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Term 4

Important Calendar Dates

Week 8 – 28 November	
28 November	2017 School Leadership elections
29 November	Creative and Performing Arts evening 6pm HS Hall K-6
30 November	Volunteers Afternoon Tea 1.15pm-Library, Scripture Assembly 2pm Hall, P&C Meeting 7pm
2 December	3-6 Assembly, Chess, PSSA
Week 9 – 5 December	
6 December	Year 6 Transition to Year 7
7 December	Excellence Assembly 3-6 9.15am, K-2 11.15am
9 December	Year 6 Circus Berserkus – No Assembly
Week 10 – 12 December	
12 December	Reports sent home, 3-6 Inter-School Cricket Day
13 December	K-2 Christmas Concert 9.30am and Year 6 Farewell Dinner
14 December	Celebration of Learning - Movie Day
15 December	Talent Quests
16 December	Last day of 2016 - Year 6 Graduation Assembly 2.15pm Hall

Riverbank Performance Evening Spectacular

Please come and join us for a wonderful night of performance,
to showcase all the hard work that our students have put in this year!

When: Tuesday 29 November

Where: The Ponds High School Hall

Time: Doors open at 5:45pm and show begins at 6pm

We are looking forward to seeing you all there.

Miss Edwards

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Movie Night

A memorable evening was had by all as we relaxed and enjoyed our first Riverbank Movie evening! Our thanks to Lesley, Jodi and the team of parent volunteers for their tireless efforts. I would also like to thank all of our sponsors for the evening.



K-2 Concert

K-2 families are invited to attend our 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.

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ICAS Writing 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 was presented with her medal at a special ceremony at The University of NSW last Friday. My thanks to Ms Thoroughgood for representing the school at the ceremony.

2017 Classes

Based on our projected student numbers for 2017, all classes will be again in stage groups. Next year we will have 31/32 mainstream classes and 3 support classes. Projected enrolments will be 800 at the commencement of the year.

2017 Leadership

This week we heard terrific speeches from our candidates for next year's School Captains, Vice-Captains and School Prefects. Congratulations to all our candidates for their presentations – they really appeared to enjoy the experience as well, which was wonderful to see. We also heard many inspiring speeches from students electing to be our Sports House or Vice-Captains. Children and staff have voted, and now we wait in anticipation of the exciting announcement at our Excellence Assemblies!

2016 Excellence Assembly

Please join us in acknowledging our students' achievements as we celebrate excellence and effort. You are invited to attend our Excellence Assemblies next Wednesday 7 December in our School Hall.

- **9.15am – Years 3 - 6**
- **11.15am – Kindergarten to Year 2**

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P&C Meeting this Wednesday 30 November 7pm

Topics I will be discussing:

- Middle years' program for students in Years 5 and 6 and BYOD
- Resource Allocation Model (RAM) Funding
- 2017 School targets and programs
- 2017 Class Formation – stage classes
- School growth master plan and demountables
- Technology
- Canteen Tender

Community Helpers Afternoon Tea - Wednesday 30 November 1.15pm

This Wednesday, the staff say thank you to all our Scripture, classroom and P&C volunteers with an afternoon tea held in the library from 1.15pm to 2.00pm. All volunteers are welcome – please come along!

I look forward to seeing you at our first CAPA Spectacular Concert tomorrow night at 6pm in the HS Hall.

Have a lovely fortnight!

Jeanie Brown

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DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Absences

If your child is absent for any reason from school, could you please ensure that a note is provided stating the date and reason for that absence.

If you are taking a long term of absence, for example a holiday during the school term, you must inform the school's front office and complete a Certificate of Extended Leave – Holiday. Any documentation such as travel details, itinerary or flight bookings are needed to issue the certificate.

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.

Technology Update

Riverbank's technology program is continuing to grow to ensure student's access to devices is relevant and frequent. We have recently purchased 50 new laptop computers, which brings the total number of laptops to 110 that children will have access to. 60 laptops are accessible for Stage 2, while 20 new laptops will be available for Stage 1 in addition to the 110 iPads purchased earlier in the year. Stage 3 have access to 30 laptop computers and will be utilising a BYOD program being developed for 2017. 50 new desktop computers have also been purchased for use in a new computer lab and for use in the new demountables. We look forward to 2017 and implementing programs such as coding, web design and graphics to allow children to become more proficient in an ever increasing digital world.

Thank you

Michael Kammerer

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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.



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

<u>Class</u>		<u>Class</u>	
3/4A	Savio, Maan, Divjot	5/6B	Ehab, Abhinav
3/4G	Aiden, Anushka, Pavith	5/6K	Radin, Kate, Siya
3/4H	Bailey G, Ansh, Shivalni	5/6R	Himani, Manpreet, Lauren
3/4L	Deeya, Claire, Sai	5/6T	Suhani, Nashmia, Akshaj
3/4O	Tanishi, Tiana, Aarav	K/4S	Michael
3/4T	Ayan M, Tvisha, Zeynep	1/5G	Zac

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Congratulations to our Week 5 (Term 4) K-2 Merit Awards recipients



<u>Class</u>	<u>Class</u>
KE Faris, Myra	1/2B Maddison, Ryan
KG Simran, Sienna	1/2D Vivaan, Ziya
KGC Ela, Rohail	1/2F Jordan, Jasleen
KJ Mahi, Naija	1/2J Sehejta, Shubh
KL Vesna, Jasleen	1/2K Soumya, Matin
KM Luca, Aleesha	1/2R Lochie, Ansh
KN Lily-Rose, Abir	1/2W Zander, Aurora, Kayra, Tavasees
KS Ayaan, Dhanushma	

Interrelate for Stage 2 and Stage 3 Children

During Week 6, families of Riverbank PS and John Palmer PS had the opportunity to come to our school and participate in interactive and informative sessions on child development. The first session educated 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. The second session prepared children and parents/caregivers for the physical, social and emotional changes associated with puberty, and addressed changing emotions and relationships with families and peers. Both sessions were highly attended with over 130 people in attendance. We will be running Interrelate again next year, with John Palmer hosting the event in 2017.

Ms Thoroughgood

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RPS Sport Update

Summer PSSA Jerseys

Summer PSSA jerseys have been designed and should arrive early next year.



AFL

Cricket

T-Ball and Softball



NRL-Tag

New sport for 2017

We are very excited to see our students representing Riverbank on the sporting field in these uniforms. We certainly will be the best dressed in Ridges PSSA.

Mrs A Hannigan
Sports Organiser

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PSSA SUMMER RESULTS

Term 4 Week 6

AFL

Our AFL teams had a bye this week. We enjoyed playing a modified game of AFL at school.

Tee ball & Softball

Riverbank PS vs Schofields PS

The weather was hot but not as scorching as the on field action. There was sweat, there were tears, there was more sweat ... and plenty of high fives at the end!

Tee Ball – Won Player of the Match – Tamara

Softball – Draw Player of the Match – Kathleen

Term 4 Week 7

Cricket

Riverbank PS vs John Palmer PS

Juniors

What a win! Another under our belt. An awesome performance with excellent fielding that restricted John Palmer from scoring many runs. Well Done!

Won 100-75 Team Player – Lachlan Best and Fairest – Landen

Seniors

A close game which came down to mostly wickets. Well done Armaan for your maiden over. Better luck next time.

Loss 83-100 Team Player – Supreet Best and Fairest – Armaan

AFL

Riverbank PS vs Parklea PS

Both the Juniors and Seniors played well trying hard and showing great sportsmanship. Unfortunately for the Juniors Parklea got 3, 6 point goals right at the end and took the win. The Seniors stayed in front the whole game and finished 35-6 securing a great win.

Juniors Loss 2-18 Team Player – Cameron Best and Fairest – Ahyan

Seniors Win 35-6 Team Player – Darci Best and Fairest – Ockert

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Tee ball & Softball

Riverbank PS vs Kellyville Ridge PS

Today's Softball and Tee ball games were played against Kellyville Ridge PS and we were very competitive. Our girls were very supportive of each other. There was a lot of cheering and encouragement. We didn't win this week!

Tee Ball – Loss 17-18 Player of the Match – Alyssa

Softball – Loss 8-12 Player of the Match – Kathleen

Scripture

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

At Riverbank we are expecting a growth of over 100 students at the beginning of next year.

This is a request to all Hindu and Muslim community members to consider if they could volunteer an hour of their time on Wednesday afternoons to teach Scripture to our students. The syllabus and lessons are all prepared and ready.

I understand that most of you are working and therefore I especially extend my request to grandparents or retired members of our community, who might be able to spend that hour with our students to enable them to have some deeper knowledge of their faith.

If you are interested, please contact me and I will give you the necessary information for you to join our dedicated team of Scripture teachers.

A warm thank you and regards,

Sanjukta Banerji
Scripture Coordinator



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School Banking

School banking for 2016 will conclude on Tuesday 6th December.

As a reminder, there are only a few prizes currently available for redemption. Please see <https://www.commbank.com.au/personal/kids/school-banking.html> for an updated list on what prizes are still available. 2017 will bring a new theme and more wonderful rewards and we look forward to your continued support. Thank you to all the banking volunteers who come week after week to assist with this program.

We hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable Christmas holiday break - see you all in 2017!

<https://www.commbank.com.au/personal/kids/school-banking.html>

Thank you!
Kind regards,
Rhiannon



Library Off the Shelf



Borrowing

Borrowing for the year has now finished. Library lessons and returning of books will continue in Week 8. The library will be **closed** in Weeks 9 and 10 to allow for end of year stock take.



ALL BOOKS MUST BE
RETURNED TO THE LIBRARY
BY FRIDAY 2ND DECEMBER



SCHOLASTIC
Book Club LOOP
for Parents

LOOP is the Scholastic Book Club
Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for parents.
To order and pay for Scholastic Book Club by credit card visit:
www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP


GET IT ON
Google play

Download on the
App Store

Book Club

Issue 8 has now closed and orders will be distributed to students in the coming weeks. Book Club has now finished for 2016. Thanks to all of our families and staff that have supported our Book Club this year, the library has been able to purchase many new books and resources. We look forward to another successful year of Book Club in 2017!

From the Library Staff...

This will be the final issue of the library newsletter  *Library* Off the Shelf for 2016. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the members of our school community - parents, students and staff - who have volunteered their time and financial support to contribute to the continuing establishment of our school library. We are especially grateful for the tireless efforts of Tracey Crofts (Alex KM) and Cheryl Hall (Daniel S. 3/4L) throughout the year, with the covering of library books and classroom guided readers.

Season's greetings and happy holidays everyone!

And don't forget to....





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Performing Arts Evening

Dear Parents/Guardians,

You are formally invited to attend Riverbank Public School's Spectacular Creative and Performing Arts Evening! Our Performance Groups have been given an exciting opportunity to showcase their hard work and dedication for your enjoyment.

We are very proud of our Performance Groups at Riverbank. All groups have worked tirelessly this year in producing a number of items and are excited to perform these for you.



Date: Tuesday the 29th of November

Time: 6pm

Where: The Ponds High School Hall

TICKETS ARE FREE

A gold coin donation, however would be greatly appreciated.

All proceeds will go back into the development of Performing Arts in our school.

Performance Group students: Please drop off at Riverbank Public School's Front Office by 5.30pm. Students can be collected from this location at the conclusion of the evening.

Students involved in the performance are to come dressed in:	Full Summer School Uniform	Costume
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Junior Choir- Senior Choir- String Ensemble	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Kindergarten Dance- Stage 1 Dance- Stage 2 Dance- Stage 3 Dance- Senior Drama- Boys Dance
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• If your child is in a dance group and in the choir or string ensemble, please come dressed in school uniform and bring the costume in a plastic bag.		

Tea/Coffee and cake will be available for purchase during intermission.

It will be an amazing evening full of singing and dancing, so come along and enjoy the night with friends and family. We look forward to seeing you there!

Kind Regards,

Miss Edwards
CAPA Coordinator

Mrs Brown
Principal



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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.**



Transport
for NSW

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

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 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.



"LITTLE ATHLETIC RUNS INTO THE PONDS"

The starter's gun is about to blast at The Ponds; due to popular demand within your local community Little Athletics will be holding an Information & Formation meeting to seek interested parents, coaches, assistants, children & volunteers to help run the NEW Ponds Little Athletic Centre.

All interested persons are invited to attend our Information & Formation Meeting at:

**The Ettamogah Hotel
Cnr Merriville & Windsor Rds
Monday 28 November 2016 at 7.00pm**

At this meeting we will be electing interested parties to fill committee positions and help run the Centre ready for the start of the 2017/2018 season.

As stated by Little Athletics New South Wales Chief Executive Officer, Mrs Kerry O'Keefe says "the establishment of a Centre in The Ponds will provide the town's youth with enormous benefits".

Little Athletics will fill the void at the end of the winter sports season by providing fun activities for girls & boys through the summer months.

Children of all abilities aged 5 to 17 years are encouraged to participate in a range of events including running, jumping and throwing. Athletic Centres use quality, modified equipment to suit their different age groups and varying abilities.

However Little Athletics has a range of benefit which is simply not confined to the children's arena. The emphasis is on providing a community activity involving the WHOLE family.

However, without community support, Little Athletics would not be able to get off the ground let alone into full stride, so we encourage everyone to come to our Information & Formation Meeting and show their support behind this new community sport.

A Little Athletics representative will be chairing the meeting and will be available for any questions.

Interested people are encouraged to contact Rebecca (Centre Liaison Officer) on (02) 9633 4511.



CIY.CLUB

CODE IT YOURSELF

Summer Coding Camps for kids aged 7–17



WHEN:

9am – 3pm

Gaming Coding Camps

Monday 16th January

Wednesday 25th January

3D Printing & Design Camp

Wednesday 18th January

Minecraft Modding Camp

Monday 23rd January (ages 8–17)

WHAT:

CIY.Club are running a range of one day school holiday camps for kids aged 7–17 who have a passion for coding and technology.

WHERE:

Riverbank Public School
25 Wentworth St
The Ponds NSW 2769

BOOK NOW:

bit.ly/RiverbankPS



For more information visit bit.ly/RiverbankPS or contact Bianca Brooks via M. 0400 545 238 or E. bianca@scopelTeducation.com.au



In partnership with



All coders who register for the 'Minecraft Modding Camp' will receive access to the codekingdoms (UK) online code editor. This access is granted through a personal license assigned to our coders and included within the overall CIY camp ticket price. This license is valid for 7 days (7 days commences on day one of the camp). In order to participate, please be aware that all coders attending the CIY Minecraft Modding Camp MUST have an existing personal Minecraft (PC/Mac) account. This is required for coders to see in action what they have learnt/modded from our camp within the Minecraft platform itself. Please ensure that coders are signed up to Minecraft (PC/Mac) prior to registering. Please note: a Minecraft on a mobile device or playstation is NOT a PC or Mac account.

HOW TO START A CENTRE IN YOUR AREA

For a community to introduce a **NEW** Little Athletics centre or rejuvenate an existing centre, we need to bring people together. At our Information meeting there is an opportunity to discuss, plan and implement a program designed to benefit children, families and communities.

INFORMATION/FORMATION MEETING

Details of the proposed "Information/Formation Meeting" will be found on the back of this brochure. The attendance of adults at this meeting would be greatly appreciated. Please complete the following details:-

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Children: Boy _____ Age _____

Girl _____ Age _____

I will be attending the meeting

I will not be attending the meeting,

however I am interested in my children joining Little Athletics

(Please tick circle)

Please return to: rnewton@lansw.com.au or phone

Rebecca Newton on 9633 4511



Are you Interested?

We are looking to form a Little Athletics Centre in The Ponds at Peel Reserve. A adult member of your family is invited to attend a "Information Meeting" which will be conducted at the place and time detailed below;

WHERE: The Ettamogah Hotel

The Ridge Room

Cnr Merriville & Windsor Rds

Kellyville Ridge, NSW, 2155

WHEN: 28 November 2016

TIME: 7.00pm

CONTACT: Rebecca Newton 9633 4511 ext5



Little Athletics NSW



Give it a go!



BE YOUR BEST



BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The first Little Athletics competition took place in Geelong, Victoria in 1964. A small group of children turned up to take part in simple running events. They came to have fun and share in a healthy recreation. The experiment was a success. Today an average of 100,000 boys and girls register with over 500 centres around Australia. The centres are affiliated to one of the State or Territory Associations. Australian Little Athletics is the National body, which coordinates the activities of the Associations. Little Athletics now offers a wide range of running, walking, throwing, jumping and play training events.

THE FAMILY

Little Athletics is more than a sport. It is a FAMILY movement in which mum, dad and the children can do something together. Parents are involved as voluntary helpers and officials. They share in many experiences with their children. Parents can find, in Little Athletics, a vital communication bridge in doing things together. A link with their children which has value far beyond days spent at a local centre.

THE FUN

All children like FUN: all children need FUN. The weekly competition can provide fun through participation with friends. There are special activity days, especially for the younger age groups.

THE FITNESS

The community has become aware of the value of physical fitness. A fit body means an alert mind and a decrease in the incidence of many physical ailments. Little Athletics encourages fitness among parents and children. Combined with FAMILY involvement ... FITNESS can be FUN ... in the happy environment of a Little Athletics Centre.

ACHIEVEMENT & AWARDS

Boys and girls are encouraged to participate for their own personal improvement and satisfaction. The emphasis is always to IMPROVE, rather than to win. To promote this concept, special weekly awards are issued to each child, in the form of coloured tickets, which record performances in each event. Centres also administer achievement awards, to help children towards an awareness of their own personal improvement. Achievement awards are a tangible way of measuring and recognising their own efforts.

Special coaching and training facilities are available to interested Little Athletes. Associations also conduct State Championships. These are the one occasion on which the talented child can compete against others of similar ability.

COMMUNITY

Little Athletics provides the opportunity for parents to be with their children and enjoy a shared activity. It brings together people from all walks of life and often acts as a catalyst in the community as a whole.

LITTLE ATHLETICS INCORPORATES:

A HEALTHY RECREATION ACTIVITY;

COMPETITION IN A GOOD ENVIRONMENT;

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT



THE LITTLE ATHLETICS

PHILOSOPHY IS

FAMILY, FUN & FITNESS