



6 April 2022

From the Principal

The best part of my job is walking around. I try to every day if there's any way I can, to visit every classroom in the school. It takes a bit of time. There's lots of other things that I need to do, but nothing else that I would rather do. It is, after all the reason that Riva is here, for what goes in our classrooms for our students – your children, each day.

While you may not get to walk in or through the classrooms (at least for now) the next best thing is Seesaw. Sometimes when I need a pick-me-up, a look at Seesaw works wonders. I see wonders. I am so proud of the milestones, achievements, progress, and highlights, big and small, for each student, and all the more proud that staff add the time to their day to share this with you. If you get a chance, over the holidays, perhaps open up Seesaw and look through with your child and discuss the work shared, what they and you are proud of, and look forward to just how far we'll go this year.

Another amazing walk

While I get my steps up visiting classrooms every day, I'd like to share with you a remarkable achievement of a team of Riva Staff. They signed up to complete the Walk for Autism, raising awareness, building understanding, and, significantly, contributing funds to make education more accessible and inclusive and supporting the work of *Aspect*.

When setting a fundraising target, the staff took inspiration from our street number. The number 33 didn't seem to be enough, so they set a bold goal of raising \$3333.

Then, the team got to work getting supporters as they collectively got the steps up, every day after school, during school, and weekends.

And then, a strange thing happened. In reaching for the stars, with the help of families, colleagues, parents and our Riva community, our team raised \$3772!

Thank you to all who supported, and to the Riva staff team for a phenomenal effort.

Upcoming Events

April 2022

8th Last day of Term One
26th First day of Term Two

May 2022

3rd Newsletter Issued
10th NAPLAN commences
20th NAPLAN finishes
23rd Swimming Lessons
Series 1 commences



Lest we forget

ANZAC Day occurs during the school holidays this year, but it is important that we take time as a school community to pause, reflect and pay respect to the Australian service men and women who have served and continue to serve, in times of war and of peace. We will be sharing our online ANZAC ceremony this Friday, 8th April at 9.00am. All classes will be tuning in at 9.00am, and we invite you to join us from the comfort of work, home, or wherever we may find you. Look out for the link on our Facebook and Seesaw.

Health update

This has been a uniquely challenging term for WA and our community, and with your support, we have navigated the spread of COVID-19 in a calm, measured, sensible and caring way. I am impressed and so grateful for your actions and understanding.

It has been our aim and approach to be confident, caring, and keep the school going in every important aspect – that is, for our students to be safe, to have a sense of belonging, and to learn and achieve. Putting this into practice has been akin to observing a duck gliding across the surface of a pond. What we hope you have seen and felt, and your children have experienced, is a smooth glide.

But beneath the smooth glide, under the surface of the water there is a flurry of activity to propel the duck forward. It has been a marathon, but it has been worth it.

Going in to the holidays, I'm asking you to break one habit, and that is that you do not need to report positive cases of COVID-19 to the school for the holiday period. You do however still need to register the results of positive RATs with WA Health via www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/ratregister

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The settings for Term Two see little change for us at Riva, where we have always welcomed parents on site for drop-off and pick-up, facilitated face-to-face meetings and maintained special one-off events with maximum involvement consistent with the health advice of the day. We hope that restrictions continue to be further eased when it is safe to do so.

Holidays and Term Two

Our first Term ever comes to a close at 2.50pm, this Friday, 8th April. On behalf of my extraordinary team, I wish every member of our community a safe, peaceful and restful Easter and school holidays. Students and staff commence Term Two on Tuesday 26th April.

Warm regards

Aaron

Perth Music Agency

Several Riva students from Pre-primary to Year 6 are already benefiting from one-on-one instrumental tuition delivered during school hours by private instrumental teachers.

This is a fee-for-service program, where your child will receive individual, professional tutoring in Piano, Guitar or Vocals.

Limited vacancies are available in the program commencing in Term Two.

Tuition sessions are held each week, and are timetabled around the school timetable for maximum benefit of both our regular instruction programs and the music tutoring.

Enrolment with Perth Music Agency is available by completing and submitting the enrolment form, available from our website at <https://www.rivaps.wa.edu.au/our-students/perth-music-agency/>

For further information, bookings or enquiries, please contact Perth Music Agency on 0478 969 130, email admin@perthmusicagency.com.au or visit www.perthmusicagency.com.au



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2023 Intake Applications

Boys and Girls Specialist AFL Programs
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Visit www.cgs.wa.edu.au/view/opportunities/afl-and-aflw



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 its 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.