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Principal’s Message
The Riverstone community has a huge heart. Last week I witnessed this again watching our students and parents care for each other during a very difficult time for one of our families. The support and thoughtfulness was overwhelming to see and one of the reasons I get so much out of working within this community.

A Facelift
Over the next few weeks our school will receive a little facelift in the way of extensive signage for our PBL expectations “Safe, Responsible, Learner”. These signs will be complete with our Riverstone Rocket logo and will be utilised across the school as visual reminders of the expectations in each area of the school and will support students to recognise what acceptable behaviours are in all areas of the school. They also assist staff to model and teach behaviours in the different setting. I expect these signs will start appearing across the school in the next week or so.

Education Week
Last week marked the 60th Anniversary of the first Education Week in NSW which provided us with the opportunity to reflect on the way education has changed over the last 60 years. The tagline for the original, 1954 Education Week was: "Lighting the way to a better world", this tagline was being used again this year.

So much has changed in education over the past 60 years but the tagline for the first Education week "Lighting the way to a better world", is as relevant today as it was in 1954 and our school remains committed to that philosophy. Education Week is an important time to recognise the valuable contribution of our public schools and it is the time for us all to celebrate the achievements of our students, staff and school community. It is also an opportunity to take a closer look at the valuable contribution that our school makes to the students and community of Riverstone Public School.

Our Education Week assembly provided parents with the opportunity to see our students perform in a range of areas of which particular mention must go to our band who have more than doubled in size this year and are taking on a range of complex instruments. Our open classrooms provided parents with an opportunity to see the learning that takes place in our classrooms every day. We were also able to provide a small market garden for parents to see and sample the produce our gardeners have been able to produce this winter. All of these very different aspects are important in the inclusive and supported environment we provide here at Riverstone.
We also combined our Education Week celebrations with a Commonwealth Games style event on Monday which was a huge success. A big thank you to Mrs Plummer and her organisers who busily put together such a broad range of sports and games for us to experience.

This event also provided an opportunity for fundraising by the P&C so thank you to the parents who supported, assisted organise and made sure everything ran smoothly on the day.

**Athletics Carnival**

Our annual school Athletics Carnival will be held on Monday 11 August at Riverstone High School. Students are to meet here and the roll will be marked before we head up to the High School. Parents are invited to come and watch the event on the High School oval.

We will be holding a sausage sizzle and small canteen items will be available on the day. Students will not be permitted to access the High School canteen. If you are able to assist with the carnival running on the day please let Mrs Plummer know.

**Staff News**

Over the weekend Ms Marrow has injured her foot very badly. At this stage we are unsure how much time away from school she will need. This week 4/5 M will be taken by Miss Marchetta and hopefully we will know more by Friday. We wish Ms Marrow a speedy recovery!

Welcome to Mr Curnow who will be working in the 3/4K and 3/4S classrooms over the next few weeks as a Student Learning and Support Officer. Please make Mr Curnow welcome if you see him around the playground.

**Before and After School Care**

We are hoping to have a Before and After School Care program running within the school from 2015. I believe this will be a support to many families who are trying to juggle school hours and work or are looking for additional local activities for children. There is a survey on the back page to assist us to see if there is a need for Before and After School Care at Riverstone Public School. The survey can
be returned to the school office by Friday 29 August or alternatively can be completed online at https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NKTSW92
We are looking forward to another busy fortnight!

Emma Thompson
Principal

P&C News
Thank you to everyone that participated in the school Disco - we managed to raise nearly $1000.00 - a fantastic result! A big thank you to all of the staff and parents that helped on the night too!

Please note that all collected monies from the Commonwealth Games needs to be handed in to the office no later than Friday 8th August. We can then find out who our winner of the Major Prize will be along with the Stage Prizes and all winners will be announced at next week’s whole school Assembly on Thursday 14 August. Good Luck!

A reminder regarding the P&C Survey that was sent out to all families last term - we rely on your feedback to find out what you think we are doing well and what improvements could be made. Please hand your completed survey in to the office as soon as possible or ask for a new one if you need it. We thank you for your support.

Our next P&C Meeting will be on Wednesday 13th August at 1.30pm (Principal’s Office). Please come along and find out how you can help to support your school!
Thank you
The P&C Committee
Term 3 is well underway and Stage 2 have already done a lot and have even more to look forward to. In class we have been learning about the features and what it is like to live in some of the different environments around the world.

We have begun studying the book “Refugees” by David Miller in English and are looking the use of different materials in Science.

We had our school disco recently which was great fun. We played games and showed off our best dance moves (and got to watch the teachers try to dance). A big thank you to Mrs Sawtell and the P&C for organising the event. Later this term we have our Stage 2 camp to ‘The Great Aussie Bush Camp’ in Tea Gardens. It is a sport and recreation camp where we will get to have a go at archery, canoeing and lots of other stuff. We can’t wait!

Mr David England
Stage 2 Supervisor
Semester 2 is promising to be an extremely exciting and rewarding one for us all. We are participating in various whole school activities with our mainstream peers including PSSA, FAME, Peer Support and gymnastics. We are anticipating many fun-filled learning opportunities commencing with the ‘Riding for the Disabled’ program once again this semester. The students in 3-6R are often engaged in ‘Learning by Doing’ activities and they try really hard to achieve their personal best in their learning outcomes. We are so thrilled to be able to continue our integration program on Friday afternoons this semester and we would like to thank our friends and teachers for welcoming us into their classrooms each week. We hope you enjoy looking at these snapshots of our many learning experiences and achievements thus far this year.
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
   - I 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