



Newsletter

TERM 1, WEEK 3

MONDAY 17TH FEBRUARY 2020

FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

Dear School Family,

I try to read each day from a little book called 'Jesus Calling' by Sarah Young. The words are often spot on for my day and today's was no exception.

"Give yourself fully to the adventure of today..." not always easy when you're weary and face challenges, but a good reminder that each day is an adventure, we just have to keep our eyes and hearts open to experience it.

The Bible verse accompanying this message is from Isaiah 41:13 *"For I, the Lord your God will hold your right hand, saying to you 'Fear not, I will help you'."*

As a small school with a new Principal, we face many challenges, but we also experience so many wonderful blessings. I love the delight on the children's faces when they discover something new or that they can do something they thought would be beyond them. It is so exciting to see students take up roles and demonstrate their various gifts and talents. The pure joy on their faces at seeing their friend turn up at the front gate so they can start the day together.

Children have, it seems, a greater capacity to 'give themselves fully to the adventure of today'.

I pray that you will each find the joy in today and each day because even through the difficulties of adult life, God still wants us to live a joyful one and knowing he has our hand inspires me to be more courageous in seeking out the joy.

I'd like to express my gratitude to all those who were able to attend our Parent Information evening last week. I was encouraged by the commitment of our parents and their desire to connect with the school and their children's teachers. We are grateful for your input, suggestions and feedback.

I would also like to affirm our school staff, who have worked tirelessly to make our first weeks a smooth transition for our students and who have created a well-structured and fun learning environment. It is my prayer that we can continue to build connections between school and home to support all our children to thrive. I believe this will be supported by the new Home and School committee, so please come along to our first meeting this week if you are able.

I ask that you keep our school in your prayers as we continue to pray for you.

Yours in commitment

Mrs Bronwyn Goodwin

Romans 15:13 "May the God of Hope fill you with all Joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope through the power of the Holy Spirit."

TUCKSHOP

This Wednesday 19th of February will be our first tuckshop for the year, so have your orders ready! There is a letter from Mrs Waters and an order form a couple of pages over.

HOME AND SCHOOL

Home and School will be having their first meeting for the year this Thursday, 20th of February at 6.30pm in the board room up in the Library. If you are interested in being involved with Home and School, please come along.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Just a reminder that our swimming carnival has been post-poned to the 5th of March, it initially appeared on the calendar for 25th of February - please make a note of the date change.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS

If you have some time and would like to donate that time around the school, we could certainly use your help. Mrs Waters is needing some help in the tuckshop on Wednesdays and if Wednesdays are not suitable, we have some library books that we need covered with clear contact. If you are able to help out please contact the office.

MONDAY PARENT PRAYER GROUP

On Monday mornings, we have opened up the library for parents to come and meet for prayer. If you would like, please feel welcome to come and meet for prayer over the school, our children and families. Alternatively, if you have a prayer request, please get in touch with the office so that we can pass it on to the prayer group.

LATE/ABSENCES

Just a reminder that all late arrivals and early departures must be signed in/out at the office prior to heading off to class or leaving the school grounds. All absences must also be reported to the office either by phone - 4779 2291 or via email -

info@riversideadventist.qld.edu.au



DATES TO REMEMBER

FEBRUARY 19TH

1st Tuckshop Day 2020

FEBRUARY 20TH

1st Home and School Meeting
2020

FEBRUARY 28TH

Clean Up Australia Day

MARCH 5TH

Swimming Carnival

MARCH 13TH

Reports go home

MARCH 16TH & 17TH

Interim Interviews

APRIL 3RD

LAST DAY OF TERM 1!

Chaplain's Corner with Pr Chris Kirkwood



Are You Excited About Your Future?

“All things work together for good to those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.” (Romans 8:28)

On Tuesday, I was helping out in the P-1 class and a student asked, “Why were Adam and Eve afraid and hiding from Jesus?” This started me thinking about how terrible this world would be if the final word were the Fall of man.

Who could bear to live in such a place? A world full of the darkness of sin and without the loving presence of God. But thank God, Jesus Christ has intervened from heaven. And for the children of God, Higher Hands are at work on our behalf. That means that even in the midst of the most terrible tragedies, God is at work to bring about a higher good. Sometimes that “good” is seen quickly; sometimes it takes years to be seen clearly; sometimes we never fully understand why things work out the way they do.

What ever happens in your life, good or bad, God is always guiding you to a path that leads to Him?

Are you excited about your future? If you're a child of God, you ought to be excited about your future. Jesus Christ has already taken care of your past, your present and your future. He's taken care of your past by forgiving your sins. He's taken care of your present when he said, “I will never leave you.” (Hebrews 13:5) He's taken care of your future when he said, “In my Father's house are many mansions. If it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. But if I go, I will come again and receive you unto myself, that where I am, there you may be also.” (John 14:1-3).

If you're a child of God, you're in good hands. Your past is forgiven, your present is secure, and your future is guaranteed. For the child of God, the best is always yet to come.

The only question left is this: Do you know Jesus Christ? Have you put your trust in him? He's good for yesterday, he's good for today, he's good for all the tomorrows yet to come. Whatever happens to you, you'll be in good hands if you're in His hands because His hands rule the world. Put your life in His hands, and you will never be disappointed. *“Those who look to him are radiant; their faces will never be put to shame.” (Psalm 34:5)*

Arrange a visit from the Chaplains if you want to gain a fuller knowledge of our loving God, or you need to discuss any event in your life that is causing you distress.

Hello Riverside families,

For those who don't know me, my name is Krystal or otherwise known as Mrs Waters or Josh and Jenna's mum. I helped run the Tuckshop last year and will be running it again this year. We will be trying to achieve a set menu for each term, but please be patient with us as we get it up and running. This week's menu is below.

As the children go to swimming on Wednesdays as well as Tuckshop, please make it easier for us by remembering to write the child's **name and class**. If you could please write out different slips for each child, it would also be greatly appreciated as we don't know if Bob wanted the nachos or if Billy wants the Spaghetti. Tuckshop will continue to run on the Wednesdays. As I am only one person I do need a little help. So if you are free on Wednesdays, even if it's just for the first hour or two in the morning, I would really love the help. If you can't do Wednesdays but still want to help, I will be doing some cooking in the afternoons, so please pass your contact details to Jess and we can work out a day that suits us both.

Writing up a Tuckshop slip: As we will only be sending out one Menu for the whole term shortly, you won't be receiving menus each week. So feel free to either print out a heap or write your child's name/class and order on a slip of paper. Please try and put the money in a ziplock bag or better yet a paper bag so that we know who's money is who's. Children can place their orders in the basket out the front of the office, Wednesday mornings. If by chance Tuckshop happens to be cancelled one week, we will let you know in multiple ways.

On the last week of school, we will not be running the terms menu. We would like to hold a special Tuckshop day, pre ordered from outside the school. For example pizza. All profits raised on this day, will go towards the grade 6 camp.

If you have any questions, please ask at the office. I look forward to seeing you around.

Kind regards,

Krystal Waters

Tuckshop Menu for Wednesday 19th of February

Name:

Class:

Nachos \$3

Mac & Cheese \$3

Coconut Curry \$3

Corn Cob \$1

Slice of Banana Bread \$1

Juice Popper \$1



Student Awards 28th January - 14th February 2020

Prep - 1

Annie-Jo - for encouraging others!

Finley Richardson - for being a good friend!

Years 2 / 3 / 4-

Makaylah Fitzclarence - for always being on task and giving her best!

Years 5 / 6

Joshua Waters - for demonstrating kindness during group work!

Shannon Ope - for staying on task independently!

