From the Principal’s desk

The end of another term ... already!

It was International Peace Day on 21st September. The first International Peace Day was in September 1982. It was started by the United Nations in the hope that all fighting ceases for that one day internationally.

Anyone, anywhere can celebrate Peace Day, we choose to do it especially because of Dr. Maria Montessori’s work for peace. She felt that the only way peace would be in the world would be through the children.

We want children to learn how to get along with each other, to learn how to share, take turns and respect others.

A smile is the beginning of peace. (Mother Theresa).

Life is lived in the present .... yesterday is gone ... tomorrow is yet to be ... today is the miracle, make the most of it.

We hope you find some time for rest and relaxation with your children during the holidays and that the spring weather will arrive sometime soon!

Ineke Oliver
Principal

Virtue of the Week: Truthfulness

Truthfulness is being honest in your words and actions. You don’t tell lies even to defend yourself. Don’t listen to gossip or prejudice. See the truth for yourself. Don’t try to be more than you are to impress others. Be yourself, your true self.

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Well we are glad to see the end of Term 3. All the colds, coughs and flu will hopefully disappear over the holidays and we will all be back fighting fit ready for term four.

The biggest highlight of this term for Jarrah has been camp. We went to Fairbridge Camp, Pinjarra for the week. It was full of early mornings and late nights. We joined in activities like Archery, Flying Fox, Giant Swing, Low Ropes, Amazing Race, Indoor Rock climbing, Disco, Minute to Win It and Leap of Faith. We all had great food and heaps of fun. We would like to thank Bill, Phil, Natasha and Warren for their help on camp. We hope they have caught up on their sleep!

On Thursday 1st September the whole school participated in a Lapathon. We had a great time running laps around the oval. We are looking forward to using the money raised in some outdoor activities next term. We couldn’t have asked for better weather on the day.

For Father’s Day this year we made our dad’s a spicy savoury nut mix. We mixed together Nutrigrain, mixed nuts, chicken soup, French onion soup, chilli powder and curry powder. The feedback was that the dad’s loved it.

The Boomers (Year 6 students) were lucky to go to Parliament House twice this term. We went with both parties and were invited to lunch in the Dining Hall both times. It was great to be able to see and compare the different chambers and watch question time.

We wish you a safe and relaxing holiday.

Thanks Kym and Marie.
Term 3 has flown by with many highlights enjoyed in the Bottlebrush classroom. Our resident Botanist, Wallace the Wombat, has visited our home gardens and discovered a wonderful variety of plants. He has complimented our Botany studies where we have been finding out about seeds and all their different shapes and sizes. Our experiment into how light affects their growth was quite dramatic. We identified many different types of roots that we can eat and looked at some of the grains crops up close growing on farms in the Wheat belt. Much of our Art work has focussed on plants too! We have made some lovely felt flowers that will be part of our gift for Leigh’s baby daughter Annelise Rose who we look forward to meeting next term.

There were many fun events this term with Stress down Day, SEDA Netball visit, some gorgeous Book Week costumes, the Lapathon and the highlight being the BB Day Trip to Rottnest. The weather was lovely and we all enjoyed a great day of discovery from quokkas, historical buildings, riding on the train, beachcombing and the tunnels under Oliver Hill.

Our News has been all about ‘old things’ looking at how time has changed many of our everyday items. There have been old books, medals, photo albums, coins, bottles, typewriters, coffee grinders, records and more shared.

We have been enjoying Time and Language games on the mat as part of our morning contract work, there were cupcakes baked for birthdays, soups for lunch and learning about Keeping Safe with Angela on Fridays. Our transition students Penelope, Kye and Xavier found friendships and their way into the routine smoothly, we look forward to having them in our class in Term 4. We hope everyone enjoys a ‘Happy’, safe and refreshing spring holiday break; the wildflowers are fantastic this year.

Treana and Angela
Another term has flown by! We all anticipated the long awaited 'BB Day Out' and it did not disappoint! The ferry ride across to Rottnest was interesting and the children were very glad when we touched dry land! Quokka watching was a favourite for many of the children and finding the answers to the history of the island activity was fun. We enjoyed the train ride up to Oliver Hill and we arrived in one piece, even though the children were allowed to drive the carriage!

In the afternoon we enjoyed beach scavenging and a Port Jackson shark case was spotted by one keen observer. This was alternated with an orienteering activity which honed compass reading and teamwork skills. After a long walk back to the Settlement Village, the children enjoyed a quick play on the playground before venturing back on the dreaded boat. We needn’t have worried; the journey was relatively smooth and a whale even performed alongside the ferry to help pass the time. Thank you to the children and to the fantastic parent helpers! It really was an enjoyable day.

We have been focussing on Botany this term, and the mid term Corroboree investigated how Norman the Plant ate and how important plants are to us by providing oxygen through the process of photosynthesis. The children have also been making studied drawings of flowers, finding out about leaves and preparing their own garden.

Family trees were investigated and the children enjoyed making their own history box, bringing in old photographs of their family and objects that were important to their families and heritages.

Jodie and Wynona
This term we warmly welcomed Tilly, Makayla, and Amelia to Rivergum.

We began the term with a focus on inventions and simple machines with the children exploring pulleys, gears, and the basic elements of machines. Our inventions had a strong influence of flying machines, so we followed the children and took a sideways detour into the topic of flight. We tested paper planes designs with our upper primary buddies and loved measuring out the distance flown, and we delighted in throwing our paper helicopters off the playground equipment to determine which had the best spin - which was of course a very hot topic in Rivergum, with many varieties of helicopters needing to be made for a thorough investigation.

We also delved into woodwork this term, with much sanding, drilling, and hammering to be heard on the back verandah. The children were very proud of their efforts.

Book week saw a renewed interest in story writing, and our older children enjoyed typing their stories up on the computer then reading them to the class. The dress up day was a fun day for all, and the children loved hearing Judith read her own book. We thank the parent organisers for all their hard work during book week, we certainly enjoyed it.

We were lucky to have many visitors this term, with a well received music incursion with Alec, a tractor visit by Ameena’s grandpa Chris, story time in French with Riddhi’s mum Jyoti, and Aubrey’s beautiful new best friend Skye. We thank our visitors for taking the time to share with us, your efforts are much appreciated.

The end of term finds us sad to farewell Aubrey, Kye, and Xavier, but we know we will see them soon on open gate day and we wish them well in lower primary.

We hope you all enjoy the break, and look forward to seeing you all rejuvenated in term 4.

Angela & Leah
Childrens House—Rivergum Class...
SICKNESS!! That about sums up the past week or two. Wow we have a few away. I do hope we can all recover and come back next term with everyone fit and well.

We again opened our doors for the Progress afternoon and as always it is great to see the interaction between the children and families. It is a great opportunity for you all to come in and find out the names of some materials to aid your afternoon questions about “what did you do today?”, you can now ask “did you do the ………. today?”.

It is with sadness that we farewell three of our friends, Armin, Ashton and Penelope, they are moving into Lower Primary next term so we wish them and their families continued success through the school. We will on the other hand be welcoming two new families next term as well and we will welcome William and Tristan.

Thank you all for coming in for the Parent interviews and discussing the welfare of your children, I always find it is good to talk. So if you have any concerns or questions please contact me on ichapman@riverlands.wa.edu.au any time and we can arrange a time to get together.

Thank you to Hannah and Madhu for filling Debra’s big shoes while she has been off and we wish you all a very safe and restful holiday period, see you next term.

Ian and Debra.
The end of term newsletter usually has an article from each class however, this time Meleauca’s article will be included in the first newsletter of next term.

Thank you
Planning, Planning and more Planning from the P and F

This term has been a bit quiet on events, but there has been a lot of behind the scenes planning for events next term and in Term one next year. Thanks to everyone who supported the Father’s Day stall this term, it was a wonderful success. Thanks to Natalie Pisano and all parents that volunteered their time.

We are holding a Bunnings sausage sizzle at Bunnings Malaga on Monday the 26th of September. If you haven’t registered your times to help, please do so ASAP. Thanks to the Stopp family for organising this. Our first event next term is a Spring camp and BBQ to be held on Friday 14th of October at school. This is a new event with some exciting food options and games for children. Please come and support this wonderful community event.

We have also been given the opportunity to have a sausage sizzle and living plants stall at the Aveley Farmers markets on Sunday 6th November. More information is to follow, but keep this day free to help on the stall or come down and get yourself a yummy sausage sizzle. Our 2 major projects have been coming along nicely, the major work on the Children’s playground has been completed and it is only the finer details left to go. Special thanks to Ian and all parents that helped with the recent busy bee. The plans for the Riverdome kitchen are underway, thanks to Bryn Stopp for organising this. We are hoping to have completion early next year!

On a final note, I would personally like to thank the Licastro family for all their hard work this year and the extensive contributions they have made to the P and F. It has been great working with such a committed and generous family. Have a wonderful Break and enjoy this spring weather with your families.

Cassandra Bull
Upcoming Events...

Riverlands P and F Association has been given the opportunity to have a stall at the Aveley Farmers Markets!

We Need you! Can you Help?
Sunday 6th November
Sausage Sizzle and Living Manis Stall

Please return the slip below or email you availability to Cassandra at cass.1982au@yahoo.com.au

Yes I can help
Name: ____________________________________________
Contact Number: ________________________________

Please circle
Set up: 8.45am
Selling: 9.10am 10.11 am 11.12pm 12.1pm
Pack up: 1.30pm

Riverlands 25th Birthday Celebration and Expo

Friday October 28th
3.30pm to 6.00pm

Riverdome
Displays and hands-on experiences for each level in the school
Launch of Riverlands Videos
Future building plans
Free event
Bouncy Castle
Sausage Sizzle

RSVP 21st October to admin (admin@riverlands.wa.edu.au or 9250 6444)
Playground Photos Last Day of Term 3...
The 2016 McDonald’s WAFL Grand Final is here!

SUBIACO vs PEEL THUNDER

This is your chance to witness the best that WA Football has to offer. The 2016 McDonald’s WAFL Grand Final is the 132nd, a game that encapsulates the spirit of the WAFL competition.

Subiaco are going for the hat-trick while Peel Thunder continue to make history taking to the turf for their first WAFL Grand Final.

Kids aged 15 years and under will receive free entry but please remember kids 13 and under will need to be accompanied by a parent or adult guardian.

The League game kicks off at 2.30pm this Sunday after Claremont FC take on East Perth FC in the Colts Grand Final (8.40am) and Reserves Grand Final which sees East Perth FC go up against Claremont FC (11.20am).

Pre-purchase your tickets now and you will go in the draw to win a Monster Jam suite for you and 11 mates*.

All tickets entitle fans to access to all three Grand Finals - Colts, Reserves and League.

Make sure you get to the game early to experience the Footy Fan Zones at Gate 8 and 19, which will feature bouncy castles, Nova Casanova’s, face painting, McDonald’s Marquee, Aussie BBQ’s, Powerade tent, kids entertainment and heaps of giveaways.

For more information visit www.w afl.com.au* Terms and conditions apply.
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