



**RIVERGUM
CHRISTIAN
COLLEGE**

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Thanks



Our Parent Info Sessions last Thursday afternoon had record attendance from our parent body which we are very pleased to see. It's important that educators and parents are working together to achieve our shared goals with open lines of communication and understanding between school and home. If you missed out on any or all sessions, please contact admin or the teachers directly to fill you in on key content.

GRAB & GO LUNCH UPDATE

Thanks for all your feedback on our Facebook page regarding 'canteen' lunches. We've had some excellent questions and corresponded with Grab & Go to help answer your queries. At this stage the discussion is very positive. If you haven't had your say yet, head to Facebook and comment on the menu post or call College admin. We are yet to make a final decision but keep an eye on Facebook and the newsletter for final ordering details and a possible start date!



UNIFORM POLICY IMPLEMENTATION

Following on from our intentions stated last year, we are talking with students about why we wear a uniform, how it represents our College and forms part of our shared identity.

Enclosed with this newsletter is our current Uniform Policy for both primary and middle school students for families to familiarise themselves with.

As we sell most items at school (when in stock!) this makes it simple and effective to source. We are also in the process of supplying navy socks and black bike shorts to complete our uniform range. Eventually, families will only need to buy underwear and shoes themselves; the rest we will cover!

Any 'breaches' of our uniform policy will be followed up with a pink slip in student diaries/communication books for parents to respond to and correct. **Students awaiting uniform stock to arrive will not be penalised.**

Thank you for your help with this important matter.

PARENT FINANCE

Thank you for your patience as Mr Wilson catches up on paperwork which has recently been interrupted by overseeing building works, an office refurbishment, researching and inspecting our new bus as well as all the usual busy beginning-of-the-year tasks. Fee/bus invoices will be sent out to families as soon as possible.

Parents with regular payments are advised to keep making them and accounts can be adjusted accordingly once invoices are issued.

If you still need to submit a blue Fee Commitment Form, please contact admin.

We appreciate your understanding!

...EASY AS [APPLE] PIE



Above pics L-R: Will, David, Mrs W & Emilie. Yesterday there were heavenly smells emanating from the Home Ec kitchen where the Advanced group created apple pies using the puff pastry they made from scratch last week. Mrs Wilksch pitched in too—head over to our Facebook page for more pictures!



Like our Facebook page for more action:
search @rivergumchristiancollege

If you have a spare hour every now and then, we are looking for volunteers to listen to student reading or cover library books.

You can come along as a once-off or determine a regular schedule if that suits.

Every volunteer must complete a DHS/DSCI Screening including a background check. This is an online questionnaire and is free for volunteers.

From 1 July this year, it will be called a 'Working With Children Check' (WWCC) with a five-year validity (though it will be cross-checked nationally and be consistently updated).

This replaces the previous police check system.

Please enquire with Mrs Prider if you'd like to be a

Volunteer

We are in the process of compiling and organising lessons for those who expressed interest – more than double last years' number! We aim to begin lessons as soon as practical and will advise of any outstanding details (such as cost and schedule) ASAP.



Berri Youth Hub

games | activities | chill

Open every 3rd Friday of month

4:40pm to 7PM

Behind Anglican Church

1 Strawbridge St, Berri

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	S/S
4	SAPSASA/SASSA swimming 18	19	20	21 Library Banking	22 Chapel	
5	25	26	27	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	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	

HOME READING PROGRAM

As part of our integrated literacy program, most primary children will be borrowing levelled 'readers' from the school library to practise and develop their reading at home.

Currently four books are borrowed for this purpose each week. This system has changed from having readers freely available in classrooms for several key reasons. We will be corresponding with primary parents about our literacy approach in the coming week to help explain this purposeful change and ensure each child is enabled to progress at their own pace.

Stay tuned to hear more!

SAPSASA & SASSA SWIMMING

Exciting times—next Monday Miss Grigg is taking our swimming representatives to the Renmark Pool to compete in the annual SAPSASA

competition AND later that evening is a FIRST for Rivergum: we enter a student in the high school competition! We wish all our swimmers a successful meet full of personal bests. Go team!



TRYOUTS & TRAINING are on from next Wednesday over 3 consecutive weeks at Berri Stadium. Includes U13 development squad, U15, U17 & Seniors.

To trial, you must register your interest via the website: www.berrinetballclub.com

Click on the TRIAL DATES heading at the top of the page and follow the links to register.

You must attend at least two trials to be considered for a team.