



Riverland Special School Newsletter



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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



My apologies for the last paragraph of last week's newsletter. My news about my Long Service Leave ended quite suddenly, without any explanation of other staff movements! I had planned to give more information on my replacement, and further backfilling but I forgot to pass this information onto our wonderful editor, Denise.

I certainly feel very confident that all will run smoothly at RSS, with **Rosey Sandow** in the Acting Principal's seat. Rosey has been a part of the Leadership team for many years and knows the ropes very well. Similarly I am pleased to inform you that **Natalie Coote** will backfill Rosey's role of Coordinator and **Joy Checker** will be Nat's replacement in Spinifex.

Some not so good news, on **Peter Andrew's** progress into retirement. While working with crafting tools, Mr Andrews managed to cut into his Right hand, cutting tendons and nearly severing two fingers! I have heard retirement is not always good for one's health, but in Mr Andrews' case this seemed somewhat over the top! The good news is he is making a good recovery and on last count has all his fingers! He says he is having some quite intensive Occupational Therapy, after which he hopes to be back to normal.

Well, only a few days till I leave for my European holiday. I hope the students and staff enjoy a well deserved break and hope the parents and carers survive the holidays. All the very best and I hope to see you all in Week 6.

Regards,
Carolyn



Birthdays

Happy Birthday to everyone having a Special Day



Matthew



Andrew



John

FROM THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

Governing Council are happy to announce we have had a new member nominated to Council; once their clearance comes through they will be able to attend Council meetings and we welcome their contribution to the school. If families do not wish to nominate for council but would still like to be involved with supporting the school there are other options. They are the Craft Fair, meetings are being held during the day to accommodate those that cannot attend night meetings, the Nature Play Space and buying commemorative bricks to be laid at the school.

I hope everyone enjoys the holidays and especially to Mrs T who is taking some long service leave.

Regards

Jane Carpenter

Chairman, Governing School Council

DATES TO REMEMBER

03/07/15	School Holidays 2:20 Dismissal
20/07/15	Term 3 begins
21/07/15	GOVERNING COUNCIL 7:30 pm
24/7/15	National Tree Planting Day
30/7/15	Bingo for RSSn at Loxton Club 7pm



CONGRATULATIONS UNCLE BARNEY!

Exciting news for the Riverland, Riverland Special School and especially for our wonderful Aboriginal Education Worker, **Uncle Barney**. Barney has been nominated for the **Premier's NAIDOC Award** and this week we learned that he has been shortlisted for the Award. On **Monday 6th July**, Uncle Barney has been invited to attend the Award Ceremony in Adelaide. He will be accompanied by a few members of the UB (Uncle Barney) FanClub; Mrs Reeks and Patty.

The Minister for *Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation*, **Mr Kyam Maher**, will be presenting the Award.



On behalf on the whole Riverland Special School Community, we wish Barney the very best of luck. No matter what the outcome, however, Uncle Barney will always be a WINNER to us! Congratulations Uncle Barney!



MOVE TO LEARN with Mieka

You may have heard the students talking about rolling and the "Move to Learn" programme, which is being run at RSS by Occupational Therapist & Clinical Director of *Head Start Occupational Therapy*, Mieka Main. Mieka works with several school families as part of the National Disability Insurance Scheme and she is working with all classes next term, continuing the Move To Learn programme. More information is attached to this newsletter. You may also receive a parent survey which will be valuable when Mieka is working with your child. If you have any questions please contact the school on 85821258 or Mieka on **0428 603 140**.



Why Move to Learn is for Everyone!



Move to Learn is a classroom based movement program which repeats the physical milestones of babies in their first year of life.

It is a research proven program that has been shown to treat the cause of learning, attention and behaviour problems.

Knowing this, many parents of children who are performing well in the classroom question why their child needs to spend 15 minutes per day participating. This is what I tell them...

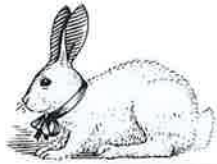
- To thrive academically a child firstly needs to lay the physical foundations of their development and wellbeing
- Movements such as rolling, commando crawling and creeping on hands and knees wires the brain for increasingly sophisticated functions as we age
- Children who have missed important movement milestones as a baby or not done them for long enough have had less sensory-motor stimulation for creating and strengthening these neural pathways
- This problem is easy to identify in children who have learning, attention or behavioural challenges but other indicators include: lowered immunity, poor coordination, bedwetting after the age of 5, allergies and intolerances, low self-esteem, extreme shyness, anxiety, speech delay, movements of the mouth or tongue while cutting/writing/drawing, and/or hypersensitive senses (dislike of loud noises or the texture of certain objects including food).
- Having ALL children participate in *Move to Learn* provides the brain and body with a second opportunity to integrate, enabling ALL children to reach their full potential in school and beyond.

For more information about *Move to Learn* please contact Mieka at Head Start Occupational Therapy on 0428 603 140 or mieka@hsot.com.au



FOR SALE

Baby Rabbits—
\$20 each
85845323



Katelyn is asking for any old X Rays you no longer need. She is doing a project and needs lots. If you have any please send them to school.



ACTIVE AND BUSY

Our Garage Sale still needs lots of donations. At this stage we will be holding it around the middle of term 3. Please send in donations which



are in good order and condition.



NO ELECTRICAL.



A group of students prepare lunch orders at school every week. This teaches them food prep, as well as correct handling .



The seniors having a fun day out.

