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## Term 4 Important Calendar Dates

<b>Week 4 – 31 October</b>	
3 November	9.30am 2017 Kindergarten Transition to School Session 2 Students only
4 November	Grandparents Picnic Lunch 1.15pm, 3-6 Assembly, Chess, PSSA
<b>Week 5 – 7 November</b>	
10 November	9.30am 2017 Kindergarten Transition to School Session 3 Students only
11 November	Remembrance Day Service, K-2 Assembly, Chess, PSSA
<b>Week 6 – 14 November</b>	
14 November	Years 3-6 Interrelate Evening Talks
18 November	3-6 Assembly, Chess, PSSA
<b>Week 7 – 21 November</b>	
23 November	P&C Meeting 7pm
25 November	K-2 Assembly, Chess, PSSA, <b>P&amp;C Movie Night</b>
<b>Week 8 – 28 November</b>	
29 November	Creative and Performing Arts evening 6pm HS Hall K-6
30 November	2pm Scripture Assembly
2 December	3-6 Assembly, Chess, PSSA
<b>Week 9 – 5 December</b>	
6 December	Year 6 Transition to Year 7
7 December	Excellence Assembly 3-6 9.30am, K-2 11.15am
9 December	Year 6 Gala Day – No Assembly

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## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

### **ICAS Medal Winner**

Congratulations to Jiya T for winning the 2016 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) Medal for Year 5 Writing. Jiya received the highest score in the writing competition and will be presented with her medal at a special ceremony at The University of NSW in late November. Well done!



### **Annual Walk-a-Thon**

Thank you for supporting our recent walk-a-thon. We have raised just under \$12,000 for technology resources. A tremendous effort by everyone.

### **Remembrance Day Services**

Remembrance Day is a day of special significance to all Australians, commemorating the loss of Australian lives in all wars, conflicts and peace operations. Next Friday 11 November our School Captains will lead our Remembrance Day service and our Prefects will represent RPS at a service at Riverstone-Schofields RSL sub Branch. The school ceremony will commence at 11.30am once students have returned from PSSA. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### **2018 Year 7 Selective High School Applications**

Applications for placement in Year 7 for 2018 at a Selective High School are now open. They must be submitted online by parents/carers of current Year 5 students before Monday 14 November. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held next year on Thursday 9 March 2017. For further information and to apply, go to: [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement).

Application information handbooks are also available from the school office.

### **End of Year Celebration of Learning**

On Wednesday 14 December all students will celebrate 2016 by attending a fun event at Reading Cinemas Rouse Hill. The cost will be \$13 per student, except for Year 6. Notes will be sent home next Monday.

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## Planning for 2017

We are busily planning in preparation for next year. In order to allow us to plan as effectively as possible, we would like those families who know they won't be returning to the school next year to confirm these details as soon as possible. If you are aware that your child will return to school late next year, I ask that you confirm these details as well. A note will be sent home next Monday.

## Grandparents Afternoon

NSW Grandparents Day celebrates the contributions grandparents make to their families and communities. It recognises the diversity of grandparent relationships across age groups, cultural backgrounds, and geographical locations. This year NSW Grandparents Day was celebrated on Sunday 30 October. Riverbank Public School warmly invites our grandparents to join us for a picnic lunch on Friday 4 October, followed by an opportunity to join the students for the afternoon. We understand that some of our students may not have a grandparent able to attend, therefore they are more than welcome to invite a special person such as an aunt, uncle or family friend along. Notes have been sent home.

**Date: Friday 4 November Tea, coffee and cake provided**

**Time: Picnic Lunch 1.30pm and then 2.00pm-3.00pm K-2 Classroom fun & 3-6 Assembly**

Please bring along a picnic lunch, rug or chairs.



## Interrelate

Notes will come home shortly inviting parents and children to attend an event at our school run by Interrelate on Monday 14 November. Interrelate is a not-for-profit organisation and receives no government funding for their school education work. Interrelate's high-quality Sexuality and Relationship Education program is coming to our school! With over 90 years' experience in this field, Interrelate has a reputation for providing excellence in sexuality and relationship education. Today, over 40,000 students and family members participate in Interrelate School and Family programs each year. Many parents find it hard to discuss questions relating to sexuality education. Interrelate programs are interactive, family focused and are conducted by highly trained and experienced educators, who adhere to a strict code of ethics.

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- **Session 1: (1-hour session - Year 3-6) 6:00pm** This session educates children about how their bodies work and the differences between males and females, including their understanding of conception, fertilisation, foetal development and the birth process.
- **Session 2: (1-hour session - Years 5-6; Years 3-4 at parent's discretion) 7:15pm** This session prepares children and parents/caregivers for the physical, social and emotional changes associated with puberty, and addresses changing emotions and relationships with families and peers.

## **Creative and Performing Arts Evening**

On Tuesday 29 November our creative and performing arts students will be performing their items in the High School Hall at 6pm. This will be a wonderful evening showcasing the enormous talent we have RPS.

## **K-2 Concert**

K-2 families are invited to attend Riverbanks' end of year K-2 concert. Students have been working hard this term practising songs and dance routines for your enjoyment. The concert will be held on Tuesday 13 December from 9:30am in the School Hall.

## **Save the date:**

**Our annual Excellence Assembly will be held on Wednesday 7 December**

- **9.30am – Years 3 - 6**
- **11.15am – Kindergarten to Year 2**

Looking forward to our upcoming movie night on Friday 25 November. It will be a fun evening for everyone.

Have a lovely fortnight!

**Jeanie Brown**



## DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### The Partners in Learning parent feedback survey

Thank you to all the members of the community who took the time to complete the survey. The survey window is now closed. The survey will assist the school to better understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

### Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Information Evening

As mentioned in earlier newsletters, Riverbank is investigating the idea of BYOD for Stage 3 only in 2017. An information night will be held at the The Ponds High School on Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup> at 6.00pm. The meeting will take place in the The Ponds High School Hall and will outline the BYOD policy, specifications of the hardware, our preferred provider, warranty information, price points and how to purchase laptops using our preferred provider's portal. We have had conversations with our preferred provider regarding warranties, provisions of replacement machines and the selection of machines. Next year's Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6) are invited to attend the evening to learn more about the BYOD program next year.

### Arrival and Departure Times

The official start time for Riverbank Public School is 8:30am, but recently some students have been arriving at school from 7:50am. There is no supervision provided until 8:30am and any student who continues to arrive at school too early will be directed to OOSH (Out Of School Hours) at the parent's expense. Those students who have siblings attending the High School are reminded if they do arrive at school early due to High School starting times, the older child must remain with their younger sibling/s until 8:15am. School finishes at 3:00pm and it is expected that students are to be picked up at this time. Any student who is continually collected late will be directed to OOSH at the parent's expense. If due to unforeseen circumstances, you are running late a phone call to the school would be greatly appreciated.

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## Entering and Leaving the School

Due to the installation of classrooms in Riverbank's School Carpark, staff from Riverbank Public School are now using the High School Carpark, located on Wentworth Street. For safety reasons parents are NOT permitted to use this carpark for ANY reason, except those who have sought special permission from the school. Please DO NOT use the carpark as a thoroughfare to enter or leave the school or drop students off in the morning and pick-up students in the afternoon. This will be closely monitored to ensure the safety of the students at Riverbank Public School.

Thank you

**Michael Kammerer**

## Our Help Increase the Peace (HIP) Keys – School Rules:

Our school rules will incorporate the 'Help Increase the Peace Keys' to promote a harmonious, nurturing and challenging living and learning environment.



YELLOW KEY

Care for Others

GREEN KEY

Think Before Reacting

BLUE KEY

Respect Yourself

RED KEY

Work Together for a

Non Violent Way

BLACK KEY

Expect the Best

The HIP program offers a whole school approach to building relationships through communication, co-operation, trust building and conflict resolution.

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## Congratulations to our Week 3 (Term 4) K-2 Merit Awards recipients



<u>Class</u>	<u>Class</u>
<b>KE</b> Elijah, Mannat	<b>1/2B</b> Rishit, Parkes
<b>KG</b> Zahra, Sheani	<b>1/2F</b> Carrington, Koby
<b>KGC</b> Mia, Casey	<b>1/2J</b> Anoop, Tanreet
<b>KJ</b> Timothy, Tanya	<b>1/2K</b> Yuvraj, Sufia
<b>KL</b> Olympia, Aayush	<b>1/2L</b> Hamza, Akshaya
<b>KM</b> Alex, Riya	<b>1/2R</b> Arya N, Arya G
<b>KN</b> Aarna, Ashish	<b>1/2W</b> Vivaan, Gursimran
<b>KB</b> Ashton	<b>K/4S</b> Kade
<b>1/5G</b> Krish	

## Congratulations to our Week 2 (Term 4) 3-6 Merit Awards recipients



<u>Class</u>	<u>Class</u>
<b>3/4A</b> Tiroj, Emily, Yanee	<b>5/6B</b> Disha, Angad
<b>3/4G</b> Jaydee, Mikaela, Cameron	<b>5/6K</b> Nick D, Jacynth, Nick M
<b>3/4H</b> Trej, Gurshaan, Keira	<b>5/6R</b> Annabelle, Lucas L, Dominique
<b>3/4L</b> Dhun, Angenaa, Manar	<b>5/6T</b> Medha, Laura, Helly
<b>3/4O</b> Emily, Kael, Aryan	<b>K/4S</b> Zeke
<b>3/4T</b> Aidan, Charlotte, Jasmine	

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## RPS Sport Update

### Summer PSSA

Summer PSSA has begun for Term 4. Training will be held during lunch times each Tuesday. Please ensure students are wearing their sports uniform and have their school hat.

**Mrs A Hannigan**  
**Sports Organiser**

## PSSA RESULTS

### Term 4 – Week 2

#### AFL

#### **Riverbank PS vs Kellyville Ridge PS**

##### **Juniors**

The first game back after the break saw the Juniors start strong to keep the scores locked at 0-0 for most of the first third. The team has identified that we need to work on our kicking game to get the ball up the field.

Loss 0-43    Team Player – Sahil                      Best and Fairest - Cameron

##### **Seniors**

The Seniors played a hard first third and looked really good out on the field. The middle third saw Kellyville Ridge get away with the score. The final third was fantastic with a game plan change that saw us fight back and dominate the ball.

Loss 7-37    Team Player – Lachlan                      Best and Fairest - Xander

#### Tee ball & Softball

#### **Riverbank PS vs Riverstone PS**

Excellent high scoring victory by the tee ballers – 3 home runs! Softballers were very unlucky going down by 1 run in a shortened match.

Tee Ball – Won                      Girls of the Match – Jessica

Softball – Loss                      Girls of the Match – Ashley



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## Cricket

### **Riverbank PS vs Quakers Hill East PS**

#### **Juniors**

A great game for Junior cricket, with them having fun and enjoying the beautiful day. Lots of singles, a bunch of fours and a few sixes is all it takes.

Won 87-50 Team Player – Ashbi Best and Fairest - Lachlan

#### **Seniors**

With a positive attitude they went out strong and played well. Unfortunately, a few wickets and the other team batting extremely well determined the outcome. Great game boys.

Loss 65-114 Team Player – Krish Best and Fairest - Shan

## Term 4 Week 3

### AFL

#### **Riverbank PS vs Ironbark Ridge PS**

##### **Juniors**

The Juniors continued to improve this week and were unlucky not to score a few goals. Harmony from the AFL was impressed with the pressure they put on Ironbark Ridge.

Lost – 2-32 Team Player – Sahil Best and Fairest - Jarrod

##### **Seniors**

The Seniors came out blazing this week. It was an exciting game with scores level at the end of both first and second thirds. In the final third Riverbank started strong and were able to hold onto the lead until the siren.

Won 29-27 Team Player – Lachlan Best and Fairest - Cameron

## Tee ball & Softball

### **Riverbank PS vs Rouse Hill PS**

Rouse Hill were down on troops due to a Stage 3 camp however we showed them no mercy and struck hard.

Tee Ball – Won Captain's Pick – Sophie

Softball – Won Captain's Pick – Kathrynna

## Cricket

### **Riverbank PS vs Quakers Hill East PS**

A fantastic effort from both Juniors and Seniors. Unfortunately, Kellyville Ridge was just too strong on the day. Everyone played really well working together as a team. Well done!!

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## **School Banking**

Welcome to Term 4 banking! This term, we see 2 more prizes available for selection: Wiggly Glow Worm (slinky) and the Bush Fly Fan. Some previous term prizes are still available, so please check out [www.commbank.com.au/personal/kids/school-banking.html](http://www.commbank.com.au/personal/kids/school-banking.html) for an updated list. As a reminder, we do not have stock of these prizes so please allow up to 4 weeks for delivery.

If your child has lost their bank book, please come and see me on a Tuesday afternoon in the P&C room (next to the canteen) to organise a replacement.

Through your support of school banking, you are also supporting Riverbank Public School. The school receives a commission for every new student that signs up and also a percentage of deposits made. If you are interested in your child doing school banking, please go to your local Commonwealth Bank Branch where they will assist you in setting up an account.

We are in great need of volunteers to assist with the banking process. Banking is counted of an afternoon. If you can spare an hour or so, please come and see me from 1:30pm on a Tuesday in the P&C room. Alternatively, please email me at [rpsbanking@gmail.com](mailto:rpsbanking@gmail.com).

**Rhiannon Smith**

**RPS School Banking Coordinator**



# Singers Required

Hills Musical Theatre Company in collaboration with The Ponds School and The Salvation Army are hosting Carols By Candlelight at The Ponds School on the 10th December

Children 5-15yrs for various roles, solo, choir and dance

Adults all ages for solos and choir

Rehearsals begin Mon 24th

Children 6pm-7pm

Adults 7.30-8.30pm



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Library

# Off the Shelf



## - Special Edition -

### Borrowing

This term, there will be **no borrowing in Week 4**, due to the Book Fair and **borrowing will finish for the year in Week 7** due to library stocktake.

ALL BOOKS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE LIBRARY BY THE END OF WEEK 8.

***Please note:** Any students that are finishing the school year early need to ensure that all books are returned prior to departure.*

### Book Club

Thank you for your continued support of Book Club this year. All purchases earn valuable rewards for our school to spend on resources for the library. Issue 8 will be distributed in the coming weeks and orders will close on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November.

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### BOOK FAIR

Our final Book Fair for the year will be held from Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October until Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November (Week 4). Opening hours for purchases are:

- 8:30am – 9:00am each day
- Recess each day
- 3:00pm – 3:30pm each day
- Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November from 10:15am for Kindergarten 2017 families
- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November during the special Grandparents' Afternoon

Brochures have been distributed to students and they will have the opportunity to complete a 'Wish List'. Both of these can be used to make online payments for books, which the children can then collect from the Fair.

Families are also invited to purchase books to donate to the library. EFTPOS facilities will be available.

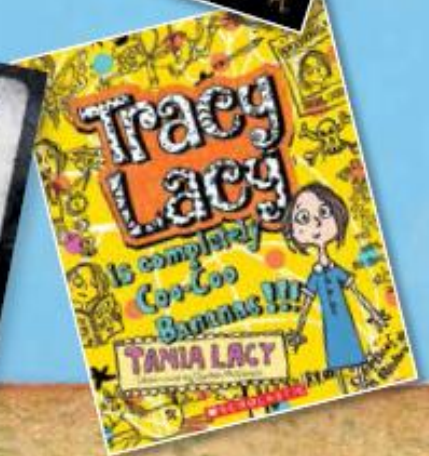
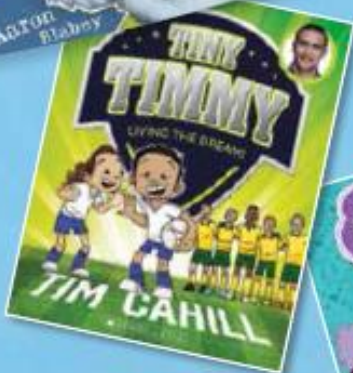


# LOOK!

You're invited to our

 SCHOLASTIC

# BOOK FAIR!



All purchases benefit our school!

**Date** Monday 31<sup>st</sup> Oct. - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> Nov.

**Place** Upstairs in the library

**Time** Recess | Before & after school | PLUS Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov. during Kinder 2017 transition morning

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CELEBRATING CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK 2016!

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## Book Fairs

# Riverbank Public School's Annual



# WALK-A-THON



## Trek for Tech 2016

On Wednesday 19 October, Riverbank PS held our second Walk-a-thon. Students dressed up and participated in this fun event with their peers. It was fabulous to see our parent community walking with the children. On a beautiful sunny day, students completed many laps with enthusiasm and positivity.

There are some fabulous prizes that could be won! Over the next few weeks we will be busily counting the sponsorship money. Prizes will be handed out at the Week 4 Monday morning assembly.

We really appreciate and thank you for supporting our school to raise money for technology.

Special thanks to Woolworths at The Ponds for kindly donating the oranges and a voucher for the ice-blocks! Our students really enjoyed the treats!





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## **Non-returning/Late returning 2017**

If you know that your child/ren are not returning to Riverbank Public School next year or will be returning after the commencement of the 2017 school year, please complete the form below and return it to your classroom teacher. If more than one child please return with your eldest child to their classroom teacher.

The first day of school for students in Years 1 to 6 is Monday 30 January.

The first day of school for 2017 Kindergarten students is Thursday 2 February.

### **Non-returning 2017**

Child 1 \_\_\_\_\_ of class \_\_\_\_\_  
Child 2 \_\_\_\_\_ of class \_\_\_\_\_  
Child 3 \_\_\_\_\_ of class \_\_\_\_\_  
Child 4 \_\_\_\_\_ of class \_\_\_\_\_

Destination school \_\_\_\_\_

### **Late returning 2017\***

The following child/ren will be returning to Riverbank Public School after the commencement of the 2017 school year.

Child 1 \_\_\_\_\_ of class \_\_\_\_\_  
Child 2 \_\_\_\_\_ of class \_\_\_\_\_  
Child 3 \_\_\_\_\_ of class \_\_\_\_\_  
Child 4 \_\_\_\_\_ of class \_\_\_\_\_

My child/ren will be starting school on the following date \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**\*This note should be accompanied by an 'Application for Extended Leave' form available from the school office.**



## P&C CORNER

### Term 4

It was wonderful to see many new faces presenting at the orientation last Thursday. Many families are happy to volunteer and support our growing school. I wish them and their children happiness in 2017.

The 2017 Kindy families and children have been invited to our Movie Night and we hope they come and enjoy Santa, Rudolf and our farm animals that we have on show.

For a \$1.00 you will be able to have your photo taken with Santa and also pat the animals in the farm.

We hope you support the P&C and Riverbank PS as we hope the night is a success and we can ensure that this event is a part of a new tradition and the event can grow.

Volunteers are needed please help if you can for an hour. Forms went home last week and it was lovely to receive year six students wanting to help. If your child (ren) would like to help they must be in year 4 and above and must have a permission slip from a guardian/parent.

Please also remember that this is a **non-alcohol** event. It would be great if you could support us in this matter. We will have security, St Johns Ambulance to support us in the Event Management of the

Movie Night. Below you will find some of our Food Vans that will be on the night.

We will also be asking for the following donations – Cakes (please donate to the canteen on the day of the movie night and also onions. (The same as what we did for the movie night). Notices will go out the week prior and on the week of the movie night.

Just a reminder that the canteen/pop up shop/purchase of tickets/farm animals/Santa photos all will be cash sales only.

The P&C shop is opened on the following days. Cash sales only. The P&C does not have EFPOS Machines at this stage.

Monday 2.30-3pm & Wednesday 2pm – 3pm.

P&C shop is located behind the school canteen.

**School Sponsorship packages.**

**If you are a small business and would like to offer**

**a donation to our School in a form of goods and services. Please contact**

**us. We have packages available for Movie Night, Disco or any other event that we hold throughout the year.**

**Reminder of the following Events for P&C**

**🚩 25<sup>th</sup> November 2016** – Our first ever Movie Night. Our first major event for the P&C. This is our major event to raise much needed money for the goals of the P&C – <http://www.riverbank.schools.nsw.edu.au/parents-community>

**A message from Carolyn Mitchell our P&C Secretary**

- 🚩 Riverbank P&C are going paperless! To be put on the please email [riverbankpandcnews@gmail.com](mailto:riverbankpandcnews@gmail.com)
- 🚩 RIVERBANK PUBLIC SCHOOL PARENTS GROUP.



contact list



# P&C Federation

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### **Second Hand Uniform Shop**

We now have a 2nd hand uniform shop! We also have a FB group called **RIVERBANK PUBLIC SCHOOL 2nd HAND UNIFORM SHOP.**

Please join to be kept up to date with what we have in stock. If you have any items you would like to donate please contact Kate McPherson or drop items at front office. All proceeds support Riverbank Public School P&C



**RIVERBANK PUBLIC SCHOOL 2nd HAND UNIFORM SHOP.** Thankyou - Kate McPherson - Second Hand Uniform Coordinator [riverbankpandc@gmail.com](mailto:riverbankpandc@gmail.com)

## **CALENDER REMINDERS**

### **Term 4**

**26<sup>th</sup> October General Meeting School Staff Room @ 7pm**

**30<sup>th</sup> November 2016 P&C Meeting School Staff room @ 7pm**

**25<sup>th</sup> November Movie Night. 6.30PM**

**December NO MEETING**



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RIVERBANK PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C

# FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

25TH NOVEMBER 2016

AT RIVERBANK PUBLIC SCHOOL OVAL

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THE GATE :  
CHILD \$10 ADULT \$ 15

ENTRY : 25 WENTWORTH AVE THE PONDS NSW 2769

TIME : GATES OPEN 6.30PM

GATES LOCK AT 7PM. MOVIE START 8PM

SHOW BAGS, GLOW PRODUCTS, POP CORN, RIVERBANK POP UP SHOP, FACE PAINTING, CAKE STALL, FOOD VANS  
BRING A PICNIC AND A RUG AND ENJOY THE FAMILY FUN ENVIRONMENT TO RAISE MONEY FOR  
RIVERBANK PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C

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### Community Sponsor board for 2016.

The P&C would like to continually say thank you to the following companies or people for their Support throughout 2016.



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### Home Loans That Makes A Difference



Dear Parents,

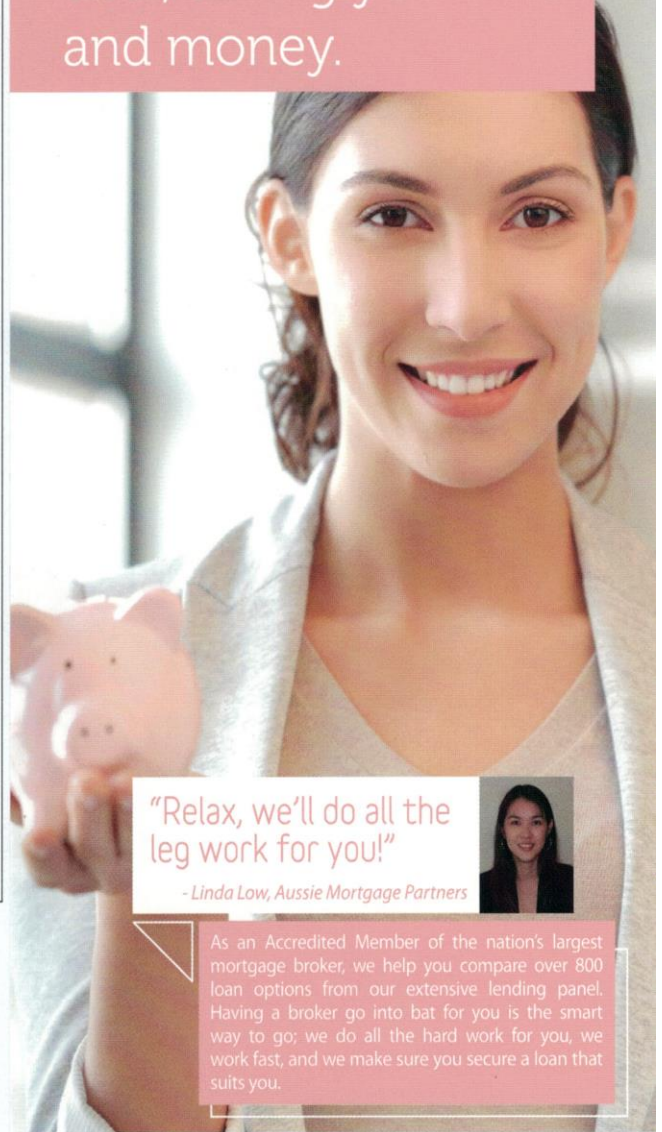
How would you feel knowing that you've helped the Riverbank Primary School to raise funds to purchase the much needed air-conditioning for the classrooms by just taking up a home loan? It could be a new home loan, a refinance or a commercial loan.

As a business operator and a resident of The Ponds myself, I am committed to helping our local community. Aussie Mortgage Partners is committed to contributing \$100 towards the school for every successful loan taken up by the staff member and parents of the Riverbank Primary school with us.

With the low interest rates that banks are currently offering now, you will likely find yourself a good deal and help the school at the same time. You are more than welcome to book in an obligation free appointment at a time which is convenient for you to review your home loan.

*\*Note: Contribution will be made for all settled loans only. You will be notified once payment is made. Please quote this flyer or "Riverbank" when you call for enquiry.\**

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## **Riverbank Public School – School Master Planning Consultation**

The NSW Department of Education has commenced early site investigations and master planning for a proposed expansion of Riverbank Public School. The project will focus on the expansion of the school's existing state-of-the-art facilities to provide additional capacity and cater for the growing student population in the catchment area.

While the project is not yet funded, the Department is planning for the school's long term future to ensure the best possible learning environment for students.

In September 2016, Cadence as Project Managers on behalf of the Department of Education conducted consultation with the local school community to seek input for the school masterplan.

A survey was made available to all members of the school community through information booths at the school and the school newsletter. The survey sought insight and first-hand knowledge of the school facilities, as well as input and ideas on the future vision for the school.

### **Survey results summary**

The features and facilities seen as most important at Riverbank Public School in order are:

- Classroom and teaching facilities
- Ovals and outdoor space
- Play space
- Shade
- Landscaping, gardens and trees
- Flexible learning spaces
- Contemporary facilities

The top five new or additional facilities respondents felt the school will benefit most from were:

- Shade structures
- More flexible classrooms and teaching spaces
- Outdoor play spaces appropriate for different age groups
- More trees, landscaping and gardening
- More outdoor teaching and learning space

The top five factors respondents felt were most important in the design process were:

- Learning needs
- Outdoor space
- Flexibility
- Creating a community
- Sustainability

### **Next steps and more information**

The results of the survey have been provided to the design team. This information will be considered, along with technical data and best practice standards for school development to prepare concept designs for the masterplan.

Masterplan concept designs that meet the Department's strict approval standards will be presented to the school community for feedback. We will keep you updated via the school newsletter and regular information booths being held at the school.



Transport  
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## School Student Transport Scheme Applications open 10 October 2016

From Monday 10 October 2016 parents, guardians and students over 16 years, will be able to apply for 2017 School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) travel pass by visiting [www.transportnsw.info/school-students](http://www.transportnsw.info/school-students)

### Information for parents and students

School travel passes only need to be updated when a student:

- changes address, or
- changes school or campus.

A new application is required when:

- applying for an SSTS pass for the first time,
- enrolling in Kindergarten,
- progressing from Year 2 to Year 3,
- progressing from Year 6 to Year 7, or
- requesting an additional pass as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation.

For more information on planning your school travel, visit [www.transportnsw.info](http://www.transportnsw.info) or contact your local operator.

### Passes for 2017 travel

**Opal network:** Please remind ALL your students to keep their School Opal cards for travel in 2017. These cards will be automatically deactivated for school holidays and then reactivated for school travel in term one. Current School Opal card can be updated with changes of school, home address or operator.

**Rural and regional travel:** Student's travelling with operator issued passes will receive a new pass in the new school year.