This week, our whole school participated in our first and very own River Gum Careers Day! Student voice ran the Foundation and Junior sessions in the morning. We had to research a particular job and then talk about it to the Junior and Foundation students. We had all sorts of jobs and professions; there were the police, musicians, fashion designers, singers and teachers. Middle and Senior classes had actual professionals come in and talk to them about varied jobs. Mr Lin shared his passion and love for photography. Mr Chatwood surprised the whole audience by marching into the PAC covered in camouflage paint. Mr Chatwood spoke to the students about his time in the Army Reserves. We also had a psychologist, a policeman and a nurse! All the students were allowed to dress up as their dream job, it was great to see so many staff and students participate! What do you want to be when you grow up?

By Paige and James.
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.
Our website is now available. Thankyou for your patience while we worked to restore our site.

Performing Arts: At assembly this week our School Choir performed songs from the recent school concert and our band played the twelve bar blues. Our students have many opportunities to show case their learning by performing at our whole school assemblies. Please log onto our website to watch the choir and band perform. We are very proud of our students and our staff who have provided these opportunities for our students.

Careers Expo: Our careers expo was a great success this week. Our students had the opportunity to hear about what they could do in the future and what is possible.

Curriculum Day: Our next curriculum day will be on Monday 2nd November. Parents are reminded that there is no school for students on this day.

Assembly: Our next whole school assembly will be held n Monday 23rd November 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!!

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

2016 EARLY BIRD OFFER: Any parent who enrolls a Prep student for 2016 and the enrolment is received prior to the end of October will pay only $70.00 for their prep enrolment.

Roma McKinnon—Principal

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

Jeanie Boy Dream Catches Netball
This week we started one of three weeks of the Jeanie boy Dream Catches Program hosted by Melbourne Vixen star netball player Sarah Wall. The Dream Catches program focuses on empowerment and well-being. Sarah Wall and her team will be visiting River Gum over the next few weeks to help mentor our senior girls about healthy lifestyles, goal setting and reducing risk-taking behaviour. This week Sarah talked to the girls about how they can look after their body, soul and mind by making wise choices. She emphasized maintaining self-discipline and doing what is right for themselves and their community. The girls discussed what things they have control over by referring to friendship groups, and choices they make in and out of the schoolyard. We look forward to seeing Sarah and the Dream Catches team again in two weeks.

Reading Tip Of The Week
What are a few things we can do when kids are young to set them on a path to being passionate readers?
Before preschool, probably the most important thing you can do is to play games that help your child hear speech sounds: rhyming games, reading aloud books that have a lot of rhyme in them and other types of wordplay, like alliteration. That’s helpful. Once they get that basic idea, you can get a little fancier. Read next week’s Connections to for more!

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