Middle Senior A has started running Buddy Reading sessions a couple of times a week. Students are paired up and given the choice as to where they would like to sit and listen to each other read. During this time students help one another with their reading strategies. Middle Senior A teachers and students all agree that allowing students the opportunity to listen and read with a variety of people helps build their confidence and reading abilities.

Feedback from the students has been really positive! Students have shared that they really enjoy the sessions because they get to meet new people and they also can get extra help when it comes to focusing on their reading goals.
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.

Breakfast Club: I am pleased to inform our school community that we have been selected by the Victorian Government to have a breakfast club operating in term 1 next year. Students will be offered a range of breakfast food when they arrive at school in the morning. It is planned that your child’s classroom teacher will organize breakfast to be served in the classroom at the bag bell each morning. More information will be available soon.

Planning for 2016: We have commenced our planning for the 2016 school year. Please keep your child’s classroom teacher updated if there are any changes to your family’s circumstances for 2016.

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.

Student Emergency Contact Details: Parents please ensure that if you change any details you contact the school ASAP to ensure our records are up to date. Thank you in anticipation.

Assembly: Our next whole school assembly will be held on 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 8.45am and 11.30am.

CSEF: If you are unsure whether you have CSEF funding in your account please enquire with the Office. Please note that CSEF moneys can only be used towards Camps, Sports and Excursions and not towards Student Essential Education Items.

Roma McKinnon—Principal

“Together we can for every child, every day, in every classroom”
River Gum Australian Schools Soccer Program

Last week was the beginning of the River Gum Sporting Schools Soccer program. This term Jack will be teaching our students amazing skills that are needed to play soccer. Students have already been striking goals and working on their dribbling skills.

Can parents please note that students must be signed out after the program at 4.30 to ensure they are all picked up safely. It is school policy that students are not allowed to walk home after the soccer program.

Division Athletics

Myles, Julia, Paige, Caroline and Jacob (not pictured) recently participated in Division Athletic’s Championships! It was an exceptional achievement to make it this far. Jacob and Caroline both came first in their respective sports, well done to everyone on the day. A special thanks to Myles mum Kylie who took this fabulous photo for us!

Reading Tip Of The Week

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

The most obvious is to be a model of someone who loves reading. According to Daniel Willingham, author of *Raising Kids Who Read - What Parents and Teachers Can Do* is the idea of creating a sense in the child that this is what we value in our family. I think its such a powerful message for kids — like the things that are on your wall, the rules you set in your household, who parents talk about as the people they respect. **To be continued in Connections next week.**

Happy Reading

Aphrodite Vontarolis, S.W.A.N. Foundation &
Junior Reading Recovery Teacher

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1-2-3 MAGIC® & EMOTION COACHING
REGISTRATION FORM

Learn to manage difficult behaviour in children 2-12 years old
A three-session program for parents and carers at
River Gum Primary School
on 11th November, 18th November and the, 25th November 2015
at 1:30pm – 3:00pm

I _____________________________ [name] wish to attend the 1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching course.

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Signature                  Contact Number

Child’s name:             Grade:      
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