On Tuesday the 24th of November, as the ambassadors for *I see, I care* we went on a boat trip with Mr O’Reilly. We took a taxi to get to Stony Point pier, it may have been an hour drive but in the end it was most definitely worth it. Finally we got to get on the boat. When the boat started moving it felt like we were in a freezer, our hands, faces and legs went numb. Mustafa was eating everything in his lunchbox because he was starving, it was probably not a good idea because he got seasick soon after. We finally made it to Seal Rock, there were hundreds of seals, actually thousands! We stayed there for about half an hour then went back, on the way back we all got sea sick, except Mr O’Reilly, he is hard as nails! Anyway the excursion taught us that ocean wildlife is very important and now when we see we care and you should as well. We look forward to being your *I see, I care* Ambassadors for 2016.

Kaira, Nargis and Mustafa

(Ambrose was sick on the day, but is also an ambassador for I Sea, I Care.)
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*, the second big piece he would recommend is you have to make reading the most appealing thing a child can do. It’s not enough that the child like reading. If they like reading but there's something else available that they like more, they're going to choose that. The easy way to start is to put books in places that your child would otherwise be bored. The most obvious one is in the car. Part of that is also making sure you’re not providing other types of ready entertainment at every moment. **Put a basket in our bathroom, full of kids magazines. Kids who grow up watching siblings and parents who are passionate readers, copy that behaviour.**

Aphrodite Vantarakis, S.W.A.N. Foundation &
Junior 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.

To conclude our school year we have a number of events for our students happening. Our Junior school have been to Puffing Billy today and our Student voice leaders are going to the Boneo Maze next week. Other events happening in the coming weeks are Pizza Reporting Afternoon on Thursday 3rd December from 3:30pm—5:30pm and our Graduation for our year 6 students on Thursday 10th December.

**Community Liaison:** Will be planning an end of year celebration on Friday 11th December at 10.35am for our community helpers on behalf of the Community Liaison Team. We will be sending invited out shortly to members of our school community who have made significant contributions to our school this year.

**Student Voice:** Student voice interviews are well underway! Students that have applied for the role of school captain have been interviewed by Student Voice teachers as well as Mrs McKinnon. The candidates will now be preparing for their speech to be presented to all middle and senior school students as well as community members and parents on Tuesday. We wish all applicants well with their presentations.

**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.

**Assembly Update:** Our final assembly for 2015 will be on Wednesday 17th December at 9am.

At this assembly students will be receiving awards for their work in Term 4. We look forward to our parents joining us at our Assembly as we celebrate our successes in 2015.

**New Uniform Designs from PSW:** PSW have provided our school with some new uniform designs! These are not compulsory but are available for parents at PSW if they wish to purchase them.

Roma McKinnon—Principal

“Together we can for every child, every day, in every classroom”
Jeannie Girls Dream Cather Program!

During term 4 the senior girls participated in the Jeanie boys dream catchers. The school kindly invited the Jeanie boy’s members, Sarah, Claire, Grace and Kiara to give us lesson on mind, body and soul. These 3 topics helped all of us build more knowledge. In the mind session, we did exercises and we also talked about what’s under our control and what isn’t. Next we had our body session, we learnt how to make a green smoothie, and how much sugar is in a juice box, sports drink and coco cola. We also did an exercise relay. Last but not least, we had our soul session. In the soul session, Sarah invited Jake. Jake had a big discussion which taught us a lot of things. At the end of the session, we also got their Autographs. Dream catchers were a lot of fun!

Did you know?
Coco cola = 18 spoonful of sugar
Juice box= 7 spoonful of sugar
Sports drink=12 spoonful of sugar
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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