



# Riverina School

SENIOR & MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS LETTER – TERM 1 2018

WELCOME BACK !

Welcome Back! We hope you have had an enjoyable Christmas break. The children have certainly had lots of exciting stories to share. We wish all our new families a special Riverina welcome, and we hope you will continue to enjoy your time at our School. We look forward to working with you. Together with your support we can encourage your child to grow in confidence, with a love of learning, and a determination to be the best person they can be.

## Reminders

- We would love to see all students arriving to school on time in the mornings.
- Please remember to check that all clothing items are clearly named, especially as hats and sweatshirts will be removed during the day. Also remember 'slip, slop, slap and wrap'.
- We are sun smart in Term 1 and our hats protect our faces from the sun.
- Please check that your child has enough morning tea and lunch.
- Help your children to take responsibility for their school belongings and getting organized for each school day. The readers that come home need to be returned the following day in the school/book bags.
- In order for your child to benefit fully from our Spelling Programme, spelling words need to be learnt each night.
- Finally, we have an open-door policy, so please feel free to pop in at any time.



**Feel free to email us if you have any questions or concerns :**

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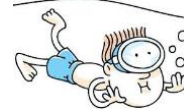
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## Swimming Carnival

As part of our water safety programme, the students from Years 4 to 6 will be going to the lagoon pools on 28 February to participate in the swimming carnival.

Rooms 3 and 4 students will use the school pool on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of March to have their swimming carnival



Swimming is part of our Physical Education Programme this term, so all students are required to swim.

## Learning Focus:

Our Health unit this term is linked to our over-arching theme of Hauora. In particular we will spend time learning about being resilient and at the same time encourage our students to practise empathy. It also involves visiting the Life Education Caravan.



## Literacy

Reading everyday is essential for children to develop their confidence and gain fluency. Encourage your children to read by taking them to the Public Library and allowing them to choose books. Talk about the story and ask questions to help develop understanding. Link the ideas read in books to writing. Encourage your child to write about what he/she has read and share with family members and friends.

## Maths

Maths is everywhere. Encourage your child to develop a love for Maths. Make it fun by playing number games, show them how to add and subtract money when shopping, and help them create designs by using basic shapes and etc.

**Meet The Families (15 Feb)**  
We look forward to meeting you all informally at school from 5pm onwards. Please bring a picnic to share with your family.



**Goal Setting Evening-15 March**  
On Wednesday 15 March we will be having parent-teacher discussions, which will mainly focus on goal setting for your child. You will also have the opportunity to discuss any other concerns or questions you may have. We look forward to seeing you and your child.

## Race Relations Day

**29 March**

The children will have the opportunity to dress up in their favourite cultural costumes and parade on the 'cat-walk'. We would also love to see you all as well if you can take time off work.