



23 March 2022

## From the Principal

We've certainly had some opportunity in the past week or so to test out the school email and communication systems, and while not a welcome part of our plans, this is certainly what we have planned for.

In every event, our community, staff and students have responded quickly and responsibly. I thank you and ask for your continued support in ensuring the school is informed of any required health information in a timely manner—this enables us to limit the impact and disruption to health and learning for our school and community.

The most important responsibility we each have to ourselves and each other is to stay home if you have any symptoms or are unwell. Information from the Department of Health and about our school procedures in the High Caseload environment are on our website.

### A helping hand

Mr Shrikant Tawani, of the Riva School Board wrote on behalf of our school to Mr Yaz Mubarakai MLA, who graciously donated 150 Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs) to be made available on a needs basis within the Riva community. The school will offer access to these tests in confidence and on request to [riva.ps@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:riva.ps@education.wa.edu.au)

### Harmony Week

This past week has been a celebration of the diversity of the cultures within our school and community. While the nature and number of events was limited in our current settings, what we shared and saw was respect and inclusion in practice.

It was an honour to learn and see and hear about the many cultures, traditions, customs, and languages that are represented here at Riva. To see our students and staff wearing traditional, cultural or significant dress, and, more importantly, the extraordinary stories, reasons and people that we represent.

We'll be sharing a video summary of our Harmony Week celebrations with the community this Friday. A special acknowledgement to the Inclusion committee—a team of staff within the school who coordinated numerous opportunities for Harmony Week to be celebrated at Riva.

### March 2022

24<sup>th</sup> NAPLAN Practice Test  
25<sup>th</sup> National Ride to School Day  
25<sup>th</sup> Riva Summer Carnival  
29<sup>th</sup> School Board Meeting

### Upcoming Events April 2022

5<sup>th</sup> Newsletter Issued  
8<sup>th</sup> Last day of Term One

Will your child be absent?  
SMS attendance on  
**0456 575 024**



### Apply for Kindergarten & Pre-primary for 2023

We have a steady stream of enrolment applications and enquires for Kindergarten and Pre-primary in 2023, and parents are encouraged to make application as soon as possible. You can apply for enrolment for your child in Kindergarten if they will reach 4 years of age by the 30<sup>th</sup> of June 2023. Pre-primary enrolment applications can be made for children who will reach 5 years of age by the 30<sup>th</sup> of June 2023. Please note that applications for enrolment in Pre-primary are required for all children, including those who are currently enrolled in Kindergarten at Riva in 2022.

Application for enrolment forms are available from our website at [www.rivaps.wa.edu.au](http://www.rivaps.wa.edu.au) and can be completed electronically and returned via email to [riva.ps.enrolments@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:riva.ps.enrolments@education.wa.edu.au)

The closing date for applications for Kindergarten and Pre-primary is Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022. Information about our school, local intake area, and how applications for enrolment are prioritised is available from our [website](#).

For enrolment enquiries and information, please contact our office on 9562 8600 or [riva.ps@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:riva.ps@education.wa.edu.au)

### Absences

The removal of travel restrictions has made family connections and reunions involving interstate and international travel possible for the first time in many years, and, given the circumstances we have been in, I understand the need and in some cases urge to check-in and reconnect.

The *School Education Act 1999* requires that for every year of a student's compulsory education (PP—Year 6), that the student attend the school on the days for which the school is open for instruction. As such, in-term holidays are not supported by the Department of Education's *Student Attendance in Public Schools policy and procedures*.

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However, students may be excused if they are prevented from attending due to temporary physical or mental incapacity, or other **reasonable cause** (Section 25). If planning an extended absence for your child/ren, please apply to the school Principal with the dates and reason for the absence for this to be considered as an authorised absence. These applications can be made to [riva.ps@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:riva.ps@education.wa.edu.au)

### Voluntary Contributions Payments

A voluntary contribution of \$60 per student, per year is requested. While the vast majority of our funding comes from the State Government, funds supplied by payment of voluntary contributions supplement the variety of resources and opportunities the school can deliver, as well as indicate a strong symbolic gesture from parents showing support for our school.

The voluntary contribution amounts to approximately 30 cents per school day for Pre-primary to Year 6 students, or 60 cents per school day for Kindergarten students, which represents outstanding value and a sound investment.

Payments are now being accepted, via EFTPOS in the front office, or direct credit to the Riva Primary School Bank Account, BSB: 633 000; Account Number: 187 401 047. Please use your child's name as a reference. Thank you to those families who have paid voluntary contributions to date.

### Your Move

We are pleased to announce that we are a member of the Your Move Schools program.

Your Move is a Department of Transport program that encourages students and their families to get active by walking, scooting and riding to school, or catching public transport, more often.

Simply by changing how your son or daughter travels to school a few times each week can deliver lifelong benefits. Increasing active transport to school has been proven to lower childhood obesity, establish healthy habits and improve concentration and academic performance. Reducing the number of cars around the school at drop off and pick up times also helps improve safety and reduces pollution.

Our membership and engagement with Your Move is one of a variety of steps that we have in place in making the journey to and from school safe, active and sustainable. Data and participation in this program will help the school and community as we identify safe routes to school, and map out and make the case for crossings. Find out more on the [Your Move website](#).

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## National Ride2School Day 2022

This week we are joining hundreds of schools across Australia celebrating riding, walking, scooting and skating to school in recognition of [National Ride2School Day \(NR2SD\)](#).

We are using NR2SD on Friday 25 March as an opportunity for students, parents, and teachers to give riding, walking, skating or scooting to school a go, and to celebrate all the regular walkers and bike riders in our community.

We want to use this day to normalise walking and riding to school and to recognise the many benefits these activities generate by helping our families kick start a new habit or routine including active travel to school.



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## LOWES MADDINGTON – BIGGER AND BETTER

The brand new, expanded Lowes Maddington store is nearing completion.

Moving from the temporary location into the dedicated larger store, including a huge area for Riva Primary School Uniforms, will see the current **Lowes store at Maddington Central closed between 28th—30th March** while they move.

Lowes will re-open in the new store at Maddington Central on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March.





## Harmony Day 2022

## From LA4.1

Monday, 21st March marked Harmony Day and it was absolutely wonderful to see so many of our class family in their traditional dress.

We tried to incorporate Harmony Day into all our learning areas today. Our spelling words reflected vocabulary that helps support Harmony Day and what it signifies and focused on the day in reading. We also looked at how far countries were from Australia and graphed this information in maths, followed by creating presentations to help teach our classmates about our cultures.

It was great to also share what we had for lunch and if we were unable to have that for our lunch today, we shared what our favourite meals were.

Thanks to all of our families for putting in the effort for dressing up, wearing orange and supporting this great day! What a marvellous way to start our week!



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## Being Safe Online

On the 18<sup>th</sup> of March we participated in a WebEX presentation, where we learnt about being safe online and the actions that we can take to make sure we are being safe and positive, both personally and towards others.

We followed this up on Monday in our health lesson, where we made e-commitments on the actions and behaviours we will use when online. We then worked as a class to create a class e-commitment for when we are online at school.

It was great to get the refreshed on how to remain safe online and also learn some new tips and tricks.



# Riva Primary News

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## Community News

Proudly supporting our community



**For ALL our Lego enthusiasts—this one's for you!!**



## LEGO BUDDIES

Enjoy some quality time together!

Come along with your favourite LEGO buddy and enjoy building some LEGO creations. Board games are available too!

All are welcome to attend these open play sessions.

**Saturday, 10 - 11am at Armadale Library**  
Armadale Central Shopping Centre, Shop 64/10 Orchard Ave, Armadale

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| No session in January | 5 February | 5 March    | 2 April    |
| 7 May                 | 4 June     | 2 July     | 6 August   |
| 3 September           | 1 October  | 5 November | 3 December |

Bookings are not required.

Parents or carers must stay in the library during these sessions.

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## Specialist Programs 2023 — Canning Vale College



Canning Vale College  
Finalist - 2021 WA Secondary School of the Year

### 2023 Enrolments & Specialist Programs

2023 Enrolment applications are now due. Please contact us for more information.

Our College Approved Specialist Programs are available via an application and enrolment process. Our programs are also open to students outside of our local catchment area.

#### Academic Extension

guides our most academically gifted students. Many are achieving academic success at a state and national level.

#### Visual Art

supports and extends students talented in the Visual Arts. The program has strong ties with a number of prestigious art events.

#### Music

offers contemporary and classical music streams. Students participate in a variety of ensembles including a concert, rock and vocal bands.

#### STEM

prepares students for a future in an increasingly technological world, with a solid foundation in engineering, science, maths and technologies.

#### Languages

with Italian and Indonesian pathways, the program focuses on the development of language skills and their application in real-life contexts.

#### Circus

a unique school based extension program designed for students with an interest and talent in circus skills and performing on stage.

26 Dumbarton Road, Canning Vale WA 6155

T: (08) 9334 9000  
[cvc.wa.edu.au](http://cvc.wa.edu.au)



We at Riva Primary School acknowledge and respect the Whadjuk Noongar people and their continuing connection to the 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 peoples reading this today. **We are all included and respected here.**

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