



RIVERBANK PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Welcome to Stage 1 2019

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We would like to welcome all our Year 1 and 2 families (both new and existing) to Riverbank Public School! We have had a wonderful and exciting start to 2019.

Your child's teacher is in class

New School Times from 8.45am to 2.45pm

Our new school times have commenced. Students are not to be at school before 8:15am. Upon arriving at school, children are to leave their bags where their class has been shown to line up. At 2.45pm, the classroom teacher will bring the children to the Please do not wait outside your child's classroom as we have designated areas for pick up across the school to ease congestion. Students who have siblings in the high school will be supervised until collected at 3pm by their sibling.

Meet the Teacher Night

The Stage 1 teachers are looking forward to getting to know the children in their class and meeting each child's family. A 'Meet the Teacher' information session has been organised for Tuesday 12 February between 7pm and 8pm in the school hall. This is a great opportunity for you to find out more about our routines and the fabulous programs we are offering our students. A letter will be sent home soon with more information.

Labelling

Please ensure that all items of clothing, including hat and school bags, food containers and drink bottles are clearly labelled with your child's name. This will ensure that 'missing' items are returned to the rightful owner.

Code of Behaviour

Our Hip Keys are:



Our School Values are:

1. We share voice space by listening quietly
2. We follow instructions:
In the right place
at the right time
doing the right thing
3. We use build ups by saying nice things
4. We keep our hands, feet and objects to ourselves
5. We own our own behaviour because we choose how we behave

Crunch and Sip

Every day we will participate in Crunch and Sip. At this time children are encouraged to eat fresh fruit or vegetables and drink water. It would be wonderful if your child has something for Crunch and Sip every day.

Curriculum

English

Reading, Writing, Speaking & Listening - Our students will develop their reading, comprehension strategies and writing skills through modelled, guided and independent teaching and learning. They will read and respond to a variety of imaginative texts and compare how different authors have developed their characters. Literature circles will promote quality talk and develop students speaking and listening skills when involved in conversations. Handwriting, grammar, phonics and phonemic awareness are all elements of English that will also be integrated into students learning. Spelling will be supported through the use of Sound Waves.

Mathematics

Number & Algebra - students will participate in lessons to develop strategies with whole number, addition & subtraction, multiplication & division, fractions & decimals and patterns & algebra.

Measurement & Geometry - lessons will be focusing on position, time, length and mass.

Statistics & Probability - lessons will be focusing on data.

TEN - is a program which consolidates teaching from the Number and Algebra strand. It involves the delivery of explicit lessons to the whole class and small groups with a focus on developing mental strategies for whole number, addition & subtraction and multiplication & division.

PDHPE

Sport and Fitness - Students will be required to wear their sports uniform on Tuesdays and Thursdays. During these sessions, students will focus on developing fundamental movement skills such as catching, throwing, kicking and hitting a ball that can be used in team sports. Students will also be learning how to play a variety of team sports and games.

Health - Students will be learning how to keep themselves safe through our safe living and anti-bullying units.

History - The topic 'Past and Present Family Life' will explore the change and continuity of family life. Students will identify and describe significant people, events and places in the local community overtime. They will also describe the effects of changing technology on people's lives.

Creative and Practical Arts

Art – Students will be creating artworks inspired by the quality texts read during our English lessons and some which are also relevant to our History unit.

Science and Technology

Science – This term students will be learning about the physical world through light and sound.

Technology – will be integrated into all key learning areas through the use of iPads, laptops, desktops and interactive screens.

Homework

Homework will commence in Week 3. It will be sent home each Friday and returned on the following Thursday. The activities that are sent home for homework are to revise the English and Maths skills taught in class. At different times during the year there will also be small assignments set, usually based on History or Science topics. Students will be given a set time to complete these assignments. It is expected that all homework be completed by the student and supervised by a parent. If you

have concerns regarding homework please do not hesitate to come and meet with your classroom teacher to discuss it.

As a result of recent feedback from our homework survey we will not be continuing with Mathletics or Reading Eggs in 2019. Should you be interested in free online resources for homework please talk to your classroom teacher.

Home Readers

Shortly your child will start our home reading program. A letter will be sent home with details regarding this program. Please encourage home reading as much as possible - both silent reading and listening to your child read out aloud. Even the best readers come across words that are unfamiliar to them. This will be a great way to prepare them for home reading!

Literacy at home

- Talk about experiences at home – ask questions
- Read with them as often as possible
- Use the school or local library to borrow literacy resources
- Be an interested listener
- Practise spelling with your child as often as possible, praise every effort made
- Read to and with your child as often as possible

Numeracy at home

- When measuring ingredients, or shopping, mention weights, capacities etc. Identify shapes in the home
- Help children to learn the time - analog and digital and converting between the two
- Solve problems which require the use of mathematics
- Create shopping lists together, estimate total costs and work out how much money is needed or how much change is received

Additional Learning Needs

Some children have special or additional needs. If your child has an identified learning or other need, please advise the school early so that a plan can be put into place to assist them. Each plan will be different, so it is important to provide us with as much information as possible so that we can have a comprehensive understanding of your child's needs.

A note will be sent home in Week 5 for all students receiving either Learning and Support or EAL/D programs in 2019. Details regarding a parent information session will be included in this note.

Assemblies

Our Stage 1 assemblies will be held every alternate Friday afternoon at 1.45pm beginning Week 5. Parents will be notified when their class is performing their assembly item and are welcome to attend. These dates are also published in the school newsletter.

Allergies

If you have any concerns with your child's allergies or other medical conditions, please contact the school office as soon as possible. We try to avoid all peanut products in the classroom. We thank you for your cooperation and ask that children not share food at school.

Birthdays

Birthdays are special occasions for children. If your child wishes, they may bring cupcakes for the class on their birthday.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's progress, please do not hesitate to contact the school to arrange a time for a meeting with their classroom teacher.

We are looking forward to a great year together.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Renee Wilson
Mrs Angela Hannigan
Assistant Principals Stage 1

Stage 1 Teachers

Dates for the diary

Meet the Teacher Night Tuesday 12 February

K-2 Cross Country Carnival Thursday 4 April

Parent Teacher Interviews Week 10

Easter Hat Parade Friday 12 April