TEACHER’S DAY!

A couple of weeks ago Queensland schools celebrated World Teachers Day. It was actually October 5, but (for some reason) we in Queensland celebrated it on October 30. There are so many reasons to celebrate teachers (and teachers’ aides).

Speaking of which, if you really wanted to know about the incredible 7 hour journey that becomes ONE DAY in the life of a teacher, at Riverside anyway, talk to Mrs H. Teachers’ Aides know. The rollercoaster can be emotional, physical, spiritual, wonderful, hilarious and impossible – all in one day sometimes!

I’m told (because I’m still so young), that even less than 100 years ago, in most western cultures, teachers were held in the same, high regard as doctors, police officers and pastors. A teacher was considered to be a position of significant virtue and esteem. They were rarely, if ever questioned about their practice and as varied as their methods were (and often they were quite cruel), society said, “We support them and respect them like a leader in our community”.

Times have changed, and one might say, praise God for that. Where schools are no longer able to run like the dictatorships of the past, somehow, we still need to accept that for all the joys of the job, the fulfillment that comes from seeing lives changed and barriers broken down, teachers still have a most demanding and difficult daily duty. And those still in the ‘game’ say it’s getting more challenging and demanding.

Apparently second on the list of most stressful jobs, teaching is also an art we as a society depend on. Over the years, many parents have stated to me that they couldn’t be a teacher – or wouldn’t! They recognise the enormity of the task teachers face. Researchers have calculated that the average teacher has over 3000 individual interactions with a single student in their day. Some of these are words, some are non-verbals, some are deep discussions and some are a smile or a nod of the head.

I’m not trying to fill Christmas sacks for staff members here! I just wanted you to know that for every time you think a teacher could have possibly done better, consider thinking about the many thousands of times they couldn’t have. At Riverside, we have the most wonderful team of teachers and support staff. It’s a real blessing to know your children are in safe, caring and clever hands. Mrs Watkins, Miss Reini, Miss Bennett, Mrs Thomas – we salute you!

Christian Regards,
Ian Humphries

DATES TO REMEMBER:

NOVEMBER 15 TO NOVEMBER 20
WEEK OF WORSHIP 8.50am-9.30am

NOVEMBER 26
PREP OPEN DAY

DECEMBER 3
PRESENTATION NIGHT

DECEMBER 4
LAST DAY OF TERM
Principal’s Award:
Lochlan Rogers - Improved calmness and playing well with all ages.
Fanialla Scott - For improved maturity and listening in and out of class.

Prep-1
Stephen Caldwell - For being very helpful in class.
Lilitta Harlock - For showing initiative in class.
Sammara Jalaleddine - For good writing this week.
Aurora Kawana - For being helpful.

Grades 2/3/4
Rayan Tahir - For neat handwriting in writing.
Jakob Glendinning - For excellent effort in writing.

Grades 5/6
Ethan Dawes - For great effort in assessments.
Mikki Quilala - For excellent manners and a great attitude.

VISIT BY WILDLIFE OFFICERS
Last Friday the Wildlife Management Unit from the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection gave a wildlife presentation. They talked about public safety and awareness of native wildlife with emphasis on crocodiles, magpies and plovers. They learned how to keep themselves, their friends and their family safe. We hope the students came home and shared their new-found knowledge with their families.
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.

OPEN DAY
Riverside Adventist Christian School is holding a final 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 (flyers) in the areas surrounding the school. Should your 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 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. Many parents are appreciating having another morning without packing lunchboxes.

DAY FOR DANIEL
The students raised $59.30 for the Morcombe Foundation while participating in Day for Daniel last Thursday. Thank you for your donations and wearing your red shirt. Your donations will help the foundation:-
1. To educate children regarding their personal safety (including abduction).
2. To assist victims of crime, particularly where crime involves children.
3. To remember Daniel with suitable child safety community awareness events.
4. To support the families of Missing Persons particularly where it involves children.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: SWIMMING
Next Wednesday for swimming the students are learning life saving skills. All students are required to bring to swimming a long sleeved shirt and long pants (pyjamas are usually good).
What fun we’ve been having experimenting with marbles. We put down various colours of paints on paper and then carefully moved the box tray around which allowed the marbles to roll from one side to the other. What beautiful rainbow patterns and marks the marbles made!

The Marble Tower was a great team effort as we discussed how we were going to build it. Once we finished we placed our marbles at the top and watched them roll down through the tower.

We’ve also been busy making our story books. Here we choose a rhyming word and creatively come up with a sentence that fits. Afterwards we are given a print out with our picture and sentence and we colour in our pictures. Ms Reini than adds our pages to the right book. We have been enjoying reading back through our books and recognising our pictures, sentences and colouring in.
REMEMBRANCE DAY

The 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month attained a special significance in the post-war years. The moment when hostilities ceased on the Western Front became universally associated with the remembrance of those who had died in the war. This first modern world conflict had brought about the mobilisation of over 70 million people and left between 9 and 13 million dead, perhaps as many as one-third of them with no known grave. The allied nations chose this day and time for the commemoration of their war dead. Yesterday we wore our poppies and paused at 11.00am to remember them.

WEEK OF WORSHIP

Next week is our final Week of Worship (WOW) for the year. The theme for our final WOW is “Under Construction”. Through singing, videos, games and the Bible we will learn that each of our lives are “under construction” and if we are willing to submit our lives to Christ He takes the responsibility for completing the construction. As with all our Weeks of Worship parents are encouraged to come and experience it with their children. It will run Monday through to Friday from 8.50am to 9.30am. Hope to see you all there - Mr J.
COME ALONG TO ANY OF THESE RIVERSIDE/CHURCH EVENTS!

CHURCH BUILDING FUNDRAISER
You are invited to be involved in mango picking and selling this Friday November 13th from 3:30pm to 5.00pm at the conference grounds. There will be jobs for everyone. Bring gloves, a stool, bucket/crates and shopping bags! Bagged mangoes will then be available for families to take and sell over the weekend. Contact Pete or Teresa Smith for more information (0459 411 341 or 0414 339 263)

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 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!