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## From the Principal

Last week, Riva Primary School was officially opened by the Minister for Education and Training, The Honourable Sue Ellery MLC. While the story of our times has challenges, compromises and changing rules, we are also adaptable, resilient, respectful and inclusive.

In our ceremony there were 24 people, representing the artisans, designers, visionaries and skilled tradespeople who made this special place.

While all are respected and included, I would like to make special acknowledgement of Mrs Greer Parry, who represented the Pilot Group of what was once Forrestdale South East Primary School (planning name), and we all now know as Riva Primary School. This group of parents and community members worked tirelessly throughout 2021 in providing advice, input and support to shape Riva for our students.

And finally, thank you to Ava and Drake, who represented our founding students with such style and grace, and led the way for our dignitaries.

### No masking my pride

Thank you to our students and families for continuing on in the Riva way as Level 2 restrictions came into effect. Our every effort and precaution is in keeping our school safe and open for learning, and the continued support of our community is exemplary.

Thank you also for your vigilance in providing timely information to the school about attendance, absence and illness, and being responsible in keeping your child home (or staying home for staff) if unwell.

### Harmony Week

Harmony Week celebrates Australia's cultural diversity. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone—it is an opportunity to put on show, acknowledge and celebrate our Riva Values of respect and inclusion and demonstrate what we mean when we speak or write in our Acknowledgement of Country that **all are respected and included here**.

Harmony Week in WA runs from Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> — Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March, with Harmony Day being celebrated on the Monday, 21st March.

### March 2022

21<sup>st</sup> Harmony Day  
22<sup>nd</sup> Book Club Due  
22<sup>nd</sup> Newsletter Issued  
25<sup>th</sup> Riva Summer Carnival

### 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**

Students, staff, families and community will be invited to be involved in learning and activities throughout the week with a focus on country, culture and language. Look out for information and activities on Seesaw.

On Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March, all students and staff are invited to wear traditional dress or clothing reflecting their heritage. You are also welcome to wear the Harmony Day colour of Orange should you wish.

### School Board

Last evening marked the first meeting of the Riva Primary School Board. Our School Board is comprised of parents and staff, with parent members in the voting majority. The School Board are involved in:

- Establishing and reviewing from time to time, the school's objectives, priorities and general policy directions
- Reviewing the alignment of the schools resources in funding those objectives, priorities and directions
- Evaluating the schools' performance in achieving them; and
- Formulating codes of conduct, including the dress code.

The Minutes of School Board meetings will be published to our school website, as well as brief reports made in the newsletter.

### Establishing P&C

While the Board provide advice and decision making guidance for the school, another key group are the P&C. The Parents and Citizens Association is unlike any other fundraising organisation—it is important, it is the only fundraising association recognised by law. Now how's that?

But it's not just about money. The P&C provide support, fun events, parent and community engagement and involvement and enrich and strengthen opportunities for our students.

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If you are interested in joining the P&C, or finding out more, please register your interest and level of availability at this quick link: <https://forms.office.com/r/11FATpzHem>

### Library Gifts

Thank you to our Riva community for your extraordinary gifts at RivaFEST. Many parents, students, staff and family members purchased a book to be dedicated and placed in our library. Each one has been lovingly inscribed, catalogued and are now on display as part of our living history, and a wonderful resource for students. Thank you!

### A Summer Carnival

To maximise opportunities for participation for our students within current guidelines, we will be holding a special Riva Primary Summer Carnival for students of LA4.1 and LA4.2. This will involve these two classrooms forming four teams, and subsequently a series of fixtures for Cricket and Volleyball. The event will take place on Friday 25th March with games commencing at 12.10pm, and running until school dismissal time.

In line with the same conditions as in place for community sport, parents are welcome as spectators, though we request that you both physically distance, and wear masks. Further details will come through Seesaw. Thank you to Mr Batt and the staff team for providing this opportunity for our students.

### NAPLAN

NAPLAN is a national literacy and numeracy assessment that students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 sit in May of each year. A parent information brochure was sent home with all Year 3 and Year 5 students earlier this week with information about the assessments, and explanation that the testing, with the exception of Year 3 writing, will be conducted online. For more information about NAPLAN, you can visit [nap.edu.au](http://nap.edu.au) For information on adjustments or exemption, please contact Stacie Skehan, Deputy Principal at [stacie.skehan@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:stacie.skehan@education.wa.edu.au)

## Hey Arnold!

Hi there,

Well in fact, that is *Mr Arnold*, and I am the YouthCARE school chaplain here at Riva Primary School.

My family and I have recently moved back to Perth after living in Geraldton for 3 years where I was the Chaplain at the oldest continuously operated school in Western Australia, Geraldton Primary School.



Before I was a Chaplain, I was a mechanic for 16 years and while this served my family well, I was always seeking a job where I felt that I was making a difference. I completed Certificate IV in Community Service and Youth work in 2021 and am a current student at the Armadale TAFE campus and hope to have completed a Diploma in both Community Services and a Diploma in Youthwork.

My role in the school is to support Mr Chaplin, the admin team and staff to meet the social and emotional wellbeing of students. My passion is to see young people excel in all areas of their lives through individual support and the implementation of social and emotional programs that align with the school's values and standards.

I have an open-door policy and welcome parents' input. I am happy to take a phone call, email or face-to-face catch up if you ever want to chat. Please feel free to introduce yourself if you see me walking around the school grounds before and after school.

Mr Nigel Arnold—School Chaplain  
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Cid delivered a moving and insightful acknowledgement of country.



Miss Skehan was a tremendous host for the event.

## Official Opening 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2022



The Honourable Sue Ellery, MLC, Minister for Education and Training, Yaz Mubarakai MLA, Member for Jandakot and Ava and Drake, Year 6 Riva students, unveil the plaque marking Riva's official opening.



Mrs Greer Parry spoke from her heart about the role of parents and the community in shaping the school.

Share the moment:

[Full ceremony](#)

[Student & Staff Performance](#)



Behind the scenes of our livestreaming endeavour.

Fortunately, we made back-up recordings!

## RivaFEST Books

A selection of books as diverse as our students, a source of knowledge, inspiration, learning and fun. Be sure to check out the display of books from RivaFEST donations and make plans to check them out of our library for a visit.

Thank you!



## How to order on Book Club



1. Your child will bring home a Book Club catalogue from school

2. Discuss with, and help your child pick the books they would like to read

3. Order online via the Scholastic Australia LOOP website or app and the school will take care of the rest! (LOOP orders are electronically linked to your school in an easy, secure online process)

4. The books are delivered to your child's classroom.



## Book Club

The latest issue of Book Club is out now, and orders are due by March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

All orders are completed online only at [scholastic.com.au/loop](https://www.scholastic.com.au/loop)

# Riva Primary News

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## Community News

Proudly supporting our community



### Live well with Asthma

City of Armadale invite parents in our community to attend a free Asthma information session at Armadale Library.

Increase your knowledge and confidence in managing asthma with this free live well session.

Learning more about what asthma is and how to respond to symptoms can help you to feel in control of your condition.

Come along and learn all about:

- Asthma symptom control and how to achieve it
- Asthma medications and how to use the delivery devices
- Trigger factors and what to do about them
- Why you should have a written asthma action plan
- What to do when you or someone you know is having an asthma attack



When - Wednesday 6th April 2022

Time - 1-2pm

Where - Armadale Library

Places are limited and bookings are essential:

Visit [library.armadale.wa.gov.au](http://library.armadale.wa.gov.au) or call 9394 5125

### Southern Districts Netball Association - 2022 Season

Are you looking to join netball this season?

The Association caters for all ages and abilities with the following programs on offer:

- Winter Netball - 7 years to open senior age groups.
- Walking Netball - catering for all ages 16 years and over.
- No Limits - program designed for people with disabilities.
- NetSetGO Newcomers - 5 years to 7 years beginning of their netball future.
- School holiday Programs - all ages and running every school holidays.



For more information on the above programs, please visit:

Web: <http://southerndistrictsnetball.com.au>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/southerndistrictsnetball/>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/southerndistrictsnetball/>

or contact Nicole Prothero on

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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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