



RIVERBANK PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Welcome to Stage 3 - 2019

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We would like to welcome all of our families (both new and existing) to Riverbank Public School! We have had a wonderful and exciting start to 2019. Your child's teacher is _____ and their class name will be _____.

New school times from 8.45am to 2.45pm

Our new school times have commenced. Children are not be at school before 8:15am. Upon arriving at school, children are to leave their bags in the hall and place their mobile in the phone trays. All Stage 3 classes will be dismissed from the bus bay at 2.45pm. Please do not wait outside your child's classroom of an afternoon.

Meet the Teacher Night

A 'Stage 3 Meet the Teacher' information session is being held on Monday 11 February. Our evening will commence at 6pm in the school hall with a **Cyber Safety talk** presented by Senior Constable John Bollard from Quakers Hill Police Local Area Command. This will be followed by Stage 3 teachers presenting information about our routines and the fabulous programs we are offering our students. The evening will conclude at around 8pm.

Code of Behaviour

The HIP (Help Increase the Peace) program offers a whole school approach to building relationships through communication, cooperation, trust building and conflict resolution.

Our School Values are:

1. We share voice space by listening quietly.
2. We follow instructions:
 - a. *in the right place*
 - b. *at the right time*
 - c. *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 'n' 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.

Homework

Homework will be **sent home each Friday and returned on the following Thursday**. It is expected that all homework be completed by the student and supervised by a parent. At different times during the year there are also small assignments set linked to our units of work. Students will be given a set time in order to complete these assignments. As a result of recent feedback from our homework survey we will not be continuing with Mathematics or Reading Eggs in 2019. If you feel that your child is experiencing any difficulty with a task, please contact their teacher so that we can offer some guidance and support. Homework will begin in Week 3.

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 your child. 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.

Learning and Support & English as an Additional Language/Dialect (EAL/D)

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.

Curriculum

This semester, our English unit will incorporate reading, writing, grammar and speaking and listening activities with stimulus including the novels *Grimson* by Deborah Abela (Year 5) and *Blabbermouth* by Morris Gleitzman (Year 6), poetry, spoken texts and visual texts. Students will develop their comprehension strategies through modelled and guided reading sessions. Spelling will continue to be supported through the use of Sound Waves.

Our Mathematics curriculum will focus on:

- Whole Number
- Addition and Subtraction
- 2D Space
- Multiplication and Division
- Length
- Patterns and Algebra
- Fractions and Decimals
- Time
- Position
- Area
- 3D Space
- Data

'Australia as a Nation' is the History unit of work. This topic will focus on the development of Australia as a nation with the influences that led to the development of Australia's system of government. This will culminate with the Stage 3 camp to Canberra.

In Personal Development and Health our unit of work will be 'Safety First'. This topic will focus on responsible actions and behaviour when near water, on and around roads and towards ourselves and others (including anti-bullying). All Stage 3 will be participating in a fitness lesson each Wednesday. Students also participate in weekly sport's lessons on Friday mornings or attend the PSSA competition games. It is important students wear their sports uniform each Wednesday and Friday.

'Electricity and Light' is the Science unit of work. This topic will look at the relationships that underpin the cause and effect of light, as well as the transferring and transforming of electricity.

Assemblies

Stage 3 assemblies will be held on alternate Friday afternoons at 12.15pm. Parents will be notified when their child's class are performing their assembly item and if possible are encouraged to attend. These dates are also published in the school newsletter. Our first Primary Assembly will be held on **22 February**. This will be our **Induction Assembly which will commence at 1.45pm.**

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)

We look forward to continuing to grow our BYOD program this year. Please refer to the BYOD policy and charter.

Allergies

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

Labelling

Please ensure that all items of clothing, including 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.

Book Covers

Thank you in anticipation for covering your child's books. Books will be sent home during the first couple of weeks to be covered with clear contact or plastic. Please return your child's books to school the following day.

Birthdays

Birthdays are special occasions for children. If your child wishes, they may bring cupcakes for their 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 phone interview or face to face meeting with your child's teacher.

Looking forward to a great year together.

Kind regards,

Mr Angus Lamont
Assistant Principal Year 6
Mr Ben Cain
Assistant Principal Year 5

Stage 3 Teachers

Dates for the diary

Meet the Teacher evening Monday 11 February
3-6 Swimming Carnival Monday 18 February
3-6 Cross Country Carnival Wednesday 3 April
Parent Teacher Interviews Week 10
ANZAC Service Thursday 11 April