River Gum’s whole school transition program has commenced for 2015. The aim of this program is to see how different groups of students work together and with different teachers. This helps to build positive relationships between teachers and students. It also assists with a calm and stress free start to 2016.

The students have participated in getting to know you and team building activities on Tuesday 10th November. On Wednesday 18th November they participated in Daily 5 and writing sessions. The students still have three more sessions left to complete; Thursday 26th November for Math activities. Monday 30th November for Science activities and on Tuesday 8th December the students will spend the whole day in their 2016 classrooms.

I like that we get to meet new people and it makes me feel better about next year – Zac R16

Transition was great because I was with my teacher from prep and also with some old friends – Taj R18

Transition has been fun because it gives us a chance to meet new people and see new teachers – Victoria R20

I like that I get to meet new teachers and see how they teach us – Christine R22
Reading Tip Of The Week

But how do you foster a love of reading in young children?

According to Daniel Willingham, author of *Raising Kids Who Read - What Parents and Teachers Can Do* you should model reading, make reading pleasurable, read aloud to your kid in situations that are warm and create positive associations. But also setting a tone where our family is one where we like to learn new things. We like to learn about the world, and a big part of that is reading. Developing a sense in the child that I am in a family of readers before the child can even read.

Aphrodite Vantarakis; S.W.A.N. Foundation &
Juniors Reading Recovery Teacher

Principal’s Report

Dear Parents,

You can visit our school website [www.rivergumps.vic.edu.au](http://www.rivergumps.vic.edu.au) for further information about our school vision and how we showcase our students owning their learning.

Assembly: Our next whole school assembly will be held on Monday 23rd November at 2.30 pm at the Performing Arts Centre. At this assembly we will continue to showcase the learning opportunities for our students. Parents please come along and join in the fun!!

School Uniform: Mary-Jane and Noah from Rm04 are wearing our new school uniform that is currently available from Primary School Wear. Please see our website for uniform details for 2016.

Preparation for 2016: We are currently preparing the structure for classes for 2016. For our planning, I ask that you let the school office know of any changes in your home circumstances. Also, if you know of families looking for a new school, or have not enrolled their children at our school yet, let them know that we are happy to take them on a tour of our fantastic school to show the learning that takes place. Bookings can be made through the office. Enrolment forms are also available.

Book fees for 2016: Please see our office staff if you wish to commence a payment plan for Book fees. There is an early bird discount on offer for early payments before the end of 2015 school year.

Whole School Transition for 2016: Our Transition program is held each year so our students feel comfortable as they move year levels within the school and beyond. Please ask your children how our Whole School Transition program is going. Find out if they have friends with them when they are participating in their transition group. If you have any questions in relation to the transition program please ask Rebecca Lanagan for the Junior School, or Phil O’Reilly for the Middle School and Senior School. The aim of the school transition program is for all students to participate in a series of activities designed to ensure that they feel positive and secure about moving into the next year level. The transition program will run each week until Tuesday 8th December when there is the State wide Transition day for our Year 6 students. On Tuesday 8th December our students will spend the whole day in their 2016 classes. Parents this will also give you the opportunity to meet your child’s classroom teacher. Our transition team led by Kyla Field are to be congratulated on the wonderful transition program offered to our students.

STAR: Give your child a head start by enrolling in our School Transition at River Gum (STAR) from Tuesday to Friday morning between 8.45am and 11.30am.

Play Group and Women friendship Cafe: The final Playgroup session for 2015 will be Wednesday 9 December. The friendship café are having a gathering on the Community Centre on Cairns Rd on Wednesday 16th December. The final session at River Gum will be on Wednesday 9th December. These community groups have had another wonderful year offering our community wonderful opportunities.

Roma McKinnon—Principal

“Together we can for every child, every day, in every classroom”
Pizza Party!

Thursday 3rd December
3.30-5.30pm

FREE slice of pizza and icy pole for every child who has their report picked up by a parent!

Come and chat to the teachers about your child’s report.

See you there!

Djembe drums to play!
River Gum Primary School is running our STAR Transition Program from Tuesday to Friday starting at 8:45am until 11:15am.

Starting School next year? Come and enrol at River Gum Primary School now!

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