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Week 2, Term 4

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Positive Behaviour for Learning Focus

We continue to work with students to learn about following instructions, and why this is important in school life and beyond. Some students are not understanding that instructions are not up for negotiation. Your support in discussing this with your child or children is appreciated.

Sydney East PSSA Athletics Championships.

Congratulations to Yasmine on her wonderful efforts last week in shot put and discuss. Awesome effort Yasmine!

Congratulations K-2

I had great reports from teachers that everyone was perfectly behaved on their excursions to the post office and Salt Pan Creek. I am very proud of our students for their excellent choices and following our school expectations.

Kinder Orientation

Kinder 2020 were off to a great start last week. A reminder there is a session tomorrow 10-11am and again in Week 3 on Thursday at the same time. This week our speech and occupational therapists will share expert information about how you can help your children develop their speech, language and bodies for a great start in Kindergarten. Mrs Nelson will also provide an overview of foundation numeracy skills and how they develop in students.

Parent English Classes in 2020

Tomorrow I am meeting with St George TAFE about having English lessons for our community throughout 2020. This is an exciting initiative for our school community. I will keep you updated on this!

Uniform Sale

All uniforms in stock will be 25% off for the rest of the year. This will help families out to replace worn and small clothing and be ready for 2020!

World Teachers Day

This Friday we will celebrate the efforts of our teachers - who go above and beyond for our students. Say thanks or share some kind words with your child's teacher. We will be celebrating this special day.

Dentist Notes

Thank you for returning these notes so quickly. If you need help filling out the forms - please see the office staff.

Swimming Scheme Notes

This will take place in Weeks 7 and 8. Notes and money must be returned by Friday 8th November. Please discuss the need for a payment plan with me in advance. While the price may seem expensive, it has been subsidised \$40 by the school. Swimming and water safety skills may just save someone's life in your family.

Working Bee Monday (next week)

A bbq lunch will be provided for all students and the community at 12.20pm. Then we begin some work around the school and the garden till 3pm. One of the activities will be coming up with a name for our school garden. Get thinking! Please come along and support the school for this important task to get our site cleaned up!

Roofing Works

These will take place over the next 3 weeks, starting with the library/kitchen, then the administration block as well as the primary class building. Please follow any signage or safety equipment and instructions from building staff during the building period.

Toilet Signage

You may have noticed the new signs in the students' toilets which read "students only, no adults". Please note that if you need to use the toilet, or even take small children to the toilet,

you must use the toilets in the hall. Students are taught to tell a teacher if any adult (even a parent) is using their toilets.

Murals

Austin has been working away all week on our murals. We have loved to see him work and how the students ideas for the murals have come to life. I'm sure you agree they make the school environment more interesting and colourful!

SRC Fundraiser - Friday 1st November

This is a gold coin donation to wear mufti to raise some funds for Eat Up, the organisation who donates cheese sandwiches to us. This is a great idea from the SRC to say thank you to someone who supports our school so much.

2020 classes

We are currently looking at staffing and class groupings for next year. Please keep an open mind about what this will look like. Rest assured that all decisions about classes and staffing are made based on our student needs. Teachers put a great deal of effort in placing students into classes. It is not something we do quickly. If our numbers are looking fairly stable, it may be possible to announce the staffing and class plans for 2020 with you this year.

SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATIONS FOR 2020 (current Year 5 students)

Applications for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2021 must be made online between 8 October 2019 and 11 November 2019. Late applications will not be accepted.

Parents must apply online at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>

All applicants are required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test to be held on Thursday 12 March 2020.

Parents are encouraged to speak to their child's teacher about their child's suitability for the Selective High School application process before applying.

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Welcome to Term 4 .

Kindergarten have come back from their school holidays refreshed and ready to work.

It is only week 2 and we have learnt so much already.

Kindergarten are enjoying Term 4 sport program and are learning new skills weekly.

Students are learning to write letters and Mr Sardis has organised Pen Pals for all students to write letters to Goodstart Early Learning Brookwater Queensland. Stay tuned for our letters and Pen pals.

Through our letter writing unit, Mrs Sardis & Miss Clarke organised an excursion to the Post Office. Kindergarten were so excited to visit the Post Office. Riverwood Post Office staff were very welcoming and kind, and gave the children gifts from the post office. We cannot wait to use our gifts to send to our Pen pals.



P&C MEETING - UNIFORM NEWS

The next meeting will be Friday 15th Nov and we will be discussing options for a new school uniform. If you would like to attend and have your input into the new school uniform please come along to this parent meeting at 9am.

FEAST PROGRAM

Today in our FEAST program, we cooked a delicious Honey Soy Noodle Stir Fry and whipped up a scrumptious Crunchy Noodle Salad!!

Our skills in the kitchen are improving every session!!



BREAKFAST CLUB LAUNCH

We have some wonderful photos of the Breakfast Club Launch that was held last term - thank you for everyone that came along and supported the day and helped make it a huge success!



FROM THE OFFICE

ALL SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS IN STOCK ARE 25% OFF!

ABSENCES

Please notify the school if your child is away through the SZApp. Simply click on the "Absentee" tile and complete the Absentee Form.

If you are planning on taking extended leave of 5 days or more for family reasons you will need to complete an Application for Extended Leave Travel form. Forms are available at the office.

If your child is late for school or leaving school early, parents or carers need to come to the office to either sign them in or out.

PAYMENTS

A reminder that the office cannot easily provide you with change so please ensure you only place the correct amount inside your envelope when making cash payments.

If you wish to pay online please visit our website on this link [Riverwood Public School](#) and select the "Make a Payment" tab up the top of the page. This allows you to pay via credit card.

https://riverwoodps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/907/cs_1019_0618gd_find_stuff_information_sessions_a4_web_fa01.pdf

COMMUNITY EVENTS

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https://riverwoodps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/901/remembrance_day.pdf

https://riverwoodps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/902/rcc_community_fair.pdf

CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

Please see attached competition - if you would like to take part please see the office for an entry form or print out a copy of the attached below - GOOD LUCK!

https://riverwoodps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/948/christmas_card_competition.pdf

COMMUNITY NEWS AND INFORMATION

https://riverwoodps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/949/active_kids_group.pdf

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