

# Rivervale Primary Newsletter

ISSUE 3 Term 1 April 2019



*Children of all ages enjoying some sand play as part of our whole school play plan.*

I would like to thank all parents for your great support over this first term. You have welcomed new staff, embraced new programs and really got behind all of the school initiatives. It is this positive and collaborative partnership between home and school that makes the difference. Enjoy the April/Easter break with your children.

Some particular highlights from term 1 have been: the fantastic writing taking place all over the school as a result of our Talk for Writing Program. The focus on "GOOD MANNERS" and how this has impacted on our classroom and playground behaviour- we have 95% of our students doing the right thing 100% of the time which is a great achievement. And, the increase in spelling knowledge throughout the school linked to our Letters and Sounds and Sound Waves programs.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our School Council met in March. Our agenda for discussion included: looking at the 2018 student, staff and community survey data (plenty of positives), going through the financial statements and plans for 2019 and then taking a tour of our newly completed science and technology room. We have a terrific group on our School Council – their input is appreciated.

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



## PLAY PLAN

We have had some great successes with this program this term. We have even included 2 areas of play/learning that now require “a license” to allow students to participate. One is the workshop where students are allowed to tinker and build at recess and lunchtime. To achieve a license to operate in the workshop the students need to be taken through a safety induction, they need to be responsible for RESETTING, which includes packing up and returning tools to the correct place.



4 Square is a game that is played very exuberantly by our students. We wanted to reduce the amount of competition involved and guide children to play for

the fun of it. Mr Major took children through the rules and discussed the attitudes and behaviours that we wanted to hear and see. After this, the children were granted a license to play.

## CHILDREN/FAMILIES IN THE PLAYGROUND AFTER SCHOOL

I will start with “we love that families get to gather and mingle at the end of the day- as that is great for community spirit and connecting families”. What I do need to ask for however is a little consideration of our staff at the end of each day. If you allow your child to run around the school unsupervised then our cleaners cannot do their job effectively. Our cleaners have very limited time to clean the entire school at the end of each day. If children (and adults) are still using toilets and drink taps and playing on verandas, then our cleaners simply cannot get their work done. Our staff are also planning for the next day and sometimes wanting to set up outside play areas. We have also had the issue recently of a child being injured in the playground after school while their parent sat in their car and waited for them to finish playing. We do not have staff on duty after school to cater for such issues. We allow 25 minutes of after school “mingling” only for those children who have parents on site as we are assuming that the parents take care of the supervision.

Please help us by

- Supervising your children
- Not allowing them to use equipment that is set up for activities – climbing equipment is fine to use
- Being considerate of our cleaners
- Leaving before the gates close at 3:15pm (2:55pm on Thursday)



## YEAR 6 CAMP

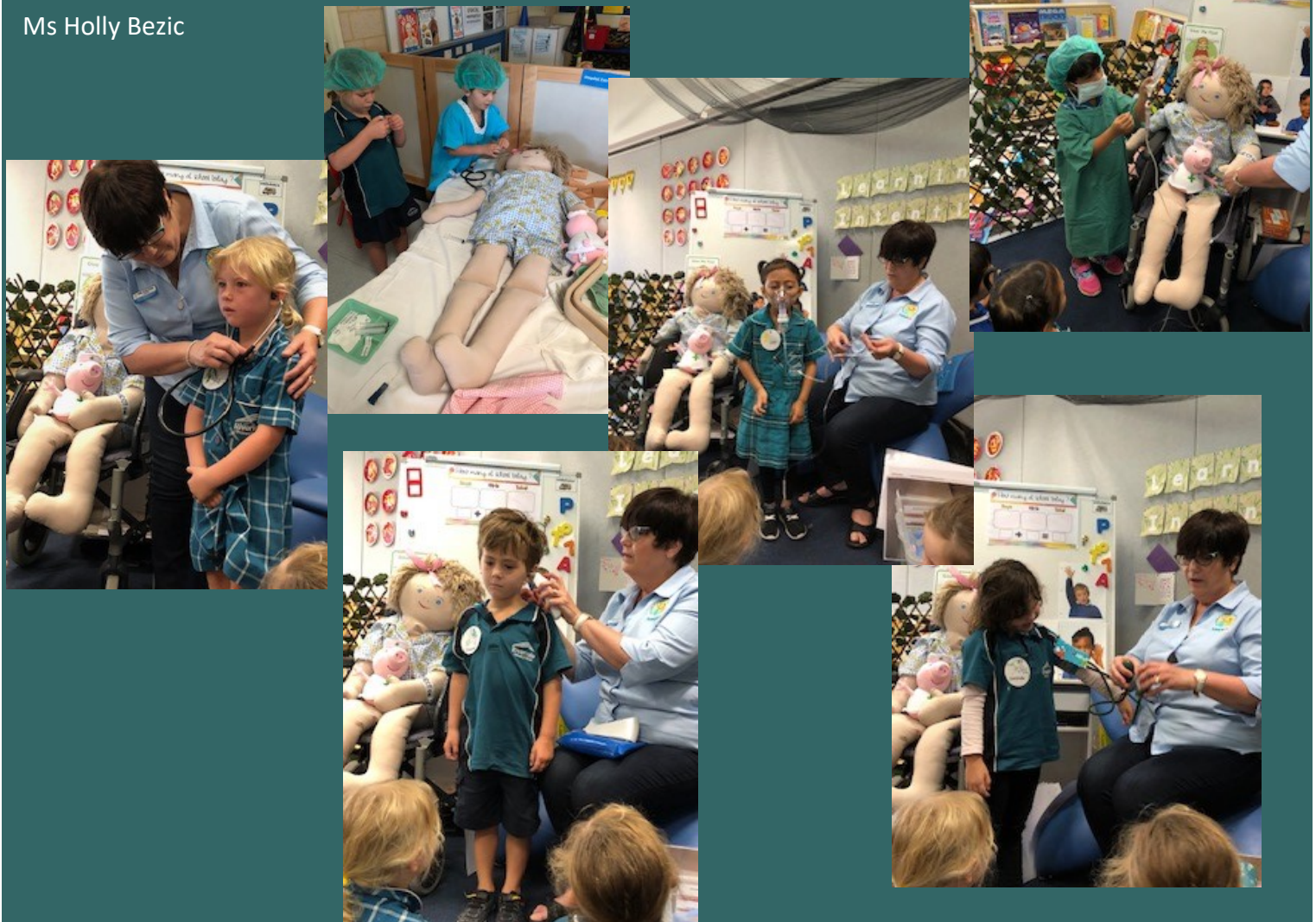
At the end of this year (term 4), our year 6s will be heading away on a 3-day camp. There will be a lot of fundraising happening around the school to offset some of the camp cost. Each Friday (Until the warm weather ends), the year 6s will be selling Icey Poles on a Friday for \$1. We also have a great hamper to be won in the front office – tickets are \$1, there are 100 tickets and a winner will be selected when all tickets are sold. When the weather changes, Icey poles will move over for morning munchies- we will let the children know when, what, and how much.

## HOSPITAL FAMILIARISATION PROGRAM

Both Pre Primary and grade 1/P classes took part in the Hospital Familiarisation Program on Friday March 15. The aim of the program is to give the children knowledge of common items of medical equipment and common medical procedures. A Hospital Dramatic Play area has been a huge success in the Pre Primary TLC2 class this term as it has allowed the children to explore the medical equipment and play out the medical roles such as doctor, nurse and patient.

The Hospital Familiarisation Program extended the children's learning and gave them the opportunity to explore medical procedures such as listening to the heartbeat, bandaging and giving injections. The children were given the chance to recount their own personal experiences and to discuss feelings, fears and anxieties about going hospital.

Ms Holly Bezic



# Next Assembly - Friday 12th March @ 9:00am

## HO NOUR AWARDS



	Pre Primary	<i>Jaida Anderson, Rhys Jamieson</i>
	Year One/Pre Primary	<i>Imaan Basrewan, Alaura Boulton</i>
	Year One/Two	<i>Mitra Ghullami, Ibraheem Saeed</i>
	Year Two	<i>Haniya Bushra, Rudrayan Sheoran</i>
	Year Three/Four	<i>Belcim Diken</i>
	Year Four/Five	<i>Sophie Meakins, Frank Ngendakumana</i>



# School Starts MONDAY 29TH APRIL

## Hats are now available from the office.

### Only \$10:00

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