

Riva Primary News



18th October 2022

From the Principal

Welcome back to the last term of our first year here at Riva, and we've saved the best for last! It's been wonderful to welcome back our amazing students, staff and community as well as more students joining us – there's so much to look forward to.

Works for Modular Classrooms

Everything to date is going according to plan, the program is on time, and I have been impressed by the adaptability and patience of parents, staff and students working around closed and inaccessible gates and sometimes spur of the moment changes of direction. Traffic management and site restrictions remain in place until at this stage, the end of November, by which time everything should be back to normal.

The gate from Riva Entrance into the Early Childhood Area is closed and inaccessible at all times during this period (even when it's open) – if this gate is open, you will get a few steps inside before finding yourself fenced in!

Please keep up to date with the works program at www.rivaps.wa.edu.au/our-school/construction-updates/
Thank you for your patience.

Reports

The end of this term also marks the end of a reporting period, at which time all students from Kindergarten – Year 6 will receive their achievement report. Reports will be emailed to parents on Tuesday 13th December. Please ensure that the school has an up to date email address on file.

Attendance

Looking back on the year, there are causes for celebration in our attendance data, particularly in having overall regular attendance, that is, students attending 90% or more, at a rate of 88.3% - simply outstanding given the challenges in this year, including mandatory isolation and contact tracing throughout.

Another sunny spot is, of all absences, more than 90% are explained. This is quite good, though we aim to do better – if your child is absent for any reason, please let the school know, and we'll clear up the record, simply SMS 0456 575 024. If there are pre-planned reasons for absence, please email riva.ps@education.wa.edu.au

Upcoming Events

October 2022

24th Diwali Free Dress Day
25th P & C Meeting
28th Assembly - LA3.1

November 2022

1st Newsletter
8th Interschool Jumps & Throws
8th P&C Disco
9th School Development Day
- students do not attend
10th Assembly - LA3.1

An area of interest, and requiring improvement in 2023 is the number of absences for vacation. In 2022, the school has had an understanding approach to authorising absences for vacations, particularly given the circumstances of family separation, travel restrictions and the lack of availability of flights. This has seen the majority of such requests granted, and is a once-off arrangement. With some absences taking a school term or longer, the impact upon student progress can be profound. Again, absences have been authorised with understanding this year, and certainly compassion will endure, but, going forward, please:

- Limit if at all possible, all holidays to coincide with the school holidays;
- If it is entirely unavoidable for vacations to extend into or start before vacations, that the absolute minimum amount of school time be lost;
- Continue to advise and request authorisation from the school at riva.ps@education.wa.edu.au for absences; and
- Understand that the school and staff do not routinely prepare or provide school work for vacations, and I have no expectation for staff to do so.

Assembly

Our next assembly which has been modestly promoted as the Best Assembly in the Whole World, (even if they do say so themselves), is presented by our stupendous LA3.1, Year 1/2 class and will be held on Friday 28th October from 8.50am. All are welcome to come along.

Classroom placements

We are beginning to consider the make-up and class allocations for our students for 2023 and invite parent / carer input, should you have specific considerations for your child's placement for educational reasons. Requests for consideration should be in writing to aaron.chaplin@education.wa.edu.au by Friday 21st October 2022.

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P&C Meeting

All parents and community members are invited to the next meeting of the Riva P&C, to be held on Tuesday 25th October from 6.00pm – 7.00pm. The meeting will be focused on planning and the final details for the upcoming Disco as well as mapping out activities and initiatives for the year ahead. All are welcome, with the meeting being held in the Riva Primary School staffroom.

Free Dress / Traditional Dress Day

Students and staff are invited to wear Free Dress or Traditional Dress on Monday 24th October to coincide with Diwali, the Festival of Light. Bright colours are encouraged. Kindergarten Blue and Kindergarten Red will celebrate on a different day during the week – please check your child's Seesaw for updates.

School Development Day

Wednesday 9th November is a School Development Day. Students do not attend school on this day. Out of School Hours Care will be available to be booked for the day—look out for the information flyer coming out soon.

Achievement Certificate Recipients, Term Four, Week One

Room	Student	Room	Student
LA1.1 PP	Gurbani K Ashton	LA3.2.2 Yr 3	Ethan M Reet A
LA1.2 PP	Bailey R Jaz S	LA3.2.4 Yr 3	Leia L Saketh S
LA1.3 PP	Nehansa P Aileen R	LA3.2.3 Yr 3/4	Mayesha R Gurrabab B
LA2.4 PP	Maali R Amelia C	LA4.2 Yr 4/5	Richard L Sophia Z
LA2.2 Yr 1	Mia Q Waryam S	LA4.1 Yr 5/6	Angela M Amber S
LA2.3 Yr 1	Irwin K Declan Y	Art	Maddy E Zack M
LA3.1 Yr 1/2	Eddie M Lily G	Auslan	Manea J Sophia Y
LA3.2 Yr 2	Gursev S Zara B	Music	Aleena P Diyon E
LA3.2.1 Yr 2	Guransh S Avlin B	Phys Ed	Harnoor S Akira P
		Technologies	Avira P Naitik M

Coming soon....



BOOK FAIR

Were hosting our first ever Book Fair!

Having a Book Fair is like having a shop come to you – the most amazing, extraordinary kind of shop – a Book shop.

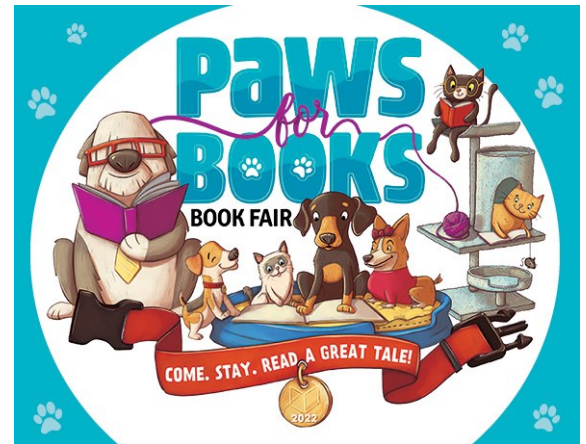
Cid is putting together an absolutely Pawsome Book Fair, with the theme of Paws for Books. Look out for lots of puns, playful pets, and of course oodles of books.

The Book Fair will be held in the library on Friday 4th November, Saturday 5th November (that's right, Saturday!), Monday 7th November and Tuesday 8th November.

Books start at \$5.00 each, and there's bound to be something for everyone.

Each book sold brings learning, literacy and literature to children at home, as well as contributing to more books and resources for our library. Everyone's a winner!

Look out for more details on the brochures coming home soon, and online.



Riva P&C
DISCO!

TUESDAY 8th NOVEMBER 2022

Riva Primary School Undercover Area
Blocks H, 1 and 2: 5.00pm—6.30pm
Blocks 3 and 4: 6.45pm—8.15pm
Ticket order forms coming home soon
\$5.00 per ticket
For current Riva students only
Food, drinks and glow products on sale on the night

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Swim into Summer!



Department of Education
Shaping the future

VacSwim enrolments now open

Help keep your child safe in the water.
Enrol now for the summer 2023 school holidays.

education.wa.edu.au/vacswim

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Places are limited, so get in early.

Check the website for locations.
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Program	Dates	Enrolments close	Price
Country early start 8 day program	Friday 16 Dec 2022 to Friday 23 Dec 2022 (incl. Sat 17 and Sun 18 Dec 2022)	Sunday 30 Oct 2022	Child \$31* Family \$83*
January 9 day program	Tuesday 3 Jan 2023 to Friday 13 Jan 2023	Sunday 6 Nov 2022	Child \$31* Family \$83*
January 5 day program	Monday 9 Jan 2023 to Friday 13 Jan 2023	Sunday 6 Nov 2022	Child \$16* Family \$42*
January 8 day program	Monday 16 Jan 2023 to Wednesday 25 Jan 2023	Sunday 13 Nov 2022	Child \$31* Family \$83*

*Concessions available. Does not include pool entry. Information on the website is available in languages other than English. If you require an Interpreter or need assistance in completing enrolment forms, please telephone VacSwim 9402 6412.

Security Incentive Scheme - Rebates for residents

The City of Armadale's Security Incentive Scheme offers rebates to help residents improve the level of security within their homes by installing security devices.

Rebates to a maximum value of \$250* are available for eligible home security devices.



We at Riva Primary School acknowledge and respect the Beiliar Noongar people and their continuing connection to language, stories, culture and history. On Noongar Boodjar, from the hills to the waters, we open our hearts and our eyes as we walk this land, listening, learning and caring for Country and it's people. We extend this respect to Elders; past, present and emerging and to all First Nations Australians reading this today.

We are all included and respected here.

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