On Tuesday 25th August, we went on our first excursion to the Melbourne Museum to Walk with Dinosaurs! We are learning about Dinosaurs. We know about herbivores, carnivores, fossils, palaeontologists and pterosaurs. Did you know that dinosaurs cannot swim or fly?! We answered all these questions at the Melbourne Museum. We used magnifying glasses to explore fossils and walked under and around HUGE dinosaur skeletons! We discovered all things creepy crawly in the bug exhibit and found huge tarantulas. We loved spinning back the clock to learn what the earth looked like 600 million years ago and we even watched a 3D volcano erupt! We LOVE the museum and we LOVE learning about Dinosaurs.
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.

Whole School Assembly: At our whole School Assembly on Monday 31st August several of our students received Literacy and Numeracy Awards! Congratulations to those students for their fantastic work. Thank you to our School Community who came to our assembly and helped us kick start Literacy and Numeracy Week.

Literacy and Numeracy Week: Literacy and Numeracy week was held on Monday 31st August until Friday 4th September. We started our week with a whole school assembly, then our Community Liaison Team hosted an open afternoon on Tuesday 1st September and a Fathers Day event on Friday 4th September.

Concert: Tickets are now on sale for our school concert “The Kaleidoscope of learning.” Students who are eldest in the family will be bringing home forms this week for them to request tickets. Currently we can offer 3 tickets per family for a gold coin donation. Any tickets left over will be available on Friday 11th September for families to collect at the Office.

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’

Student Voice: Concert Update: During the Concert, on both nights, Student Voice will be selling some tasty snacks to everyone!

- Chocolate Freddo frogs 50c
- Chips $1
- Drinks $1

Footy Colours Day for Father’s Day: Thank you to all our wonderful dads who came to school this morning to participate in Footy Colour’s Day. More photos will be featured in next week's Connections!

Roma McKinnon
Principal

“Together we can for every child, every day, in every classroom”
EARLY BIRD OFFER- Any parent who enrolls 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 7**

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

**Foundation:** Miss Ferreira tried to ride a scooter for the first time ever! What are all the different things they could have happened?

**Junior:** What are some things that are impossible?

**Middle:** Mr Virtue said “It is more likely than unlikely.” What might he be talking about?

**Senior:** The probability of something happening is 1/3 (1 chance out of 3). What could it be?

**Remember!** Once you have completed the quest, show your teacher and colour in your tally in your classroom.
What’s Been Happening in Engage with Asia
In Engage with Asia this term, Foundation and Junior students have been learning how to say colours in Mandarin. With the upcoming Kaleidoscope concert, our theme this term consolidates what the students are leaning in their EWA classes. The Foundation students have been learning the colours of the rainbow and are all very excited to perform their song to the community during the concert. The Junior students have learned the cultural story of how the Chinese Zodiac was formed and will be retelling their story with a River Gum spin. The Foundation students will be asked to wear a white T-shirt and black pants. The Junior students are to wear a red T-shirt and black pants. We cannot wait to show you what we have been working on at the concert! See you there!

Reading Tip Of The Week
Reading comprehension is what allows the reader to interact with the text in a meaningful way. It’s the bridge from passive reading to active reading — from letters and words to characters and contexts. For many of us, strong reading comprehension is what unlocks the door to a lifetime of reading enjoyment.

- Comprehension unlocks countless doors to success in school, work and leisure reading. Understanding how to read will only get you so far in life. Understanding what you read will be with you for the entire journey. As with all things, reading comprehension skills will improve with practice. Set an example for your children by choosing books over TV and computer as often as possible.
- Designate family “screen-free” time just as you would family meal or movie and give your kids a taste for reading that they can savour for life!

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

Happy Reading

River Gum Sport News

Athletics
Last Wednesday the 22nd of August we had a number of children participating in the District Athletics. It was a hard fought battle between the schools. All of our committed students performed extremely well. The students at River Gum represented the school with pride and showed excellence in sportsmanship. Well done on the following students who have been asked to compete in the Division Athletics Carnival on the first Friday of Term 4:
Shot Put : Jacob R13
Shot Put: Julia R13
Shot Put: Caroline R25
High Jump & 200m: Paige R09
Long Jump: Myles Swindle

Football: River Gum Primary School want to congratulate Patrick Sinnema for coming runners up in the Best and Fairest for the South East Junior Football League. Well done Pat on a fantastic footy season!!!!