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Term 3, Week 10

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Dancesport

Congratulations to our students on their superb performances at Homebush 2 weeks ago. Their hard work and application was recognised by our school winning the Hon. Sandra Nori Founder's Award. Congratulations to Ms Kennedy and Alex on their wonderful guidance of our students. I was so proud of everyone.

Rarchies

Just a reminder to come along this Friday from 1.30pm for a barbecue lunch and to view the portraits in our Rarchies Competition. The winners and runners up will be announced around 2.30pm. All students will be provided lunch so there is no need to pack their food for lunch.

PBL Focus

Students are learning about our important expectation "to follow instructions". This is important as it allows the learning to take place in classrooms and helps to create a safer space at Riverwood. You can reinforce students' learning about this expectation by reminding children of the importance of following instructions.

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.

Holidays and Term 4 Start Date

Just a reminder school starts on Monday 14th October for Term 4. Have a great holidays and stay safe.

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Kindergarten have had a blast during Seed harvest Spoon. They have worked in teams to create habitats for all our friendly bugs and insects in the playground. The students have also eatable bugs and insects out of our freshly grown fruit and vegetables from the school garden.

Kindergarten have also worked hard during class time. They have been reading many I Spy books, creating their own I Spy images and writing their own pieces of writing. All students have progressed really well in literacy and are continuing to create their own toy shop.



1/2 C NEWS

On Monday the year 1 and year 2 enjoyed Seed Harvest Spoon feasting on healthy snacks with Miss Nathalie. 1/2C artists at work creating their entries for the Rarchies portrait exhibition.



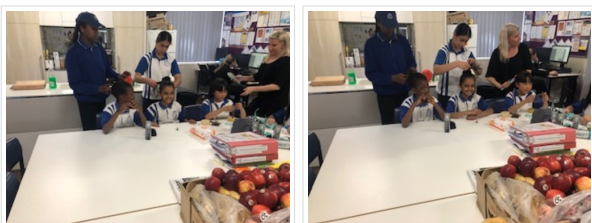
DANCESPORT

17 amazing students in Years 3-6 proudly represented Riverwood Public School at the DanceSport Challenge Gala, held at the Quay Centre Sydney Olympic Park, on Wednesday 11th September. With 46 schools from the Metropolitan South and Regional South Directorates participating in the program, Team Riverwood wowed the judges and audience; dancing the cha cha, tango, salsa, jive and samba under dazzling lights in sea of colour and movement!

A special shoutout to our school finalists, Omar & Rhianna (Cha Cha), Nana & Nadia (Tango), Kahu & Navika (Salsa) and Yahya & Fatima (Jive) who all did our school proud! Under the tough scrutiny of professional judges, these 8 children went head to head in the competition phase of the evening and performed with class, energy and sheer joy! Our incredible performances, combined with our dedication and passion for the program saw the judges award Riverwood Public School the 'Most Outstanding School Contribution to the Spirit and Success of the Program' award. We were all extremely proud of our huge trophy and this was a fantastic effort from all of our dancers.

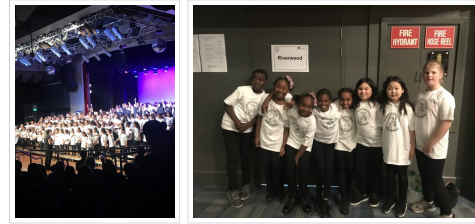
I am immensely proud of the fantastic work that every student put in throughout the program and their performance on the night. I would like to acknowledge the talents of our dance tutor, Mr Alexander Fulbert, the support of our Principal Miss Anne Davis, Mr Richardson and all the family and friends who attended the evening to cheer our on our students. Special mention to Kahu from Year 6 who participated in the program for the 3rd time. Kahu has been a fabulous ambassador for our school and the DanceSport program.

The DanceSport Challenge Gala began in 2006 and promotes respectful relationships through dance, particularly between the genders. Although the medium is ballroom dancing, the program centres around student wellbeing and ensures that all participating students are known, valued and cared for. Riverwood Public School has proudly taken part in the program since 2016 and holds a very strong reputation of dance amongst all of the participating schools. I am so incredibly proud!



CHOIR

After many rehearsals the Riverwood Choir performed as part of the Combined Public School Music Festival. We are so proud of your effort and commitment to learning all 12 songs, it was a spectacular performance!



FEAST

Years 3-6 students had another cooking session in the kitchen as part of the FEAST program. Using a range of fresh ingredients we made Fast Fritters and Tzatziki Dip. The students had a great time and are looking forward to their next cooking session.



STEM - INTEREST GROUP

STEM is an approach to learning and development that integrates the areas of science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Over the past few weeks, students have been challenged to build a tower using marshmallows and spaghetti sticks as well as design and build a rubber band catapult.



SEED HARVEST SPOON

As the weather has been getting warmer, so has the fun in the garden!

The term started with classes planting a native garden for Tree Day, to create a pocket of habitat for local wildlife in the school and to re-green part of the playground.

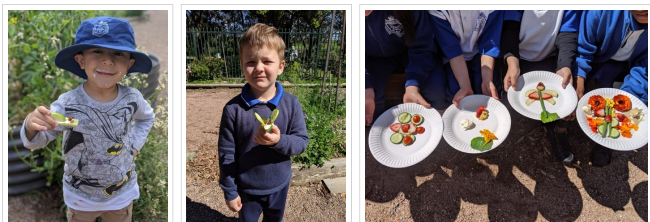
The children learnt all about how to make healthy soil, plant parts and their functions, the importance of insects and building habitat for garden creatures including the resident blue tongue lizard. To make the garden into a welcome place for pollinators, blooming flowers and a bee hotel, complete with pool, will invite them in throughout the spring and summer.

One of the highlights of the term was the Spring Festival stall, which students put their efforts into painting and planting pots of edible flowers and greens, to spread the joy of eating fresh and healthy around the community. The day was a great success and the colourful pots went out to many happy new homes.

As we wrap up, we celebrated by harvesting and feasting – with the children using their creativity to make plates of bug creatures out of cut fruit, vegetables and flowers to eat.

Next term, we start the Seed Harvest Spoon program on Monday of week 1. If you would like to join me in the garden for some gardening or just to chat – I would love to see you. Please come and say hello from 2-3pm. I look forward to seeing you all next term!

Nathalie, from Seed Harvest Spoon



https://riverwoodps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/801/seed_ball_recipe_for_newsletter_t3.pdf

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](https://riverwoodps.schoolzineplus.com/) and select the "Make a Payment" tab up the top of the page. This allows you to pay via credit card.

COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS

https://riverwoodps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/886/food_share_flyer_bwhc_2019_v_2.pdf

FROM THE OFFICE

**SCHOOL RETURNS ON MONDAY 14TH
OCTOBER - HAVE A GREAT HOLIDAY**

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.