As we head into spring just a reminder to all about school uniforms. There are plenty of jumpers in lost property at the moment so if you are missing some, please have a look on the rack near the office. It is a school expectation that students attend in uniform including a school hat. Our uniform policy is currently being updated and will be available on the website soon. If you are having difficulty in accessing school uniforms for your child please let me know.

NAPLAN
Results for Year 3 and Year 5 NAPLAN will be released this week. If you have not received the report for your child by Monday please contact the school office. These results are a snapshot of student performance on the testing day and are used by teaching staff to plan teaching and learning experiences related to the needs of each student. If you have any questions about the report feel free to bring it to parent teacher interviews in Week 10 to discuss with the class teacher.

Book Week
Our book week parade was a huge success in Week 6. All the students took part in the “Connect to Reading” parade and a huge effort was made by all in the parade.
A big thank you to the organising team and to Ian Thorpe (Mrs Plummer) in the fabulously entertaining role of MC.

Zone Athletics
Friday’s zone athletics carnival went ahead at Blacktown despite the miserable weather. Congratulations to our athletics team who very proudly represented Riverstone Public School. Mrs Plummer, Mr England and Miss Smigliani were impressed with the effort and behaviour of the students. A big thanks to the many parents who supported the students at the event. Great job!

Staff News
Our poor Ms Marrow is still off work with her broken foot. We are hoping she will return to work in either Week 9 or Week 10 if all goes well. Mrs Plummer will continue to be on class supported by Miss Marchetta. We hope you are on the mend Ms Marrow, we are missing you terribly. Miss Kaylene and Mrs Krumins are both on leave until the end of the term with Miss Sue covering the preschool.

We have recently held interviews for our vacant Assistant Principal’s position and have appointed Mrs Christine Calder to the position. While this position is still within the 10 day appeals period it is expected that Mrs Calder will join us at the start of the 2015 school year. Mrs Calder comes to us as an experienced Assistant Principal at Shelley Public School in Blacktown and will be visiting in Term 4. We are looking forward to having Mrs Calder on board.

SHARING
Last week we had students involved in the Blacktown Learning Community SHARING program. This program saw students attend courses at schools throughout the learning community including floristry, technology, arts, cup cake decorating and a team challenge at Blacktown Boys High School. All these events were very successful and our student’s participation and behaviour is to be commended. Thank you to the staff and parents who assisted with transport, to Ms Shaw for her coordination of the program across the school and to Mrs Bain, Mrs Govender, Mrs Graham, Mrs Gibbs and Mrs Koberler who all ran courses at our school.

NAIDOC Week
Next week is our school NAIDOC celebration. The celebration commences with a formal assembly on Monday morning at 9.40am in the hall. All parents and community members are welcome to attend this event. Throughout the remainder of the week the students will participate in art, dance and cultural activities and focus on Aboriginal perspectives in the classroom. We hope to see you all at the assembly.

Blacktown Music Festival
The Blacktown Music Festival is Week 9. Students in the dance group and the choir will be participating in the festival at Bowman Hall, Blacktown City Council Building on Tuesday 9 September at 7.00pm. The students need to be at the Council Building by 6.15 pm so that they are ready to be seated by 6.45pm.

There is 2 tickets allotted per child and the cost is $6.00 for a child’s ticket and $10 for an adult. The performers do not have to pay for a ticket.

It will be a wonderful experience for all of our students. I encourage you to attend and enjoy their performances, as students always love performing for their families.

Parent Teacher Interviews
Parent/Teacher interviews for Term 3 will be conducted in a three-way interview – the student, parents and teacher. This will give the student an opportunity to discuss their progress with you and their teacher. Interviews will run for ten minutes. We will be holding parent/teacher interviews on Tuesday 16 September after school. If you are unavailable during this time please contact the office to schedule a mutually convenient time with your child’s teacher.

We are looking forward to another busy fortnight in the lead up to the spring holidays!

Mrs Emma Thompson
Principal

Reminders
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.

Year 6 Raffle
The closing date for the Year 6 Fundraising Raffle has been extended until Tuesday 14 October. Books of tickets are available at the office.

P&C News
Pie Drive Fundraiser
URGENT Price Correction - You should have all now received your correction notice re the pricing for the sweet pies (Apple, Apple & Cherry, Apple & Mango, Apple & Blueberry) - should be $9, not $7 as on the original order form. Please manually change the price on the order form to ensure that you collect the correct monies. Please note that all pie orders along with full payment must be received by this Friday 5 September.

Pies will be delivered fresh to us and available to collect on Wednesday 17 September from 1.30pm.

Father's Day Stall
Father's Day Stall will be held this Thursday 4 September. All gifts are $5 each. Please send full payment in a clearly marked envelope stating your child's name class with total number of gifts to be purchased.

We wish all of our dads a very Happy Father's Day!

P&C Meeting
Our next P&C Meeting will be held on Wednesday 10 September at 1.30pm in the Library. Please come along and find out ways in which you can show support for your school.

Thank you
P&C Committee
On Friday 29 August Kindergarten and K/6A went on an excursion to Calmsley Hill City Farm. We had a wonderful day milking cows, patting baby animals and the highlight of the day was the tractor ride. We also watched a stock whip show, a dog show featuring a well trained Kelpie named Dot, and watched a sheep being sheared.

Mrs Azzopardi & Miss Camilleri
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