FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We have certainly had lots happening both around the school and out and about in the community.

• On Friday 18 Grade 5/6 students represented us at Write a Book in a Day. They worked in 2 teams from 8.00am to 8.00pm to create and publish a book with illustrations. They also had to bind it – all without teacher assistance. Our teams were very impressive in terms of their collaborative skills, thinking and creative writing. I was very proud of how they worked and their completed book. A special thank you to Mrs Blanchard for supervising the teams.

Team 1
Alex Ritchie, Ilanna McDougall, Harvey Bender, Ella Howie, Sophy Oakley, Zahlee Rose, Ruby Corbett, Brielle Norton-Smith, Chelsea Bezemer

Team 2
Isabel Partridge, FRamsa Grant, Amelia Wing, Millie Starrett, Amelie Daveney, Morgan Howie, Marioka Ferencz, Archie Wise, Riley Price

• Last Friday was National Tree Planting Day and Toyota has supported us over the past two years. Grade 2AW were kitted out with smart tops and gardening gloves. Toyota also contributed by purchasing two mop top trees to add to shade areas in the playground. A thank you to Jess Sattler and Toyota.
Congratulations to Lachlan Brewer and Arie Schoenmaker who will be representing Tasmania in under 14 football in Darwin.

Growing Up Program
The program started this week in Grades 1 to 4. We had a great attendance at the parent information session. A reminder that the course facilitator Helana MacKean is available between 8.30 and 8.55am to talk to any parents with queries. Next week the program continues to Grades 5 and 6. Helana has commented on the positive qualities of the Riverside students.

Capital Works
Planning permits have been approved. Currently we are investigating internal fittings of classrooms. If you have any suggestions please email me on jane.bovill@education.tas.gov.au.

Grade 5SV have been investigating how we should store our bags. They had undertaken some wonderful research and connected this to an inquiry in Maths around capacity. They shared their findings with representatives from each of the Grade 5’s. From their wonderings students have sent questions to the architect. This student voice will inform the design of the bag storage.

The expectation is the plans will go to tender mid to late August.

Don’t forget about collecting your Earn and Learn Points from Woolworths – boxes at Legana and Riverside supermarkets and school office.

Jane Bovill
Principal
SCHOLASTIC AUSTRALIA BOOK CLUB

All brochure order forms and payment/receipts for Issue 5 need to be given to the classroom teacher by TUESDAY 8 August 2017 (Collation and entry Day).

The school has opted NOT to do the LOOP Program, sometime this year we will be going over to this program, so some teething problems may occur. You will need to get a receipt if you pay by credit card via their online services. They are no longer receiving over the telephone payments. More details regarding the LOOP will be sent closer to the time of changeover.

No late orders will be accepted this year, they cause problems, please make sure that your order is presented by due date given.

Please follow the reminders below of what needs to be done when ordering something from the brochure for your child/ren.

1. All order forms need to have your child’s name and classroom details on them as well as on the envelope please. Example: Joe Bloggs 2AH
2. If you are paying by cheque or money order, please make it payable to Scholastic Australia Pty Ltd. (not Riverside Primary School)
3. If you are paying by cash please ensure that you have the right amount of money enclosed in the envelope – we are finding it harder to get the right change to give back to you.
4. You can pay by credit card via the online payment system at http://parentpayments.scholastic.com.au/ (Click on Book Club payments) Scholastic Australia will generate you a receipt number, this has to be recorded on the bottom of the order form; please complete this form totally with the school’s name/suburb i.e. Riverside Primary School, Riverside TAS 7250 and please make sure that this is given with the order to the class teacher in an envelope with student’s name on it. We cannot process your order if there is only the receipt in the envelope; both receipt and brochure order form are required. If you are paying online for all your children’s orders please ensure that there is only one receipt number; all order forms can be given to one teacher (eldest in the family preferable); this way the order will come back to the eldest child to bring home to all other child/ren in your family.

Deliveries from Scholastic Australia may take between 2-3 weeks as they come from Sydney so please be patient and please explain this to your child/ren. If there is a delay in any of the items you have ordered it will be written on the invoice that the teachers receive and the items will be delivered to your child/ren as soon as it comes, if the item you have ordered runs out of stock their end; they will give you a replacement item and a gift voucher to the value of the item you ordered; also if there is a fault with any of the items please get them to Miss Orders as soon as possible please. The issue only stays open for 2 weeks after the due date back to the school.

If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact Miss Orders at the School Library, Tuesday and Wednesdays.

Thank you from the Book Club Organiser Miss Orders.

ASSEMBLIES 9.00AM

| Friday 11 August | 3-6 | 3RZ |
| Friday 18 August | Prep-2 | 1MD |
| Friday 25 August | Whole School | 4MW |
| Friday 8 September | 3-6 | 3MW |
| Friday 15 September | Prep-2 | 1GH |
| Friday 22 September | Whole School | 5SV |

FRIDAY 5/6 SPORT 4 AUGUST

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SWIMMING AND WATER SAFETY

The Swimming and Water Safety Record of Development certificates will be sent home next Thursday.

HELPING HANDS TERM 3

Thank you to our students for their feedback for Helping Hands ideas. The RSPCA will be our nominated charity for Term 3. A friendly reminder to bring along loose change on Fridays to support this cause.

Many thanks, from the Core Leaders

DITTO’S KEEP SAFE ADVENTURE EDUCATION PROGRAM

Ditto’s Keep Safe Adventure Education Program will be on TOMORROW Friday 4 August, 2017 at 9.15am in the school gym for ALL PREP students. This fun, live performance teaches children about personal safety. Parents are invited to attend this session. Detailed information for all Prep students was sent home at the end of Term 2.

For further information please see your child’s class teacher or Lorraine Todd.

RespectOnlineEvertime

Riverside Primary’s student led expo to stand up against Bullying online.

ALL parents are invited to two events on Tuesday 29 August.

- 3-6 Assembly 1.30-2.45pm  
  Class Presentations in the Gym
- Parent Forum 5.15-6.00pm  
  Wander through the 5/6 classrooms and view student presentations
  6.00-7.00pm Q & A Panel – time for parents to listen to a panel discuss parenting in a digital age and how to support your child to be a responsible online citizen (in the school library)

Panel consists of Tim Feely - School Psychology, Danelle Batty – Social Media Manager, Constable Annabel Shegog – Community Police Officer, Anna Roberts – High School Student

RSVP for Parent Forum by Friday 26 August riverside.primary@education.tas.gov.au or the school office.
Did you know that attending school every day has a big impact on how well your child goes at school.
Missing school for whatever reason has a negative impact on students’ learning. Because of this, the new Education Act specifies the reasons a child can be authorised not to attend school.
It is important that you discuss why your child is absent from school with the School Principal or a staff member as soon as practicable.

Why is this change important?
The changes to being authorised not to attend school will help address absenteeism, which has been a longstanding issue in Tasmania. The changes to student absences:

- Encourage regular school attendance to help your child to make steady progress with their learning and gain the skills and knowledge needed for success both now and later in life.
- Help your child see themselves as a valuable and enthusiastic member of their classroom with high expectations of their own potential.
- Help you to emphasise to your child the value and importance of their education.
- Ensure there is a consistent statewide approach to authorised absences across all Tasmanian schools.

When can my child be authorised not to attend school?
Reasons your child can be authorised to be absent include:

- Sickness/incapacity
- Medical, legal or related appointments
- Natural disaster or extreme weather preventing your child from safely attending their enrolled school
- Terminal illness of an immediate family member
- Bereavement of a person your child had a close, significant or family relationship with
- Having witnessed or been subjected to family violence
- Being a participant or official at a recognised National or International sporting, academic or cultural event
- An application for home education being received by the Education Registrar and provisional registration being granted.

What will happen if my child is absent for a reason that isn’t listed?

- The absence will be recorded as an unauthorised absence.
- Principals receive notifications about the number of unauthorised absences your child has.
- Your child’s school may send you a letter notifying you of the number of unauthorised absences your child has.
- They will seek to work with you to increase your child’s attendance to maximise their learning if the Principal is concerned about your child’s attendance.

What happens if my family go on holiday during school term?

- Schools have always encouraged family holidays to be planned for during the scheduled school holiday breaks.
- If your family decides to take a holiday during school term, you are encouraged to discuss your plans with the Principal or your child’s teacher.
- Penalties will not apply if an absence is explained.

Where can I get more information?

- If you want your child to attend school but need help to do this, your child’s school would really like to talk to you about what help you need.
- Please contact your child’s school for more information.
URGENT DONATIONS NEEDED

The RPSA are in need of our school community’s support. If you are able to donate to this year’s Father’s Day Stall now is the time. Only 4 weeks to go…….

Stuck for ideas? Here are some suggestions:

- Buckets/ sponges, individually wrapped chocolate, coffee/tea sachets, skincare/ bathroom products, books, crosswords, pens, fishing lures or containers, key rings, tools, car wash, garden items…….
- Donations can be placed in the box marked ‘Father’s Day’ at the main office. We truly value and appreciate all the support we have been given to make these events possible for our children.
- Volunteers to help run the stall are still needed as well so please contact Jacqui Ritchie on 0437 530 604. WWVP card is needed.

Have you got excess plastic bags lying around the house?
The RPSA is trying to do its part in recycling plastics…. if you would like to donate your spare plastic carry bags to the stall then here’s your chance. They can either be handed into the office or placed into the donation box.

Thank you for your support.

COMMUNITY NEWS

West Tamar Council RUMPUS@LEGANA 10-16 year age group, 3.00-5.30pm, free activities and food Tuesday 8 August – 12 September @ Legana Community Hall. For further information please contact Andrew Beeston from West Tamar Council on andrew.beeston@wtc.tas.gov.au or 0437789103

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Launceston Junior Girls Football Club are now taking expressions of interest for primary school aged girls between 9-12 (being 11 on the 1st of January 2018) and 13-17 (being 12 on 1st January 2018 ) to come and play club football in a safe, friendly environment for the 2018 season.

This year the Launceston Junior Girls made club history being the first all-female team to play in this age group and have had great success on and off the field which we hope will continue on for years to come.

We are hosting “Come and Try” training sessions in August and September with the help from our Junior and Senior Girls, and would love to see your daughter come and train. One day they could reach their dream and play in the AWFL.

Training will be held every Wednesday at Windsor Park Oval from 4-5pm.

All inquiries please call: John Dusautoy Junior Director 0448 406 711 or Bec Grima Team Manager 0407 303 084

READERS’ PICNIC & BOOK WEEK DRESS UP

DATE: TUESDAY 22nd AUGUST (TERM 3, WEEK 5)
TIME: 12:15
PLACE: SCHOOL QUADANGLE (WEATHER PERMITTING)
BRING: A PICNIC BLANKET, YOUR LUNCH & A FAVOURITE BOOK (OR A FEW) TO SHARE.
OPTIONAL: DRESS UP AS A CHARACTER FROM YOUR FAVOURITE BOOK

ESCAPE TO EVERYWHERE

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