



**RIVERTON  
PRIMARY CAMPUS**  
INDEPENDENT PUBLIC SCHOOL



Riverton Primary School Western Australia

# Riverton Review

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## IMPORTANT DATES

### Tuesday 30 April

- Newsletter
- Dance Program

### Wednesday 1 May

- Sport Captains meeting  
8.15am Library
- Swimming Room 20 and  
ESC

### Thursday 2 May

- Swimming Room 20 and  
ESC
- Mother's Day Stall

### Friday 3 May

- ANZAC Day Service  
9.00am
- Swimming Room 20 and  
ESC

### Monday 6 May

- Dance Program
- BUZ Rangers 10.30am  
Senior Wet area
- Student Leaders meeting  
12.30pm Library
- Swimming Room 20 and  
ESC

### Tuesday 7 May

- Newsletter
- Dance Program
- Swimming Room 20 and  
ESC
- Mural Opening  
5.00pm-7.00pm

## *From the Principals*

Welcome back to everyone for another term. I hope that students, their families and the staff members had a relaxing, healthy and enjoyable holiday break. Undoubtedly, it will be another busy term as our students complete another dynamic program of work. Please note that the regular newsletter will be emailed every fortnight, beginning next week.

This term will see our students from PP to Year 5 completing the Dance Program across the term, whilst our Year 3 and 5 students will complete the National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) in a couple of weeks. Our sporting teams will compete in the Eagles Cup competition as well as the Winter Carnival at the end of term. In addition, we will have our usual number of excursions across the school, making for an engaging and full ten weeks. If you are a new family to our school, we welcome you and hope that your children will enjoy their experience at Riverton.

Given the recent tragic events in Sri Lanka, there may well be families of our Sri Lankan community in Riverton that have been affected by this awful occurrence, either through friends or relatives. Please be assured that we stand by you ready to help where we can and provide any support we need to either the students or their families. Do not hesitate to contact us should you be concerned for any of your children. On behalf of the Riverton Primary Campus, I offer my sincere condolences for any loss of friends or family.

Please note that we have our Anzac Day service on **Friday morning** in the **front quadrangle**, starting at **9.00am**. Parents are more than welcome to come along and join us for the special event to help commemorate all those who have served our nation. Our students will be conducting the service.

As I noted at the end of last term, we are having an "official" opening of our new **mural** in the **Covered Assembly Area** on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May**, starting at **5.00pm**. Our choir will perform, we will have some Japanese drumming, our ESC students will be dancing and our School Board members will attend the event. Our Curriculum Leaders will be there to provide an update and some of the P&C executive will be present. A sausage sizzle will be available for those who come along. Everyone is welcome to help us celebrate the new artwork!

I would also like to remind parents that we commence our final in-term swimming sessions for the Education Support students and Room 20 students on Wednesday afternoon. These lessons will run each afternoon until the end of Week 2 (Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May).

## TERM 2 DATES

**MONDAY 29 APRIL 2019 - 4 JULY 2019**

**NO SCHOOL ON THE BELOW DATES**

**3 JUNE 2019 - WESTERN AUSTRALIA DAY**

**4 JUNE 2019 - PROFESSIONAL LEARNING DAY**

# JAPANESE NEWS

## Taiko lessons in Japanese

We had Taiko drum lessons in Japanese at the end of Term one. Year 3 to 6 students enjoyed drumming for the first time in Japanese.



## Taiko performance at the Mural Launch

Friday Morning Taiko club's performance is coming up soon! We have been working hard to learn the Taiko pieces during Term one and we are ready to perform in front of everyone for the first time. Our performance will be around 5.35pm at the Mural Launch on Tuesday 7 May. We hope you can join us for this occasion.

Tsuzuki Sensei  
Japanese Specialist



## Autism Awareness Month

April was Autism awareness month, but as we had swimming for the last two weeks of the term and then we had the school holidays, at Riverton Primary Campus we are going to celebrate Autism Awareness Month in May.

### What is Autism?

Autism is a lifelong developmental condition that affects, among other things, the way an individual relates to his or her environment and their interaction with other people.

The word 'spectrum' describes the range of difficulties that people on the autism spectrum may experience and the degree to which they may be affected. Some people may be able to live relatively normal lives, while others may have an accompanying learning challenges and require continued specialist support. The main areas of difficulty are in social communication, social interaction and restricted or repetitive behaviours and interests.



People on the autism spectrum may also have:

- unusual sensory interests such as sniffing objects or staring intently at moving objects
- sensory sensitivities including avoiding everyday sounds and textures such as hair dryers, vacuum cleaners and sand
- intellectual impairment or learning difficulties



An estimated 1 in 70 people has autism; that's almost 230,000 Australians. Autism affects almost four times as many boys than girls.

Several students at the Campus fall within the Autism Spectrum Disorder and all staff make adjustments so that these students can access our school environment. Some students require extensive adjustments and other require minimal adjustments to access the curriculum and the school environment. During the month we will be putting some information into the newsletters and talking to our students about Autism.

Here is the link to a short digital film that you may wish to watch with your children. Remember everyone is different, and children are not born discriminating against others, so being well informed is the key to understanding and acceptance, core values at Riverton Primary Campus: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RbwRrVw-CRo>



Vicki Sturgeon  
Principal  
Education Support Centre



# **RIVERTON PRIMARY**

# **Mural Launch**



**\* TUESDAY 7TH MAY 2019 \***

**5:00PM - 6:30PM**

**DRUMMING - DANCING**  
**SCHOOL CHOIR - SAUSAGE SIZZLE**

**Meet the P&C and School Board**

**\* COME CELEBRATE \***



# From the P&C

## P&C EASTER RAFFLE WINNERS

Thank you to everyone that supported our Easter raffle. We had so many donations of eggs we were able to have prizes galore!! The following students had an extra chocolate Easter as the winners of the raffle, especially Meliesha who one twice!

Charlie kindy purple  
Zara room 18  
Eric room 8  
J Zhou pp2  
Sebastian room 3  
Dennis room 3  
Om room 11  
Josh room 20  
Joye room pp1  
Ivan room 17  
Ariana room kindy purple  
Zavier room 16  
Annabelle room 7  
Helen room 2  
Isabella room 13  
Meliesha room 21 (won twice )  
Thomas 16  
Eclie room 12  
Isaac room 10  
Tom s room 13  
Yinw pp1  
Brady room 5



Thank  
you!



## Children's Crosswalk on Vahland Ave

Do you live on the other side of Vahland Avenue? The crosswalk on Vahland near Corinthian Road is a valuable resource for families walking to and from school.

The Children's Crossing and Road Safety Committee has written to the P&C to advise that there are currently not enough people using this crosswalk. If low user numbers continue, the crosswalk will be cancelled.

Walking to school is a great way to spend time and talk with your children, encourage independence in older children and avoid the stress and hassle of driving and parking.

If you live on the other side of Vahland and want to benefit from the continuation of this crosswalk, we encourage you and your children to walk to school.

