



RIVERGUM CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Our faith is in Christ

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We're baaaack! It's been wonderful to resume a new school year and see some physical changes happening around the place, as well as new staff and students joining the Rivergum community. Last Friday's Dedication Service and barbecue was well-attended and a marvellous way to begin 2019 together—thank you to those who came along. We hope to see you tonight at the Info Sessions!

COLLEGE VALUES As a Christian College, it is essential that we know who we are and what we stand for. During a debrief about last year, the staff discussed what we are doing—and why.

We decided to look at the reasons underpinning the College being established and from this we created a list of core values that we are aiming to instil in our students.

We wanted to present this collection of values in a unique and dynamic way so we have a constant reference of what we are striving for every day.

These traits will underpin the education at Rivergum Christian College, including awards given and any accolades will have a direct link to these values.



PARENT INFO SESSIONS TONIGHT

We're hosting Parent Info Sessions **after school today** as follows:

- **Foundation to Year 3**—3:30pm to 4:30pm
- Coffee 'n' Chat time
- **Years 4-6**—5pm to 6pm
- **Years 7-10**—6pm to 7pm



Come along and hear from your child's teacher as well as the Heads of School about the year ahead, curriculum content, homework expectations and strategies and more. You'll have an opportunity to ask questions and mingle with other parents afterward over tea & coffee.

Child minding will be available during the sessions, supervised by teachers, with an afternoon snack provided. Look forward to seeing you there!

GRAB & GO LUNCHES

We are taking expressions of interest from parents regarding a new lunch order system. *Grab & Go Food Express* is a local business supplying lunch orders to schools via an app ordering & payment system. Based on the orders made, *Grab & Go* then deliver to school just before lunchtime! They have an extensive, affordable menu with specials too—and not just pies & pasties! They do sandwiches, wraps, sushi, baguettes, hot dogs and more. This system would likely be available once a week, for example Fridays.

If you think this would be a system you are interested in, jump on our Facebook page and comment on the lunch post or simply advise our office staff. More information will be forthcoming and a decision will be made based on the amount of feedback we receive.



Chaplain's Corner

by Mrs Veronica Raams

Welcome to Term 1. We are looking at turning our negatives into positives in Follow Jesus. In the story of Joseph, his brothers sold him as a slave, but God used this time to form and train him to be a leader. In Genesis 50:20, Joseph looks at his life and sees how God has been there and how he was used to save many lives. We sometimes don't see the big picture but God does! Some of the very tough times help us to grow strong—let's not 'survive' this year; let's thrive!

Gardening Club: We'll be planting out our garden on Tuesday at lunchtime so

BUS NEWS



ROADWORKS on the Renmark & Waikerie runs:

families please allow minor delays on these timetables as bridges are repaired through until July. Where possible, if the bus is running 10+ minutes behind, drivers will send a text to each family advising them of the delay. As times could vary day-to-day we ask that you still meet at the stops at designated times.

NEW PHONE NUMBERS for the Barmera & Waikerie buses: **please enter these directly into your phones/diaries now**

Waikerie number: 0467 954 805
Barmera number: 0467 954 555

CHANGES TO ARRANGEMENTS during the day must be advised to the school office. ALSO ensure you advise the approved people to collect your child/ren, especially from the bus. In instances where children need to swap buses please send a text to both drivers or advise the office. *We do not rely on students telling us where they are going.*

students can see and taste yummy vegetables.

Ukulele: Is on Mondays for the F-3s and on Tuesday for Years 4-6. If your child has a ukulele, please bring it along on their day.

Circle Time: A Bible study for students in Years 6-10 meets in the library at lunch on Thursdays.

Follow Jesus: On Friday at lunch in the multi-purpose room—our term theme is values and our first one is turning negatives to positives.

Chapel: Tomorrow the Year 9/10 class has their first turn at leading so come along at **2:30pm** and support them. All families welcome!

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	S/S
3	FEBRUARY 11	12	13	14 Library Banking	15 Chapel	
4	SAPSASA/SASSA swimming 18	19	20	21 Library Banking	22 Chapel	
5	Whole School Transition Day 25	26	27	SACSA Primary Basketball 28 Library Banking	MARCH 1 Chapel	
6	QUESTACON Science workshops Y6-10 4	SACSA swimming 5	6	7 Library Banking	8 Chapel	
7	PUBLIC HOLIDAY [Adelaide Cup] 11	12	13	14 Library Banking	DISCO NIGHT 15 Chapel	
8	18	19	SAPSASA athletics 20	21 Library Banking	22 Chapel	
9	25	26	27	28 Library Banking	29 Chapel	
10	APRIL 1	SACSA secondary athletics 2	SASSA athletics 3	4 Library Banking	5 Chapel	
11	Parent-student-teacher interviews 8	Parent-student-teacher interviews 9	10	11 Library Banking	WHOLE SCHOOL SPORTS DAY 12	



(keyboard) and voice lessons this year. Private individual and group lessons are conducted by Music Alive instructors during class time and are billed directly by them. Please complete and return the form with this newsletter ASAP. From this we will co-ordinate & advise a timetable.

INSTRUMENT & VOCAL LESSONS

We are currently taking expressions of interest for guitar, drums, bass, piano (keyboards) and voice lessons this year. Private individual and group lessons are conducted by Music Alive instructors during class time and are billed directly by them. Please complete and return the form with this newsletter ASAP. From this we will co-ordinate & advise a timetable.

SECONDARY IMMUNISATIONS

Forms are being sent home with Year 8 students regarding their free in-school vaccinations for HPV/diphtheria/tetanus/whooping cough and Year 10 students for the meningococcal B + ACWY vaccine. This will be administered on a date to be advised later this month. Please complete the form and return it to the office by next **MONDAY 11th FEBRUARY**. Tel:

WELCOME to all our new students and their families! It is an exciting time of growth for Rivergum and we trust that you will feel 'heard' and included with us. If you have any queries or concerns please feel free to talk to an appropriate staff member or call/visit the office. We may also set up an appointment time for you out-of-hours if needed.

