

# Riva Primary News



27 July 2022

## From the Principal

As I write this, the sun is setting on the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school this year, marking roughly (although just a little past) the half-way mark of the year. In that just over 100 days of Riva, together we continue to build something and somewhere remarkable for the students and our community, each day better. I'm so proud of what we have achieved in our 100 days, and excited about each and every day to come.

### Winter is here

We're definitely feeling it, with the rain coming down and some particularly cold mornings. It can be that little harder to get out of bed – or maybe it's just me and the 100 days older – and certainly it's the time of year where we have to remain vigilant in terms of colds, flu and the persistent COVID-19. The days of pushing on through illness, and I have been guilty of this in the past, must be left in the past. A day or two off from school to recover at the sign of symptoms can save an extended absence down the line, and significantly reduce the potential to spread any illness to other students, staff and families.

While we no longer send daily emails, I can assure you that, just as in the wider community, COVID cases are still occurring daily, and I am reassured that parents and our staff continue to follow the protocols around registering positive results, completing isolation periods if a positive test result is returned and notifying the school of absences – SMS is fine, to 0456 575 024.

### Faction Athletics Carnival

This term will see our first ever Faction Athletics Carnival, with the main event to be held on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September – lots of details will come out ahead of the day to assist in planning. The Faction Athletics Carnival is for all students in Pre-primary to Year 6, with a cameo appearance from our Kindergarten students for a quick dash. In the lead up to the event, each Friday, students in Pre-primary, Years 1-2 and Years 3-6 practise their events as part of our Health and Physical Education programs. Friday training also coincides with the day of the week that we strongly encourage wearing Faction T Shirts to school.

### Assembly

Our first Assembly for Term Three will be held this Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> July, hosted by and featuring a performance from the wonderful students of LA2.2, Year 1. The Assembly commences at 8.50am. All parents and community members are welcome to attend.

## Upcoming Events

### July 2022

27<sup>th</sup> School Photos  
29<sup>th</sup> Assembly, LA2.2 8.50am

### August 2022

1<sup>st</sup> School Photos—K Green  
2<sup>nd</sup> Year 4 PEAC Testing  
2<sup>nd</sup> P&C Meeting  
8<sup>th</sup> Interschool Cross Country  
9<sup>th</sup> School Board Meeting

### Book Week

Each year since 1945, the Children's Book Council of Australia has celebrated book week as an opportunity to bring children and books together across Australia. We will be celebrating and acknowledging Book Week with the theme of Dreaming with eyes open during Week 6 of this term, From Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August. There will be activities and opportunities to highlight literacy and literature each day, culminating in a Book Week dress-up day on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August. Look out for details through Seesaw in coming weeks.

### Excursions and Incursions

Classes are beginning to plan excursions as part of their educational programs, providing unique and extended learning opportunities that enrich and reinforce concepts being taught in History, Geography, Science, English and more. For Year 1-6 classes, parents can expect that there could be at least one excursion this year. For all classes, there will also be one or more incursions (where external activities or performances attend the school).

Where excursions or activities are scheduled, we aim to send information, consent forms and payment instructions through Seesaw and will supplement with hard copies. We also post electronic copies to the school website under the excursions and activities tab.

Return rates and payments have been phenomenal, and are a credit to supportive and proactive families. This ensures as much as possible full participation for students, and smooth planning. Thank you.

### Voluntary Contributions

A huge thank you to parents and families for the payment of voluntary contributions. This week we have just surpassed 80% of receipts which is a wonderful achievement and show of support. Voluntary Contributions are indeed voluntary, but the \$60 requested per child for the school year contributes to the resources available throughout the school and is spent on the students.

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Payments of Voluntary Contributions can be made at any time during the school year to our bank account BSB 633 000, Account Number 187 401 047, using your child/ren's surname as the payment reference or in the office via EFTPOS or credit card.

### P&C Meeting

The next meeting of the Riva Primary School Parents and Citizens Association is scheduled for Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August at 5.00pm in the school staffroom. All members of our school community are most welcome to come along, get involved and give your ideas and input. The P&C coordinate fundraising, community involvement and parent input ranging from cake stalls to crosswalks, and everything in between. This group facilitates your involvement in your child's school. We look forward to seeing you there.

### Enrolments and planning for 2023

Enrolments for Kindergarten and Pre-primary for 2023 closed on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July and are currently being considered against the placement provisions in the School Education Act applicable to schools with a defined local intake area. Notification of the outcome of applications for enrolment will be made in coming weeks firstly for Kindergarten 2023, then advice for Pre-primary 2023 (continuing Kindergarten, and new commencements), and finally Years 1-6 (new commencements). Inclusive of Pre-primary applications from current Kindergarten students, there are 254 applications under consideration for placement.

To assist in planning for staffing and accommodation to meet the needs of all enrolled students, please make early contact should there be a change of circumstance for 2023 such as relocating. If you reside within the local intake area of Riva Primary School and have students eligible for enrolment (or know of friends or family in this situation) and wish to do so, please apply to enrol as soon as possible.

For enrolment enquiries, notification, school tours or any further information, please contact the office at [riva.ps@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:riva.ps@education.wa.edu.au) or contact me directly at [aaron.chaplin@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:aaron.chaplin@education.wa.edu.au)

## Find us on

Our school has a 'closed' Facebook group called Riva Primary Parents 2022. Membership is limited to current parents of students at our school. All posts are moderated, in accordance with the page guidelines.

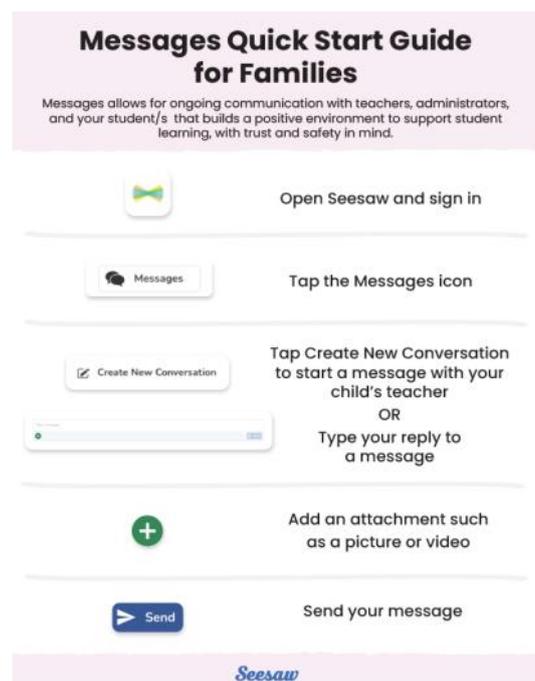
This group brings parents / carers and the school together, as a place to have questions answered, share information and inform the community of upcoming fundraisers and school events.

To join the group, send a request via Facebook—and *please ensure that the pre-membership questions are answered.*

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.



Changes were made to Seesaw messaging over the holidays, with a new look and new functions—a quick guide is included below. If you have any questions about Seesaw, please contact your child's classroom teacher or email [riva.ps@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:riva.ps@education.wa.edu.au)



**Messages Quick Start Guide for Families**

Messages allows for ongoing communication with teachers, administrators, and your student/s that builds a positive environment to support student learning, with trust and safety in mind.

-  Open Seesaw and sign in
-  Tap the Messages icon
-  Tap Create New Conversation to start a message with your child's teacher  
OR  
Type your reply to a message
-  Add an attachment such as a picture or video
-  Send your message

*Seesaw*



## 100 Days of School

In the past week, several classes at Riva have celebrated 100 days of school. We're 100 days smarter, 100 days taller, and 100 days wiser.

Students and staff took the opportunity to thoroughly investigate the magnitude of 100, through counting, measuring, drawing, painting, writing, and, in some cases, ageing! We think they look pretty fabulous and we hope to look as well as they do at 100. Here's to the next 100 days.



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## Let's get swimming....

**VacSwim  
enrolments  
now open!**



Fun swimming lessons for children aged 5 to 17 years of age.

Enrolments are now open for October swimming lessons. The VacSwim program is fun, affordable, and covers everything from basic water safety right up to the Bronze Medallion! Enrol now for lessons at one of nearly 50 pools across WA.

Click on the link below for further information and enrolment:

[VacSwim - Department of Education](#)



Come along and join in our after school club where you will get the chance to have a hands on experience to explore, invent and create using technology.

We have **Spheros**, **Little Bits**, **Lego**, **Introduction to Coding** and much more.

Join in, make new friends and let your imaginations go wild as you expand your knowledge and skills in our fun filled sessions.

**Session dates:** 2 August, 9 August, 16 August, 23 August, 30 August, 6 September, 13 September, 20 September.

**Bookings are essential.**

**Age:** These sessions are for people to 9 to 14 years of age.

**Cost:** Free

**Event Contact:** 08 9394 5800

We at Riva Primary School acknowledge and respect the Beeliar Noongar people and their continuing connection to 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 Australians reading this today.

**We are all included and respected here.**

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