This Term during Science Classes our Senior Students are investigating the properties of light. Recognising that 2015 is the International Year of Light our students will share their developing knowledge and practical experiences with the wider school community during our annual School Concert. “Journey to Planet Kaleidoscope” is a story exploring some special features of Light. Moving along with light particles, the audience will learn specific facts about light whilst on a mission to save a sun ray lost in space. The reward for saving the lost ray of sunshine is an invitation to celebrate and party ‘retro style’ with all the light particles on Planet ‘Kaleidoscope’. An experience that is certain to brighten up your day!

Ms. Foley

At River Gum Primary our students love music, and throughout term 3 they have been learning how to write songs that include two distinct parts like a verse and a chorus. Each class has surprised me with their differing styles and approaches to creating, making and exploring music within their world! The concert will include two middle classes (R23 and R26) that I have been directing in creating a percussive composition using djembe’s, xylophones and other percussion instruments. Their passion for music fits with the Kaleidoscope colour ‘Pink’ and revolves around the theme of ‘love music’. This piece is the classes own work and they have created the rhythms and sections themselves! From R23, R26 and myself, we look forward to seeing you all at the concert!

Mr. Sharp
Room 9, Room 13, Room 24 and Room 25 have been super busy preparing for our wonderful Kaleidoscope Concert. We have been dancing up a storm!

We have our chosen colours to focus on and are hard at working using our creativity, talent and focus to create fantastic acts for you to watch! We are building up our confidence levels and fine tuning our performances ready to showcase them at our Kaleidoscope concert on Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th September. We hope to see you there and look forward to entertaining you with our special performances. Tickets will be available very soon.

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**River Gum Primary Kaleidoscope Concert**

We have an exciting River Gum Kaleidoscope concert planned for our community. The junior and middle school students have been practising their singing and dancing routines to put together their acts. Our talented students will be displaying what they have been learning in our physical education classes. We will be singing about how to live a healthy lifestyle by playing sport, eating healthy food and staying physically active through dance and exercise. The show is guaranteed to bring lots of laughs with a catchy sing along chorus. We will be looking for audience participation to join in the chorus and sing along. We all look forward to seeing everyone in the audience.

Mr. Alenson

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**R10, R16, R18 and R22 Concert**

R10 and R16 are performing the songs 'Funky in the Compost' and 'Go Get Grubby' from the gardening series 'Dirt Girl World.' They will be singing and dancing along to both songs, busting out some funky dance moves and showing off some spectacular air guitar, while at the same time spreading a positive message about going 'green' and connecting to the outdoor environment. R10 and R16 are required to wear clothes that you may find someone wearing in the garden such as overalls, plain t-shirts, rolled up jeans, gumboots, sun hats, checkered shirts, shorts, etc. R18 and R22 are performing the hit song 'Firework' by Katy Perry. They will be singing and dancing up a storm. This song is all about being positive and letting the real you burst forth like a 'yellow' firework from within. R18 and R22 are required to wear plain yellow t-shirts and black pants.

Ms. Ongarezos
Principal’s Report

Dear Parents,

You can visit our school website www.rivergumps.vic.edu.au for further information about our school vision and how we showcase our students owning their learning.

Concert: Our Specialist team have a feature article related to our concert in Connections this week. Each class has been assigned to a specialist area and parents will be able to read a preview of their children’s performance in this week’s newsletter. Our school concert will be held at the River Gum Performing Arts Centre on Tuesday 15th September and Wednesday 16th September. This year River Gum presents “The Kaleidoscope of Learning”, a showcase of our incredible students performing acts written by our specialist team! Our Student Voice will be providing the catering for this community event.

‘Creativity is a lot like looking through a kaleidoscope. You look at a set of elements, the same everyone else sees, but then reassemble those floating bits and pieces into an enticing new possibility’

State of the Arts Festival. Congratulations to the River Gum Rock band on their outstanding performance last week. They performed “Kaleidoscope” the song written by Rob Sharp for our concert.

A Visit from the Minister of Multicultural affairs: Robin Scott, our local MP for Narre Warren South Judith Grayley and City of Casey Councillors Wayne Smith and Damien Rossari visited our school last Wednesday to meet with student leaders Owen and Elisa, teachers, School Council President Sherryn Dunmore and Vice president Vicky Methven and Elaine Smith and the team behind the Hampton Park Women’s Friendship Café. The school is currently applying for a Department grant to build a pre-school facility along with joint use with the friendship café.

Student Essential Educational Items: By now you will have received your family statements for 2016. If you require further clarification please see your friendly office staff who are more than happy to assist. The cost of Student Essential Items will remain unchanged for 2016 and has been set at $150.00 which does not include any excursions or in school visits and there are no voluntary charges requested.

EARLY BIRD OFFER- Any parent who enrols a Foundation student for 2016 and the enrolment is received prior to the end of term 3, 2015 will pay only $70 for their prep enrolment.

Additional Financial Incentives for parents in 2016: EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT - River Gum Primary will be offering a $20 per student Early Bird discount to all families for Essential School Supplies which are paid for in full ($130.00) prior to the end of school year. (Payments can be made in instalments up until Term 4 2015.) Healthcare or Pension card holders will once again receive an educational discount in line with the new DET and SFO funding arrangements. To receive your students bookpacks for $75, parents who hold a current Healthcare Card which is valid on January 27, 2016, are required to present it the office to be photocopied. Payment of $75.00 per student must be made prior to the end of term 4, 2015.

Camps, Sport and Excursions fund: Any parent who holds a current Healthcare or Pension card and applies for the CSEF prior to September 11th, 2015. This DET Financial Assistance enables parents to store funds at the school in credit to be used specifically for students to attend Camps, Sporting activities and Excursions.

Healthcare Card/Pension Card Holders please note: (As always if the healthcare/pension card is discontinued or not valid at the beginning of the school year Feb 1st, the family will then be responsible for the full cost).

Roma McKinnon
Principal

“Together we can for every child, every day, in every classroom”
EARLY BIRD OFFER - Any parent who enrols a Prep student for 2016 and the enrolment is received prior to the end of Term 3, 2015 will pay only $70 for their prep enrolment.

Maths Quest: Week 6

This week there is a quest for each area of the school....

Foundation: What do you know about the number 7?
Junior: My monster has a big head, a long nose and a small body. One foot is wider than the other. One arm is shorter than the other. Its tail is twice as long as its legs. What does my monster look like?
Middle: Using these buttons on a calculator + 1 4 - 8 9 = What problems can you create and solve?
Senior: I can earn 20c for every apple I pick, 5c for every strawberry and 15c for every banana. If I earned $34, what combination of fruit could I have picked?

Remember! Once you have completed the quest, to show your teacher and colour in your tally in your classroom.
Aussie Hoops Basketball Program Kicks Off With a Bang
The weather may have been miserable, but it has not dampened the excitement for our very first Aussie Hoops Basketball Program. We have had a fantastic response to the program, where we will be running two sessions per week. The program had an exciting start with lots of fun activities with their coaches Jack Saunders and Justyn Mether. Children were shooting plenty of hoops and dribbling rings around their coaches. Jack was impressed with the children’s positive attitude and fair play considering we had to hold the program indoors. The middle and seniors will have their first session on Monday every week children will need to meet their coaches in the gym at 3.30. The foundation and junior children will have their Aussie Hoops Basketball Program on Thursdays. Middle and seniors will be starting their program on Mondays. Can parents please be reminded that they are required to sign out their children after the session. Well done on a fantastic first session, and we look forward to seeing everyone back again next week.

It’s back! Woolworths Earn & Learn starts now!!!
Thank you for activating your participation for 2015. The Woolworths Earn & Learn program will help your School or Early Learning Centre earn valuable learning resources. It’s simple to participate. Starting on Wednesday 15th July, when anyone from your school community - staff, parents, friends shop at Woolworths, they can collect stickers to place on sticker sheets they have been provided. They’ll get one sticker for every $10 they spend*. Once they complete their sticker sheets they can place them in a collection box, at either your school or local Woolworths.

Reading Tip Of The Week

*Should I read books to my baby?* Yes, you should absolutely read to your babies and young children at any opportunity you have. Visit your local library, and embrace a routine of reading bedtime stories. So even if your baby — or toddler — can’t read, it’s not always about today. As a parent, you’ll want to foster a love of reading in your child that lasts a lifetime.

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

Happy Reading

CAREERS EXPO!
Student Voice are organising a Career Expo for term 4. Student Voice would like to know if there are any parents who are interested in sharing what they for a living! If you’re interested please fill out form below and have your child give it to their classroom teacher. Mr. O’Reilly or Mrs. McQueen will get back to you!

Parent’s Name:
Child’s Name and Class:
Job/Occupation:
Bring your Dad, Grandad, Uncle or other special person to celebrate Father’s Day at RGPS with a **fun footy fitness** circuit!

You can wear your **footy colours** (AFL, soccer or rugby), and there will be a **yummy breakfast**! Plus it’s all for a good cause.

**FOOTY DRAFT DAY**

**When:** Friday 4th September 7.45-8.30am

**Wear:** Footy colours!!

**Bring:** Gold coin donation to support people living with cancer

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On Tuesday 1st September my family are going to come and help me create a Writer’s Notebook page as part of Literacy and Numeracy Week!

**Write Right**

My family are coming to River Gum between 1.40 and 3.15pm. It’s going to be fun!

Bring your family along to make a Writer’s Notebook page with you, too!