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Close Encounters of the Wild Kind
On Monday the 29th June we had an Australian Animal Incursion. Kindergarten students from EC5, EC6 and EC7 had the opportunity to interact with the Dingo, Koala, Snakes and Blue Tongue Lizard. The children were amazed that baby koala’s are called Joeys and eat their mummies poo to stay healthy. It was an informative and fun encounter.

UP COMING EVENTS

Tuesday 28th July

Baldivis College Yr 6 Visit

Friday 31st July

Inter-school Cross Country Event

Monday 24th August till Friday 28th August

Book Week (with book character dress up parade)
Principal’s Report

Welcome back everyone and welcome to the ten new students and their families that attended our school for the first time on Tuesday.

New staff members

I am also pleased to welcome two new people to our staff. The first is Anne Holt. Anne will be teaching our pre-primary and junior primary students Science. She works on Wednesdays and Fridays.

The second is Deb Cunningham. Deb is our School Chaplain and she works on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. School chaplains are in the prevention and support business. Their role is to help students find ways to deal with issues ranging from family breakdown and loneliness through to stress and anxiety. They provide a listening ear and a caring presence for kids and families in crisis and also for those who just need a friend. All have a passion to improve the lives of young people.

2016 Enrolments

Families wishing to enrol children into our 2016 Kindergarten program are reminded that the closing date for application is this Friday, 24th July.

Parents of children currently in our Kindergarten and wishing to continue into our Pre-Primary program next year are also reminded to submit applications by Friday as well.

Though we will continue to take applications for enrolment after this date, if left too late, we may not have places available particularly in our Kindergarten program.

Those who have submitted an application by the closing date will be notified about the success of the application within two to three weeks.

Construction

Whilst we were on holidays work began on the construction of a shade structure and a long jump pit.

The shade structure is being built over our playground equipment near the undercover area. This will not only protect our students from the sun but also the rain, making the playground more accessible all year round.

The long jump pits are being built on the oval near the cricket nets and will soon be ready for children to practice in readiness for our Faction Athletics Carnival.

Acknowledging NAIDOC and our Multi-Cultural Community

Though we are late, I am looking for interested parents to work with me to develop some meaningful activities that acknowledge and celebrate NAIDOC for the school to conduct this term. If you are interested please email your details to me at gary.crocetta@education.wa.edu.au

I am also hoping for some assistance from interested parents in planning activities, during fourth term, to acknowledge and celebrate the multi-cultural nature of our school community. Again if you are interested please email your details to me.

Have a great week.

Gary Crocetta
Principal
Cross Country Event

Last day of term 2 was the day of our first school cross country event. Students were enthusiastic and eager to get their running shoes on to battle it out for first place in the various heats. Our Runners Club members turned up the heat to make for a very competitive competition.

Top 4 runners from each year were:

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SMS Communication Implementation

We are pleased to advise that Tuart Rise Primary School is implementing a mobile phone messaging system to communicate student unexplained absences to parents/guardians.

This new communication system uses Short Messaging Service (SMS) and will send text messages to parent/guardian mobile phones when your child is absent from school (in the instance that an explanation has not already been provided).

Commencing 21st July, each morning of a school day, our computer system will automatically send parents a message similar to:

**TRPS records show Frank Smart is absent Mon 20/07/2015. Pls reply SMS stu name/reason/abs date or call 9523 0071.**

SMS is designed to advise parents that according to school records, the student is absent and no reason has been provided to the school.

It is a legal requirement that parents contact the school regarding any student absences or reasons for lateness. If an explanation for the absence has been provided prior to 1.0am each morning, then parents will not receive an SMS. Please note that there may be some circumstances out of our control, such as power outages, where we cannot send SMS.

Parents need to be aware that this system is an additional absence follow up service only. There will be times when parents may not receive a text message due to technical issues. In cases where you are concerned about your child’s attendance, please contact the school directly on 9523 0071.

Once absence notification messages have been implemented, the use of SMS communications may be extended to wider uses such as unexpected school closures or a reminder about a school event.

It is expected that the use of SMS communication to parents will assist in reducing the number of unexplained student absences and help inform the school and parents as to the whereabouts of every student. The SMS strategy is already being used across many WA schools as a successful initiative to improve communication to parents and to encourage student’s to take responsibility for their attendance at school.

For your information the phone number that the software will use is Virtual Number 0437900591.

Save this number in your phone contacts under ‘**TRPS ATTENDANCE**’ so you know when you receive a message from the school;

You can SMS the school on this number if your child will be away. Please text before **10.00am** on the day of absence;

The mobile number provided can only send and receive text. If you need to speak to someone at the school, please call **SCHOOL LANDLINE 9523 0071**.

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**Somewhere over the rainbow…**

Our first day of term 3 may have been dampened by rain but our Principal was able to capture this fantastic photo of a rainbow stretching across our school. There may not be a pot of gold at the end but there is a school full of happy students ready for a new semester of exciting learning and friendship. More valuable than gold I think.
Rivergums Primary School (Planning Name)

Message from the Principal:

I am thrilled to be appointed as the Foundation Principal of Rivergums Primary School. I am looking forward to meeting as many parents as I can over the coming months. As you can appreciate it will take a few weeks for us to settle in to our new environment and to set up our office staff. We will be taking applications for enrolments now so if you have not already done this please come to our temporary school office (location see below) and complete the necessary paper work.

For those who are unaware the school currently has an official Facebook page and this can be found by using the school planning name in the search function. This will serve as our main avenue of communication until we are able to establish other processes.

Our temporary office is now located at Baldivis Secondary College and we are in Building 3. The entry door is on the south side of the building. This is a fantastic location as we are very close to the construction site of new school.

First Meeting: I will be holding a meeting next Monday evening at 7:00pm which will serve two purposes; one is to introduce myself and the other is to set up a steering committee. The role of this committee will be to determine the school name, school colours, logo and uniforms. These decisions will involve consultations with the broader school community and will take a few weeks for it all to be completed.

Meeting Details:
Location: Baldivis Secondary College Library
Time: 7:00pm
Date: Monday 27th July 2015
Rivergums Primary School phone number: 08 9523 0921
Rivergums Primary School Facebook link is: https://www.facebook.com/pages/Rivergums-Primary-School-Planning-Name/420971751443292

Josh Jashari
Principal
Rivergums Primary School

From Wednesday 15th of July to Tuesday 8th September 2015, when you shop at Woolworths you will be issued with some Earn and Learn Stickers. These are to be stuck onto a sticker sheet also available from Woolworths and then put in the collection box in Reception at Tuart Rise Primary School. There are thousands of educational resources available depending on how many completed forms are returned to us.
Hello Everyone,

My name is Deb Cunningham and I have been appointed as the School Chaplain at your school.

My role as a Chaplain is to provide **Pastoral Care**, to be there for children and the whole school community. I endeavour to be accessible for pastoral care and mediation; and sharing a positive influence with the school community in general.

I am also available for parents/carers who may need to have a chat with someone who will just listen. If this is you – please contact the school to make an appointment.

I will be at Tuart Rise Primary School on Tuesdays & Wednesdays and I am looking forward to meeting many of you over the coming weeks as I settle into school life.

I have been a School Chaplain for more than 7 years and have previously worked at Rockingham Beach Primary School and Education Support Centre and also Bungaree Primary School.

*Deb Cunningham*  
Primary School Chaplain

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**Are you able to help?**

We are looking for volunteer parents to assist us with creating resources for classes. No experience necessary. If we have an interested group we can decide a day when they can meet and work together. Please register your name at reception if you are able to help.