Term 3 has been very different to my personal expectations. Having a perception about something can really influence your enjoyment, too. I expected a quieter term and reality has been cruelly surprising. Thankfully, God has been guiding. We have seen many evidences of His concern for our students and the work of the staff. Through working bees, meetings, phone calls and special events we have seen strong bonds form. If you are some of those key people within our school community who makes Riverside better with every visit or contribution, I want to say thanks.

I hope you enjoyed Dr David McClintock’s guest editorial last newsletter. He made some excellent points. Appreciating what we already have is very rarely what we focus on - and it got me thinking.

Tim Kasser (The High Price of Materialism) has researched what people in western cultures do to find meaning and purpose in their lives. His findings are somewhat surprising, yet kind of understandable. About 98% of our society have what he calls “a materialistic values orientation”. We place our value on what our homes, cars, jobs, bank accounts and ‘things’ tell others about us.

For most of us, when pressed for a short answer about what we want for our own lives or the futures of our children, we say that “BEING HAPPY” is the most important thing. Yet in cultures where material possessions are scarce and the media plays a smaller role in their daily lives, where personal happiness is not the goal of most individuals, depression is less prevalent, community thinking is more widespread and the pace of life is slower.

What is my mind munching on? Over 3000 times a day, on average in Australia, we are told by someone on a screen or a sign on the highway that we NEED something to make us happier. Are we investing our hopes and dreams in the things that matter, really feed us and fulfill us? Are we training our children that success breeds happiness? Or wealth? Or entertaining adventures? Or delicious treats? Or are we building strength in relationship, giving ourselves for others’ happiness and seeking wisdom from above to be what were created to be?

It has been said that the fastest chook in the cage is the one which just lost its head. I don’t know about you but I need to slow down. Like true love, happiness finds you – and when you are least looking for it!

Christian Regards,

Ian Humphries
NOTICES:

HOME & SCHOOL MEETING

The next meeting is Monday, September 21 at 8.30am. There are decisions that need to be made about where to spend money raised for the school in the past couple of years. If you wish to be part of these decisions please attend so you can provide your input. It would be much appreciated and we would love to see you there.

LATE TO SCHOOL & ABSENTEES

As of Term 4 we will be introducing two new systems:-

1. For a who arrives after 8.50am they need to present at the office to collect a “Late Slip” and advise why they are late and then they are able to go to class. If the student presents late at their class without the late slip the Teacher will send them back to the office to follow procedure.

2. After the roll is marked each day by the Teacher a list of absent students will be provided to the school office. The office will then be contacting the parents to confirm the child as absent. Thank you to the parents who have been contacting the school to advise why their child is not at school when they are absent.

TERM FEES

As the end of term fast approaches please ensure all your fees are paid up to date. The last day of Term 3 is next Friday, September 18!

LAST WEEK FOR EARN & LEARN

Please hand your stickers into the office before the end of this week!!! Thank you for your support of the school and dropping all your stickers off so far.

WORKING BEE THANK YOU!!!

A big thank you to parents, families, friends and teachers who donated their time last Sunday morning to the school.

The Bible says “It is more blessed to give than to receive” Acts 20:35

Our school is truly more blessed by your act of kindness!
Principal’s Award:
Fanialla Scott - For willingness to pray beautiful prayers for the class.

Prep-1
Elluka Robertson - For writing a good story.
Samara Jalaleddine - For being helpful in the class.
Rana Tahir - For learning the days of the week.
Mitchell Hautaniemi - For good work in math this week.

Grades 2/3/4
Brooklyn Acres - For excellent work in spelling.
Dante Hughes - For great perseverance in technology.
Harvey Biddlecombe - For making excellent choices in the playground.
Tashvi Goundar - For excellent work in writing.

Grades 5/6
Delton-Leigh Pardon - For displaying a positive attitude and always doing her best.
Lochlan Rogers - For excellent story writing.

WEEK OF WORSHIP WRAP UP
Firstly, just a special thanks to all the students who participated and helped make our week of worship a special and memorable event.

The overall theme that we looked at was ‘Heirforce’ which is the fact that God loves us so much that he desires to make us “heirs” of His kingdom.

Each day, we had object lessons, games, videos and singing. With each of them it was really cool to see that the students got involved and looked as though they were having a good time.

By the end of the week most of the students expressed a desire to be “heirs” of God with Jesus.

Lastly, I would just like to thank God for blessing us and for touching the lives of our students during this week of worship. I am even more excited for the week of worship that we have in store for next term. Mr J
We have had a great start getting to know each other and learning the things we can do at Riverside Kids.

Here are some of the things we ‘get up to’ in our learning!

Discovering how colour disperses in milk when you make one little change (add a drop of detergent)

Team co-operation as we build our stories with the vehicles and the city blocks

Planting our gardens with vegetables and flowers

Watching them grow

Sharing our knowledge with each other

Making our own discoveries.

Using our imagination – putting out the ‘fire’ after answering the emergency call
FATHER’S DAY STALL

We raised a whopping $200 from the Father’s Day Stall!

A massive thank you and God bless to those who donated in one way or another.

YOUR INSPIRATION AT HOME!

Another successful fundraiser - we raised $196.00 from your orders.

Thank you to Lara McNabb for her work in getting this together.

We hope you enjoy your spices and spread the word of how good they are for our next time!

HOT CHIPS

Next Thursday (September 17)

we will be having “Hot Chip Thursday”.

$5.00 is all you need and we will be having the chips at first break 11.15am.
WHO’S IN THE GARDEN THIS WEEK?
This week the Prep-1 Class were in the garden planting a new crop of vegetables!
We’ll have to wait and see what they have in store for us as they grow.

DID YOU KNOW?
God, when he made earth, gave us direction as to what food he had created for us:-

Then God said “Look! I have given you every seed-bearing plant throughout the earth and all the fruit trees for your food” Genesis 1:29

If you want to read more about food in the Bible - what to eat and what to avoid read Leviticus 11:1-46