FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Dear Parents, Carers and Community members;

Student “Good Standing” Policy
We have been very pleased with the support shown by parents and students for the school “Good Standing” policy. Students are now being rewarded for doing the “right thing”. In the middle and end of each term those students who have “Good Standing” are rewarded. The reward for the first half of this term will be undertaken next Friday.

School Computer System Upgrade
We will be receiving a complete school server upgrade commencing next week. All technology will be out of action from Monday until Wednesday then progressively be upgraded over the next week. This includes our absentee messaging system, we will be unable to notify parents via SMS or receive text notifications of an absence. Once completed students and teachers will have a number of new functions available to use. It will be a little like the 70s, lucky I am too young to remember teaching in those days!

Student athleticism wins the day
It is always great to celebrate student achievement. I would like to congratulate those students who represented our school in the Baldivis Interschool Cross Country Championships held on July 31st in the beautiful bushland at Baldivis Primary School. With the support of many parents our students held after school practice sessions to become familiarised with the course. Thanks to their high level of fitness and preparation they won the day and brought home the coveted interschool trophy. A special thankyou to Mr Ratz, staff involved and all those students who put in a 100% effort and our community for supporting us.

Gary Brown
Principal

NEXT SENIOR ASSEMBLY - Friday 14th August 2015, F1, Year 3  Mrs Von Kelaita
NEXT JUNIOR ASSEMBLY - Friday 21st August, B3, Year 2/3, Mr Weis

SMS ATTENDANCE: 0418 938233
PATHS CHAMPS - 7th August

Congratulations to the above Paths Champs from the assembly on 7th August, Michael V, Adam C, Marlee R and Lucy D.
Indigenous Games

Year 3 Physical Education

In Term 2, all Year 3 students were introduced to a number of Indigenous Games during their Physical Education lessons. The aim was to provide the students with a greater understanding and appreciation of indigenous culture, the way it was many thousands of years ago and still is today. The games were played in their traditional form using modern equipment. The games covered most regions of Australia.

Sport has played a major role in developing a socially cohesive environment within indigenous communities. Many of the games you see today have evolved from traditional games of the past.

*Kai wed* - A hand-hitting activity

*Jil-lor-a* - A ball spinning activity
Settlers Primary School is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

The School Banking program provides children with an opportunity to make deposits into their personal Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at school each week. The program is about how often your child makes deposits, not how much they deposit.

To encourage regular savings behaviour the program offers an exciting Rewards Program. Every deposit earns your child a Dollarmites token, and once they’ve collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for a reward. The rewards items available during 2015 are:

- E.T. DVD
- Planet Handball
- Invisible Ink Martian Pen
- Intergalactic Rocket
- Glow-in-the-Dark Solar System
- Cosmic Light Beam Torch
- Outer Space Savers Money Box
- Lunar Light Band

Settlers Primary School receives a commission payment for every account activated via the School Banking program as well as on deposits made through the program.

School Banking day at Settlers Primary School will be every Thursday. Banking is handed in on Thursday mornings and processed by parent volunteers.

Our dedicated School Banking representative, will be holding two account opening sessions from 8.30am - 9.30am on Friday 7th August and Friday 14th August on the school premises.

If you are interested in opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account for your child please bring along your driver’s licence or another form of photographic identification. Alternatively, you can open an account at any branch. All you need to bring is your current identification as well as your child’s birth certificate, or by calling 13 22 21 or online if you are an existing Commonwealth Bank customer.

Your closest Commonwealth Bank Branch is at the Baldvis.
Thank you for supporting School Banking!
Rivergums Primary School
Our Students, Our School, Our Community

Principal: Josh Jashari
Registrar: Amanda Sykes

UPDATE 1—TERM 3—10th AUGUST, 2015

Rivergums Primary School held two parent meetings last week. The first was on Monday night and was attended by 29 parents. This gave me an opportunity to introduce myself and give some background information on my experiences in schools. I was also able to present some information about my vision for the new school. This vision covered Teaching and Learning, Pastoral Care and Community Involvement.

I would also urge all parents who are in Rivergums catchment area to enrol their students in their local school. “Our students...our school...our community...”. Students will benefit from a less crowded environment, more leadership opportunities and a comprehensive on site transition program into high school, particularly for our year 5 and 6 students.

Steering Committee

A Steering Committee was set up with 20 volunteers coming forward. The members met on Wednesday evening and were able to progress through a number of brainstorming and decision making processes to short list a bank of 5 possible names.

Rivergums Primary School
Rivergum Lakes Primary School
Rivergum Park Primary School
Lakeview Primary School
Stillwater Primary School

A short explanation of the upcoming survey on this will be found on the Facebook page. Parents who have already made an application for enrolment will be sent an email giving them login details of the survey (through Survey Monkey). If you have not enrolled yet and want to be a part of this survey please email: Principal.Rivergums.PS@education.wa.edu.au to receive your login details by Wednesday 13th August. Please complete this survey by Friday 15th August.

The committee also selected a short list of colours and this was finalised at our last meeting on Wednesday night.

Independent Public School

The parents also showed overwhelming support for the school to become an Independent Public School following a presentation on this. This support has enabled the school to now operate as an Independent Public School.

Enrolments

We are still taking enrolments for all year levels Kindergarten through to year 6. If you are intending to enrol your child please do so as soon as possible. This will assist us in our planning. Confirmation of enrolments will be issued before the end of this term.

Staffing

Congratulations to Mrs Amanda Sykes on her appointment as temporary registrar to Rivergums Primary School. Mrs Sykes has been appointed to the school until a permanent registrar can be finalised into the position. Mrs Sykes is well experienced and has worked in Independent Public Schools. Her expertise will be invaluable.

Associate Principal positions are currently being advertised. The successful applicants will commence in fourth term.

Teacher positions, Education Assistants and Office Administration positions will be advertised at the end of this term or very early next term.

All positions will be advertised through the WA Governments Job Website so please keep an eye out for these.
Perth Science Festival

Immerse yourself in a science experience like no other at the Perth Science Festival this August!

The Perth Cultural Centre is set to come alive with the third annual Perth Science Festival marking the launch of National Science Week in WA.

The Perth Science Festival will blur the lines between science and art to celebrate WA science, innovation and technology. There will be over 50 stallholders and performers at this family-friendly event offering hands-on activities and science fun plus music, film and, of course, explosions!

Special guest speakers include:
> **Ben Britton** - Director of Wild Animal Encounters for Nat Geo Wild/National Geographic Channel
> **Siouxie Wiles** - A microbiologist and bioluminescence enthusiast who heads the Bioluminescent Superbugs Group at the University of Auckland
> **Costa Georgiadis** - Gardening Australia host and landscape architect who has an all-consuming passion for plants and people
> **Dr Chris Smith** - The creator of the weekly BBC radio program The Naked Scientists
> **Derek Muller** - An Australian-Canadian science communicator, filmmaker and television presenter, best known for creating the YouTube channel Veritasium.

You can follow Perth Science Festival (PSF) on Facebook and Instagram to get the most up-to-date information.

**When:** 15 August (10am-4pm) and 16 August (11am-4pm)  
**Where:** Perth Cultural Centre  
**Cost:** FREE
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