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Term 2, Week 2

## PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

### Welcome back to Term 2!

I trust everyone had a great holiday and those who celebrated, had a wonderful Easter. Term 2 is a very busy term. Our best wishes and Ramadan Mubarak to our Islamic families for Ramadan as well.

### Covid Guidelines

There have been no changes to the requirements – everyone who comes to school must be 100% well and symptom free. Anyone showing signs eg cough, cold, runny nose, fever, sore throat MUST have a Covid test before returning to school. The school office must see the negative result before the student returns. If you choose not to have a Covid test, your child must stay at home for 10 days and be symptom free for 3 days before they return to school.

Parents and carers coming into the school site MUST check in using the Service NSW app. Staff members may ask to see you have done this so be sure to check in every time. It is a condition of coming into the school. Your support is appreciated.

### Notifications – SZApp

We had quite a few students come on the wrong day back this term and it has led us to understand that some people do not have the notifications switched on for the app. Notifications allow you to check the latest information and alerts that we send out.

You can check your phone settings to find notifications and make sure they are switched on for the SZApp.

### Formal Assessments

This week students in Years 4 and 6 have continued on with their Check In Assessments, allowing us to track their progress from last year (these students did not have NAPLAN last year).

Over the next few weeks students in Years 3 and 5 will sit the NAPLAN assessments online at school. A report for parents and carers will be provided in Term 3.

### Opportunity Class Applications – current Yr 4

These are due online by 7<sup>th</sup> May. No late applications can be made. Before applying please speak to your child's class teacher about their academic performance and suitability for the assessment and class placement process.

More information is available at: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>

### Pete the Sheep

Special mention to KC who behaved so well on their first ever school excursion. They had a great time watching a performance of Pete the Sheep at the Riverside Theatre at Parramatta. Thank you to all parents/carers for returning their notes and money on time.

### Tuesday Afternoon Gardening

Please join Mrs Vertsonis and Miss Nathalie for an afternoon of fun in the garden every Tuesday afternoon from 3pm. The garden is looking beautiful – thank you to everyone for coming along and helping our garden and community grow!

### Miss Cooney and Mrs Sardis

We were lucky enough to have a visit from Miss Cooney and Mrs Sardis with their babies Arabella and Areti. They are enjoying motherhood and were so happy to come back and visit everyone at RPS.



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

*Miss Davis*

*Principal*

## KC NEWS

KC have settled straight back into Term 2! This term, children will continue to build on their phonemic awareness and letter-sound knowledge during daily Heggerty and InitialLit lessons. We learnt our first vowel sound ('a'), which means that we can begin to 'build' (write) and read words! We also made some apples for our new friend, Andy Ant, during craft – look at how much our cutting has improved! Children are also beginning to consolidate their skills during Literacy Groups, using activities such as sand writing to practise correct letter formation.



Pete the Sheep Excursion - we had a great time at our first excursion!



## STAGE 1 NEWS

### NRMA Road Safety Day

Last Week Riverwood Public School students enjoyed the science based NRMA Road Safety Day incursion. Students learnt key concepts about staying safe as a passenger and a pedestrian. They also learnt how to effectively 'fit' their bike and scooter helmets. Some key points include:

- You must travel in a car seat or booster seat until you are at least 7.
- You should always wear a seatbelt correctly (across your lap and your collar bone) when travelling by car.
- Children under 8 should hold an adults hand when crossing the road – and cross at a crossing when possible.
- Always wear the appropriate helmet when riding a bike or scooter and make sure it is fitted correctly.



## P1 NEWS

It is great to be back at preschool after our holidays.

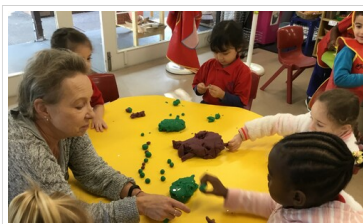
We had lots of clean up in our playground, so the children were busy watering and raking leaves.

In our creative area we were making fishing rods with sticks and using collage and paint in our artwork. We are practicing our woodworking skills with our woodwork bench.

The new equipment the staff made out of pallets is very popular – we are using them in many flexible ways.

Our old dough from last term was perfect for us to make beads out of, the children were rolling balls, comparing the different sizes and making holes.

The hospital is still popular, we added dolls to be patients and there is lots of negotiating roles and cooperative play happening in this area.



## OFFICE NEWS

SZapp - don't forget to make sure all the buttons are switched on to ensure you receive the notifications sent from the school.

