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29 January 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to all our Riverbank families and a special warm welcome to those students and their families who are joining our school community. We hope you enjoy a long and happy association with our school. We take pride in setting high expectations of our students who are the very centre of our structured learning environment. Our Restorative Practice philosophy provides a framework for building strong relationships, effective communication, personal and social responsibility and a sense of belonging.

Education in a changing world has a vital role to play in preparing students for successful, enriched lives. At Riverbank Public School, students are challenged, yet nurtured and work both independently and in groups to solve authentic problems. Learning includes partnerships with industries in order to develop skills in students of innovation, fair testing and experimentation. Students accumulate a strong repertoire of general capabilities including literacy, numeracy, creative and critical thinking, intercultural understanding, ethical understanding, information and communication technologies and personal and social capability.

Students, staff, parents and community members are encouraged to participate in all aspects of school life. Parents are valued as true partners in the education of their children, contributing their initiative, energy, time and expertise to the school. At Riverbank, all students have the opportunity to attain knowledge, skills, values and attitudes enabling them to be reflective, self-sufficient and self-motivated lifelong learners.

This year we have formed 64 mainstream classes and 3 support classes for students with special needs.

- 12 Early Stage 1 Kindergarten
- 22 Stage 1 Years 1 and 2
- 16 Stage 2 Years 3 and 4
- 14 Stage 3 Years 5 and 6

The first few days of a new school year are always a little hectic; as students learn new routines and parents are keen to find out what class their children are in and where they line up. I have been very impressed with how settled the students have been in their new classrooms.

Our school times are 8.45am to 2.45pm.

Morning supervision 8.15am to 8.45am

8.45am Morning bell
10.15am K-2 Recess
10.45am 3-6 Recess
12.45pm K-2 Lunch
1.15pm 3-6 Lunch
2.45pm Afternoon bell

Our main entry gate will be open from 8am to 9am and then from 2pm to 3pm. During 9am and 2pm, there is an intercom at the main entry for parents to access the school. The High School now have their own gates on Wentworth Street, located near their car park.

Before and After School care will now have their own gates from 6.30am to 8.15am and then from 2.45pm to 6.30pm. This gate is the entrance the school used in 2019.

A list with class names, teachers and a school map will be included in next week's school newsletter and will be placed on our website and school app this week. Our 2020 School Information Booklet is now available on our school website.

2020 school invoices will be sent out each term. The Term 1 invoice has been included in the welcome pack.

All students have a wonderful opportunity to participate in weekly Chess, Dance, Choir, Band, Music, Music tuition, Drama, ICT, Debating and PSSA sport programs. An overview of paid after school activities will be sent out on the school app this week.

I have included in the welcome pack our 2020 Term 1 Calendar, which highlights key events throughout the term. Dates may sometimes vary, and new events will be added. The calendar is available on the school's website.

Meet the Teacher information evening sessions will be held during weeks 2 & 3 and week 5 for Kindergarten. All sessions will commence in the school hall and these sessions are for parents only. Individual student learning will be discussed at parent - teacher interviews in Week 10.

Newsletters are published during even weeks and updates are sent out through our school app. Our Facebook page celebrates our weekly achievements.

Late Drop off and Early Pick Up - If you are picking up your child early, you must go to the school office and sign them out before you collect your child from the classroom. If a student is late coming to school, you must sign them in at the front office before they go to class. Students cannot sign themselves in or out of school.

The school's Kiss and Ride area is within the "No Parking" zones and are located on Wentworth Street and Riverbank Drive. You are only allowed to stop your vehicle to set down or pick up passengers and must not stop for more than 2 minutes. The driver must not be more than 3 metres from the vehicle. Highway patrol will be regularly patrolling our perimeter. Thank you for ensuring the safety of all of our students when entering and leaving the premises.

At Riverbank, we value open communication channels in our school. You are more than welcome to make an appointment to meet with me by contacting the School Administration Staff. Alternatively, I am in the playground most mornings and afternoons and I always welcome feedback.

Best wishes for an exciting year ahead.

Mrs Jeanie Brown Principal



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Welcome to Stage 1 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We would like to welcome all of our Year 1 and 2 families (both new and existing) to Riverbank Public School. We have had a wonderful and exciting start to 2020.

Your child's teacher is in class in class

School Times from 8:45 to 2:45pm

Children are not to be at school before 8:15am. Upon arriving at school, children are to leave their bags at their designated space as set by their class teacher. Students who have siblings in the high school will be supervised in the area near the staffroom 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 4 February between 6pm and 7pm 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 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. Students will explore specific aspects of texts that enhance enjoyment. They will learn that texts are a way into the world of the imagination and can be enjoyed many times. Handwriting, grammar, phonics and phonemic awareness are all elements of English that will 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

Measurement & Geometry - lessons will be focusing on length, 2D and 3D shapes

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 and addition & subtraction.

PDHPE

Sport and Fitness - Students will be required to wear their sports uniform on Mondays 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 they can be inclusive and respectful. They will describe and practise ways to develop caring and respectful relationships through our Restorative Practice framework and bullying unit.

<u>History</u> - The topic 'The Past in the Present' provides a study of the history of their local area, examining the remains of the past and why they should be preserved.

Creative and Practical Arts

This term the Creative and Practical Arts program integrates music, drama, visual arts and dance. Students will have the opportunity to explore and create different art forms related to the Indigenous Culture and our Science unit 'Earth and Space'.

Science and Technology

Science - The topic 'Earth and Space' focuses on the observable changes that occur in the sky and landscape. Students will explore how the Earth's resources are used and investigate their conservation.

Technology - will be integrated into all key learning areas through the use of iPads, laptops, desktops and interactive screens. Students will also use robots, virtual and augmented reality and holograms to enhance their learning experiences.

STEAM – is an educational approach to learning that uses Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics to guide student inquiry, conversation, and critical thinking. The program will encourage students to take thoughtful risks, engage in experiential learning, persist in problem-solving, embrace collaboration, and work through the creative and designing process. Students in Stage 1 will use innovative technology, complete investigations and become confident problem solvers through their learning experiences.

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 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 child's 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
- 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. As each plan is different, 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.

Assemblies

Our Stage 1 assemblies will be held on Thursday afternoons at 1.45pm, with Year 1 assembly being held during odd weeks and Year 2 assembly being held during even weeks. Assemblies will begin in Week 5,

starting with Year 1. Parents will be notified when their class is performing the 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 Jessica Muir Assistant Principal Year 1 Mrs Leah Felton Assistant Principal Year 2

Stage 1 Teachers

Dates for the diary

Meet the Teacher Night Tuesday 4 February

Book Fair Week 8

Harmony Day 20 March

K-2 Cross Country Carnival Wednesday 25 March

Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews Week 10

Autism Awareness Day Monday 6 April

ANZAC Service Wednesday 8 April

Easter Hat Parade Thursday 9 April

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Term One	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT SUN
1	27 Jan Australia Day Holiday	28 Jan SDD	29 January 1-6 Students Return Kindy Best Start	30 January Kindy Best Start	31 January Kindy Best start	1 2 Feb
2	3 February Kindergarten Commence	4 February Meet the Teacher - Stage 1	5 February Meet the Teacher - Stage 2 & 3 Young Leader's Camp	6 February Young Leader's Camp	7 February Young Leader's Camp	8 9 Feb
3	10 February Swimming Carnival	11 February Meet the Teacher - Stage 3	12 February	13 February	14 February	15 16 Feb
4	17 February	18 February	19 February	20 February	21 February Leaders Induction Assembly	22 23 Feb
5	24 February Meet the Teacher – Early Stage 1	25 February	26 February	27 February Year 1 Assembly	28 February Kindy Assembly Year 3 Assembly	29 Feb 1 Mar
6	2 March National Young Leaders Conference	3 March Ridges Swimming	4 March School Photos – Kindy & New Students	5 March Year 2 Assembly	6 March Stage 3 Assembly Year 4 Assembly	7 8 Mar
7	9 March	10 March	11 March	12 March Year 1 Assembly	13 March Kindy Assembly Year 3 Assembly	14 15 Mar
8	16 March Book Fair	17 March	18 March	19 March Year 2 Assembly	20 March Harmony Day Stage 3 Assembly Year 4 Assembly	21 22 Mar
9	23 March	24 March	25 March K-2 Cross Country	26 March 3-6 Cross Country Year 1 Assembly	27 March Kindy Assembly Year 3 Assembly	28 29 Mar
10	30 March Years 1-6 Parent/Teacher/ Student Interviews	31 March Years 1-6 Parent/Teacher/ Student Interviews	1 April Years 1-6 Parent/Teacher/ Student Interviews	2 April Years 1-6 Parent/Teacher/ Student Interviews Year 2 Assembly	3 April Stage 3 Assembly Year 4 Assembly	4 5 Apr
11	6 April Autism Awareness Day	7 April	8 April ANZAC Service	9 April Easter Hat Parade	10 April Good Friday	11 12 Apr
Hols	13 April Easter Monday	14 April	15 April	16 April	17 April	18 19 Apr
Hols	20 April	21 April	22 April	23 April	24 April	25 26 Apr



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2020 SCHOOL INVOICE

Dear Parents

29 January 2020

Please find details below for the 2020 Annual School Invoice.

- > Your Statement of Account will be emailed to your family email address just click on the link provided to make payment, this takes you directly to the Parent Online Payment
- Parent Online Payment (POP) is accessible from the Riverbank website (<u>www.riverbank-p.schools.nsw.edu.au</u> Click on the *Make a Payment* tab on the blue bar at the top of the screen and follow instruction THIS IS OUR PREFERRED PAYMENT OPTION
- Cash (please use Riverbank payment envelope)
- > EFTPOS/Debit/Credit Card payments must be made in person at the school office
- Camp, PSSA and CAPA fees have been added to your child's invoice if applicable and are due as indicated on their note

Please return:

- Payment slip to the office
- > Signed permission/medical notes to your child's teacher

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	PAYMENT SLIP (Please return)	
I have made an onl	ine payment. My receipt number is:	
Cash payment mad	e at the office	
EFTPOS/Debit/Cred	it Card payment at the office	
CHILD'S NAME:		
CLASS:		
AMOUNT PAID:	\$	

2020 Annual Student Invoice

	YEAR	COST	DESCRII	PTION		
Voluntary School Contribution	K-6	\$50	\$100 per	family		
Classroom Consumables	K-6	\$65	-	s student workbo orking from durin		ms that children
Home Reader Levy	K-4	\$15				
STEAM Levy	K-6	\$20				
Soundwaves Textbook	K-6	\$18	Spelling p	rogram plus onli	ne access	
Stage 1 Word Book	1	\$8				
School Magazine	3-6	\$10	Student w	vill receive 10 mag	gazines during th	ie year
ANNUAL STUDENT INVOICE TOTAL	K \$168		Yr1 \$176	Yr2 \$168	Yr3 & Yr4 \$178	Yr5 & Yr6 \$163

The 2020 Annual Student Invoice covers the above items for the whole year. You will be invoiced at the end of each term for the following Term's incursions/excursions, camps and sport carnivals.

It would be appreciated if you could pay the above fees as soon as possible.

Please note, ONLY online payments made before 6.00pm are received at school the next day.

Term 1 2020

In/Excursion	Date Due	Kinder	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6
Yrs 3-6 Swimming Carnival 10 Feb	5 Feb				\$12	\$12	\$12	\$12
Stage 3 - Sport in Schools	14 Feb						\$60	\$60
TERM 1 TOTAL					\$12	\$12	\$72	\$72

Homework for Parents

t's Name and Class:
or Guardian's Name(s):
nplement our circle time activities and restorative values, please complete the ng worksheet.
How does your child interact with other children or with siblings?
My child's favourite interests or activities are:
My child's favourite part of school is:
I believe my child's strengths and weaknesses are:
My child participates in the following activities outside of school:
I would like my child to achieve the following this year at school:
My child's attitude towards school is:
here anything else that you feel would be beneficial for me to know about your child?

Thank you for taking the time to complete this information sheet on your child. Can you please return it to your classroom teacher by Friday 1 February.





Schools send free alerts and notes, newsletters, notices, events, news and more to parents.

How to install your School App

iPhone and iPad Users

- 1) Press App Store icon on your device
- 2) Press Search and type in your school name
- 3) Press "Get", the app will download
- 4) Press "Open" and accept "push alerts"

Android Users

- 1) Press Play Store icon on your device
- 2) Press magnifying glass and type in your school name
- 3) Press "Install", the app will download
- 4) Press "Open"

Configure Push Alerts

- 1) Press "Settings / Cog" icon
- 2) Turn off the lists you don't want

Other Smartphones and Tablets

Visit http://app.schoolenews.com for more apps

Subscribe for Email Updates

- 1) Visit your school website
- 2) Click "School Enews" or "Newsletters & Notes" top heading (might differ slightly)
- 3) Under the "Subscribe" heading, tick on appropriate lists
- 4) Enter in your name and email address.
- 5) Click Subscribe (IMPORTANT: An email will be sent to your email address, you MUST click the "Activate Now" inside this email that is sent to you)

















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Welcome to Riverbank Public School

School Hours: 8.45am – 2.45pm

Newsletter: Published fortnightly and uploaded to our school

website on Wednesdays

Canteen: Please use Cashless to order lunch for your child-go

to www.cashless.school and register or download

the mobile app Cashless

Uniforms: Please go to the school website riverbank-

p.school@det.nsw.edu.au and choose Uniform

Orders and click on the link provided

Sport: Kindergarten: Tuesday & Thursday

Years 1 & 2: Monday & Thursday
Years 3 & 4: Tuesday & Friday
Years 5 & 6: Wednesday & Friday

School App: Download our school app. **AND** subscribe for email

updates - please turn over for instructions

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Permission to Walk to Peel Reserve

Dear Parents/Carers,

At times throughout the year we organise learning opportunities and experiences that are outside the boundaries of the classroom and school site. In particular, we will be utilising Peel Reserve (Greenview Parade, The Ponds) at various times as an area for sporting events, PSSA training and other activities.

These activities are at no cost to parents but require permission to walk to Peel Reserve and the use of its facilities.

Please note that this permission will remain in place for the 2019 school year. If at any time you wish to amend this, please contact the school.

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Principal		
Mrs J Brown		

Permission to Walk to Peel Reserve

Please return by Friday 8 February 2019

I give permission for my child to walk to Peel Reserve and use its facilities under the direct supervision of a teacher. In the event of illness or injury I give permission for medical assistance to be sought.

Child's Name:	
Child's Class:	
Parent/Carer Name:	
Parent Signature:	
Date:	

CANTEEN MENU

HOT FOOD

CHICKEN NUGGETS	4 FOR \$3.00
	6 FOR \$4.20
PARTY PIE	\$1.20
 CORN ON THE COB 	\$1.20
 GARLIC BREAD 	\$2.00
SAUSAGE ROLL - LITE	\$3.50
SPINACH & RICOTTA ROLL	\$3.50
MEAT PIE - LITE	\$4.00
HOT DOG & SAUCE	\$3.50
 HOT CHEESE ROLL 	\$3.00
PIZZA WRAP	\$4.00

BURGERS

 CHICKEN BURGER 	\$4.50
 SWEET CHILLI BURGER 	\$4.50
 BEEF BURGER 	\$4.50
 VEGGIE BURGER 	\$4.50

ICE BLOCKS

FROZEN LITE CORDIAL CUP	\$0.50
 FROZEN JUICE CUP 	\$1.00
QUELCH STICK	\$1.00
JUICE POUCH	\$1.00
 MOOSIE POUCH 	\$1.20
SLUSHIE CUP	\$2.00
ICE CREAM CUP	\$2.00

FOR A MORE DETAILED MENU AND TO ORDER ONLINE, PLEASE VISIT CASHLESS.SCHOOL LUNCH ORDER CUT OFF IS 9 AM



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PASTA & RICE

 MACARONI & CHEESE 	\$4.50
• BUTTER CHICKEN & RICE	\$4.50
 PASTA BOLOGNESE 	\$4.50
LASAGNE	\$4.50
 VEGETABLE LASAGNE 	\$4.50

SALADS

 GARDEN SALAD 	\$4.00
 WITH HAM OR TUNA 	\$4.50
 WITH SALMON OR CHICKEN 	\$5.00
 CHICKEN CAESER SALAD 	\$5.50
 ADD ONS EGG, CHEESE, AVOCADO SPROUTS, BACON, CROUTONS 	\$0.60

WRAPS

• CHICKEN CAESAR WRAP	\$4.80
• SWEET CHILLI CHICKEN WRAP	\$4.80
 CHICKEN TENDER WRAP 	\$4.80
 TOASTED HAM/CHEESE WRAP 	\$4.80



 CHICKEN & CUCUMBER 	\$3.50
 TUNA & CUCUMBER 	\$3.50
 CHICKEN TERIYAKI 	\$3.50
 VEGGIE SUSHI 	\$3.50

DRINKS

• JUICE - POPPER
• PLAIN MILK (300ml)
WITH SIPPAH STRAW
• POP TOP JUICE



\$2.00 BOTTLED WATER (600ML) •
\$2.50 JUICE BOMB SPARKLING JUICE •
\$2.50 FLAVOURED MILK (3 FLAVOURS) •
\$2.50 Up 'N' 60 •

BENTO BOX ONE

CHICKEN BREAST SLICE, 1/2 SANDWICH, MINI MUFFINS, ORANGE WEDGES, & POPCORN



BENTO BOX TWO

BOILED EGG, CORN ON COB, Hummus dip, Tortilla Chips, And Carrot or Cucumber Sticks

SANDWICHES

 VEGEMITE, JAM 	\$2.00
TOMATO, CHEESE	\$2.50
TUNA OR EGG	\$3.00
 HAM, CHICKEN OR SALMON 	\$3.50
 SALAD SANDWICH 	\$3.50
WITH LETTUCE, TOMATO, CUCUMBER, Beetroot & Carrot	
 SALAD W/ CHEESE 	\$4.00
 SALAD W/ TUNA OR HAM 	\$4.20
 SALAD W/ CHICKEN OR SALMON 	\$4.50
 EXTRAS (INCLUDING TOASTING) 	\$0.60

SNACKS

•	PIZZA MUFFIN		\$1.00
•	CHEESE STICK		\$1.00
•	CARROT STICKS		\$1.00
•	PIECE OF FRUIT		\$1.00
•	BOILED EGG		\$1.00
•	POPCORN		\$1.00
•	CUSTARD CUP		\$2.00
•	DIP SNACK BOX		\$2.50
•	FRUIT SALAD	SMALL	\$2.00
		LARGE	\$3.50
	BANANA BREAD SLICE		\$2.50
	RED ROCK DELI CHIPS		\$1.50
	GRAINWAVES		\$1.50



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