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Term 2, Week 6

## PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

### Community afternoon tea

Thank you to everyone who came along on Monday afternoon. It was great to speak to so many of our families and to see parents and carers speaking with each other and teachers. I know the students were very excited to have you back in the school, as were we!

We are looking to have our first P&C meeting early next term so please think about coming along and being involved in our school and decision making processes. Meetings are very relaxed and informal and there isn't any pressure at all about being heavily involved.

### Assessment and Rating process in Preschool this week

This process happens every five years and our preschool service is being assessed against the National Quality Standards this week. We will be able to share the outcome of the assessment process when we receive our feedback report.

### Safety Talks

Constable Marinello our Youth Liaison Officer from Campsie Local Area Command will be visiting students over the next few weeks to help them learning about a range of safety matters, from being safe near the roads, stranger danger and cybersafety.

### Reports

Teachers are finalising reports at the moment and in Week 9 they will come home to provide you with information about your child's progress. Parent teacher interviews will be held in Term 3 Week 3 to provide an opportunity for you to speak with your child's teacher in more detail.

### Lesson Observations

As part of our professional learning processes, teachers will be observing each other in classrooms and providing feedback

to each other. This is an important and valuable process that teachers engage in, in order to improve their practice.

### Staff Changes

Over the next few weeks, Miss Salloum, Miss Maria and Ms Jill will be leaving Riverwood and moving into new roles elsewhere. We wish them all the best and thank them for their hard work and dedication to our school during their time at RPS. We will certainly miss them very much.

### School Photos

These are coming up very quickly on Thursday 10th June (P1 group has theirs on Tuesday 8th June). If you did not receive an envelope, please see the office for a spare one. There are quite a few options to choose from. You can pay online or by bringing the money back on the day.

We do need everyone in full school uniform for photos please!

**Public Holiday Monday 14th June** - school will be closed. Please ensure children are not sent to school.

*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.*

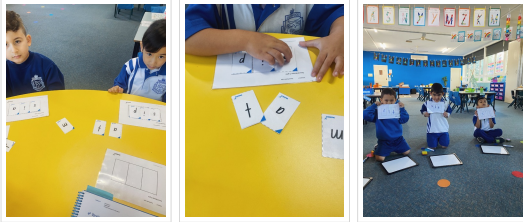
*Miss Davis*

*Principal*

## KC NEWS

KC have been hard at work as WORD BUILDERS! Now that we have a number of sounds under our belt, we are working on using our segmenting skills to break apart simple words (eg 'mat' = m – a – t), tapping one box as we say each sound; choosing the correct letter to match the sound we hear and placing it in the right box (in the word 'mat', the first sound is /mmmm/ so we need to find or write the letter 'm' and place it in the first box);

and finally putting it altogether to read the word by pointing under each letter, saying the sound, then à sliding all of the sounds together (m – a – t = “mat”)! Lots of things for the brain to concentrate on! KC are doing a wonderful job.



A reminder that if your child is absent from school, we require an explanation for the absence to be provided within 7 days (via the app, letter, email or phone call). This is also your responsibility as a parent or carer.

If a child is late – this is also recorded as a partial absence.

Teachers mark the roll with a number of codes depending on the acceptability of the explanation for the absence.

It is up to me as the Principal to accept or not accept the explanation for the absence as being acceptable or justified.

I can request a medical certificate if I feel the absences are becoming a problem or if I doubt the explanation provided.

I am seeing an more and more unacceptable reasons provided– such as “I have to pick them up early as we have a family barbecue” or “He was away because we went shopping” or “They had to help me around the house”.

## P1 NEWS

In P1 Blue, over the last couple of weeks some of the things we have offered are:

- Watching changes to our tadpoles and carrot tops
- Exploring magnetism, by testing different surfaces in our learning environment
- Sharing books
- Playing cooperatively
- Exploring clay
- Learning about symmetry using paint

Always engaged, talking and always learning.....



Acceptable Reasons	<u>Not</u> Acceptable Reasons
Sickness	Going shopping
Appointments which cannot be made at any other time eg dentist	Slept in
	Going on holidays
Exceptional event eg funeral	Helping look after little brothers or sisters
Recognised religious event eg Easter or Ramadan	Helping with the chores

## ATTENDANCE

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We take attendance and lateness very seriously at Riverwood. I personally check the roll every day at 9.15am and the Executive Team reviews the class rolls every week, as well as the Home School Liaison Officer.

The Education Act requires all students to come to school every day unless there is a very good reason. This is your legal responsibility as a parent or carer.

Students whose attendance is not satisfactory will need an Attendance Improvement Plan. The school and families need to work closely together when attendance is a problem. We need to look at what challenges are preventing the student from coming to school and then look at working on these together.

Miss Davis

Principal

## OFFICE NEWS

PARENTS/CARERS - could you please keep an eye out at home to see if your children have brought home any of the tokens we use for our House Points. If you do find any, please send them to school with your children so they can put them in the boxes in the office.



## SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN

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