Dear Parents and Caregivers

Only five nights’ sleep to some peace and quiet! How are you going to cope?

The trip to Canberra for our senior students is a very exciting one, packed with learning opportunities as well as the chance to get to know some other students in the lead up to high school. Our thanks to Mrs Sheree Mader and Mrs Rachel Schoenberg for their organisation and to Mrs Laura Hadley for taking the time away from her own family to look after our students on the trip. It will be amazing and we can’t wait to hear all about it when they get back!

Mrs Belinda Nichols has also rearranged her week to ensure the Year 4/5 students do not miss out on their learning programme and the wonderful opportunity it presents to work as a small group. While there will be some time that the Year 4/5 students work in the R – 3 class (on their own work and primarily in the afternoons), it is a normal school week for this group, just as it is for the R – 3 students. Thank you to Nicky Tilbrook in R – 3 and to Belinda for their consideration and willingness to reorganise their week to accommodate these students, it is much appreciated.

In other news, Brenton Palmer and I went to a meeting of leaders and parents involved in the Gilbert Valley Sports Days last Wednesday morning to discuss and decide upon some changes to the timing of this event. Given schools’ commitments in fourth term, it is proposed that the Gilbert Valley Sports Day is held on the first Friday in Week 1 of Term 4, with the follow up day (if needed) the next Monday, ie Monday of Week 2. This allows some time for the weather to improve, either to cool down in terms of the temperature or for ovals to dry out if there has been rain. It also means (hopefully) that all the work that may have been done toward catering would not go to waste. The group is yet to decide on a minimum/maximum temperature for the event.

Further to this, it was decided that if the event needed to be cancelled one year for whatever reason, then the school whose turn it was to host the sports day that particular year would then host the event for the following year as well. Should the event be cancelled two years in a row, then the responsibility for hosting the event would move on to the next school in line.

Manoora Primary School will host the Gilbert Valley Sports Day in 2016.

It has been a busy and productive start to the term, with staff and students settling back into classes like there had been no break! Class overviews have been sent home, details of the Canberra trip have been finalised, painting has started on the hitting wall, veggies have been picked and added to the lunches cooked here at school for the Friday programme and ice blocks made and frozen ready for the hot weather – just not for today!

World Teachers’ Day is coming up on Friday 30 October and the department has asked that we include the following information in site newsletters:

“On Friday 31 October, we celebrate World Teachers’ Day. You are invited to get involved and say ‘thank you’ to a wonderful teacher at your school/pre-school. Visit the DECD website, download the ‘say thanks’ activity, colour and decorate the attached ‘owl’, write a message on the back about how your teacher has made a difference in your life and present it to them on World Teachers’ Day.”

I will leave that one with you – you know where we are and what we are up to. Like all terms, it promises to be remarkably busy!

Tracy Griffin
Our class have been learning about fractions in Maths. We have learnt that fractions are equal parts of a whole. In Art we made fraction kites. We had to fold squares into quarters and halves to start with and decorate each quarter or half with a different patterns. After that we could trace shapes to find different fractions. The largest was hexagons with twelve parts!
It’s been straight back into hard work in the 4-7 class, with all students settling well and focussing on their learning. There is a lot to be done. With 6/7’s and Laura Hadley off to Canberra next week it means there is no time for rest!!! Fractions are our focus this term in Maths and everyone is showing great enthusiasm. A number of ‘tools’ are being used to help with understanding. This allows students to manipulate and visually represent their thinking. We have fraction strips, fraction discs and will be introducing the ‘Bar Model Method’ to further develop understanding. Students are also enjoying the revival of their Study ladder accounts and have been using every opportunity they get to practice and repeat their skills.

**SAPSASA Athletics**

Monday of week 10, term 3, I went to Santos Stadium for SAPSASA Athletics. I was representing the Mid North District against schools from around South Australia. My event was 4x100m relay. On my relay team was Jesse Allen (Riverton Primary), Lochie Hendre (Balaklava Primary) and Cody Redpath (Balaklava Primary). We did very well in our 1st heat, coming first place. We had to wait to hear if we made it into the finals, which we did!! Some people were very serious about their running in the final. It was a photo finish in the final, with my team taking home the bronze medal. We were excited to be able stand on the podium to receive our medals.
Manoora “KFC”

Term 4 Dates: 4th Nov. & 2nd Dec.
3:15 – 5pm

For more details email Kristy:
kristy.adams874@schools.sa.edu.au

If Your Dog was the Teacher

Remember if your dog was the teacher, you would learn lessons like
- Run to greet your family when they come home!
- Never pass up the opportunity to go for a joyride!
- Allow the experience of fresh air and wind in your face to be pure ecstasy!
- TAKE NAPS - Stretch before rising!
- Run, romp, and play daily!
- On warm days, stop to lie on your back in the grass!
- Delight in the simple joy of a long walk!
- BE LOYAL
- Never pretend to be something you're not
- If what you want lies buried, dig until you find it!
- ENJOY EVERY MOMENT OF EVERY DAY!

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I hope you enjoyed reading this as much as I did. Life it too short to forget to enjoy life’s many blessings each and every day.

Kristy Adams
Pastoral Care Worker

It’s that time of year again!!

There has been an outbreak of Headlice in the School.
Could you please check your child’s hair and treat if necessary. Can you also please check your child/childrens hair over the next few weeks. If any are found, children must be excluded from school till they are treated.
For more info on the latest shampoos, please see a hairdresser or chemist.
RIVERTON POOL 2015/2016

OPENS 7th November 2015

Lap Swimming:
6.30am – 7.30am Monday/Wednesday/Friday

General Public and Lap Swimming:
Monday – Friday 3.30pm – 7.30pm
Saturday/Sunday/School Holidays & Public Holiday 2.00pm – 5.30pm

For more information please visit the website:
www.claregilbertvalleys.sa.gov.au

Weather Policy:

In periods of hot weather the pool will have extended opening hours at the discretion of the lifeguard on duty.

If the forecast for Clare is 26°Celsius or more the pool will be open.

Outdoor Pool Opening Times

OPENS: Saturday 31st October 2015

Lap Swimming:
Monday-Friday
6am-10am

General Public and Lap Swimming:
Monday-Thursday: 3:30pm-7:30pm
Friday: 3:30-7pm
Saturday/Sunday/Public Holidays:
1pm-6pm
RIVERTON SWIM SCHOOL TERM 4 2015
Swimming lessons for children aged 4yrs to high school age are being held at the Riverton Pool for 4 weeks, starting Monday November 16th.
Half hour classes are held on Mon, Tues & Thurs from 5.00-7.00pm.
Squad swimmer classes are held on Mon & Thurs 5.00-6.00 and 6.00-7.00pm.
Fees are $7 per child per lesson.
Children need to be booked into a class by Friday Nov 6th please, so classes can be set.
For enquiries and bookings please contact Shirley Lands on 0439 884742 or 88474201.

ROYAL LIFESAVING SA SWIM AND SURVIVE HOLIDAY PROGRAM 2015
The Royal Lifesaving Swim & Survive Holiday program will be held at Riverton Pool
December 14th - 20th 2014
Toddlers, levels D1 to Higher Awards
Enrol online at www.royallifesavingsa.com.au/swimandsurvive/
Download an enrolment form & email to swim@royallifesavingsa.com.au
Enrol & pay over the phone 82104500.
Local contact Shirley Lands 88474201 or 0439884742.
“The wonderful world of toddlers seminar

Parenting SA is providing a free seminar for parents ‘The wonderful world of toddlers’, from 7.15 to 9.00 pm on Wednesday 4 November 2015. The seminar will help you understand more about toddler development and provide practical ways to help them thrive and manage their strong feelings. Attend in person at the Adelaide Convention Centre, or view the live webcast. To book or access the live webcast, go to Eventbrite.”

“As part of the Parents in Education Week, a series of free workshops are being held for parents in Adelaide. Workshop presenters include Nature Play SA, SACE, Autism SA and SHine SA.

You can register to attend any of the sessions through Eventbrite.

A peak forum will be held on Wednesday 21 October 2015, featuring a panel discussion about parental engagement in schools. This forum will be streamed live (from 2.00–4.00pm) and live tweeting is encouraged using the hashtag #ParentsinEd. You can forward questions to the panel prior to the event by emailing DECD.SiteGovernance@sa.gov.au. Unanswered questions on the day will be responded to after the event.”
INVITATION

Manoora Hall Committee
Invites

The Community

To attend the

Remembrance Day Service 11th November 2015

&

Unveiling of Commemorative WW1 Plaques

At Manoora Soldiers Memorial Supper Room,
Weymouth Street Manoora

Starting at 10.30 am

Unveiling of plaques will precede the Remembrance Day Service

By

RSL Representative

Morning tea will follow unveiling