S.A.L.T OF THE EARTH

It is truly incredible when you look back and see how students have grown and changed throughout a single year. It is one of the blessing of this profession that we get to be eye-witness to such significant growth in maturity, height, ability and attitude.

One of the reasons we as a staff are already excited about the 2016 Riverside school year is that we are introducing what will be called ‘The Riverside Way’. We want to take advantage of the excellent family culture of the school – but we know we can take it up a notch. You will hear lots more about ‘The Riverside Way’ in the near future.

Part of supporting and improving school culture will be establishing a student leadership team at Riverside. In the past week we have discussed the kind of school we want to be in 2016 and asked the students to elect a group of student leaders who will be able to represent the interests and needs of the student body, while supporting and encouraging positive culture as displayed in classrooms and playgrounds. We have spoken about having student leaders who can set a positive example in uniform, attitude, learning habits and behaviour.

There will be Riverside School Captains elected each year from the Year 5 class (for the following school year) and student leaders chosen for that same class. We will also have a student representative council made up of one student in each year level, and two from the Year 5 class. This group will be called our S.A.L.T. Team. SALT stands for Service and Leadership Team.

The 2016 Students Leaders and S.A.L.T. will be announced after Big Worship this Friday in the Library and we will be presenting all of the student leadership team with badges to wear for 2016 at our Presentation Evening program in the hall next Thursday Night at 6:15pm.

Jesus said that his disciples are the “salt of the earth” (Matthew 5:13). We hope that these student leaders will flavour Riverside in the same way.

Christian Regards,

Ian Humphries

DATES TO REMEMBER:

DECEMBER 1
YEAR 6 GRADUATION CELEBRATION NIGHT

DECEMBER 3
PRESENTATION NIGHT

DECEMBER 4
LAST DAY OF TERM
**Principal’s Award:**

- Alexander McNabb - Demonstrating leadership qualities.
- Ary Jalaleddine - For a more positive attitude.

**Prep-1**

- Alexander McNabb - A big effort in math.
- Bailey Murison - For a good effort in math.
- Marleena Pugh - Student of the week.

**Grades 2/3/4**

- Isaac Dawes - For great work in math.
- Ella Wilkinson - Student of the week.

**Grades 5/6**

- Joshua Dawes - For perseverance in your work.
- Delton-Leigh Pardon - Student of the week.

**SCHOOL FEES**

Thank you to those families who have paid their fees to date. We only have this week and next to have all school fees cleared for this year.

If you are experiencing difficulties in payment of the fees please contact the office for an appointment with Mr Humphries so we may be able to assist you.

**LAST DAY - FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4**

On the last day of our school year we are going to celebrate by having a casual clothes day. Normal rules apply in that students are to have closed in shoes and wear their school hat for safety reasons.

On the last day the students can bring along their wheels for an afternoon of riding and games.

Parents and families are welcome to join us from 2.30pm onwards to relax under the trees and have some nibblies. Please bring a plate to share and we hope you all can join us.
LUNCHES

Just a reminder about packing lunches - please remind your children to pack their lunches in their bags.

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

LATE PICK UPS

School finishes at 3.00pm. Lately there has been many parents collecting their children after 3.30pm. We understand sometimes incidents can happen but please phone the office if you are running late as we would appreciate the prior notice.

HOME READERS & LIBRARY BOOKS

Please have your children check under their beds, in their cupboards and on their book shelves at home to return any home readers and library books they have borrowed from the school before the end of this term.

PARENT DIRECT FUNDRAISER

As a result of our Parent Direct Fundraiser our school has been able to purchase a digital microscope. This will be most exciting when the children are able to gather things and put them under the microscope and the whole classroom can watch as it scans straight onto the smart boards for everyone to see. Thank you to our families for making these things possible by participating in our fundraisers.

WEEK OF WORSHIP

Last week was our final Week of Worship (WOW) for 2015. The theme for our final WOW was “Under Construction”. The students were taken on a journey from before God made us, through the Garden of Eden, and onto His plan to save us from being stuck in a world where wrong seems right. Because of Jesus, we can be forgiven, free from worry and pain and we can look forward to the new life which lasts for all eternity.
We got to do something very exciting at the Early Learning Centre - play with slime! Ms Reini showed us what she made in the bowl and then poured it into the tray. It was firm and needed more water. As we worked the water into the mix it turned into slime. It felt soft and squishy between our fingers! The more we squished it and swirled it, the slimier it became. We even looked like we had webbed hands. We asked if we could change the colour, so Ms Reini added some red to the green and we swirled it around with our fingers to create a pink colour.

This is one of our investigative moments, when we have to try it to see what it does. What a discovery when we fitted the cogs next to each other and watched them all turn when we turned one cog. This led to adding more bases together and making longer boards of twirling cogs. Our next investigation was to move out sideways and discover that it works that way, too. I wonder what other patterns we can make that will work the same way.
GIVING MEANINGFUL GIFTS

Everyone has received one. A gift you didn’t really want or need, so you pretend and say, “Wow, thanks!” Maybe you’ve even given one ....

To avoid that situation this Christmas, Riverside Adventist Christian School is giving you the chance to give and receive gifts that offer real meaning and life-changing impact.

A gift purchased from the ADRA Christmas Tree will change the life of someone living in poverty and hardship here in Australia or overseas.

To purchase one, see Riverside Adventist Christian School today and give a meaningful gift this Christmas. Come and have a look at our ADRA Christmas Tree at the school office to see what you could buy. Some examples are below and all donations are tax deductible.

$20 CHICKENS

Your gift can buy cute little chickens for someone in the Pacific or Africa. As the chickens grow they provide eggs for food and income, and fertiliser for people’s gardens.

$10 WATER FILTER

75% of the human brain is made up of water. It’s therefore necessary for cognitive development. Your gift can provide clean drinking water to families in Cambodia, enabling children to grow and thrive.

$115 SHELTER PACK

Cyclones, typhoons, tsunamis regularly rip through the Pacific destroying homes. Your gift can provide a family that has just lost a roof from over their head with tarpaulins, ropes, nails and tools to help them...
PATHFINDER INVESTITURE
Pathfinder Investiture is this Friday at 7pm in the Church hall. This is a celebration of the year’s achievements for our Pathfinders. Come along and see the Pathfinders graduate and receive their awards. Quite a few of our Riverside family are involved.

POSITION VACANT
Part-time cleaner for the Riverside Convention Centre. The job entails cleaning of the Motel and units etc up to 15 hours per week starting in January 2016. Contact Rob Ellison on 4977 3988 or robellison@adventist.org.au

SIGNS OF THE TIMES
Share the Christmas message with your neighbours, friends and family with Signs of the Times Goodwill Flyers. Topics include the real reason for Christmas, how to avoid getting into debt at Christmas and why we celebrate Christmas. 100 flyers in a pack. Find out more at:- www.hop.ec/flyers

SABBATH SCHOOL
You are all welcome to join us every Saturday morning from 9.30am to 10.45am as the Aitkenvale SDA Church runs 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 Christian 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!