DIARY DATES

JUNE

Thurs 9th  SAPSASA
Cross Country Adelaide

Mon 20th  SAPSASA
Fri 24th  Soccer/Hockey Adelaide

Wed 22nd  RDHS Year 7 Transition
Social / Open Night

Fri 24th  Tuck Day

JULY

Fri 1st  Student Free Day
DECS BELS First Aid

SAPSASA Basketball
At Balaklava

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

At our most recent Student Representative Council (SRC) meeting a number of issues were discussed. These included fundraising and some playground concerns. Once these items were addressed I asked our SRC representatives if they had any issues raised at class meetings about Core Business, that is, Literacy and Numeracy learning in class. I got a few ‘blank looks’ and silence until we started to discuss what role SRC might play in student learning at our school. I explained that as a staff we are continuously working to improve our pedagogy (teaching methods/skills) so that we become more effective teachers and so provide better learning outcomes for our learners.

We talked about students asking questions about their learning, and more specifically, what and why they do what they do in literacy and numeracy? The consensus was that they hadn’t thought very much about it. Interesting, considering this is what students spend most of their time on during the day! So at future SRC meetings I will ask reps what effective learning and teaching they have been involved in and for them
to recognise that what, and how you learn is not the sole responsibility of the teacher but also the child/student, the broader family network and the community.

Regards, Max.

STUDENT FREE DAY

Governing Council has approved a student free day for Friday July 1st. On this day staff will be attending a DECS BELS First Aid course at the school.

Please make a note of this date on your calendar and remember to keep your child home that day.

AUSTRALIA’S BIGGEST MORNING TEA

I would like to say a BIG THANKYOU to the staff, students and community for your support in Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea. To the Staff of Riverton Primary, thank you so much for your donations of food. The response was overwhelming and there were plenty of delicious things to eat.

To the students and the community, thank you for coming along and giving a donation for your “cuppa”. It was pleasing to see so many attend.

I would also like to thank the following businesses for their support with tea, coffee, cups, serviettes etc.

Riverton Deli
Riverton IGA Mike & Sue
Riverton IGA Everyday
Riverton Agencies
Riverton Newsagency
Riverton Post Office
Riverton Pharmacy
Glen Keast

And now what we have all been waiting to find out. The total amount raised was:

Riverton Primary $646.95

Cheers, Mandy

TENIX MATHS QUESTACON

Students in Year 4—7 had the opportunity to attend the Tenix Questacon Maths Squad show and workshop on Monday 6th June at the Clare Primary School. Considering there was no cost to parents for the Maths Show or bus transport, it was disappointing to see that some students chose not to go or didn’t bother to pass the note on to their parents. From all accounts from students and teachers it was well worth going and a lot of fun.
The Tenix Questacon Maths Squad is an outreach program of Questacon – The National Science and Technology Centre, which is based in Canberra, and travels out to schools. The Maths Squad aims to inform and inspire students and teachers about Maths. As with other national programs of Questacon, the Maths Squad shows people how science and technology and in this case, mathematics, play an important role in people's everyday lives.

**Making Maths Exciting and Relevant**
The Maths Squad uses interactive, hands-on mathematical tasks and lively presentations to inspire students to take a positive interest in mathematics. With challenging, colourful puzzles and engaging narrative, the Maths Squad guides students to discovering the important role that maths plays in our everyday lives. The Maths Squad also offers professional development workshops for teachers.

On Monday, the Year 4 – 7 classes went to Clare for a Questacon visit. We were mixed with students from Robertstown. While we were there we met Agent Denny, Agent Max and Agent Plus, which is the van. We learnt how to identify patterns, make secret ID, play with chance, crack locks and escape the Count (who was a puppet from Sesame Street).

Between each lesson we learnt a part of the secret code which included the signs + x - = and ÷. At the end of the code we did a click. During ‘Escaping the Count’ we had a few practice throws of throwing cream pies at Mrs. Greenslade!

At the end of the show 8 members of the 4/5 Class, 8 from 5/6 Class and 8 from the 6/7 Class went with Max and Danny for a workshop for a half hour and split into pairs and did tricky puzzles like’ make a cube out of bricks’.

The rest of us split into teams of 6 and did a treasure hunt. Firstly we were given a bag which contained a number of things. In our groups we received a bag of puzzle pieces. We then had to go out and around the Clare Primary School finding more clues and more things. The overall winners were ‘The Brainless’ with 290 points.

It was a great morning of fun activities and learning.

By William and Jackson

SAPSASA NEWS

**NETBALL:**
Last week Amy McCabe, Sophie Griffiths, Amy Humphrys, Kate Parkinson, Tayla Michalanney and
Paige Allan all went down to represent the Mid North District Netball team at ETSA Park. We all enjoyed the week despite the teams’ wins (of which there weren’t any). The districts we played against were extremely tough and tall which was a disadvantage for our team as most of us were quite short. We’d also like to thank Kristy Lewis and Rachel McInerney for coaching the team.

Here are some comments:
**Kate:** SAPSASA was a great experience and lots of fun.
**Paige:** SAPSASA was fun and I thought the week went way too quickly.
**Tayla:** It was a lot of fun and I can’t wait to hopefully do it next year.
**Amy H:** It was a great experience and I am sad that I can’t do it again next year.
**Sophie:** SAPSASA was lots of fun even though they were all giants and tough.
**Amy M:** SAPSASA was lots of fun even though we lost all our games.

It was a great experience for all and we encourage lots of people to try out next year.

**By Paige Allan and Kate Parkinson**

**FOOTBALL:**
The whole of last week Xavier Redden, Max Connell and Cooper Dunn went to Adelaide to play football at Barratt Reserve (West Beach). Over the course of the week we played 9 games and won 7. Overall we came 3rd in div. 4. We had to play 2 games every day except Friday when we played 1. It was very tiring and we had to do an hour of warming up before each game. During the course of the week we stayed at the West Beach Caravan Park which was great fun.

Here are some comments about the week.
**Max:** My favourite game was against the A.P.Y Landers because I was captain and it was a fun game.
**Xavier:** I think it was a legendary week but it went too quickly.
**Cooper:** The week was awesome.

We’d like to thank Ryan O’Neil for coaching us and Gus Wenzel for being our assistant coach.

**By Xavier, Max and Cooper.**

**SOCCER:**
Congratulations to Georgia Oakley, Kelly-Anne Dutton, Paige Allan, Jackson Nokes, Corey Hocking, Riley McInerney and Lachlan Kernich, all of whom have won a spot in the Mid-North SAPSASA Soccer Teams to play in the State Championships in Adelaide during week 8 of this term.
**BASKETBALL:**
I have several names for the carnival to be played at Balaklava on July 1st. Is there anyone who hasn’t nominated that would like to?

*Cheers,*  
*Gary Wilson*

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**SRC**

On behalf of the SRC we would like to thank everyone who has made a donation this term. For The Biggest Morning Tea we raised $646.95 to go to the Cancer Council and we raised $181 through the casual, sports hero and PJ day, which was raising money for our sponsor child Lkariyan.

If you have any old or non-used board games (preferably with all their bits and pieces) and you would like to offload them somewhere, this is the place. We are looking for unloved board games to be given a new home, so that students can play them during the rainy days when they are stuck inside. Thank you

*By Kate Parkinson and Kelly-Anne Dutton.*

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**P&F**

P&F are holding an all day Tuck Day on Friday 24th June. Notes to order lunch etc were sent home yesterday and need to be returned by Thursday 16th June. Please be advised late orders will not be accepted.

*Regards,*  
*P&F*

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**MUSIC NEWS**

On Friday of week 4 Riverton Primary School hosted a District Concert Band Workshop for students from Clare, Balaklava and Riverton. The group is preparing three pieces to perform at the Balaklava Eisteddfod on the Friday of week 2 next term. Our students were wonderful hosts and the rehearsal was very successful.

The Festival Choir has been looking forward to a visit from Ridgehaven Primary School for a combined rehearsal. Unfortunately this has been cancelled due to the financial constraints of our visitors. We will try again next year.

On Saturday May 28th I attended an Orff-Schulwerk Conference and learnt
some great activities. Elspeth Hollamby also attended as part of her ‘training’. Did you know that music helps build bridges in your brain? Music helps connect pathways, allowing other information to flow more freely.

Did you know that only 25% of SA Primary Schools have a specialist music teacher? Did you know that music and maths are connected? (Ask a Year 4 – 7 students who attended the Questacon Maths Workshop on Monday). Did you know that it has been proven that students who study music usually do better at Year 12? Food for thought!!!

Nola Branson

It sounds like the netball and football players who competed in the SAPSASA Carnival in Adelaide last week had a great time but I don’t think they got a lot of sleep!!

What a great Biggest Morning Tea we had a couple of weeks ago. We raised more money than last year. Thank you to everyone who came along.

I think everyone is looking forward to the long weekend. With a weekend off regular sport this weekend it is a good time to make this a family outing weekend.

Cheers
Maureen Wright

LOST JUMPER

Lost – size 6 polar fleece school jumper, from when Mrs. Read had the R/1 Class. May have ‘ES’ or ‘JS’ or ‘Sidwell’ on the ticket. Also lost pair of small royal blue/light navy knitted gloves which were in the pockets – no label on the gloves.

Regards,
Mandy Sidwell

RIVERTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Riverton Community Library Board of Management invites you to the grand opening of the Community entrance and Launch of the Link Library On-Line Service at Riverton Community Library.

Please join us for afternoon tea Sunday June 26th from 1:30 to 3:30pm.
LIKE A TICKET TO THE FOOTY??

I have 2 complimentary tickets to each of the minor rounds at any suburban oval and Adelaide Oval for SANFL matches this season. If you would like to use them, just see Gary!

AROUND THE CLASSES

YEAR REC:
In our class this week we have been looking at weather. We have watched a weather segment on the news and we have looked at the Riverton weather forecast on the Internet. We have been finding out what the weather is going to be and coming to school and telling Mrs McInerney. We are recording it on some thermometers on our white board. Some of us looked in the newspaper, some on the Internet and some of us looked on the morning news. It has been very cold!

Why we like school……

At school I love doing Jolly Phonics because it helps me learn all of my letter sounds. Vanessa

I like writing about winter and what I did on the weekend. Matilda

I like doing sharing and showing the other kids what I have brought from home. Marie

YEAR 1:
In Science, the Year 1s have been learning about the weather. We looked at symbols in our class and other places and drew our own weather symbols. We take photos of the sky twice a day and record and changes in the weather in our science journal. We go on the internet each morning to see the weather forecast and we use an interactive thermometer to show the temperature.

In Maths we have been learning about combining groups and recording addition sentences. We use dice, cards, beads, dominoes, counters, blocks, popsticks, fingers and interactive tools to work out the answers to problems. In morning talks, the children have shared something they made. We have been learning how to orally present a procedure.

In Society and Environment we are learning about farms. We researched information about cows and we printed patterns to make cow pictures.
YEAR 2/3:
Following on from the Life Van visit, students were given the task of creating a life-sized person showing inside organs. What great work they did with most things in the correct place. We have also focused on writing descriptions of an organ or part of the body. They all found some interesting information.

In the Chitter Chatter sessions the focus is on being prepared and speaking clearly. This has raised the benchmark a little more.

The garden continues to flourish and the students are always busy. The digging pit is a big hit even though a little muddy!!!!!! With Mrs Nokes the drama sessions are enjoyed by all. In Maths, Measurement has been a major focus looking at length, area, perimeter, capacity and mass.

YEAR 4/5:
The Year 4/5 Class have been writing stories about Aboriginal life. We are continuing on with our unit on earthquakes for science, where we made models of tectonic plates.

We have revised fractions, percentages and decimal fractions for Maths and have begun to enjoy some activities on Scootle. Thankyou to all those parents who are supporting their child through their homework.

YEAR 5/6:
In Writing we have been writing simile and metaphor poems. A simile describes something using the words ‘like’ or ‘as’. A metaphor says that one thing is something else. We wrote poems using similes and metaphors describing ourselves to things like furniture and food. Then we wrote simile/metaphor poems about feelings and animals. Here are two examples:

Happiness
Happiness is yellow,
It sounds like laughter and loud voices,
It smells like fairy floss and ice-cream,
It feels like swimming at the beach,
It looks like picnics and carnivals.

Greyhounds
A head like a snake, a neck like a drake,
A back like a beam, a belly like a bream,
A foot like a cat, a tail like a rat.

By Siouxsie and Megan

In Art we have been doing Picasso pictures, but to make it fun we had to draw a face with our eyes closed. We did this because Picasso used to paint portraits with profile and front views mixed up. It was hard to draw the body parts in the right spot with our eyes closed but it made them
look funny like Picasso portraits. Then we coloured them in with oil pastels.

**By Declan and Tim**

Last week Mrs. Alcorn brought in three greyhounds. Their names were Clyde, Heidi and Dazzler. Clyde was wearing boots because he had dog corns caused by lots of successful racing. The reason Mrs. Alcorn came in was because we read a greyhound poem when we were learning about similes.

**By Ben and Corey**

In Maths with Mrs. Greenslade we had to design something in decimals, fractions and percentages that fit into a grid of one hundred squares. Some people designed towns, farms, theme parks etc. We also made a park and a farm on the Smartboard. We found that some people designed some very unusual things like a ‘Peace Park’ where nothing inside it was peaceful at all.

**By Angus and Jayden**

**YEAR 6/7:**

Last week for homework we had to make a puppet. The puppet could be a paper puppet or a sock puppet or something else. Kodi got Homework of the Week with her sock puppet she made to look like ‘Slash’ from Guns’n’ Roses. Adam K and Logan got runner up. In PE we have started playing volleyball which we are all enjoying. Last week we said good bye to our student teacher Miss Hollamby. We all enjoyed the good bye cake she brought that she made the night before.

Yesterday some of the students went to the Tenix Maths Questacon at Clare Primary School. They told us maths isn’t just about numbers, they taught us maths can be fun. At one stage we had to split up into groups of six to do a treasure hunt activity where we went out to a certain location and got maths puzzles to solve. Everyone enjoyed the day.

For art we did monochromatic art. Mono means one and chromatic means colour. We had to draw a picture and paint it one colour with different shades. They all turned out really well.

**By Lucy and Adam K**

**ANIMAL ADOPTION COMMITTEE**

AAC has been collecting bottles and cans to raise money to adopt endangered animals. We have successfully adopted a whale called Reflection. We are now working towards adopting a Bengal Tiger. We would like to ask if you still
would like to bring in your bottles and cans on Wednesdays (or make a donation in the front office) for recycling so we can adopt lots of endangered animals.

**AAC:**
Jessica S; Jessica H; Niamh; Hayley; Louise; Nicola; Savannah; Imogen and Mrs. Russell

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### AUSKICK 2011

Auskick will start on Friday 13th May at 4pm at the Riverton town oval.

Auskick is an introduction to football for children aged 4 – 10 years who don’t play in an organised competition. Sessions are from 4 – 5pm.

For more information please contact Gavin Noble on 0428855260

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### COMMUNITY NEWS

**When:** Wednesday evenings  
**Time:** 6:45 – 7.45 pm  
**Where:** Auburn Institute  
**Cost:** $8.00

Bring a towel, a friend, water & wear aerobic shoes. Licenced ZUMBA® Instructor Mel Kench will guide you through a fun calorie burning dance fitness workout.

Enquiries can be made to Mel 0409 786 244

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### RIVERTON PLAYGROUP

Do you have children aged 0 – 5 years of age…..then come and join in the fun! Thursdays from 10am – 12 noon. Train sets, puzzles, dress-ups, dolls, craft, stories, songs, playdough, cubby house, big sandpit, bikes and more. A great chance to meet other children and families and enjoy the wonderful facilities at the Riverton Kindergarten, Gilbert Street.

What to bring: $2 per child, a piece of fruit to share, sun hat and water bottle. We are affiliated with Playgroup SA – come and visit before you decide to become a member.

If you would like more information please phone the Riverton Kindergarten on 88472109 (Tuesday mornings)
suffer/s from the following allergies etc.

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And requires the following treatment:

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□ My child carries his/her own asthma medication.

OR

□ My child’s asthma medication is to be kept in the First Aid Room.
LOCAL EXCURSIONS
I consent to my child(ren)______________________________
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taking part in excursions to the township of Riverton when undertaking educational activities.

URGENT MEDICAL ATTENTION
I authorise the school to take my child(ren)______________________________
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to the doctor and/or hospital for urgent medical attention if it is considered necessary.

I understand I will be responsible for any costs associated with medical treatment.

PUBLICATION OF NAMES/PHOTOS
I consent to the publication of the names and/or photos of my child(ren)______________________________
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______________________ in the media.

NAME:______________________________

SIGNED:______________________________

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