

RIVERSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 20 March
Feel Good Friday – what will you be wearing?

Tuesday 24 March
AGM 7.00pm
7.30 RPSA General Meeting

Wednesday 8 April
Last day of Term 1

Thursday 9 April
Student Free Day

Friday 10 April
Good Friday

Monday 27 April
First day of Term 2

In these very unusual, and fast changing times, it is great to be part of such a supportive community. I know that you trust that we are doing our very best to provide a safe and normal environment at school. All staff are contributing to making this possible and I am very grateful for this. We remain educators committed to your child's learning as well as their emotional wellbeing.

There is a significant handwashing happening in every classroom with soap and water which is the recommended hygiene strategy.

Hard surfaces, including door handles, are being more regularly cleaned by our school attendants. Desks are being more regularly cleaned. PE equipment is being sprayed with a disinfectant. We are looking into better cleaning of laptops. We are also investigating some portable cleaning stations in other areas. Sanitiser is hard to get for schools but the washing with soap option is the most recommended.

Currently, our grade teams are working on some learning support to be sent to every parent if the school closes. We also understand there are some families away from school because of health issues. If that is the case please provide in writing to riverside.primary@education.tas.gov.au. It is ultimately the parent/carers decision if you wish to keep your child at home.

If your child is unwell – runny nose, sore throat or cough they should not be a school.

At pick up at end of the day it would be appreciated if parents/carers could space themselves out rather than standing in large groups. Unfortunately too many parents are leaving staff with a responsibility after school. Students will now need to be picked up 3.00pm so we don't have groups of children congregating near the office.

Let's continue to stay positive and support each other.



School Athletics

Thank goodness we achieved the majority of the competition over the two days. There was lots of fun plus serious competition. We were thrilled with the high participation rates, especially those children who were willing to 'have a go'.

There were some stand out and consistent performances.

- Grade 3 Ethan and Layla
- Declan, Kaleb, Kennedy, Chloe in Grade 4
- Seb and Isobel – Grade 5
- Grade 6 Sophie, Aiden and Cohen

Thank you to all those who contributed at the BBQ and to the wonderful Miss Batty.

My magic moment goes to Malik in Grade 6 who offered his third place ribbon to a student who was upset. That is a special gesture!

We continue to do the very best we can.

Jane Bovill
PRINCIPAL

FEEL GOOD FRIDAY

This Friday we are encouraging students to wear bright clothes, favourite outfit, or something different but not your school uniform as part of us feeling good!

RIVERSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Tuesday 24 March (note change of date)

AGM 7.00pm

General Meeting 7.30pm

RPSA ATHLETICS CARNIVAL BBQ

The annual RPSA Athletics Carnival BBQ was held under sunny skies last Thursday and I'm sure you are all aware these types of events do not happen on their own. The BBQ would have not been possible without the help from all the volunteers, teachers, Mr Pickett and families who supported us on the day. Thank you very much.

A massive thanks to Banjos Legana for the bread donation, your support of our association and school is much appreciated. This year we introduced The Bru Coffee Hut which proved very popular, thank you Shane for your donation. Due to the warmer weather takings were slightly down from the previous Cross Country BBQ but on the other hand sales of icy poles were higher; we will endeavour to rectify icy pole numbers for next year's carnival.

A profit of \$1556.60 was achieved, once again thank you to all the volunteers, teachers and donors.

Andrew Murfet

COVID-19

If you have fever or respiratory symptoms: ring the Public Health Hotline 1800 671 738 or contact your GP

CHICKENPOX

We have a confirmed diagnosis of chickenpox within our school community. Chickenpox is an infection starting with a cold, headache and temperature. Small red pimples appears on the body first then on the limbs changing to yellow blisters. Chickenpox is highly contagious. It is advised that if your child develops these symptoms, please see a doctor as soon as possible.

SLAPPED CHEEK SYNDROME

We have a confirmed diagnosis of slapped cheek syndrome within our school community. Slapped cheek syndrome is a mild, viral disease mainly occurring in late winter and early spring. Symptoms are fever, red cheeks and an itchy, lace like rash occurring on the body and limbs. The infected child often has a runny nose and sore throat. The virus is passed through contact with respiratory droplets from the nose and throat of an infected individual. It is advised that if you child develops these symptoms, please see a doctor as soon as possible.

SCHOOL BANKING

Unfortunately School Banking will be stopped until further notice due to the current climate. Any rewards still coming by post, the banking volunteers will do their best to get these to you when possible. You can still make deposits online or at the branch into your accounts, however these will not accrue tokens.

LOST PROPERTY

Lost pink Garmin watch, named on the screen. Please see the office if found.

CHAPPY CHAT

Online Safety is a topic that in this day and age we need to be aware of for the protection of our children.

Bullying can occur through online avenues.

Cyberbullying is the use of technology to bully a person or group with the intent to hurt them socially, psychologically or even physically.

Online bullying can have a devastating impact on young people, whose online life is a key part of their identity and how they interact socially.

Talk to your child about cyberbullying before it happens. Together you can work out strategies to address any potential issues and reassure them you will be there to support them.

Need some help with strategies or information? Go to www.esafety.gov.au/parents

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Thursday and Friday last week saw the 2020 Athletics carnival take over the school, with students representing their houses in some amazing blue, red, yellow and green outfits. Day One began with our Prep-2 carnival, where students participated in exciting novelty events including the sack race, chicken relay, teddy bear relay and many more! The morning finished with running races, which saw outstanding participation across all grades.

The Gr 3-6 carnival commenced after recess. Students first participated in their longest distance running events; 800m for our year 3's and 1,500m for years 4, 5 and 6. Although they were faced with a challenging task, students approached these events with high spirits and fantastic attitudes, eager to earn some vital points for their houses! The events that followed included the 100m, discus, shot put and an array of novelty events. Students continued to showcase their house spirits, outstanding sportsmanship and overall fantastic participation.

On Day 2 we were faced with some changing weather conditions. This didn't stop our school spirit from shining through, with arguably even better outfits on display. During the day the 200m, 400m and the rest of the 800m races, as well as long jump were completed. Unfortunately, rain began to settle in after lunch, forcing us to postpone the running of our relays and the final house chants.

Due to current health concerns, we were sadly unable to complete a catch-up day for those events that we missed. We would like to thank all staff, students and parents for their involvement in this year's athletics carnival. As always, we are extremely proud to call Riverside Primary our home and students continue to impress us with their outstanding talents, participation and sportsmanship

Congratulations to **GRIFFITHS** for taking out this year's athletics carnival.

