Principal’s Message

Athletics Carnival
Thank you to all the staff, students and parents that assisted to make our sports carnival at Riverstone High School such a big success last Monday. It was nice to have it out on the big field with plenty of space. A big thank you to Mrs Plummer for her excellent organisation, to Riverstone High School for providing the venue and doing all the line marking, Year 10 helpers, Woolworths at Schofields for providing us with a sausage sizzle, to The Ponds SSP for the use of the outdoor microphone and to everyone who participated throughout the day.

The sports carnival place ribbons will be presented at a special sports assembly on Thursday 28 August starting at 2.10pm. Good luck to those students who will be representing the school at the Ridges athletics carnival.

The reflected slogan Reading to Connect, has a broader social meaning, suggesting that reading assists in creating a bond with others. Within the world of the contemporary child, this is also relevant as they read books and they read to connect through a variety of media.

This Thursday 21 August our annual Book Parade will be held as a culmination of our Book Week activities where each class has focused on one of the shortlist books for the Book of the year awards. Students will also be able to come in their favourite book characters costume and each class has made something, a hat, mask etc. based on a shortlisted book so all children will be able to participate in this event. The parade starts at 11.45am, parents are welcome to join us from 11.30am until 1.15pm. Hopefully the rain will be all gone by then!

There will be no whole school assembly this week.

Daffodil Day
Friday 22 August is Daffodil Day. Students are encouraged to wear yellow to show support for the Cancer Council on this day; for a gold coin donation. There will be fresh bunches of daffodils available from the front office but these must be pre ordered and paid for by Wednesday this week. The office also has a range of merchandise available for sale for a gold coin donation.
**Uniform**

Our school has a beautiful uniform that was developed with the community support. Of late in the colder months we have had an increase in students coming to school out of uniform. The uniform shop is open every second Friday morning and if you require financial assistance this can be arranged. It is our school policy that students wear uniform including a school hat each day. Please don’t allow your child to come to school with a different hat as this then creates an inequality between students. If for some reason your child can not wear uniform please send them to school with a note as we understand that from time to time there are occasions where this is unavoidable.

Students who are representing the school for PSSA sport, carnivals, excursions etc. must be in full uniform.

**Surveys**

As we start to look at the end of 2014 it is time for us to start to collect our evaluations and data to form directions for the future. As part of this newsletter you will receive two survey’s one related to Learning at Riverstone Public School and the other related to creating the school vision for the next school plan which will run from 2015-2017. If you could return these to the school office as soon as possible it would be much appreciated and there is a small token of appreciation to the people who hand in the survey!

**Bikes and Scooters**

Many students come to school having ridden a bike or scooter. Bikes and scooters need to be secured in the bike racks under the top COLA. We are no longer able to look after scooters in storerooms as there have been numerous injuries when they are left about the school. We recommend any bike or scooter that comes to school has a bike lock attached so it cannot be moved during the day. An alarming number of our riders are not wearing helmets. Please ensure if you allow your child to ride to school that a helmet is provided.

**Some tips for riding your bicycle safely**

- Always wear an approved bicycle helmet, properly fitted and fastened to your head.
- Always obey the road rules, including traffic lights, stop signs and Give Way signs.
- Ride in a predictable manner that does not require other road users to react suddenly to your movements.
- Give hand signals when changing lanes or turning left or right.
- Make yourself as visible as possible by wearing bright, light or reflective clothing.
- Plan your route using quieter streets, bicycle paths or shared paths, wherever possible.
- Maintain control of your bike at all times. It is an offence to ride with both hands off the handlebars, feet off the pedals or to carry anything which prevents you from having control.

Emma Thompson
Principal

**P&C News**

Our monthly P&C Meeting was postponed last week and will be held this Wednesday 20 August at 1.30pm in the Principal's Office. Please come along and find out how you can help to support your child’s school.

**Commonwealth Games Winners:** Thank you everyone for your overwhelming support - we managed to raise approximately $1000.00!

**Pie Drive**

We have organised with Tarn from Tarn's Cake Studio in Riverstone to run a ‘pie drive’ fundraiser. Stay tuned for more details and your order form - Coming Soon!

**Uniform Shop**

We will be open next Friday 29 August. It is open on a Friday morning each fortnight from 8.50am to 9.30am. If you can spare some time during these hours, we would appreciate a hand. Please speak with the office staff to advise them of your interest or attend a P&C Meeting if you are able.

Thankyou
The P&C Committee

**School Band**

In Week 6 for Education Week was Riverstone Public’s first performance this year and although they were quite nervous for their first they did a great job! This year in our band we have a few new instruments added to the band; drums, clarinet and keyboard to accompany our current trumpet and flute players. The students practise 1.5 hours a week (one lunch time a week and 1 hour after school). They have come a long way this year and are starting to play more difficult pieces of music. In our last School Assembly the band was presented with two new instruments being a brand new flute and clarinet and four new performance stands and which were proudly bought by the School P & C.

Belinda Weisback
Band Teacher

**Stage 1 Report**

Stage 1 students have enjoyed a very busy term with many academic challenges and successes as well as creative pursuits such as music and art. They have had opportunities to work in class, stage and whole school activities.

Our students have displayed continuing development of skills in literacy and numeracy. They have been challenged with problem solving experiences throughout all curriculum areas. The students have enjoyed the literary texts, Rose Meets Mr. Wintergarden and Alexander’s Outing as well as a selection of other fiction and non-fiction texts. These texts have provided a pivotal role to the student’s understanding of text structure, vocabulary development and the promotion of quality reading and writing.

This week is the Book Week Parade with some students choosing their own costumes and others dressed to represent characters from short listed books for Book Week 2014. The books for each class are Big Pig - 1P, 1/2W- Grandma Grommet and Me, 1/2S- Banjo and Ruby Red.

All Stage 1 students have been participating in Gymnastics each Wednesday. They are developing greater body awareness as well as increasing their skills. They recently participated in a range of activities at the School Athletics Carnival and were enthusiastic in all in which they were.
involved. We welcomed parents to a concert and open classrooms during Education Week this term and the students were very happy to show their achievements.

The Stage 1 students have been involved in peer support groups and have been developing a close relationship with students throughout the school. The activities encourage teamwork, developing positive values, self confidence and friendship. They will continue to be involved in these groups for the rest of this term.

During Term 4 our Stage 1 students will be involved in the Celebration of Learning and Christmas activities. There is still more learning to be done and the Stage 1 teachers look forward to working closely with you and your children to achieve the best possible outcomes for them.

Marilyn Pettitt
Stage 1 Supervisor

PSSA News
There has been a lot of action at PSSA this term. Both the netball and soccer teams have shown great skill development. Their sportsmanship on and off the court/field is to be commended. There are only 4 weeks remaining for the winter season at PSSA. Over the weeks we have had some magnificent games played by the students. Below is a list of outstanding performances played by students.

Soccer
Riverstone vs Iron Bark Ridge
Junior – Awhi C and Nicholas M
Senior – Jasmine and Rocky

Riverstone vs Oakville
Junior – Archie and Elijah

Senior – Robbie and Daniel

Riverstone vs Kellyville Ridge
Junior – Nelson and Andrew
Senior – Harrison and Darcy

Riverstone vs Rouse Hill
Junior – Nicholas M and Awhi C
Senior – Darcy and Jasmine

The PSSA soccer teams are learning to play as a team. They are playing some very well drilled teams who have been playing together for many years. Their defence during games is outstanding and their passing skills as a team are developing. I am greatly looking forward to next year and the new season.

Mrs Plummer
Sports Teacher

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Organising Teacher
Poems about Australia by 5S

Australia, a beautiful country with all its wonders
Uluru all big and red
Sun so hot which fills our land with heat
Terrains of rocks and green landscapes
Rough and sandy
Animals with wonders and danger
Let our food delight your taste buds
In its beauty there is terror
A wonderful place so come and see
By Emily Cooper

An awesome country
Uluru is a good place to go
Some place where the oceans flow
To what I see is something cool
Red dry land, need a few pools!
Aussie barbeques feels so good
Lots of koalas and a few roos
In their territories, eating food
Aussie fun is the best
By Lachlan Shelton

A beautiful land of different kinds of animals
Uluru, what a rock!
Sandy beaches, big blue sea
The Three Sisters standing tall
Rough red dirt
A beautiful landscape
Loving a Sunday!
It’s a big place
Anzacs gave their lives for us
By Britnee Ryan

Australia is a beautiful place
Unusual animals
Seeing the beautiful views
Travelling around the seas
Rocky mountains
Anzacs fighting
Lamingtons are nice to eat
I see the beautiful sea
Australia the place to be
By Alannah Pedialis

Australia, a wild and versatile country
Unusual animals living everywhere
Standing, looking at all the Aussie icons
Travelling around from state to state
Rough, rugged land
Always changing, never the same
Lovely waterfalls pouring over rocks
I see lots of beautiful beaches
Australia, the place for me
By Darcy Purkiss

An awesome country
Alphabet

Australia
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I see lots of beautiful beaches
Australia, the place for me
By Darcy Purkiss
5S REPORT

This term 5S have been engaged in completing a unit of work entitled ‘Australian Identity’. What makes Australians uniquely Australian?? We brainstormed and discussed Australian icons such as kangaroos, Sydney Harbour Bridge, Opera House, Uluru, Anzacs etc. We have written acrostic poems to promote our Australian identity. 5S have also been preparing for the Book Parade this week and hope our parents/caregivers are able to attend.

The photos show us making kites for the parade.
## Athletics Carnival Results

On Monday 11 August Riverstone PS walked to Riverstone High School to compete in their annual athletics carnival. All students who attended participated with great enthusiasm and sportsmanship. Below is a list of results from the day.

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2nd - Toby Klug  
3rd - Jordan Vecchiet-Reeves  
4th - Mitchell Jones

**Junior Girls**
1st - Elizabeth S  
2nd - Rachael K  
3rd - Kaitlin B  
4th - Grace C

**11 Years Boys**
1st - Darcy P  
2nd - Justin H  
3rd - Dennis D  
4th - Dale S

**11 Years Girls**
1st - Jaylah S  
2nd - Jacinati B  
3rd - Emily C  
4th - Tamara G

**Senior Boys**
1st - Robbie J  
2nd - Rocky F

**Senior Girls**
1st - Jasmine S  
2nd - Ashlee N  
3rd - Sita P  
4th - Halley C

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1st - Cameron S  
2nd - Samuel B  
3rd - Rusty T  
4th - Mitchell J

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2nd - Jodeci T  
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4th - Angel C

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2nd - Justin H  
3rd - Harrison G  
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**11 Years Girls**
1st - Jaylah S  
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**Senior Boys**
1st - Eric M  
2nd - Daniel H  
3rd - Ashton H  
4th - Rocky F

### Shot Put

**Junior Boys**
1st - Fine P  
2nd - Awhi C  
3rd - Samuel B  
4th - Cameron S

**Junior Girls**
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**11 Year Boys**
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Reminders

Stage 2 Camp - to the Great Aussie Bush Camp Monday 1 September - Wednesday 3 September 2014. A deposit of $60 is due for all students intending to go. Payment in full is due by Friday 22 August.

P&C Pie Orders - due back at school on Wednesday 5 September.

NAIDOC Performer – notes and money due back at by Tuesday 9 September.

Frozen Movie - this is a fundraiser for the Year 6 Farewell. The movie will be on Friday 12 September. Money and notes need to be returned to school before this date.

Daffodil Day - this Friday 22 August. Students and parents/Carers can purchase merchandise from the office for a gold coin donation.

PSSA Zone Carnival - Friday 29 August. Notes and money for the students that are attending need to be sent to the office by the day of the carnival. All students are to travel from school on the bus.

Before and After School Care at Riverstone Public School

We are hoping to have access to a before and after school care program for 2015. We need to firstly find out if enough parents would access the service. Please answer the following questions to support our decision making.

1. Would you be interested in using BEFORE school care for your child/children
   - Yes everyday
   - Yes some days
   - I do not require before school care
   Other (please specify)

2. Would you be interested in using AFTER school care for your child/children
   - Yes everyday
   - Yes some days
   - Optional do not require after school care
   Other (please specify)

3. Would you be interested in using VACATION care for your child/children
   - Yes every day
   - Yes some days
   - I do not require vacation care
   Other (please specify)

4. Are you currently using any childcare arrangements for before and after school care? If so please describe? For example: Friend, Grandparent, other OOSH provider.

5. Please provide any additional comments regarding the establishment of this service at Riverstone Public School

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