Hi All,

What a great start to Term 4! Students are working hard and I have been impressed with their overall behaviour - super effort! Staff are consistently operating at a high level, providing fantastic support for our students; well done to everybody for making Riverside ESC the great school that it is.

**P&C Disco:** Riverside Schools P&C will be hosting a School Disco on 10 Nov. Tickets are available from the uniform shop at a cost of $6.50. See more details at the end of this newsletter.

**School Picnic:** You are invited to join us for our annual school picnic to be held at Caterpillar Park in Mandurah on Friday 25 November from 10.00am. There will be a free sausage sizzle and a drink. It will be a fun day with a variety of activities for students to participate in.

**Year 6 Graduation:** School Graduation for our wonderful Year 6 students will be held on Friday 9 December. Information for respective families will be forthcoming & I will be writing an article in our newsletter to celebrate this great event to honour our students as they move on to HS.

**2017 Enrolments:** Enrolments are now open for 2017. We are running a full K-6 program. Please talk to our Administration staff to discuss the criteria for students enrolling in an Education Support Centre; we welcome your enquiries. Already, our role is 10% higher than this time last year.

**School Website** - [www.riversideesc.wa.edu.au](http://www.riversideesc.wa.edu.au): I would encourage everyone to visit our school website. In particular, the “What’s New” section and “School Diary” are updated every week with news involving our school or Mandurah events of interest to our school community. Thanks David.

**Board Meeting:** Our next Riverside Schools Board meeting will be held on 30 November commencing at 6.30pm in the school staff room. If there is anything you need to be raised at the meeting please feel free to approach myself or fellow Board Members for ESC, Tamarra Reckman and Deb Wiseman.

**Student Reports:** Student reports will be sent home during Week 9, 5-9 December.

**School Bus Applications:** Important News about timely applications for 2017 – see Page 8.

Jim Douglas, Principal
Hello to all Parents and Carers associated with Room 31.

We hope you all had a wonderful school holiday break. I was fortunate enough to extend my holiday to four weeks, which was fantastic! I must express my sincerest thanks to the wonderful Room 31 Education Assistants; Mr Anderson, Mrs Barrett, Mrs Cordall, Mrs M., Mrs Smith and Mrs Sumner for all of their hard work in my absence, and to Mrs Makucat who kindly stepped into my shoes.

We have a busy term 4 planned. Our program on “Wheels” has started and the children have begun exploring those things that have wheels; from wheelbarrows to skateboards to cars and motorbikes. Our semantics program is focussing on new vocabulary associated with these things and particularly their parts and the functions of these parts. Vocabulary plays such an important part in a child’s reading and writing success and so the broader we can make your child’s vocabulary, the more success they will hopefully enjoy.

This week we will begin constructing our “Box Cars.” The children will be ‘driving’ their cars around the classroom and the playground, participating in a number of different activities, once they have, of course, passed their driving test and received their driver’s licence. The pre-primary children will be able to ‘drive’ their cars around the Primary School as part of their transition to the ‘BIG SCHOOL,’ in preparation for 2017. Later in the term you can expect to see this wonderful piece of automotive engineering come home!

In addition this term we have an incursion, pre-primary swimming lessons in Week 6 and school reports. We will all be ready for a big break come mid-December!

Our Literacy Program will have an enormous focus on Phonological Awareness; that is, the children’s ability to tune into and manipulate the sounds they hear in language. These skills are important building blocks for reading and writing. We are concentrating on word awareness, consolidating syllabification (the parts of a word), beginning to identify the initial sounds we hear in words and the blending and segmenting of onset-rime (e.g. s-un, s-unshine, s-unny).

We will also focus on identification of the sounds the letters of the alphabet make.

In our Numeracy Program, the children have worked very well with subitising (counting at a glance), number recognition, counting in the right order, counting with 1:1 correspondence and understanding the concept of ‘how many?’ We will continue to reinforce this during the term. Our focus will now be counting out specific collections accurately, matching written numbers to collections and for some children, partitioning (breaking large numbers into smaller numbers).
Room 32

At the end of term 3 some of the students in Room 32 joined the rest of the Education Support Centre and went on a 3 day camp to Bridgetown. It was a very busy 3 days and 2 nights. But we had a fantastic time. On our way down to camp we stopped at the Donnybrook Apple Park. For 3 hours we were running around exploring different playgrounds, climbing equipment and swings. I can’t tell you how proud I am of my 4 students who had the opportunity to have this amazing experience. They all demonstrated fantastic listening skills, a willingness to give things a go while showing great independence skills during meals, showering, morning routines and evening activities. We all got to experience farm life by watching a sheep get shorn, milking a cow and collecting chicken eggs. On the first evening we had a quiz night whilst relaxing on the second night with a movie. Finally on our way home we had the opportunity to play tin pin bowling – an activity we all thoroughly enjoyed. Well done Chanel, Timmy, Paul-John and Lucas; you were a pleasure to take to camp.

Our last week of Term 3 saw all of Room 32 participate in swimming lessons. Although it was a hectic week following camp it was a nice finish to a very busy term. All of Room 32 did well at swimming, showing a big improvement in their confidence and water safety understanding. Some parents even came and watched their clever little ones do their lesson which was wonderful to see.

I still can’t believe it is Term 4 and another busy one it will be. We are continuing with our Fairy Tale theme during our literacy lessons as well as working very hard on our letter sounds and spelling for some. In Maths, we are still working hard on our number knowledge and understanding. We are also learning more about chance and data. This learning area is about exposing your child to the language used in Chance and Data situations. This includes using language such as “is it possible? or “not possible”, “it will happen, could happen or won’t happen”. If you have an opportunity to incorporate such language into things you do at home or talk about with your child, I encourage you to do so. The more exposure your child has to this type of language the better understanding they will have in subsequent schooling years. Using words such as “definitely” or “possibly” are words that children are able to connect to their real life experiences. So please - talk, talk, talk.

Room 32 would like to say thank you for reading this news about our great, busy little classroom. We look forward to updating you in a few weeks about up and coming events, what we have been learning about and showing you some photos of us in action.

Room 33

Hello from One in a Minion Room 33.

Camp has come and gone with everybody having a great time. We visited a farm and were able to do many things including horse riding and cooking damper over an open fire. We were also able to see and interact with all of the many animals including emus, rabbits, kangaroos and pigs. Some of us were able to milk the farm cow and see where milk actually comes from! The other thing we liked about camp was the double decker beds! Where we stayed had an orchard and we walked down to feed the chickens and were allowed to pick fresh fruit off the trees. The mandarins were the best!
Room 33 recently enjoyed an excursion to Mandurah Community Museum where we were able to look at the many olden day things our pioneers used. We even got to wash clothes on an old scrub board with homemade soap. Did you know people used to make their own soap? Katrina at the museum also took us to visit our early pioneers’ graves in the churchyard, including the famous Thomas Peel. The highlight of the day was ‘playing school’ in the old classroom. We practised writing at the old school desks with an ink pen and ink and visited the old jail cells, which looked very scary.

Room 33 welcomes a new student to our class. His name is Tyler and this is a picture of him (left) counting out collections to 20. Keep up the awesome work, Tyler!

Last Friday (Oct. 28) our school marked DAY FOR DANIEL by dressing in red and having a red food party in memory of Daniel Morcombe. In our class Mrs Douglas made up an activity to teach us about Stranger Danger and why we do not go with strangers ever, even if they are really really nice to us. Here is Kerensa-Lily with her Red Circle Stranger Danger activity.

Until next time, bye for now from all of us in Room 33.

Room 34

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 4 of 2016. The theme for our class this term is ‘Space’ and we have been reading and watching a variety of media and books that tell us all about the characteristics of our Solar System and beyond. We have also read some great imaginative books with stories about visitors from space and children from Earth venturing into space in rockets. This week (4) we will be visiting ‘Scitech’ and watching an animated movie in the Omni theatre about space travel. The staff at Scitech is very helpful and our trip there will be a very exciting and informative excursion.

The class has been continuing to practice road safety rules, follow instructions and demonstrate appropriate manners and behaviour on our community access excursions. The boys and girls have come a very long way this year and demonstrated significant improvement in their knowledge of the routines of catching buses, changing buses at the train station, shopping at the supermarket in Mandurah for our weekly cooking ingredients and following the instructions of all staff on the excursion. The patience of our students is
also to be commended as travel on public transport also requires travellers to wait for quite some
time on occasion and Room 34 students have behaved impeccably.

Students’ transitions will continue to Halls Head on the Thursday of weeks 6 and 8. Students can
order their lunch at the high school café on these days. Can I please also reiterate the importance of
making sure that your enrolments are complete, and if your student will use the bus service, that
arrangements with Student Bus Services are in place as soon as possible (see page 8). Please contact
myself or the School admin on 95340328 if you require any assistance with your child’s transition.

Thank you. Alisdair McGuffin

**Room 35**

Hello everyone. It is a bit late to say welcome back after the
holidays but let me say welcome to Week 4, Term 4.

We started this term with our new theme of ‘Dr Seuss’. We
are reading lots of his books starting with *ABC, The Cat in
the Hat* and *Green Eggs and Ham*. What great books they
are to read! We are working on rhyming and writing and
enjoy reading along with Mrs Mattin as she reads the stories.
We have also been able to watch online the animated
version of the story and talk about the differences between
the book and movie.

Horse riding continues on Wednesdays and now that the weather is
warming up head nets have been essential for keeping flies off our
faces. We are becoming very good riders and really enjoy the games
we get to play as well as rides through the lovely village of Fairbridge.

This term we welcome Mrs Brennan into our class as our Tuesday
morning teacher. We have been doing lots of fun things including
making turtles after reading the story *Yertle the Turtle* by Dr Seuss.
Activities and games relating to Halloween were included in our Week
3 program. We also had lots of fun doing rotation activities outside
followed by eating the frozen banana treats we made. Yum!

Last Wednesday Mrs Wiseman has brought into the
class some very old phones. It was interesting to see what
they looked like and we had to remember our phone
numbers and use the phones to ring ourselves! They were
very heavy and looked very different to the phones in use
today.

It’s that time of year when we start thinking about finalising
school reports. Our students are working very hard and are
busy completing testing and work to assess how much has
been learnt throughout the year. All the students have
worked hard and should be very proud of their efforts.
Room 36

Last term our class worked really hard on their book reports and we will be continuing our book theme again this term. We have been looking at how books are put together, focusing on the beginnings, the middle and the end of stories. Our students have begun to write their own stories which will also be made into books.

Below are some pictures that we have made from the book called “Twinkle”.

Room 37

Term 4 has gotten off to a fantastic start for Room 37. We have had a 'Values for Life' incursion and taken part in the Stepathon held at Bendigo Bank stadium.

On Wednesday October 12th we welcomed Tim from Values for Life to our school to conduct a 3-part workshop about resilience, the importance of cyber safety, being ‘Bully Proof’ and how to be a good friend. The workshops, for Years 1 to 6, were enthusiastically received by the students who
learned some really important values and life skills that they can take with them to High School and beyond.

The first annual Stepathon was held at the Bendigo Bank stadium on Friday the 14th of October. One thousand students from various schools across the Peel region took part, and our class together with two students from Room 36 represented Riverside ESC. The Stepathon promotes healthy eating and fitness in the community. The activities included football, basketball, bust a burpee, softball and jogging around the oval. During the event participants were given a freebies bag with fruit, water and a pedometer to trace how many steps they made on the day as part of the activities. We are already looking forward to taking part next year!

This term for Cafe 33 we have been wearing our fantastic new aprons made for us by members of staff from the ESC. The students look very professional delivering the cafe orders around the school.

**Special Activities Reports**

**Riverside Students Visit the Motor Museum**

A visit to the motor museum with the Silver Chain participants enabled students Stanley, Corey and Maverick to enjoy a day learning about old cars. As an intergenerational project activity, the boys walked around with some of the Silver Chain participants, who talked about the first car they ever drove. No automatic cars in their day, just gear boxes, crank handles to wind up the engine and indicators which flipped up on the side of the car.

We enjoyed a delicious barbecue lunch which the boys helped serve and was eaten in the 1950’s diner. Watching the records in the juke box come down and spin proved to be another popular item.

Here are some photos of our excursion:

![Photos of excursion](image1.jpg) ![Photos of excursion](image2.jpg) ![Photos of excursion](image3.jpg)

**Contact Details and Emergency Details**

Have you or your child’s support persons moved recently? Changed phone numbers or email address? Are your child’s enrolment details up to date?

If the answer to any of these questions is no, please phone our office at 9534 0328 or email riverside.esc@education.wa.edu.au.
Other News

School Bus Service 2017 – New Applications
School Bus Services (SBS) has started planning for the 2017 school year. NEW FAMILIES are advised go to the SBS website at www.schoolbuses.wa.gov.au now and complete their applications if they wish to apply for transport assistance in 2017. Applications close 4 November 2016.

Families currently receiving Transport Assistance by way of bus transport or a Conveyance Allowance and whose circumstances have changed also need to apply.

Families that have changed address or have a child/children changing schools (including graduating from Primary School to High School) must submit a new application via the SBS website.

Families whose details have not changed DO NOT need to reapply.

For more information go to our website at www.riversideesc.wa.edu.au.

Vacswim: Enrol now for Summer School Holiday Swimming Lessons

It is important for every child to learn to swim properly and develop essential water safety skills. VacSwim December/January school holiday swimming lessons are run by instructors who teach children the skills to be confident swimmers and safe in the water.

Find out more and enrol online at education.wa.edu.au/swimming or telephone 9402 6412.

Enrolment closure dates for each program are shown below.

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Kidsport Applications Go Online Soon

The Department of Sport and Recreation have advised that parents and caregivers will be able to apply for Kidsport funding support online from November 14, 2016.

Tel: (08) 9492 9911 - DSR

Vicinity Offers Special Santa Experience

As published in our last newsletter Caroline Baird, Marketing Manager for Vicinity (formerly Forum shopping Centre) has contacted the City of Mandurah to offer a sensitive Santa opportunity this year for kids with a disability, and their families. A photographer experienced in working with children that have a disability will be employed and the photos will be available for parents to purchase.

Vicinity is open to suggestions from the community of what would suit them best. ‘How long would families need to meet with Santa’ and any other thoughts would be helpful.

Caroline proposes Vicinity be opened early every Sunday in December (depending on numbers) from 9.00am – 10.00am. The Centre will only be open at this time for families seeing Santa.

If you, or someone you know, would like to attend please ask them to contact Caroline on 9535 5522 or 0400 776 635 or alternatively email caroline.baird@vicinity.com.au.

Book Lists 2017

Book lists will be sent home to parents as soon as they arrive into our school office. They need to be returned to the school no later than Friday, November 25th.

School Photos – Online Orders Still Open

If you have missed the opportunity to place an order through the school for school photos, you have the option to order online until the end of this year. A late fee will apply.

Kapture offer a money back guarantee (excluding the late fee) for any parent who is not fully satisfied with their photo package. Should you have any queries, please direct them to the Kapture office on 9240 1714 or email enquiries@kapture.com.au.

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**SCHOOL DISCO** : Thurs, 10th Nov. 2016 at Mandurah Bowling Club

Pre-Prim. to Year 3: 4.00 - 5.30PM  Years 4 to 6: 6.00 - 7.30PM  TICKETS: $6.50

Tickets will be on sale at the Uniform Shop during opening hours as well as a few extra mornings from 8.30-9.00am. Price includes a glow item on arrival and a lolly bag on exit. EFTPOS okay.

THEME (optional): Pre-Primary-Year 3 – Disney  Year 4-6 - Music Character/Personality

**Parents/Carers** are asked to drop their child(ren) off and collect them at the door. Our RESC parents are welcome to stay with their child, but only if needed – a smaller venue means space is limited. There will be staff in attendance for both junior and senior sessions. Also, this year’s Disco will
accommodate children with sensory needs. Both sessions will provide a low lighting and reduced volume of sound for the first 30 minutes.

The Disco is organised by the Riverside Schools P&C. If you have any queries please drop us an email or contact the P&C President, Vivienne, on 0431 281 389. Thanks from your P&C.

**City of Mandurah: All Terrain Wheelchair**

The City of Mandurah has made available an all-terrain wheelchair for people with a disability, which is free for the community to use. The city’s representative will be at Caterpillar Park on Friday 25th November for our school picnic, using this opportunity to introduce the new wheelchair to our community.

(The wheelchair pictured is similar in design to the all-terrain wheelchair made available by Mandurah City.)

**Special Thanks**

On behalf of our students, parent community and staff, we extend a big thank you to Janet English, the school’s gardener/handyperson, who has brought colour and renewed vitality to our school campus.

If you see Janet around the school, please, say hello.