



Newsletter

TERM 1, WEEK 6

MONDAY 3RD MARCH 2020

FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

Welcome to Week 6 everyone. I can't believe we are already more than half-way through Term 1.

This week we have our swimming carnival and I can't wait to see our students having a go and push themselves to improve. So much of life makes us believe we need to be better than others, yet our greatest achievements come when we push ourselves to new heights and discover we can do more than we thought we could.

Often our children suffer anxiety during swimming and athletics carnivals, because they feel the pressure to be the best or not be last. I wish they could all swim or run for the joy, rather than the prize. 1Peter 5:7 says "cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you". Please encourage your children to have fun and just give their best.

On another note, I will be taking some Long Service Leave towards the end of term. This is not ideal as I am still new to the school, however it was planned before I accepted the position here at Riverside. It is my daughter's 21st birthday and we are travelling to India to meet her prospective in-laws. This is a special and exciting time for our family, but I will miss my new school family while I am gone. I will return during the school holidays, so will be on deck for the start of Term 2.

I have worked closely with the teachers and especially Mrs Meredith Watkins who will be in charge while I am away. I am certain the school and classes will continue to run as normal, and I will make myself available to them should they need me.

Mr Trevor Brown will take my classes, and the children have already enjoyed some time with him this term. They look forward to his music and I am so grateful to have his consistency and support this year.

An exciting addition to our school this week is the arrival of approximately 20 laptops. We have managed to procure these largely for our year 5/6 class to do research, however as they are portable, they will be available to the lower grades as well. These are a real blessing and should make a significant difference to our older students. We are grateful to Northpine Christian College in Brisbane for making these available to us.

Once again, thank you to all those who have supported us over the past couple of weeks with our first Home and School meeting and our Clean up Australia Day event. Please watch the calendar for more ways to be involved as we head into the cooler months.

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."

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Swimming carnival is this Thursday! Get your team spirit on and come on down to the Kirwan Aquatics Centre for a day by the pool.

What you need to know:

- please drop your children off to the Kirwan Aquatic Centre, NOT the school by 9am for a 9:15am start.
- please collect your children by 2pm from the Kirwan Aquatic Centre
- if transport is an issue, please make contact with the school ASAP
- Parents and families welcomed to hang around for the day to help and to swim.

Students need to bring : Swimmers, hat, towel, lunch, water, school swimming shirt or plain swimming shirt if they do not have one (we are still awaiting the arrival of the swimshirts due to an order mix-up which they are fixing); Students can wear their house colour shirt

No Hair colouring Please

.Non swimmers Catered for.

There is a canteen with chips and lollies students will be allowed to purchase snack/drinks during the lunch break only.

Kirwan Aquatic Centre - 29 Hudson St, Kirwan

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.



DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH 5TH

Swimming Carnival

MARCH 13TH

Reports go home

MARCH 16TH & 17TH

Interim Interviews

APRIL 3RD

LAST DAY OF TERM 1!

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

On Friday, our school did their bit to help out in 'Cleaning up Australia' by collecting rubbish from around the school grounds and down beside the river. They did a wonderful job!





Student Awards 17th - 28th February 2020

Prep - 1

Lloyd Miller - for welcoming challenge!

Ivy Mogg - for working enthusiastically in class!



Years 2 / 3 / 4-

Quai Bolton - for showing improvement in work ethic!

Regan Hearne - for not giving up when things got hard in Math!



Years 5 / 6

Hayley Lausie - for showing warmth, leadership and maturity to our younger students!

Rana Taher - for showing perseverance with challenging concepts!

