FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Dear Parents, Carers and Community members;

P&C Quiz Night:
I was my pleasure to attend our P & C Parents Quiz night held last Saturday night. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the team of parents who brought all the various aspects of the event together. It was a great night, they even organised a sky show for everyone. From the smiles on the faces of both participants and organisers at the end of the night I can this event becoming a regular school calendar item. Well done to the winners, thank you to staff attended and helped out (Rob Hall one of the compares).

2016 Enrolments:
Structuring classes accurately ensures students and families commence the new school year as smoothly as possible. We are in the preparing classes over the next few weeks, show parents know of families moving into our school catchment area please encourage them to contact us asap. The same applies to families who will not be with us next year.

Stargazing Night
What a great night was had by families who attended our star gazing night held on the school oval on Monday night. A special thank you to our science teacher extraordinaire Ms Beahan who arranged to have those huge telescopes and astronomers here to spark more interest in the heavens above. Many thanks again to our P and C helpers for feeding everyone.

Gary Brown
Principal

Next P&C Meeting
Thursday 3rd December
at 7pm

NEXT JUNIOR ASSEMBLY - Friday 20th November 2015  A6 – Pre Primary, Mrs Thorpe
NEXT SENIOR ASSEMBLY - Friday 27th November 2015  C3 - Year 4/5, Mrs Doyle

SMS ATTENDANCE: 0418 938233
MERIT CERTIFICATE RECIPIENTS

JUNIOR ASSEMBLY - 8th November 2015

FRONT ROW: Kahu R, Emma H, Chloe M, Abby H, Joseph C

SENIOR ASSEMBLY - 13th November 2015

MIDDLE ROW: Breearn W, Hermyni D, Madi D, Kane B, Marouna B, Tye R, Zhy W
MIDDLE ROW 2: Eve M, Ellie-May K, Tayla S, Ella J, Hermoine M, Te Haupaaroa N
FRONT ROW: Kahu R, Emma H, Chloe M, Abby H, Joseph C
Not Pictured: Jessica C, Michael C
PACE YOURSELF RUNNER’S CLUB 2015

During Terms two and three, the Settlers Primary School "Pace Yourself Runners Club" has gone from strength to strength. We have had excellent weather each week and I would like to personally thank all the students who have come along every Wednesday morning before school and made this programme such a success. By participating in the "Pace Yourself Runners Club" students from across all the year groups have had the opportunity to receive certificates based on their achievements.

I would also like to thank all the parents that have either run along with their child or have helped with stamping the runners booklets. Your help is always greatly appreciated.

### Totals Run Each Week

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### TOP PERFORMERS IN EACH YEAR GROUP

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FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE

Bullying

Bullying is repeated verbal, physical, social or psychological behaviour that is harmful and involves the misuse of power by an individual or group towards one or more persons. It can have long-term effects on those involved.

Bullying can happen:

- face-to-face (e.g. pushing, tripping, name-calling),
- at a distance (e.g. spreading rumours, excluding someone),
- through information and communications technologies (e.g. use of SMS, email, chat rooms).

Some conflicts between children are a normal part of growing up and are to be expected. These conflicts or fights between equals and single incidents are not considered bullying, even though they may be upsetting and need to be resolved. Identifying bullying can sometimes be difficult. Bullying is often conducted out of sight of teachers. Children are often reluctant to report bullying.

Bullying can be devastating for person's confidence and self-esteem. Children and young people need lots of love and support if they are being bullied. They also need to know that action will be taken to prevent any further bullying.

If your child is being bullied, involve the school as quickly as you can. The School takes bullying extremely seriously and we will work with you to try to prevent further bullying.

Bullying – useful links

- www.bfaf.org.au Bully Free Australia Foundation’s vision is to protect and empower Australian children and adolescents to live a fulfilling life free from all forms of bullying.
- www.ncab.org.au is the National Centre Against Bullying is creating caring communities for children.

Raising Children Network

Children are as individual and as different as their parents and making decisions about what's best for raising children is very personal.

The Raising Children website offers up-to-date, research-based material on more than 800 topics spanning child development, behaviour, health, nutrition and fitness, play and learning, connecting and communicating, school and education, entertainment and technology, sleep and safety.

It covers grown-ups, newborns (0-3 months), babies (3-12 months), toddlers (1-3 years), preschoolers (3-5 years), school-age children (5-9 years), pre-teens (9-11 years), and early teens (12-15 years).

There are tips, videos and other useful resources.

The Raising Children Network provides information that can help parents with the day-to-day decisions of raising children. It also provides information to help parents and carers look after their own needs. The information is based on the best science in parenting, child health and development, presented in language we can all understand.

This is a website for Australian mothers, fathers, grandparents and anyone else who has responsibility for the care of children. www.raisingchildren.com.au
Hi everyone.

Only 4 ½ weeks to go!! Excitement is building, celebrations are being planned and so many fun things are on the way to wind up what has been a busy but wonderful year.

All of the hard work from so many P&C members culminated in one fantastically amazing event on Saturday Night. With guest stars Matt Whitfield and Rob Hall on the mic, they made them laugh, they made them dance and put so many smiles on faces that that was enough to make planning this whole event worthwhile alone. Our ridiculously awesome amount of prizes and raffles made it feel like Christmas. There were so many gift baskets, hampers and cellophane wrapped goodies that were hours upon hours in the making, with something there for absolutely everyone. The room looked so festive and the bar staff at Port Kennedy RSL did a fabulous job keeping everyone hydrated on a very balmy, night. Lightening storm or no lightening storm, there was plenty of electricity in the air in that room as tables fought hard (and argued) for the win and glory of 1st prize.

We had reached our fundraising goal, but the aim was never about money for the school, although that is certainly a bonus. We were so pleased that so many from our school and beyond joined us for such a fun, social event and hope that it's broadens our horizons on what it means to be apart of a school community. So thank you goes out to everyone that bought tickets, that found babysitters, that got excited about the night, that promise to come again next year, everyone who had a great time and made the night a success. It was all for you. To our local businesses and families and friends who donated so many items, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. You continually amaze us with your generosity. And to our P&C, what can we say, what a team! To pull off such an event takes hours and hours of preparation and there were so many of you who put so much love into this event. Needless to say, your hard work has been rewarded with such a brilliantly successful night! Massive thank you and well done to all!! Can’t wait for the next one. Make sure you all get your tickets quick!!

It was looking at one stage that our End of Year Disco was having to be cancelled, but thanks to the overwhelming feedback and support of our marvellous school parents, it is back on!!! Friday, November 27th is the day. Tickets will go on sale late this week. We are hoping to finish this year off with an awesome celebration, so get your tickets and come and join in the fun!

Fun Run prizes are on the way! As soon as they arrive, we’ll be sorting them out and delivering to classrooms. Thank you to everyone who participated and came along to help and had an absolute ball, including some teachers who got right into the spirit. Brilliant to see!

Thanks to all of these fundraising events as well as the Rockingham Council Community Grants Committee and Woolworths Baldivis, our P&C handed Mr Brown and Mrs Webb a $16,000 cheque for the upgrade to our new, state of the art sound system, that will help our school in so many ways. Assemblies, ceremonies, sporting events, fundraising events, discos, choir performances. It’ll be a long lasting fixture at the school and the P&C were only too happy to help make it happen. Its been quite a year and all of this couldn’t happen without the hard working P&C and of course all of the support of our schools families. What an effort! Go team!

That’s all for now, enjoy the rest of your week.

Jen Howard
P&C President
From the Principal

Our enrolments are steadily increasing and we have booked our swimming lessons for the second half of next year. We are also in the process of looking at possible proposals for our Year 6 camp. Our booklists and enrolment packages will be coming out to our enrolled families this week. Members of our Steering Committee have also had a second tour of the building site which is progressing nicely. We are still looking at early December for a handover and we hope to have our first parent information session in our new school (fingers crossed).

We have commenced our staffing process with quite a number of teacher interviews. We are extremely impressed with the quality of the applicants who have been outstanding. This process is not complete as yet. We will be ensuring we have a strong pool of teachers we can draw from as new positions become available. A selection process for our Health and Physical Education and Music/Performing Arts specialist will close on Friday.

Hello from the Library!

Hi Everyone,

My name is Kerry McCorriston and I am your Library Officer. I have had five years primary school experience in the Baldivis area and look forward to meeting the families that make up our Rivergums family.

I can’t wait to get started on filling our Library with books for our children to enjoy and to make it an exciting, inspiring place where students can develop and embrace a love of reading.

We will be holding a Book Drive— As a foundation member of our school you will have the opportunity to purchase a book for $10.00 for our school Library. Your name will be forever featured in the front cover. More details will be released closer to the time.

Stay tuned for information on a ‘Library Busy Bee’ during Term 1. If you would like to volunteer some of your time, you can register your interest with me by email: kerry.mccorriston@education.wa.edu.au

From the Associate Principal: Jackie Huts

Student Services

This fortnight I have continued work on our whole school vision and approach to Pastoral Care. This week I attended Component 1 of KidsMatter professional learning. KidsMatter is a flexible, whole-school approach to improving children’s mental health and wellbeing. It creates a positive community; one that is founded on respectful relationships and a sense of belonging and inclusion, and that promotes social and emotional learning. As previously indicated our social and emotional learning component will be the Friendly Schools Plus program. As you can imagine creating a positive school community is essential as a new school. We want our school environment to be a welcoming, safe, fun and engaging place with a community feel that is based on positive parent and student relationships.

From the Associate Principal: Kerryn Woodhouse

Early Childhood and Curriculum

Our school timetable was tabled at the recent Steering Committee meeting and given the green light by the community. This structure ensures that we are able to have Literacy and Numeracy Blocks during the morning session and after recess. Using Literacy and Numeracy blocks means that the students at Rivergums PS will follow a gradual release model in lessons that includes linking to prior learning, modeling, guiding, consolidation and reflection. In Early Childhood and Primary this is best practice for improving student outcomes and enables teachers to differentiate to meet the needs of individual students. Literacy and Numeracy planning at Rivergums will incorporate embedded ICT which will make lessons exciting, fun and innovative.

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