



RIVERGUM CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

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SCHOOL PHOTOS

Those who ordered school photos will receive them today with this newsletter.

Additional orders can be placed at College admin, incurring a late fee. You will soon receive an online feedback survey from Jannette Fulham to review the process.

NAPLAN RESULTS

This year's NAPLAN summaries are being sent home with each participating child. As you know, we use these results (along with other progress indicators and testing mechanisms) as a 'snapshot' of each student's performance. Because Rivergum's learning strategy is to concentrate on the individual child and measure their *current* efforts—NAPLAN or otherwise—to their own *previous* efforts, the comparison with class and national averages may not be particularly valuable in each case (though it is interesting to see). Students will also have progressed in the six months since the test.



GOOD SPORTS

Thanks to the generosity and help of our school community, we collected more than 18,000 Coles Sports for Schools vouchers earlier this year.

We were then able to 'shop' for sporting goods of our choice—completely FREE!

We received: • 3 new basketball nets • 1 egg and spoon race set • a set of 4 relay batons • 2 Airflow hockey kits • a set of 10 soccer balls and bag • an agility ball • a ball trolley on wheels • plus a whistle!

2019 TERM DATES

T1: Wed 30th January - Fri 12th April
T2: Mon 29th April - Fri 5th July
T3: Mon 29th July - Fri 27th September
T4: Mon 14th October - Wed 11th Dec.

SCHOOL FEE UPDATE

We are in the process of finalising our 2019 Fee Schedule and anticipate sending it home next week. We have removed the Composite Fee (previously \$180 per student) and incorporated it into the tuition fee, so there will only be two components: Tuition and Facilities (kept at \$380 per family). Other increases are minimal (about 2.5 to 3%) but if you anticipate any issues with your fee commitment please let us know. We accept transfers over the holidays and will credit towards 2019 once this year's balance is settled. 2018 accounts must be finalised by Monday 3rd December except by negotiation with our Business Manager, Mr Wilson.



Josh concentrates hard to thread the fine needle



Kellie positions the teddy's button eyes

TODAY IN THE MIDDLE SCHOOL:

Years 8 & 9 students began Textile lessons with Mrs Lyn Pinnington as part of their Design & Technology curriculum electives. Today's efforts involved threading needles (very tricky business!) and sewing buttons. This semester the students will learn the basics of fabric, sewing techniques and patterns; eventually making their own creations! **ALSO** after school some MS students will have their first pottery lesson as part of the Visual Art elective. Ms Erin Harrald will guide students through techniques; eventually 'throwing' and 'firing'.

MUSICAL REMINDERS

Revved Up & Ready to Go students: How are you going with sourcing black pants and a blue/yellow/red t-shirt? **Everyone:** don't forget that Wednesday 7th November is a half-day, finishing at 12pm. Families, have you bought your tickets? www.chaffeytheatre.com.au

STOP PRESS: VIP DAY

Unfortunately, due to scheduling issues and the musical having moved to Term 4, we will not hold a VIP Day this year. We promise to program it in for next year! It's a day we love and are very sad not to have one in 2018.

REMINDER: Monday 19th November (week 6) is a Student Free Day.

CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT:

Jacob and Brayden test their Frisbee accuracy, Aleesha & Theo have a quick rest, Mr Jarick demonstrates best throwing techniques and Seth spins a hoop. It was a beautiful day for fun by the lakeside—hopefully tomorrow is as nice



Today Mrs Blackett's Middle Primary class travelled to their overnight stay at Camp Kedron near Lake Bonney. The students have participated in some fun outdoor activities including Frisbee and boomerangs, ably assisted by Mrs Sleep and Mr Jarick (right).

MIDDLE PRIMARY CAMP



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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	S/S
2	OCTOBER 22 Piano	23	24 Playgroup	25 Library Banking	26 Chapel	
3	29 Piano	30	SCIENCE WEEK Game Changers & Change Makers Playgroup	NOVEMBER 1 Library, Banking	2 Chapel	
4	Musical rehearsal Chaffey Theatre 5	Musical rehearsal Chaffey Theatre 6	Musical rehearsal & PERFORMANCE Chaffey Theatre 7	Library Banking 8	Chapel 9	
5	Whole School Transition Day 12 Piano	13 JAM	14 Playgroup	SACSA Primary Basketball 15 Library Banking	Kindy transition til recess 16 Chapel	
6	STUDENT FREE DAY [Report writing] 19	20 JAM	21 Playgroup	Library Banking 22	Kindy transition til lunch 23 Chapel	
7	26 Piano	27 JAM	28 Playgroup	MS Exhibition Night Library Banking 29	Kindy transition all day 30 Chapel	
8	DECEMBER 3 Piano	4 JAM	Middle School camp Playgroup 5	Library 6	Chapel 7	
9	Wheelchair Sports 10	Presentation Night Wheelchair Sports 11	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL YEAR 12	Banking		

FIRST DAY BACK IN 2019: Wednesday 30th January 2018