



# Riverina School

Middle and Senior School News letter – Term 3 2018

Welcome to Term 3. We hope you all had a fabulous holiday and enjoyed the time with your children.

Our hearty congratulations to Carol Dickinson, who has taken over as the new principal this term. We look forward to her leadership and guidance to lead our school to great success.



## Rod Dixon Marathon

You can contact your child's teacher using the following email:

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## Swimming:

Middle and Senior School students will be attending swimming lessons every Wednesday at Lloyd Elsmore Pool. Students will be transported by the Community Swim bus. Please ensure that your child brings his/her togs, goggles and a towel to school every Wednesday so not to miss out on this excellent learning opportunity. Parents, you are welcome to come and watch your children at the pool. Due to limited seating in the bus, parents will not be able to accompany students on the bus. This term, students will also be learning about water safety.

## Electives

Students have chosen to participate in various activities such as cooking, band, Bollywood dancing, movie making, weaving, board games, recorders, craft and games in Term 3. There is a cost of \$5 dollars to help us facilitate these activities. If your child has not paid, please pay it at the office.

## Learning Focus:

Our inquiry learning this term is about the Living World. Children will explore ideas such as sustainability, habitats, adaptations and human impact on habitats.

## Rod Dixon Marathon:

This is a Physical Education programme which encourages students to develop fitness. Students complete a distance of 42km during the course of the term and on completion, they will be awarded medals. We practise every Tuesday and Thursday morning. So please ensure that your child wears proper running shoes to school on these days.

## Reading:

Reading everyday with your child is essential in the early years to motivate and develop his/her confidence. Encourage your child by giving lots of praise. Talk about the story and ask questions to help develop understanding.

## Oral Language:

Students will be learning how to recite poetry or deliver a speech to an audience. Children will be asked to learn a poem of their choice or write a speech for the Speech contest in Week 7.

## Writing:

Children are learning how to persuade an audience. Encourage your child to write about different topics to persuade a point of view. Support them to give reasons and help them with examples. Make it fun by asking them to persuade you for something they want, or have a debate with your family!

## Maths:

Ratios and Proportions is the focus for Maths this term. Students will also learn about Time and Temperature. There will be a continued ongoing focus on addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. So keep practising these with your children. Please contact your child's teacher if you need more information. You can also visit <http://nzmaths.co.nz/> to find more information and Maths activities.

### Test your knowledge on fractions:

*Can you say these fractions -  $1/2$ ,  $2/7$ ,  $15/123$ .*

*Mum bought a pizza and shared it equally between 6 children. What fraction would each child get?*

*If there is a group of fruits: 3 oranges and 4 apples, what fraction of the group are apples?*

## Important dates to remember:

8/8/18 – Swimming at Lloyd Elsmore starts

8/8/18 – Whānau Show at Pakuranga Intermediate

13/8/18 – MP Simeon Brown's visit  
2pm

23/08/18 – Class photos

31/08/18 – Father's Day Breakfast

3/09/18 – Tongan Language week

10/09/18 - Maori Language Week

28/09/18 – End of Term 3