BATTERY EXHAUSTED!

On my iPhone, I can click Settings, then Battery and access information that might come as a surprise to most of us. The data there reports battery usage for your phone – app by app. You can look for the previous 24 hours or 7 days. Interesting to see what I spend my time, or battery, doing on my phone.

I have checked this before and been surprised to find I had not spent my time on the things I would have expected. Sometimes the Messages app or Safari are at the top. Sometimes it’s my Bible app. Sometimes Phone is up there. What about your ‘battery’. Had a look lately?

King David, in the Bible, wrote these words about our precious us of the days we are given. “Lord, remind me how brief my time on earth will be. Remind me that my days are numbered – how fleeting my life is.” – Psalm 39:4 (NLT)

As I write these thoughts I can think of many people who have invested hours, weeks and years of their time into my life. Friends, parents, teachers, colleagues and even my wife. What a blessing it is to have such people invest in me.

We have a significant group of parents and grandparents at Riverside that burn their batteries for their children – by supporting homework, school events, committees and the operation of the tuckshop. We just want to say thanks! We hope that these contributions, although possibly exhausting at times, will prolong your battery life. You make the staff and students very ‘appy’. (Sorry, I’ve exhausted all my good jokes)

Christian Regards,

Ian Humphries

REMENBRANCE DAY

On Wednesday November 11 we will observe one minute’s silence at 11 am to remember those who died or suffered for Australia’s cause in all wars and armed conflicts.

We will also be selling Poppies on safety pins that day for $1.00 with all proceeds going towards the Returned & Services League of Australia.

JOSH CUNNINGHAM

This Friday October 16 Josh Cunningham (lead singer of the ARIA Award winning band “The Waifs”) is performing at the old blue church. Josh will share his amazing, God-given talent for music in song and story in a special one-off concert at 7.00pm. What an awesome way to introduce your friends the beauty of a life of faith and principle.
Principal’s Award:
Sara Jalaleddine - For a mature focus and calm leadership in the class.

Prep-1
Seth Tarr - For good work in math.
Florida Teariki - For neat work in art.

Grades 2/3/4
Sarah Stanley - For an excellent attitude towards learning.
Kamoa Scott - For being a good leader in the classroom.

Grades 5/6
Sharree Feaks - For an excellent attitude towards learning.

HOME AND SCHOOL REPORT.
Over the holidays Mrs Thomas and Miss Bennett’s classrooms have been painted and new carpet laid.

You will notice in walking around the school also the floor, the handball courts and feature wall in the tuckshop area have also been painted.

We cannot say a big enough thank you to the following families for donating your time over the holidays to help with painting:- Thomas family, Dawes family, Rogers Family

SWIMMING TERM 4
Just a friendly reminder that swimming commenced on Wednesday. Do not forget to bring along:- RACS Swim Shirt, Swimmers, Thongs, Goggles, Towel

OPEN DAY
Riverside Adventist Christian School is having their next 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 with our school flyers 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.

DROP OFF TIMES & PROCEDURES
Please bear in mind that when dropping children off to the school in the morning that there are no staff on duty until 8.20am. Any children who arrive after 8.50am will need to report to the office to be provided with a Late Slip before attending their class.

PASTA THURSDAYS
Just a reminder that the tuckshop is open for Pasta Thursdays thanks to Mr Dawes. Pasta will be $3 per bowl and you have a choice of tomato or mushroom sauce toppings.
FAREWELL MISS BENNETT

It is with a sad heart that we announce that Miss Bennett will be leaving us at the end of this year. Miss Bennett will be heading off to be married in Brisbane and then will be leaving our shores to take on the United Kingdom. Words cannot express how blessed we have been to have Miss Bennett teach at our school. We wish her the very best and for God’s blessing on her marriage and her future plans.

PET DAY

October 22 will be our inaugural Pet Day. The time schedule is from 9.00am to 10.50am. Should your child wish to bring their pet to class we have a register at the office for you to advise what time you will be bringing your pet in. The pet will only be able to stay for a short, ten minute period of time as the morning will still contain learning activities throughout. Those without pets can bring along a photo or video of a pet instead if they choose.

RIVERSIDE PNEUMA FESTIVAL

Come along to Riverside Adventist Christian School for a night of games, activities, performances, good food and, hopefully - breathing space! We hope you will feel like you were able to slow down, enjoy community and take a deep lungful of Riverside and the God who breathed life into each one of us...

The program commences at 5.30pm with time to play, chat and eat. You will be greeted at the gate and invited to relax by a friendly face. The last performance should be finished by approximately 7:30pm. Invite your neighbours and friends. This should be a night to remember.

TEA TOWEL FUNDRAISER

For those who missed our email, the school fundraiser for Term 4 is personalised tea towels (as shown below). The children will be able to draw their own faces which will be printed on the tea towel together with the school emblem, all students and staff.

For this fundraiser to be successful we need each family to advise of how many tea towels they would each like in advance as I know many of you might wish to buy them for family members for Christmas presents and we wouldn’t want you to miss out.

The cost will be:
1 towel - $12, 2 towels - $22, 3 towels - $30

Kindly advise of how many tea towels you would like by tomorrow, Thursday, 15 October. The processing time for orders is approximately 4 weeks once we place our order so we should receive them mid-November.
We love looking after each other and our special friends when they are not well. We made our own hospital with a cardboard box. Then we made the beds for our patients. Now we are discovering all the things we need to do to look after our friends. As we provide food, medicine and medical care we will be using maths concepts of numeracy, measure, recording data, sorting, and classifying. All the conversations we will engage in will help us with our literacy skills as well. What a fun way to learn.

Wow, what a spread the tomato plants have made. We love harvesting our crop each day, looking for the red tomatoes. The best part is then having them for afternoon tea.