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Term 4, Week 5

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Remembrance Day

Today we had an assembly to mark the occasion and observe one minute's silence at 11am to remember those killed and injured in all wars. Teepa in 3/4R attended the service at Club Rivers as part of the Australian Air League – Riverwood Hornets.



NAIDOC Week

This week is NAIDOC WEEK – the theme is *Always Was, Always Will Be*. This helps to remind us of the strong connection between Aboriginal people, their culture and their *Country*. We have been working on some projects with Dalmarri, an Aboriginal cultural and arts group. We will finish off our Custodian Poles and create a special place for them at the school's front gate. A special welcoming sign will be made that acknowledges our school is located on Dharug land *Always was, Always Will be*. Our celebrations will take place next week.

House Champions

Congratulations to the Red House on winning the start of Term 4 challenge. I wonder which house will finish off the year with the greatest number of tokens? So far Green and Red have both won 2 challenges and Blue has won 1...

In response to some issues between students, we are focusing on our PBL expectation: *Don't use words to hurt others*. Students are learning about thinking before they speak. We want students to experience big emotions (angry, sad, frustration) in ways that don't make others feel bad. Ask your child about what they have been learning to do to help themselves.

Presentation Day

This will take place on Tuesday 8th December. While some of the Covid Guidelines have changed, we cannot have all the award winners' parents/carers attend so we are looking at options to livestream the assembly. Stay tuned for the details of this.

Selective High School Applications 2022 – Current Yr 5

These must be made online by 16 November. More information is available at: <https://schoolsequella.det.nsw.edu.au/file/eafa8804-3a28-4730-9fc0-0ee49dd90f83/1/SHS-application-information.pdf>

OC Tests

These will occur on Wednesday 18th November at our school for students who applied earlier in the year.

Year 6 End of Year Events

Covid regulations mean we need to change our plans to celebrate at Club Rivers. We are possibly looking at having a 'dinner and dance' celebration at the school towards the end of the year. Invitations will be sent to students once the details are finalised. We are also currently looking at options for the Yr 6 Reward Day.

If you are planning on still being away when school starts next year, please let us know. Also if you are planning on moving – letting us know helps plan for classes. Our teacher numbers are based on the number of students at the start of the year. At this stage our enrolments look to have grown a little and hopefully we can keep the current number of classes and teachers (although the class grade groupings may change).

Staff Development Days 2021

There has been a change to these days and one of the end of year days has now been moved to the start of the year. School will start on Friday 29th January. The first days of Terms 2 and 3 will remain as staff development days but there will only be one staff development day at the end of Term 4.

End of Year Reports

Teachers are currently finishing off student reports, providing accurate and up to date information to you about student progress. They will be sent home on Friday 11th December.

Library Books

They need to be returned this week and next week so the library stocktake can begin. If books cannot be found at home, families will receive an invoice asking for the book's replacement cost to be paid.

Breakfast Club

While we can't have our parent/carer volunteers back at school yet, students are able to have cereal and milk before school every day. We have a brekkie station set up in front of 2C and 1K.

RPS Facebook Page

Please follow our school page to get an insight into the great things happening at RPS. Check it out at: <https://www.facebook.com/RiverwoodPS>

As always please do not hesitate to discuss any matters with me. My email address is anne.davis8@det.nsw.edu.au or you can call the office to make an appointment to see me.

Miss Davis

Principal

PRESCHOOL NEWS

We welcomed lots of smiling faces to our Preschool Orientation - we can't wait to see you all back in 2021!



1K NEWS

In 1K we have been working very hard as mini mathematicians! We have learnt to collect data using tallies and display it in a picture graph. We have also been learning to solve subtraction problems by taking away, counting back and using known facts.

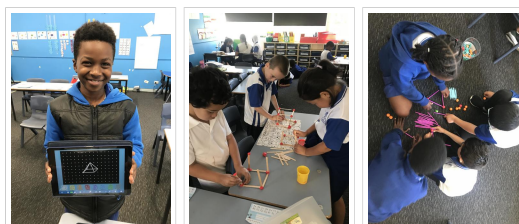


2C NEWS

Science: This term 2C are becoming programmers. They are learning to code and design their own games and apps using Scratch Junior on the iPad.

Maths: 2C can have been exploring 3D objects through drawing, constructing with a range of materials and modelling using technology.

Music: 2C love learning about percussion instruments in Song Room and have been practicing their drumming in the classroom.



4/5E NEWS

Students in 4/5E have been taking photographs of different living things in our beautiful garden. They will use these amazing images to create a spring calendar. During the 'Song Room', students are learning about the history of wind, string and percussion instruments including the Zampona panpipes, Charango guitar and the Carjon drum. I want to take this opportunity to thank my 4/5E families for all the wonderful gifts and heart felt messages received for 'World Teachers Day'. What we do as teachers would not be possible without our amazing students.

