

Riva Primary News



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From the Leadership Team

Welcome to Riva Primary School. I am extremely proud and humbled to have worked with our team, parents and community to welcome 423 students commencing with us from 31st January 2022.

It was a smooth start, and it felt both exciting and new, and also, like we've been here for years.

With a wonderfully supportive community, our team and of course our amazing students, we could not have hoped for a better start at Riva. You are all welcome here.

Informed, involved, included

Riva is founded on strong relationships between the school and community, and at the heart of a strong relationship is communication.

During our planning phases, we asked for input from parents and the community in the preferred modes of communication. It would be no surprise (we hope) that the strong preferences were for email and an App. The email has been taken care of for some time, but now it's time to really open up the partnership and that is through the Seesaw app.

We currently have 283 students with permission to have a Seesaw portfolio. This enables classroom and specialist teachers to share student work with parents and families, as well as for whole school communication, relevant to your children and family. Completing the permission and authorisation takes about 30 seconds and can be completed online at <https://forms.office.com/r/2Z1yf4isPg>

Further information about Seesaw is included in this newsletter. Class teachers will activate student accounts and link parents / families as permissions come through.

Parking and traffic

The drop-off and pick up has gone relatively smoothly, and it has been pleasing to see the general courtesy and patience of our parents and community. This is my expectation, being that the safety of children is our key concern.

Please slow down in the carparks and on the road network around the school. We appreciate your extra care and attention to the arrows painted on the ground and following staff directions.

Upcoming Events

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8th Newsletter Issued
22nd Newsletter Issued

For Kindergarten attendance days and planners, visit <https://www.rivaps.wa.edu.au/our-students/kindergarten/>

March 2022

2nd Riva PS Official Opening
7th Labour Day
Public Holiday



As we all become more familiar with the school and layout, the Kiss and Ride will be put into staffed operation. We will also commence the complex process of investigating crossing options.

School Board

In 2021, our school was led by the Pilot Group, who provided high level advice and input on behalf of the community into the shape of the school. It is now time to formalise the governance of our school in establishing the Riva Primary School Board.

The School Board is the peak advisory and decision making group in the school, and is comprised of parents, community members and staff, with parent membership in the majority.

Expressions of interest are invited for parent representatives to join the inaugural Riva Primary School Board. Should you wish to nominate, please email aaron.chaplin@education.wa.edu.au with the subject "Board Nomination" and a brief statement about what you hope for our school to achieve for all students, and how you can contribute to this through your role on the Board.

Board members would be expected to commit to attend up to 8 meetings per year, and generally, fulfil their role for a term of 2-3 years.

Nominations close on Friday 18th February 2022. If more nominations are received than there are vacant positions, elections will be held. Should you wish to discuss the School Board positions, please contact Mr Chaplin through the front office.

Crunch and Sip

Each classroom incorporates Crunch and Sip into the daily routine. Crunch and Sip is a dedicated break and opportunity for children (and staff) to drink water and eat an extra serve of fruit or vegetables to support good health and to help with learning and concentration in the classroom.

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Your child's class will have a Crunch and Sip break at some time during the day, when a quick pick-me-up or refresh is needed. Some Crunch and Sip suggestions are included in the newsletter.

Absences

Keeping your child at home when they are sick helps to minimise the spread of infection to other children, staff and the wider community. You may inform the school of your child's absence via SMS to **0456 575 024** or email riva.ps@education.wa.edu.au

Please note that the SMS number is a virtual number, and cannot receive phone calls, only text messages.

Arrival

After our settling-in period, we now need to stick more closely to our timetable, particularly on school commencement. The gates open at 8.15am, classrooms open at 8.30am, and classroom instruction begins at 8.40am. Being at school on time and prepared for the day assists in smooth and anxiety-free transitions, and minimises disruption to learning for your child and their class.

Children arriving at school after 8:45am are considered to be late, and will need to come in through the front office to receive a late pass before proceeding to class.

Thank you once again for your support in making such a happy, caring and thriving school for our community. We look forward to navigating the year ahead with you.

Aaron Chaplin, Principal
Jodie Van Der Zwan, Deputy Principal
Sara Campbell, Deputy Principal
Stacie Skehan, Deputy Principal



Seesaw

For the time being, parents and carers cannot come past the classroom door, but, with Seesaw, you have a window.

A window into your child's learning, what they are doing in class, their achievements, milestones and celebrations.

Seesaw also allows for communication, keeping up to date with what's going on in your child's class and across the school.

We encourage that all students at Riva receive permission for their Seesaw portfolio to be activated.



Seesaw

To give your permission for your child's Seesaw portfolio, please complete the form at <https://forms.office.com/r/2Z1yf4isPg>

Find us on Facebook

Our school has a 'closed' Facebook group called **Riva Primary Parents 2022**.

Membership is limited to current parents of students at our school (please ensure that you answer the membership questions in order to have your request to join the group approved). All posts are moderated, in accordance with the page guidelines.

This group brings parents / carers and the school together, as a place to have questions answered, share information and inform the community of upcoming fundraisers and school events.

To join the group, click the link, or search Riva Primary Parents 2022 on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/rivapriaryparents2022>

The school also maintains a public Facebook page called Riva Primary School. This page is used for sharing achievements and news with the wider community.

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From the Batt Cave

Hello Riva PS community, I am so incredibly excited to meet all of you and your wonderful children as we embark on this remarkable journey together.

To further help me plan, look ahead and cater to your childrens' needs and your expectations of what a Physical Education program should look and feel like, I was hoping to get some feedback from you and our students.

Feel free to please email me directly (adam.batt@education.wa.edu.au) telling me what sports your children love or want to get involved in or learn more about and/or what you would like a Physical Education program to look, sound and feel like here at Riva, both for lessons, during recess and lunch and before and after school.

I run my programs always with the mantra of "children are at the heart of everything I do" and so without knowing them all just yet, I wanted to get an idea of what they want so I can try and tailor my programs to best suit their needs and passions.

I thank you for your time and look forward to hearing your responses and also meeting you mask to mask over the coming weeks.

Kind regards

Adam Batt
Health and PE Specialist



Crunch
& Sip®

How to Crunch and Sip @ Riva

Here are some easy ideas for Crunch and Sip:

Crunch

- Vegetables such as a carrot, celery sticks, cherry tomatoes or snow peas
- OR
- Easy-to-eat seasonal fruit such as a small apple, a container with hulled strawberries, a mandarin or banana
- OR
- Canned fruit in natural juice with a spoon

... and Sip

- a clean water bottle filled with plain water.

Preparing and Storing Crunch & Sip

- Wash all fruit and vegies. Get the children involved in this!
- Cut fruit and veg into easy-to-eat pieces
- Store fruit and veg in a sealed container
- Chill in an insulated lunch bag for extra crunchiness

- Include a spoon or fork for juicy fruit and veg like mango, avocado and melon. This will stop sticky fingers in the classroom.

Time-saving tips:

- Prepare vegie sticks in advance! They will stay fresh in the fridge for several days if kept in an airtight container with a wet paper towel.
- A whole carrot, apple or celery stick is perfect for older kids—no chopping required! Sugar snap peas, cherry tomatoes and grapes are good for little ones.

For more ideas, tips and information, check out the

Don't forget to pack Crunch&Sip® every day...

Crunch&Sip® is a set time for children to eat vegetables or fruit and drink water in the classroom.



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Voluntary Contributions

We now invite and welcome the payment of Voluntary Contributions at the front office. Voluntary Contributions supplement the school budget and expand the range of resources available to students. The School Pilot Group set the Voluntary Contribution to be requested for 2022 at \$60 per child. It is expected that those who can afford to, will make the contribution.

Payment of contributions may be made in the office via Cash or EFTPOS or by direct deposit to our bank account.

The school bank details are:

Riva Primary School

BSB 633 000

A/C No. 187 401 047

Please use your child's name as a reference.

Thank you for your support.



Community News

Proudly supporting our community



Ranford Junior Soccer Club 2022 Season

Want to develop self-esteem, interpersonal relationships and soccer skills in a friendly, semi-competitive, family orientated atmosphere?

Register for the upcoming season at Ranford Junior Soccer Club! All training session and games are held at Ranford Oval and we play an inter-club competition with all games on Saturday mornings.

Online registrations now open at

www.ranfordsjc.com.au

In person registration

Saturday 12th February from 9:00am—12:00pm

Saturday 19th February from 9:00am—12:00pm

Ranford Pavilion @ Ranford Oval.

Contact details / further information:

Email: ranfordsjc@gmail.com

Mobile: 0404 064 029

Web: www.ranfordsjc.com.au

Piara Waters Junior Football Club

Are holding an Open Day on Sunday 13th February from 10:00am—2:00pm at Rossiter Oval, Piara Waters.

Get involved in training drills, order your merchandise, enjoy a sausage sizzle, ice-cream or drink. The PWJFC Pirate Committee will be there to answer questions.

Registrations now open

<https://piarawaterspirates.com.au/registration/>

Southern River Hockey Club

Come join us at Southern River Hockey Club on Registration Day!

The day includes activities on the turf, sausage sizzle & uniform orders.

Saturday 12th February 2022 from 10:00am—1:00pm.

Ground E, Sutherlands Park, Les Sands Pavilion Gay Street, HUNTINGDALE

www.southernriverhockey.asn.au