

# The River School Newsletter



The RIVER SCHOOL

# SPRING FAIR 2024

SATURDAY  
OCTOBER 26  
10AM-2PM

MUSIC STALLS  
FOOD ACTIVITIES  
ARTS CRAFTS

SHUTTLE BUSES ALL DAY  
f /THE RIVERSCHOOLEVENTS/

The poster features a blue sky background with a dragonfly in the top left, a large yellow daisy in the middle left, and a bee in the middle right. The text is in various colors and fonts, with 'SPRING FAIR 2024' in large, stylized letters.

ONLY 2  
MORE SLEEPS  
TILL THE SPRING  
FAIR.

WE HOPE WE  
WILL SEE YOU  
THERE!!!

## Deepening Neohumanism at The River School 2024

At the beginning of 2024 the leadership team of The River School met with Dr Kathleen Kesson online to talk about renewing and expanding our connection with Neohumanism across the school.

We wanted our staff to have a chance to build relationship with Dr Kesson as a mentor and guide, and for all of us to plan a year program of inspiration and reconnection with Neohumanist practices.

Between us we worked out a program. We called the program: Connecting to Nature through-Senses-Movement-Art-Meditation

At The River School every class timetable includes an Inner Me time every day. Inner Me time has a structure that we all work with. We start with yoga, leading into meditation and complete with reflection or philosophical discussion.

Our teachers are very experienced with this process and we have lots to share with each other.

The first session was – Connecting to Nature through the Senses.

Dr Kesson presented a workshop that refreshed our understanding of the importance of Neohumanism and began our exploration of using senses to connect with nature.

We used a seed pod from our grounds and passed it around the group each of us finding a word to express how we are sensing through sight, touch, etc.

Kathleen connected with us through an online platform which was very different than face to face however we made it work and it was a wonderful way to start the year.

The photo below is an activity that we shared with the team to draw our responses to the sensory experience we had with the seed pod.



When Term 2 arrived we decided to focus on Connecting with Nature through Movement. Dr Kesson led us through a wonderful experience of experimenting with movement in an expressive manner to connect with nature. This photo is the team in action and you can see the joy and fun that was had.

In Term 3 our amazing Art teacher Alieta Belle led us through a range of activities during staff meetings.

We moved our meeting from the staff room to the art room to play with gel prints and clay. Here is the wonderful River School team enjoying and exploring Connecting with Nature through Art

This last term of the year we are working on Connecting to Nature through Meditation. We are exploring meditation in our outdoor natural setting and tapping into the deep knowledge that many of our teachers have to share practices. Our teachers are leading each other in our staff meetings creating a connected collaborative experience for us all.

Thanks and gratitude to Dr. Kathleen Kesson Professor Emeritus, Department of Teaching, Learning, and Leadership, School of Education, LIU-Brooklyn. We acknowledge and are grateful for the opportunity to deepen our Neohumanist connection also through the recently published book by Dr Kesson– Becoming One With The World - A Guide to Neohumanist Education (available through Amazon)





Over \$8,000 worth of prizes to be won!

# 2024 Mega Raffle

## Tickets:

\$4 each, 3 for \$10, or a 25-ticket book for \$75.  
Cash payment or online payment also available [here](#).

**Prize 1:** Fashion and Beauty prize pack  
(valued at \$858.95)

**Prize 2:** Food prize pack (valued at \$852)

**Prize 3:** Fun prize pack (valued at \$839.50)

**Prize 4:** Home prize pack (valued at \$984)

**Prize 5:** Kids prize pack (valued at \$863.95)

**Prize 6:** Maleny prize pack (valued at \$753.50)

**Prize 7:** Nature prize pack (valued at \$884)

**Prize 8:** Wellbeing 1 prize pack  
(valued at \$871.80)

**Prize 9:** Wellbeing 2 prize pack  
(valued at \$1,092.50)

Drawn at The River School Spring Fair on 26/10/2024. Winners notified by phone or email.



# Library News ~ An update from Kerrie

Term 3 saw us successfully obtain a grant from Maleny Rotary. These funds will be used to purchase non-fiction books to bolster our Library resources. The River School has received amazing support from the Rotary Club of Maleny over the years and we continue to be blessed by their generosity.

This term we have begun our Library Monitor program with six dedicated year 5 students stepping into this leadership role in preparation for next year as our Red Cedar School Leaders. Caitlin, Aven, Lia, Saskia, Leo and Xavier are excited to be given this responsibility and to serve our school in this way. Kerrie is even more excited to be working with them and for their interest and help in the library 📖

We are also asking everyone to have a look around at home for any Library books (or class readers) and return them as soon as possible. There will be no more borrowing after week 7 as this allows Kerrie to collate all books ready for 2025.

We also have new books ready to be covered. If you would like to help with this job please stop in any time to collect a bag of books and a roll of contact.



## Library Monitor





# GET READY FOR THE BOOK FAIR!

Calling all bookworms! The Book Fair is coming to the library on **Friday, October 25th, from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm**. It will also be open during the Spring Fair on **Saturday, October 26th, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm**.

**Important Note:** Don't forget to place your orders by **Tuesday, October 29th**. We won't be able to accept late orders or sales after this date.

## Here's what you need to know:

- **Friday, October 25th:** Classes and parents are welcome to visit the Book Fair. Children can create a "wish list" of their favourite books to bring home for your approval. Parents can also complete purchases **online** using a credit or debit card. We'll have computers available if you need one.
- **Saturday, October 26th (Spring Fair):** Browse the Book Fair during the Spring Fair and pick out some fantastic reads for your family. Online payment will be available again.

## Going Cashless:

For your convenience (and ours!), all book purchases must be made online. We won't be accepting cash at the Book Fair.

## How to Order:

- Wish list forms will be available on Friday, October 25th (Sample attached).
- Visit [scholastic.com.au/payment](https://www.scholastic.com.au/payment) to complete your order.
- Find our school: Queensland/Maleny/The River School (Book Fair number: 7038892)
- Add the titles, prices, and your card details.
- Once payment is complete, you'll receive an 8-digit receipt number. **Write this number on your wish list form!**
- Complete the wish list form, listing only the books you've paid for.
- Give the wish list form to Kerrie, who will find your chosen books. (Popular titles might sell out quickly, but we can reorder.)

## Supporting Our Library:

Every purchase helps our school! The commission earned from Scholastic will be used to expand our graphic novel and non-fiction collections.

**Thank you for supporting the library and your child's love of reading!**

## Week One Fun in the Lillypillies!

The Lillypillies have adored returning to school with their new Walker Learning Stations this term! We also celebrated the Libra birthdays with both Kristy and Natalie having a birthday celebration with Tam cooking up a storm with a beautiful cake to help us celebrate. We are loving exploring the artwork in our Indigenous story books and trying to recreate these amazing paintings.

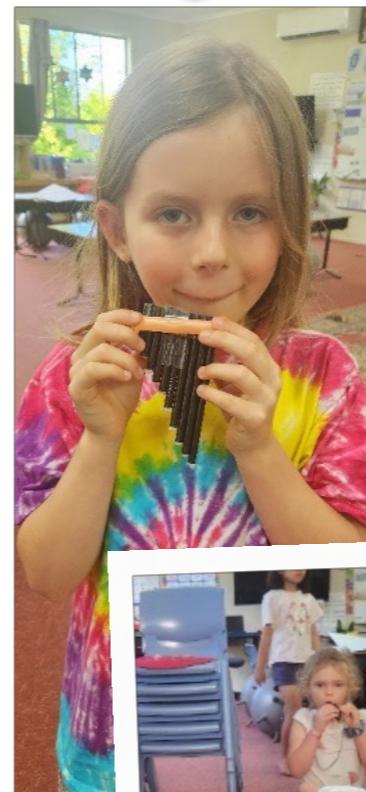


# Kingfisher Capers

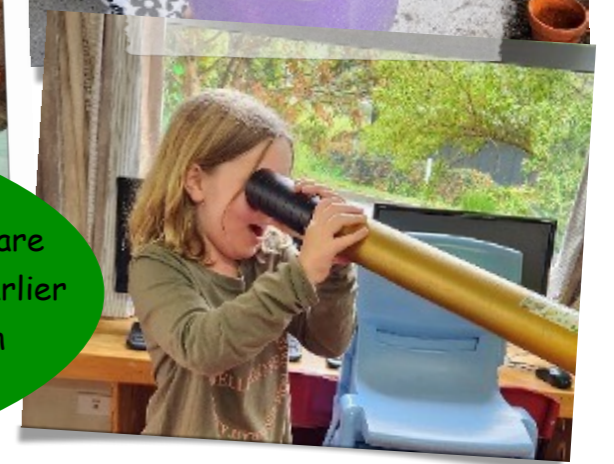
In Science we are exploring how vibrations cause sound. Our experiments have involved moving sprinkles and salt by humming and using a speaker.

It was fun to watch the sprinkles dance in front of our eyes!

Our Walker Learning Sessions allow us to have lots of fun while learning and reinforcing many of the skills we learn in the Kingfisher room. Dramatic Play; Gardening; Board Games; Sensory tools; making our own musical instruments and woodwork are some of our favourites.



Our time at the Creek is always fun and rewarding. This time we were demonstrating how sound waves look a lot like the ripples that are created when you throw a stone into the water. We had just earlier enjoyed our Didjerri (as part of connecting to nature through meditation) and some fabulous adventurous play. We love our creek time.



# 2024 Term 4 Overview

## SWIMMING SKILLS PROGRAM TERM 4, 2024

Term 4 2024	
Public Holiday	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> October
First day of term	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> October
P&F meeting	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> October
Life Ed Cyber Safety year 6	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October
Spring Fair	Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> October
Pupil Free Day	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October
Swimming Program years 2 – 6	Thursdays weeks 4 - 8
P&F meeting	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November
Maleny Music Festival	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> November
Transition session Prep 2025	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November 10:00 – 11:15
Swimming Carnival years 2 - 6	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December
Whole School Transition session 2025	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November 11:15 – 12:45
<b>OPEN TOUR MORNING</b>	<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November</b>
P&F meeting	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December
End of year celebration and class gathering	Week 10 – dates and times to be advised
Red Cedars (year 6) Clap Out & Grad	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>Last day of Term – Clean Up Day</b>	<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>
<i>No Buses running but a great opportunity to come and do your Energy Hours and pack down the classes and prepare gardens for summer break.</i>	

Thursdays (Weeks 4 – 8) for years 2 – 6.		
Depart School	Depart Pool	CLASS and staff
9:00 am	10:10 am	Kingfishers (Yr 2) Mary & Lizzie
10:00 am	11:10 am	Piccabeens (Yr 3) Annie & Laura
11:00 am	12:10 am	Wattles (Yr 4) Katchia & Penny
12:00 pm	1:10 pm	Red Cedars (Yr 6) & Regents (Yr 5) Sam, Fiona & Cheryl

## DATE CLAIMER:

## SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Week 9: Thursday 5th

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU  
CAN HELP WITH SWIM LESSONS

### 2024 Term 4 - Virtues Roster – updated 15.10.2024



Know in advance who will give the blessing (1 child per class). Bring student's *River School Song* book. Please make your way to the hall at 1:55pm for a 2:00pm start— thank you ☺  
Whole School Circle will be held in the hall at 2:00 – 2:30 on the last day of the school week followed by whole school service – clean up.

Week	Oneness with Nature - Share	School Code	Class	Virtue
1 No Kamala Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Kingfishers	Kind Words & Actions	Red Cedars	Service Compassion
2 No Kamala Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Regents	Play Safely	Regents	Contentment
3 No Kamala Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Piccabeens	Respect All Beings	Piccabeens	Respect
4 Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Lillypillies	Take Responsibility	Kingfishers	Honesty
5 Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Puggles	Kind Words & Actions	Lillypillies	Service
6 Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Wattles	Respect All Beings	Puggles	Responsibility
7 Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Class performances More information to follow			
8 Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Class performances More information to follow			
9 Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Red Cedars	Kind Words & Actions	Red Cedars <i>Final Circle ever</i>	Love
10 Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>NO Circle</b>		<b>NO Circle</b>	

## Tuckshop – How to Order

Tuckshop orders at The River School are completed online through [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au) or via the Flexischools App (can be downloaded through the App Store or Google Play).

*No cash or over the counter orders can be accepted.*

### Login/Register

- **Already a Flexischools user?**  
Enter your details and login. To save your login details, select 'remember me'.
- **New Flexischools user?**  
Click 'Register', enter your email address and follow the instructions in the email to set up your account. Once your account is set up, add new student; search for The River School, enter your child's details and select their class name.

### Top up your account

To make ordering fast and simple, you can set up automatic top ups in your 'User Profile'

### Order

#### Place your Order

On the app home screen, scroll down to view your school services such as canteen and uniforms. Then swipe left and right to view all available services.

#### Make your Selection

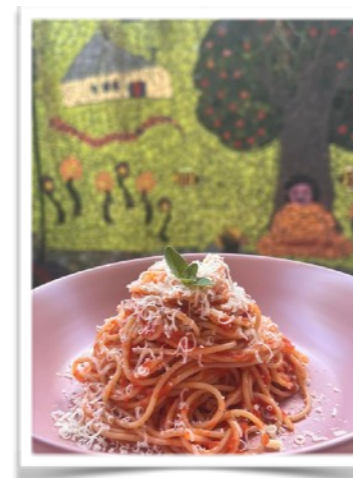
Find the service and press 'Order' then select the items you wish to order.

#### Make Payment

Select your payment option and complete payment to place your order

#### Confirmation

Ensure that you check your email for confirmation of your order.





Summer menu now available

## Energy Levy Opportunity

# TUCKSHOP

Would you like to join the team and help to prep delicious food for our school community? Yolande would love extra hands on Tuesdays and Thursdays! If you are wanting to know more please get in contact with the admin.

# The River Cafe



Made with Love

**OPEN:** Friday - dinner, Saturday - lunch / dinner, Sunday - lunch

Fresh, wholesome pure vegetarian delights



- **Indian Feast \$15** Vegan and GF (\*without yogurt)  
Delicious curry plate with coconut, vegetables, chickpeas + basmati rice, papadum & salad  
(\*yogurt & mint sauce - optional)



- **Falafel Wraps \$10** Vegan  
Falafel balls with fresh salad and tahini sauce in a pita pocket (sweet chilli sauce / yogurt sauce - optional)



- **Spring Rolls \$5 each** Vegan  
Rice noodles with cabbage, carrot, fresh coriander, and spices in cylinders of crispy pastry, deep fried.  
(sweet chilli sauce - optional)



- **Bliss Ball \$3 each**  
A delicious & healthy sweet treat [dates, almonds, coconut, chia seeds, cinnamon, vanilla, rice puffs, dried organic blueberries, cacao]



- **Chai - the best! \$5 cup**  
Locally made & delicious, on full cream Maleny gold milk

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**Maxi Feast Combo \$20**

Curry plate, spring roll + bliss ball



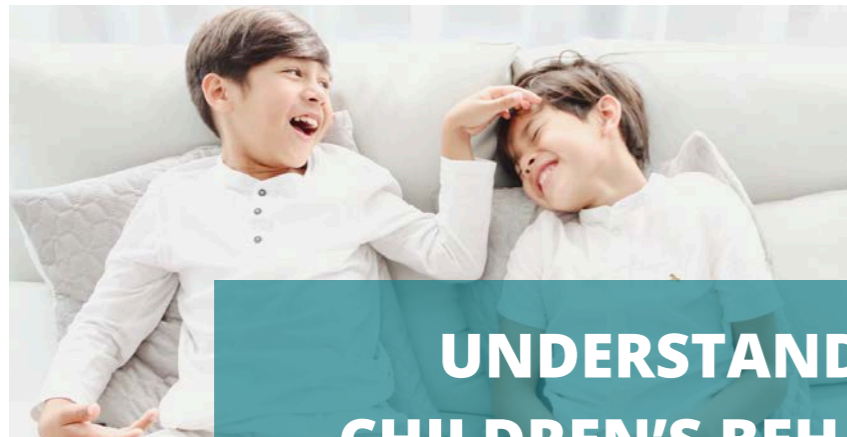
**The River School Cafe  
will once again be  
serving delicious  
vegetarian food at the  
Maleny Music Festival.**

Please stop in and say hi and buy something delicious.

There are still a few spots available to join us working in the kitchen. Here is the link if you would like to sign up:

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4FAEAB2FA0F5C70-51294653-music?fbclid=IwZXh0bGZhZW0CMATAAR3G\\_2qRQNlc2Th3Lji-zQebIGoG\\_Gt2tllloxPkrNYtqh2tXUQVjnNowps\\_aemSRHpr\\_VcCPhTB9K7K4ELxg](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4FAEAB2FA0F5C70-51294653-music?fbclid=IwZXh0bGZhZW0CMATAAR3G_2qRQNlc2Th3Lji-zQebIGoG_Gt2tllloxPkrNYtqh2tXUQVjnNowps_aemSRHpr_VcCPhTB9K7K4ELxg)

Keep up to date with all school policies by clicking this link.  
<https://riverschool.com.au/forms-policies/>



**PARENT  
INFORMATION  
SESSION**

## UNDERSTANDING CHILDREN'S BEHAVIOUR

a discussion with  
**DR BOB JACOBS, THE PARENTING CENTRE**

**FREE!**

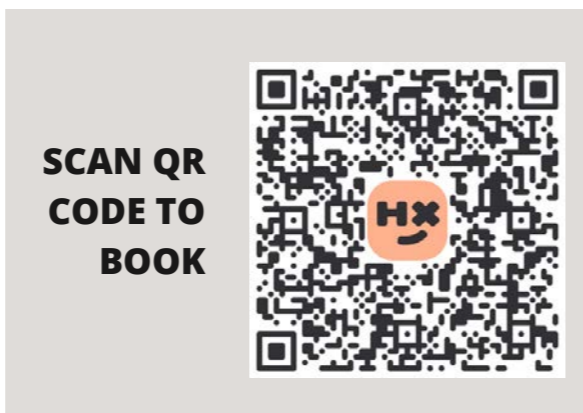
### ABOUT THIS SESSION

Understanding what is behind our children's behaviours can be both helpful and empowering for parents.

Learn to see the world through your child's eyes in order to build a more connected and peaceful relationship.

Hosted by Caloundra Community Centre Family Support Program.

Contact Vanessa for more information.  
**Ph: 0493 261 334** or  
**Email: [vanessa@calcomm.org.au](mailto:vanessa@calcomm.org.au)**



**SCAN QR  
CODE TO  
BOOK**

**WHEN & WHERE:**  
Friday 1st November, 2024  
9:30am - 11am  
Maleny Neighbourhood Centre  
17 Bicentenary Lane, Maleny



**Caloundra  
Community  
Centre**

**FREE EVENT**

## Cultural Heritage Landsborough & Co. a portrait experience



**Museums open**

Wednesday to Sunday 10am - 3pm

Closed public holidays

**Landsborough Museum**

Date: 18 September - 15 December, 2024

Landsborough & Co: an interactive photographic experience, is the new free exhibition at Landsborough Museum.

Join us for a hand-on experience like no other, where you will explore the fascinating world of 1890s Victorian photography through interactive and engaging activities. Learn about the experience of having your portrait taken - from being the subject in front of the camera to the process behind the lens where you become the photographer's trainee.



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