

# Riva Primary News



4 May 2022

## From the Principal

There is so much to look forward to this term, as we build upon our super start to the year, and enjoy an ease of restrictions, welcoming parents and our community back into the school, and building on student achievement, each day.

### SMOKING CEREMONY

On Monday, for the first time this year, we assembled all students and staff in one place, to have a moment to call our own, and connect. We connected in the same physical place, but also took pause to connect to the land where we stand. We learnt and were respectful of the past and continuing importance of this land to the Beeliiar Noongar people, and are privileged to be welcomed in caring for this place in partnership with First Nations Australians. Thank you to Ms Stacie Skehan, Deputy Principal for your leadership and to Ava Knibbs in Year 6 for emceeding the ceremony.

### SEESAW

Classroom teachers will have uploaded their weekly, fortnightly or termly teaching and learning overviews to Seesaw to give further insight into how we support student success, progress and achievement, and help with discussions around what your child is learning at school.

Teachers continue to share student work, photos, stories and news through Seesaw throughout the year. Please check in from time to time, to acknowledge your child's achievements, and share pride in their progress.

### P&C

All interested parents and community members are invited to the first meeting of the Riva Primary School P&C to be held next Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> May from 5.00pm – 6.00pm in our school staffroom. The P&C is a powerful and meaningful opportunity for you to become involved in our school and your child's education. Please come along with your fundraising ideas and input.

### SWIMMING LESSONS

Consent and enrolment forms for Interm Swimming Lessons for Pre-primary to Year 6 students are coming home this week, along with notification of the charge for participation. While the actual lessons are free, there is a cost associated with pool entry, and bus travel. The cost of the lesson series has been subsidised by the school, which reduced the cost requested from families by approximately 25%.

## Upcoming Events

### May 2022

6 <sup>th</sup> Assembly—LA4.2 8.50am	20 <sup>th</sup> Assembly—LA3.2.3, 8.50am
10 <sup>th</sup> -13 <sup>th</sup> NAPLAN Online Testing Years 3 and 5	23 <sup>rd</sup> Swimming Lessons Series A Commences
10 <sup>th</sup> P&C Meeting 5.00pm	
17 <sup>th</sup> School Board Meeting Newsletter Issued	Will your child be absent? SMS attendance on <b>0456 575 024</b>

Copies of the information, consent and enrolment forms are available from our website, parents Facebook group, or from the front office. Further details specific to each swimming series will be sent via Seesaw.

### ASSEMBLY

We warmly invite all parents and community members to join us for our first formal school assembly to be held this Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> May commencing at 8.50am. Assemblies are held in our undercover area, best accessed from the Novelli Parade carpark. The Assembly will be led by and feature an item from the students of LA4.2, Year 4/5.

### NAPLAN

Next week, students in Year 3 and Year 5 will complete the National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assessments online, with the exception of Year 3 writing, which is still completed on paper. Students have practiced using the online testing and this has proved to be engaging and running smoothly. Results from NAPLAN will be issued in September. Please contact your child's class teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

### UNIFORM

Thank you for your ongoing patience and sensible decisions about school uniform, particularly as we head towards cooler weather. While we in WA return to business as somewhat usual, there remain significant shipping delays and lockdowns in other parts of the world. The least of the world's worries is the Riva jackets, though, I am assured that they will be on their way.

In the meantime, as is the case for all of our first year, please use what uniform is available, or go for generic, inexpensive pieces, or uniform from your child's former school. For winter, if possible, jackets and jumpers should be plain black, and may be purchased from a supplier of your choice.

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Please take a moment to ensure that your child's name is marked clearly inside any garment, but especially jumpers and jackets, so they can be reunited with their owners.

### LOWES

Lowe's have scheduled their next 20% off sale this Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> and Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May, with all stock in store, including Riva Primary School Uniform on sale at 20% off. I advise checking the website for school uniforms at [www.lowes.com.au](http://www.lowes.com.au) to see stock availability before heading in-store at Maddington. Most items are available at time of preparing the newsletter, with the exception of jackets, jumpers and trackpants, which are yet to ship from overseas.

A Riva Primary School exclusive sale will be scheduled for our patient and understanding school community as soon as the entire line of uniform is in stock and in sufficient quantity.

### ENROLMENTS

We invite you to make an enrolment application for our Kindergarten and Pre-primary programs in 2023. To be eligible to apply for a Kindergarten place, your child should turn 4 years old by 30 June 2023. Pre-primary enrolments are open to students who will be 5 years old by 30 June 2023. Enrolment information and application forms are available from our website at [www.rivaps.wa.edu.au](http://www.rivaps.wa.edu.au) or can be picked up from our office. Applications close on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July. In 2022, our Kindergartens have been at full capacity, so it is essential that applications for enrolment are received by the cut-off date to ensure adequate classes are planned to accommodate enrolment demand. Enrolment offers are made in accordance with the Enrolment in Public Schools Policy, prioritising those within our local intake area, nearest the school. If you have any questions, would like a school tour, or anything at all, please do not hesitate to contact me through the front office.

### MOTHER'S DAY

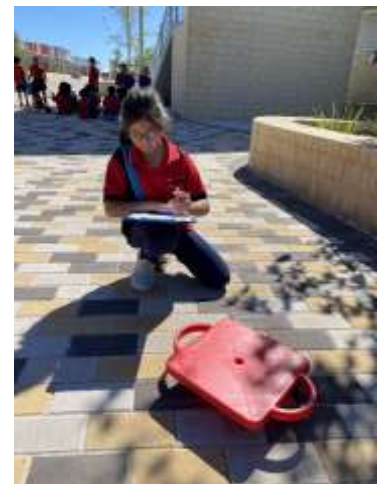
Wishing all Mums in our school community a very happy day for Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May. You do a wonderful job and are very much appreciated. I hope you have a lovely day.

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## News from LA3.1, Year 1/2

The super students in LA3.1, Year 1/2 visited the office to share their amazing vocabulary work, writing impressively about increasingly complex and interesting words.

Students investigated Push and Pull forces as part of Physical Sciences, making predictions, conducting experiments, gathering and evaluating data and presenting their findings.





On Monday we acknowledged the history of the land our school was built upon, and our commitment to embed First Nations Perspectives into our school. Hosted by Year 6 student Ava Knibbs, the ceremony saw Elders, Wesley College, Penrhos College, and Riva students and staff come together for a Welcome to Country, traditional dance, Smoking Ceremony and storytelling.

Elder and newly appointed Nanna to Riva, Geri Hayden, opened the ceremony with a Welcome to Country that invited us all onto this land, granting us safe passage and protection as we come together. This was followed by a traditional dance from the Wesley College boys that shared stories of local wildlife and used the sounds of the didgeridoo and feet hitting the ground to awaken the spirits. Elder, Tina Hayden, used bark from the grass tree to light a fire and used the leaves from the gum trees to produce smoke, cleansing the area and promoting wellbeing.

After the ceremony classes were able to spend time with Oleman Walley hearing stories and looking at artefacts of First Nations Australians. College students joined classrooms, becoming big brothers and sisters to our students, sharing their culture, answering questions and acting as positive role models. Together they began planning the sharing of a First Nations Australians story that will be shared later in the term as we celebrate NAIDOC Week.

We are so excited to see the relationships with Nanna Geri, and the Wesley and Penrhos students continue to grow as we listen, learn and share the culture, language and history of First Nations Australians.

## Smoking Ceremony



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## Community News

Proudly supporting our community



Starkick is a program supporting children with a disability to play football at their local community club - Piara Waters Junior Football Club.

The program welcomes boys and girls from the age of 5 and caters for all physical and cognitive abilities. Starkick runs as an integral part of our club's Auskick Centre, and aims to provide inclusion, equality, and opportunity for all.

The focus is on fun, whilst providing the framework for children that may need extra help or time by modifying rules and activities based on each child's ability Starkick aims to cater for all disabilities, and runs with the simple mantra :

**“IF YOU WANT TO PLAY WE WILL FIND A WAY”**

To register or find out more information please contact:

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Guide Dogs WA have recently launched the very first Western Australian Guide Dog Breeding Program and are searching for Volunteer Puppy Raisers!

Puppy Raisers provide the very first homes for future Guide Dogs, Autism Assistance Dogs, Therapy Dogs and Court Dogs.

Puppy Raisers welcome an 8 week old puppy into their home and with support, spend approximately 12 months introducing the puppy to the environments and experiences they will encounter as a working dog. They also teach the young pup basic obedience and socialisation.

Guide Dogs WA also require Volunteer Bed & Breakfast Boarders, and Temporary Guide Dog Boarders, and further information on those roles can be found via the [Get Involved - Guide Dogs WA](#) link.



We at Riva Primary School acknowledge and respect the Beiliar 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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