BEEP! BEEP! BEEP!

When my Papa passed away a number of years ago, I remember this empty feeling of the entire world (for the first time in 86 years) being without his passion, voice and presence. Rather than feeling like I would be lost without him, I felt that the millions who never knew him, would be unaware of how different the world now was. If you have ever lost a loved one I’m sure you have felt something similar.

Trevor was a tough father, an ice-cream addict, a staunch Rabbitohs supporter and a man with strong opinions. He wasn’t perfect. But Papa was the first man who showed me what a real man should be. I spent more than 8 years living in the same home and his love for family and passion for declaring God’s name never dwindled.

In a discussion I had with a community member earlier this week it became clear to me that Christians are not the only ones who seem to think the world is missing something. Changing. What used to frighten us on the news every few months now fills 15 minutes of the six o’clock news every night. What results is fear. Fear of the unknown. Fear of change. Fear for our children’s future. And this fear can do something else, too. It drives us to protect, to defend, to react. Then our defense or reaction creates more fear – and so it goes… Wave goodbye to peace. Farewell security. It doesn’t need to be this way.

What is the opposite to love? Some say hate. Others say control. Both of those are probably correct. God has told us this – “There is no fear in love. Perfect love drives out fear” (1 John 4:18). So knowing Him, means no fear. Sure, we can limit the impact of this mixed up planet by only exposing our children to only things their minds are ready for, but it’s love – LOVE – that removes fear.

My grandfather knew this about the power of love. As he drove out of his driveway to work each day he pressed the horn three times – a message to his family. Three ‘beeps’ which represented three words – I love you. God beeped you today - a message of His love. Our kids need to hear the same three word message every day, too!

Christian Regards,

Ian Humphries
Principal’s Award:
Harvey Biddlecombe - For mature leadership and helpfulness with the flag everyday!

Prep-1
Nikhil Thapliyal - For great responses in reading.
Marleena Pugh - For being a cheerful class member.
Mitchell Hautaniemi - For exceptional drama skills.
Mark Lambayong - For being positive and more mature in his relationships.
Hunter Kawana - For exceptional drama skills.

Grades 2/3/4
Ella Wilkinson - For excellent work in writing and working well in maths.
Sara Jalaleddine - For being very helpful this week.
Tashvi Goundar - For always being positive in the classroom.

Grades 5/6
Chalcy Thomson - For excellent work in story writing.
Ezekiel Humphries - For excellent work in reading & maths.

INTRODUCING …. MRS TYLER
It is with great pleasure that we can announce Miss Bennett’s replacement for 2016 will be Miss Lara teele. Lara graduated as a Teacher earlier in 2015 and will be getting married in December, like Miss Bennett. She will be Mrs Tyler next year. Miss Steele comes highly recommended and possesses many personal and professional talents we will benefit from at Riverside.

LUNCHES
We have had a few students who have forgotten their lunches recently. We know this can be an accident but please help your children by reminding them to pack their lunches in their bags.

Please ensure your child’s lunches are pre-prepared. In the 15 minutes eating time we have no scope for Teachers to prepare or re-heat food for students.

OPEN DAY
Riverside Adventist Christian School is holding our last Prep Open Day on Thursday, November 26 from 9.00am to 11.00am for new enrolments. Please spread the word to any friends or families who you think may be interested in attending our school. We are continuing with our letterbox drop in the areas surrounding the school. Should your friend’s referral result in a family enrolling their child at Riverside we will offer to waive the first term’s tuition fees for one of your children.

PASTA THURSDAYS
Just a reminder that the tuckshop provides pasta each Thursday thanks to Mr Dawes. The pasta is $3 per bowl and students have a choice of either tomato or mushroom sauce toppings.
RIVERSIDE PNEUMA FESTIVAL
- OH WHAT A NIGHT!

Our inaugural Riverside Pneuma Festival was a success. Thank you to all the families who came, enjoyed and relaxed. We had a great time we hope you had a good time also!

As always, we are open for feedback in order to improve the event, so if you have any suggestions or thoughts, please feel free to let us know.

PET DAY, 2015

Last Thursday we also held our inaugural Pet Day. Pets came in to visit us - some small, some large. Thank you to the parents who were able to bring their pets in for the students. We appreciate some parents are working and we will have Pet Day again in 2016 to give others an opportunity to bring in their beloved pets.
In our journey learning, about what God has made, we discovered He made water for us and that it can come in many different forms.

One day, we went outside and experimented with the hose. Ms Reini used different pressures to spray our hands, some felt hard while others felt soft.

Another day, we put our hands into water, one container was cold while the other was warm. We enjoyed the warm water the most as it felt nice on our hands.

Then we looked at how water can change to ice when it gets very cold. It felt so cold on our hands! We decided to take the ice outside and place some on the concrete, some on the grass and the rest on the tree stumps. We were amazed at how fast the ice melted on the tree stumps! We could see it melt. When we came back to the concrete it was nearly gone, too.
COME ALONG TO ANY OF THESE RIVERSIDE/CHURCH EVENTS!

ROLLER SKATING

Both parents and students are welcome to come along and join us for a great family night out roller skating at Sk8way, 72-88 Hervey Range Rd, Condon from 7.00pm-9.00pm. The cost is $10/person and everybody is welcome.

KIDS IN DISCIPLESHIP (K.I.D)

This Saturday from 4.00pm to 5.00pm at the School Library the Kids in Discipleship (K.I.D) Program is running.

K.I.D is an intergenerational ministry. K.I.D. is designed for families and focused on children. In this ministry parents grow as disciples and disciple-makers to their children. Families will grow closer to each other and to Jesus. Together they participate in weekly interactive small group Bible studies and enjoy take-home resources designed to facilitate spiritual mentoring in the home. Should you wish to attend, please advise Sherine Perera on Ph: 0478 338 111.

SABBATH SCHOOL

We probably should have advertised this many moons ago, but please know that you are all welcome to join us every Saturday morning from 9.30am to 10.45am as we run classes for Sabbath School for the following age groups and in the following locations on the grounds:

Beginners (Age: 0-3) & Kindergarten (Age: 4-7) at the Blue Church
Primary/Junior (Age: 8-12) & Teen (Age: 13-18) at Riverside Adventist School
Youth (18+) and Adult Classes (Open Ages) at the Church Hall

The one hour, weekly worship service follows Sabbath School at 11.00am. Come and join us any time!