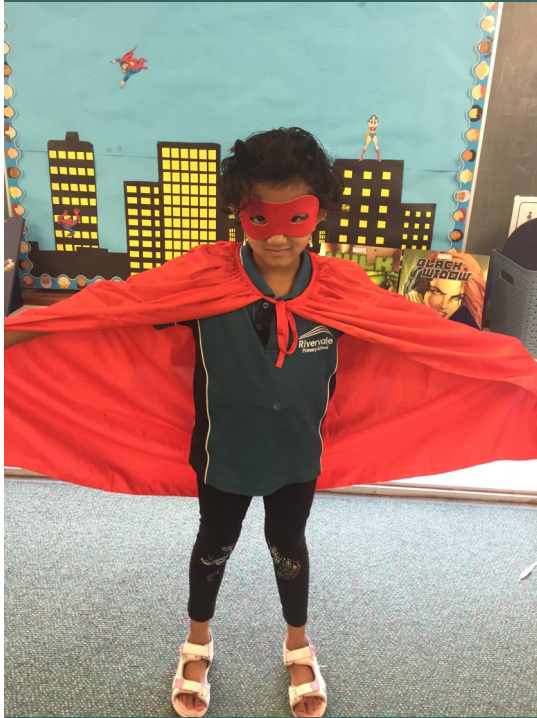
DO YOUR AWARDS

	Year One/Two	Ava Leckie, Zane Petterson, Mila Sperry-Dolman, Kapish Kumar Thanikachalam
	Year Three/Four	Terrence Albert, Elias Arkell, Patrick Button, Binyam Gebreselasie, Alex Gordon, Raiden Watson,
	Year Four/Five	Dakota Abbouchi, Jayden Faneva, Guiseppe Senzio, Annika Smith,
	Year Five/Six	Tansy Boyce, Rhian Mendoza,

WHAT'S ON???

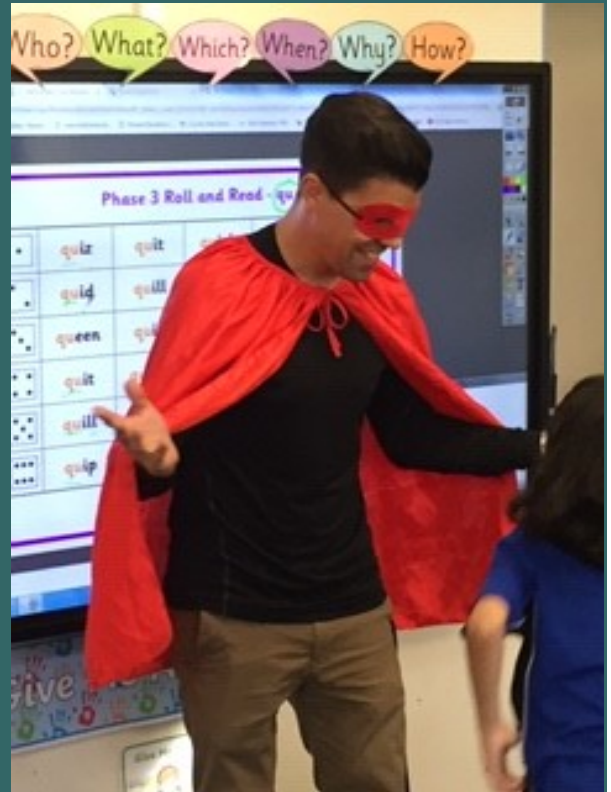
SUPERHEROES/SUPER STUDENTS/ SUPER TEACHER

Room 9 took part in a Superhero Training Day where they had to test their body and mind with a variety of challenges. We all PASSED! After our training, we all decided that superheroes help people. So, during lesson time we all take it in turns being the "Super Helper" in our class. Our "Super Helper's" role is to support their peers with their learning and their good manners.



Mr Keirnan

Photos: Yahzini and Mr Keirnan – super heroes



GREEN THUMBS AND FINGERS

Photo: TLC 3 gardeners in action

In TLC3 we have planted a veggie patch. This is helping us with our investigations in Science and Design and Technologies. In Science we are experiencing a range of living things including the plants in our garden. We have looked at the needs of our plants and we are enjoying caring for them. In Design and Technologies, we are investigating how people create products to meet a specific purpose or need. We can't wait for our plants to grow so that we can look at the types of tools and equipment we may need to harvest products from the veggie patch.

Ms De Vries



LATE STUDENTS

Parents, I think that it is time that I shared one of our biggest problems at this school to see if you can help bring about improvement. By the end of week 5 we had

359 late students. This averages out to nearly 15 students every day. To be honest this is totally unacceptable and extremely disruptive. Being late every now and then is quite normal- being late every day or many times a week probably means that you need to change your morning routine, get more organised, teach your children to be more organised or expect more from your children with regard to getting ready for school.



Every time a student is late:

- one of the office staff need to stop their work and enter the information (15 interruptions every morning is a lot)
- the teaching and learning program gets interrupted – think about a teacher who has just delivered lesson instructions and then needs to repeat those for a number of late students
- the late student is not organised for the day. The classrooms open at 8:30 to allow students the chance to get organised.

We can tell you from years of observations that students who are academically below level can get quite disruptive and disengaged when they are not organised for lessons. This disruption then impacts on the learning of others. BEING LATE DOES NOT HELP CHILDREN WHO ARE BELOW LEVEL TO IMPROVE.

Over the years we have tried strategies like having morning fitness first thing in the morning and linking lateness to our Good Standing Policy. Instead of seeing improvement we are seeing the opposite. If you have any suggestions on what might work, we would love to hear them.

STAFF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

It has been a busy term for staff at the school with numerous professional learning sessions undertaken. It is really important to stay current with our learning and to ensure that all staff have access to professional learning linked to the programs that we are running. So far this year we have engaged in staff learning on:

- ◆ Letters and Sounds
- ◆ Envision Maths
- ◆ Talk 4 Writing
- ◆ Walker Learning
- ◆ Level 3 Teaching Status
- ◆ National Quality Standard

Staff learning linked to their professional development is one of our priorities.

Next Assembly - Friday 15th March @ 9:00am

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