

Rivervale Primary Newsletter

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Some of our Scientists at work.

We hope that you had a fantastic April holiday break and managed to enjoy some family time. We have now enjoyed 3 fantastic weeks with the children who have come back from the break energised and eager to learn. By the time that you get this newsletter NAPLAN 2019 will be all but finished. This is the first year that we have used the online format. By all accounts the children have found this method much easier to use. NAPLAN testing is only done by year 3 and 5 students. The children are tested on Writing, Reading, Numeracy, and Conventions of Language. This year, because of the online format we will have the results back quite quickly. Reports will be provided to parents. Teachers do use NAPLAN results to guide some of their programming. They will look at the data and determine some classroom teaching focus areas. At the end of term 2 parents will be provided with a semester report. We have a saying at Rivervale that the report should have “no surprises unless they are good ones”. If your child is below a C grade, then you should already know about it before the report and you should know about the teacher’s intention to get your child to a “C” grade and beyond. Teachers will indicate on the report if they feel that a formal parent teacher meeting is required.

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.**

GOLDEN TICKET WINNERS-TERM 1

Well done Tansy Boyce, Julia Chuwah and Ava Leckie. These students earned a square on Mr Major's 50 Chart and then had their number come up at assembly. As you can see in the photo, they were then invited to a lunch with the principal. The Golden Ticket is a part of our values and behaviour program. It links directly with good work and behaviour and our Star Charts.



JACKETS/GOOD STANDING /FIESTA

Just a little reminder to parents now that we have some cooler weather- children can wear any colour rain coat to school if it is raining but they must wear the school jacket if they want to keep their "good standing" and then attend Mr Major's Fiesta in terms 2 and 4. Good standing is kept by:

- ◆ Showing good behaviour
- ◆ Wearing uniform
- ◆ Providing reason for absence

If a child's uniform is not available on a particular day, then a note to the teacher will enable your child to keep their good standing. All uniform items are available in the front office.

CROSS COUNTRY

Every **Tuesday morning at 8am**, we will be holding Cross Country Running Training at the school. Children meet in the undercover area for an 8am start. I strongly suggest that participants wear a different T shirt to school (any colour), and maybe even bring spare shoes and socks as the grass is often wet at this time of day. The Cross Country event is not held until August. It is for year 3- 6 students- however, we will allow students of any age to participate in the training. The team will be selected a few weeks before the event and travel to Tomato Lake to compete against other Belmont Network schools. Parents will be welcome.

ASSEMBLY TIME CHANGE

As we have now done for the past 2 years, we shift to afternoon assemblies at 2:00pm for terms 2 and 3. The main reason for this is to escape the cold mornings in our undercover area. Assemblies take place every 2 weeks, starting week 2.

DONATION OF WOOD FROM RAD

As a part of our PLAY PLAN at Rivervale, we open the workshop to students who like to build and tinker. At the last count 30 students have been through the safety induction and have their license allowing them to access the workshop at recess and lunchtime. We put the call out to Belmont Rotary to try and get some more wood for the workshop. They put us in touch with Rad from Stokic Nominees in Maddington who very kindly donated (and delivered), a big load of wood. "Thanks" Rad and "Thanks" Rotary.



SCIENTISTS EVERYWHERE

Our terrific science room is now totally finished. The last pin up board was installed last week. Apart from the terrific room we have spent nearly \$15000 on science kits and books. Science is really moving forward at this school. Science is linked to our PLAY PLAN so that the children can use their investigation skills during recess and lunch breaks.



Next Assembly - Friday 24th May @ 2:00pm

Hats are now available from the office.

Only \$10:00

We were learning about animals and life cycles in Science. So for Technology & Enterprise we independently researched, planned and created our own animals from recycled materials. As a class, we then created an invitation for the showcase and sent them as emails. We even got some replies via email. On the day we spoke for a minute to each person in a "round robin" and told them all about the animal we created.



Written by the students from Room 7

All of the photos can be seen on the screen in Admin.