RIVERWOOD RAPS

CALENDAR

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PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Over the last few weeks Riverwood Public School has grown in numbers and so you may have noticed a change in the structure of our classes. We now have a K/1/2 class a 2/3 class and a 4/5/6 class. This move has made the size of each class more balanced and in doing so we have better met the class size requirements as set by the Department of Education and Communities. Such a change has allowed the class teachers to better meet the individual needs of each student in their care. Students will continue to complete work at their grade level of learning.

Daniela Frasca

P&C REMINDER

Come along to our next meeting which will be held on Wednesday 13th March at 6pm in the Staffroom. Topics for discussion include fundraising events, special food days, Mother’s day stall and priorities for supporting the students of Riverwood Public School.

Look forward to seeing you all there. P&C Executive

HIGH SCHOOL FORMS

On Monday the 11th March ALL Year 6 students will receive High School Enrolment Forms. It is compulsory for all students entering high school in 2014 to fill out the form and return it to the school office before the 22nd March 2013. If you need assistance filling in the Expression of Interest please do not hesitate to come up and ask.

UNIFORM

It is an expectation that all students wear their school uniform to school each day. This reinforces pride and a sense of belonging. Wearing full school uniform also supports our school rules of Being Safe, Being Respectful and Being Proud. If students attend school not in uniform, parents will be contacted to bring the correct uniform up to the school. Jewellery, nail polish and colourful tights are not part of school uniform.

COMPUTER CLASSES

Our Community Liaison Officer, Michelle Brooks is currently running FREE computer lessons at the school in our computer lab on Friday mornings. A separate note has been included in this edition of the newsletter with the details. It’s not only a great opportunity to learn but to socialise with other members of our community. It is open to adults wanting to start out or just brush up on what they already know. Everyone is welcome, come along and bring a friend or two.

HOUSE CAPTAIN ELECTIONS

On Monday the 5th of March our students elected the 2013 house captains. Congratulations to the following students who will be responsible for encouraging the spirit of great sportsmanship among the school community.

Kalori (blue) - Abdul El-Zein        Nerang (yellow) – Aya El Osta
Amaroo (red) – Andison Wong         Patanga (green) - Amina Saboune
GARDEN PROGRAM
Our Garden program at the school has started for 2013. PAYCE Communities has kindly supported the school again this year with Sustainability being one our focus areas. Michelle, Bree and Angela from “Seed Harvest Spoon” will be visiting the school every Wednesday to educate both the students and teachers about the importance of composting and looking after our earth. Parents and community members will also be able to support this programming by composting in our school bins when they are up and running.

Last week we learnt about the various critters found in our soil and what their important roles are. We also learnt about the effects plastic has on our earth and the importance of recycling. Over the course of the year students will continue to learn about ways in which we can have a positive impact on our environment and how the choice we make can affect future generations.

RECOGNISING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT
Students at Riverwood are acknowledged for their achievements and contribution to school activities.

These include:
- Money tokens
- Merit cards
- Class merit awards
- Sporting awards
- Principal’s awards
- Awards for participation and achievement in School Area and State competitions
- Recognition awards for participation and achievement in special school programs
- End of year awards

Students collect five class merit awards, merit cards or sport awards and present them for a Big Merit award at Assembly (Appreciation Award). Four Big merit awards earn the Star student Award where the student’s photo will be added on the Honours Board in the School Administration area.

These must be collected within the school year.
At the commencement of the new school year students begin afresh to aim for Star Student Status. Money tokens will be handed out each day by staff members. Each week one of the three school rules will receive emphasis. During that week, money tokens will be distributed according to the rule being emphasised.

Money tokens will be handed out in school assemblies, playground duties and in the classroom. Support staff will also be able to give out money tokens. Every student will have several opportunities each day to receive tokens.

Money tokens- Students will be encouraged to collect ten money tokens and present them to their class teacher for a Merit Card. These merit cards will be yellow in colour.
Why is breakfast important?
✓ children who miss breakfast are often reported as having poor behaviour and poor concentration
✓ children who miss breakfast are often unable to meet their daily nutrient requirements
✓ children who miss breakfast are more likely to have a greater risk of being overweight or obese
✓ eating breakfast helps children learn and establish healthy eating habits early in life.

AWARDS - Week 5
Uniform Award – 4/5/6A
Hat – 4/5/6A
Assembly – No assembly

PRINCIPAL AWARDS
Abbiel Mogess       Yasmine Moussa
Dre Boney           Niharika Dutt
Rayan Hares         Utsav Kashichhwa
Malik Krhalovak     Amy Truong
Heidi Xing          Fatime Kandil
Aya El Osta         Zakaria Sylvester-Mohamad
Alexia Tukaki-Johnson
**TOYS**

Over the last few weeks we have been trialing the idea of bay blades at school. Students have been given multiple warning about the way they choose to play with them and unfortunately after too many incidences we as a staff have decided to ban them.

Toys should not be bought to school. These include electronics such as iPods and telephones. Students often bring various toys to school and at times they break or they go missing during the course of the day. Students become distressed and much time is wasted trying to locate them. Toys should be kept at home.

**Preschool**

Preschool has been very busy. The children are all settling in well, making new friends and becoming familiar with our environment.

The educators are getting to know the children and building relationships with them all, learning their strengths and interests, so we can make Preschool a fun learning environment for them all.

At Preschool we make new friends, learn to listen and express ourselves; explore, question, investigate, create, get involved in literacy, maths and science experiences, and lots more. PRESCHOOL IS FUN.