Coming Events

2017 TERM DATES

TERM 1 2017: Wed 1 Feb—Thurs 6 Apr
TERM 2 2017: Wed 26 Apr—Thur 29 Jun
TERM 3 2017: Tue 18 Jul—Thur 21 Sep
TERM 4 2017: Tue 10 Oct—Wed 6 Dec

TERM ONE 2017

Wednesday 15th February
- Jacaranda Excursion
- Parent Information Evening CH 6-7.30 pm

Thursday 16th February
- Parent Information Evening Pri 6-7.30 pm

Monday 20th February
- School Tour 9am

Tuesday 21st February
- P & F Meeting—AGM 7pm

Thursday 2nd March
- Bottlebrush Corroboree 9am

Friday 3rd March
- Pupil Free Day

Monday 6th March
- Labour Day—Public Holiday

Tuesday 14th March
- P & F Meeting 7pm

Friday 17th March
- Funky Hair Day

This term I’ve been enjoying participating in supervising playtime, it’s terrific to see firsthand the children playing and socialising. The main sport played changes with the seasons, currently it’s cricket with many of them clearly playing in teams outside of school. The imaginary play is also enlightening as they model what they see and hear at home and away from school, there are engine-building workshops, bakeries and lots of gardening.

Did you know?

Each class has two Class Reps, willing and able to be a contact person for all the parents in the class and who act as liaisons with the teacher and the school. Their role is an important one as they welcome new families to the school and arrange get-togethers for parents. Their names and photos are up at each classroom door, so make yourself familiar with who they are as they sometimes swap roles from term to term.

The P & F AGM is coming up soon, please give this some consideration. We all enjoy the fruits of their labour, each parent is automatically a member when you child enrolls in school, so please feel welcome to come along to meetings and share ideas. The role of the P & F is not just fundraising to but help build ‘community’, this involves everyone, so please come along.

Virtue of the Week Caring

Caring is giving love and attention to people and things that matter to you. When you care about people, you help them. You do a careful job, giving your very best effort. You treat people and things gently and respectfully. Caring makes the world a safer place.
Parent Information evenings:

These evenings are designed to provide you with the opportunity to come and meet with other parents in your class/cycle and to hear from the teachers about the current focus in the class. There will also be a session on an aspect of our education program here. Please taken advantage of these opportunities as getting handouts later cannot quite cover everything that is discussed.

Sunglasses:

We have sunglasses for sale, specifically designed for school age children and to cope with the way they might be handled by young children. They have a space where the child’s name can be written and come in a sturdy case that can be hooked on to school bags. Research has shown eyes need protection, so please consider calling in to the office and checking them out.
Welcome to the 2017 school year everyone, the children have grown and we have been refreshed by the summer break. We welcome Maisie, Anna and Alexia to our class and hope they are enjoying the Lower Primary routine.

One of our favourites has been a classroom character who goes home for a visit with each student. This term we have a little “family” who are coming to find out who is in their family and learn about some of your traditions and celebrations. This leads into our news topic which is other cultures and traditions, the children are invited to share items from around the world. We are enjoying a Tibetan singing bowl along with coins from Malaysia and a Greek olive oil lamp this week. In week 4 we will celebrate Harmony Day as a school, with each class cooking foods from around the world.

Our Cosmic theme this semester is Earth Science and we have begun by finding out about how hot our beautiful earth is inside and its layers from the Inner Core to the outside Crust. It is going to be exciting and fun learning about the different landforms, weather and climate and where we fit in the universe. We will share another of the Montessori Great Stories next week. On March 22 Bottlebrush and Boronia are going to visit SciTech—always a place to get our minds and hands ticking with discovery.

Looking forward to a great term, Treana, Angela and the twins…. You may have heard the exciting news that Angela has been blessed with a twin pregnancy, due in July!!
Help Needed

P & F Sausage Sizzle
Sunday 19th March
Bunnings Malaga

Let’s celebrate our successes and discuss exciting plans for 2017!

Nominations for a Position on the P and F executive team can also be given during this time

**Ugly Duckling Wines**
7790 West Swan Rd
West Swan

**Tuesday 21st of February 2017**
**7pm**
**wine and nibbles provided**

R.S.V.P.
to Cassandra - cass_1982au@yahoo.com.au
By Friday 17th of February

School Shades™

Did you know that children under the age of 10 years are unable to block as much UV radiation as adults eyes and that Western Australia has one of the highest rates of preventable eye disease in the world?

A broad brimmed hat only offers 50% protection from UV rays and sunglasses can complete the final 50%. As part of our Sun Smart policy – Riverlands Montessori is now offering School Shades to complement our uniform. School shades can be worn during sports, recess and lunch time.

Samples are available at the office for your child to try on –

Small (approx. 3-4yrs), Medium (approx. 5-6yrs) and Large (approx. 9+ yrs)

Available at the office for

$17.95 each
Hey, Come Along & Join the Fun!

Swan Valley
- and surrounds -
Market Day
10-5PM
SUNDAY 2ND APRIL
Riverlands Montessori School
359 Arthur Street Dayton

Market Stalls - Food trucks - Vintage Collections - Fashion Parade

Kids Zone - Car & Motorcycle Classics - Live Entertainment

For more information email g.licito@bigpond.com

Event Presented By Parents & Friends Association
This is a reminder about the information sessions coming up in Week Three. We are often asked by parents about how we use the specialised Montessori equipment and how our curriculum works.

If you come along, you will see and hear how we incorporate the latest well-researched educational techniques and the time-tested Montessori method. The Teachers have put together presentations on specific curriculum areas so that you can support your child’s learning in the home by knowing what happens in school. It is also a great opportunity to meet up with other parents in your child’s class and welcome those who are new to the school.

Details are:

**Wednesday 15th February**
Children’s House  
6.00-7.30pm  
Topic: “Culture”  
Venue: Your child’s classroom for first half hour then Riverdome afterwards.

**Thursday 16th February**
Upper & Lower Primary  
6.00-7.30pm  
Topic: “Botany”  
Venue: Your child’s classroom for first half hour then Riverdome Class afterwards

Please RSVP to Tamara on 9250 4444 or admin@riverlands.wa.edu.au by Tuesday 14th February 2017.

Look forward to seeing you there!
PARENT SUPPORT HOURS JOBS

- **A-Frames** - Looking for a parent who can spare a few minutes once a week to update the A-Frame. Can be done at drop off time.

- **Reading program** - Parents who can spare a small amount of time once or twice a week to exchange the reading books, Boronia and Jarrah classes need assistance.

- **Gumnut Class** - Our afternoon program room, Gumnut, is in need of reorganising and we need parent help to make this happen.

- **Boronia Class** - Small library inside class needs to be labelled and sorted. Please see Jodie.

- **Melaleuca Class** - Planting required around the verandah. Please see Tess

- **Jarrah Class** - Need quite a few jobs in the classroom, Laminating, Store room tidy and organising. Jarrah also request someone who could work with the children 1/2 an hour once a fortnight - weeding herb gardens, planting and having students help/learn about the garden.

Remember you save $140.00 every term by putting in 4 hours work each term towards school. This can be done in one go or on a weekly basis. Whichever suits you. There is something available for everyone. Just ask!
MALAGA INDOOR BEACH VOLLEYBALL

Wednesday Morning – Daytime Ladies Competition

New players and teams are welcome for daytime and nightly competitions

9 IRVINE DRIVE, MALAGA

Call 9249 4075 or 0418 930 643

www.indoorbeachvolleyball.com/malaga

Find us on Facebook

Riverlands Montessori School
WASTE WISE

Like all schools, Riverlands can produce large amounts of waste.

However, it is the aim of our school to send as little waste as possible to landfill. This will lead to financial saving for the school, considerable benefits for the environment and many opportunities for students to learn environmentally sound attitudes and habits. Last year we became an accredited Waste Wise School. To achieve this we had some staff attend an introductory workshop, formed a Waste Wise committee, ran a waste audit, came up with a waste policy and wrote a waste plan. This entitled us to a $2000 grant which has gone towards setting up compost bins and worm farms throughout the school, a mulcher amongst other items.

As a whole school we are holding a waste free lunch day every Wednesday; we call this Waste Wise Wednesday. This means the children’s and staff’s lunch is to contain no throwaway packaging and produce no food waste. A typical homemade zero waste lunch is packed in reusable containers rather than wrapped in disposable packaging. A drink is in a refillable bottle. All containers are resealable, so that leftover food can be saved for later. We have composts, worm farms and chickens for leftover food scraps. We are working towards Waste Wise Lunch Boxes Everyday.

A reminder also to families, you are able to bring in your used batteries (not car), mobile phones, ring pulls from cans and used stamps as we pass these items on to be recycled.

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**TERM 1 2017**

**PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS**

**PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

**LABOUR DAY**

**FUNKY HAIR DAY**

**Harmony Day**

**LP Excursion**

**Rivergum Excursion**

**P&F Meeting - AGM 7pm**

**P&F Sausage Sizzle**

**P&F Summer Markets**