



Term 1 2017

Important Calendar Dates

Week 1	
Friday 27 Jan	Staff Development Day –no students
Week 2	
Monday 30 Jan	Years 1-6 Students return
Thursday 2 Feb	Kindergarten Students commence
Week 3	
Friday 10 Feb	Welcome Picnic for all families 5-7pm
Week 4	
Monday 13 Feb	Meet the Teacher Evenings Kindergarten: 6-7pm Stage 2: 7-8pm
Tuesday 14 Feb	Meet the Teacher Evenings Stage 1: 6-7pm Stage 3: 6-8.30pm
Friday 17 Feb	2017 School Leaders Induction Assembly 2pm

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

What an incredible journey we have experienced together this year!

To our amazing Year 6 Students, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you on your successful completion of your primary years. You have been instrumental in building Riverbank's vision and have been outstanding mentors to all.

The staff and I will look forward to hearing about your continued successes and we hope that we have provided you with the knowledge of respect and responsibility, and the skills to build relationships to take you onto the next important step on your educational journey.

On behalf of the staff, I would like to thank our extremely dedicated P&C team, so very competently led by Lesley Parsons and other parents who have helped in so many ways – too numerous to mention.

I would also like to thank The Ponds Indian Community for their ongoing contributions.

My thanks to Natalie Barnett, North West OOSH, and her team of before and after care staff for caring for our students and your contribution of funds towards our environmental education program.

A big thank you to our students who make Riverbank an inspiring learning environment for everyone. Riverbank is a school we can all feel proud of. We are very fortunate to work in a school where we are inspired by each other every day.

2017 brings great events, adventures and challenges, and as a school we are looking forward to welcoming another 180 students. Thank you to all in our special school community for making it such an enjoyable and rewarding year. Thank you to all our parents, carers and families for your support throughout the year, and for raising such wonderful children and trusting us each day with their care.

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To the hardest working executive team, teachers, administration and support staff – thank you, for your professionalism and daily dedication to our students’ learning and wellbeing, and for the collaborative way you go about your work. Our children are in great hands....

We have achieved a great deal this year, and next year promises to be just as exciting as we further progress the implementation of our School Plan 2015-2017.

2017 school leaders

It gives me great pleasure to announce our 2017 school leaders:

Captains

Caitlin Unwin

Darci Pfister

Vice Captains

Harry Lambert

Mia Wilson

Prefects

Sophie Wilson

Anoop Mann

Aris Khan

Navpreet Badjwa

House Captains

Piddington

C - Ashley Donaldson

VC - Jessica Youssef

C - Cameron Zammit

VC - Angad Sharma

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Tomah

C - Arya Razdan

VC – TBA

C - Supreet Sandhu

VC - Lucas Younis

Boyce

C - Rory Bell

VC - Arman Sidhu

C - Trinity Ling

VC - Madison Brown

York

C - James Dahu

VC - Janam Bhavsar

C - Zainab Akbari

VC - Claudine Nel

The Administration Office will reopen on Friday 27 January at 8.30am for new enrolments and school uniform sales.

The office will be CLOSED during the school holidays

**Students in years 1-6 return on
Monday 30 January and
Kindergarten on Thursday 2 February.**

2017 Classes

Based on our projected student numbers for 2017, all classes will be again in stages to continue to allow for future growth. Next year we will have 32 mainstream classes and 3 support classes.

At this point (we anticipate more enrolments after the school holidays) the class structure will be:

7 Early Stage 1: (Kindergarten) classes

13 Stage 1: (Year 1 and 2) classes combined

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6 Stage 2: (Year 3 and 4) classes combined

6 Stage 3: (Year 5 and 6) classes combined

Finally

Our thanks to Rita Gratziani for operating the canteen this year. In 2017 we welcome Classroom Catering who were recently successful with our tender process.

Next year we welcome 12 new staff and farewell our wonderful Ms Loui and Mr Kirwan as they set sail for a sea change. We wish Mrs Hannigan all the very best on the safe arrival of her baby. Our thanks also to Ms Dik-Ha who has accepted a permanent teaching role in a Christian school.

To our families who are leaving us at the end of the year, the staff and I would like to extend our thanks for your enormous contribution and we wish you well.

To everyone who has supported Riverbank Public School in such a positive way this year, I thank you.

To all our families of our great school – I wish you a peaceful festive season and a healthy and happy 2017.

Jeanie Brown
Principal



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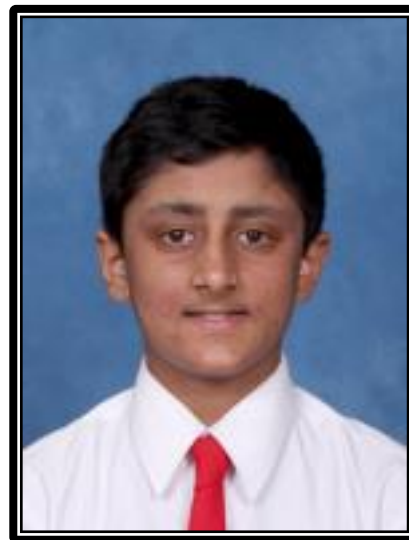
Premier's Reading Challenge 2016

It is with great pleasure that we announce the final list of students who have completed the **Premier's Reading Challenge for 2016**. Each student will receive a certificate as a record of their achievement. For seven consecutive years of participation, students receive a **platinum award** and for four consecutive years they receive a **gold award**. These students have already been presented with their awards at an assembly. The students listed on the following pages will have their certificates enclosed with their school reports.

Huge congratulations to these students on receiving a **platinum award**:



Rhea P. 5/6T



Robbie S. 5/6B

For achieving a **gold award**, we congratulate the following students:

Krish B. 3/4H

Lachlan S. 3/4O

Sura K. 1/2K

Cameron M. 3/4G

Fatiha H. 3/4O

Bailey G. 3/4H

Arin K. 3/4T

Rasnam M. 3/4A

Shreyas P. 3/4L

Emily Q. 3/4A

Orika R. 3/4O

Josh S. 3/4A

Tejas S. 3/4A

Lily T. 3/4L

Manav N. 3/4L

Manav N. 3/4T

Aaron S. 5/6R



Kindergarten

Alishba A	Zahra C	Tayah H	Myra M	Danya P	Bria S	Ryan T
Vesna A	Mufaddal C	Preet H	Venkata M	Kangna P	Priyal S	Ashton T
Aneesh A	Harsha C	Levi H	Saisha M	Pia P	Zohra S	Cosmo T
Edin A	Pritish C	Jarvis H	Ashna M	Riya P	Amisha S	Ata T
Veronika A	Ryan C	Ian H	Noah M	Tanya P	Ekansh S	Melissa V
Trisha A	Hil Ting C	Tegan H	Armani-Rose M	Yana P	Aniketh S	Sanvi V
Aleesha A	Alexander C	Aarna J	Madeline M	Yash P	Levi S	Joshua W
Charizze B	Dehara D	Irine J	Dishant M	Aarav P	Tasleen S	Delienaa W
Aayush B	Jiya D	Mahya K	Divisha M	Sanvi P	Charlotte S	Luca W
Max B	Eva D	Harleen K	Olympia M	Mahi P	Deakin S	Shenova W
Aryan B	Jessica E	Jacelyn K	Anchal M	Grace Q	Eliana S	Mahi W
Dhanushma B	Naija E	Mannat K	Shiali N	Naren R	Daisy S	Nathan W
Lily-Rose B	Mia E	Mehar K	Riyaanvi N	Ashish R	Vishruth S	Christa W
Thalia B	Casey G	Harbind K	Kiara N	Himani R	Agam S	Holly W
Maddison B	Lukas G	Ela K	Sophia N	Kayla R	Joshua S	Steffhanie W
Abir B	Simrandeep G	Marcus K	Tye N	Mekyle R	Prisha S	Leila W
Samar Veer B	Hirun G	Tanay K	Norhan N	Elijah R	Myeesha S	Shardae W
Aaryan B	Sienna G	Tahlia L	Enaya N	Mason R	Elizabeth T	Faris Y
Amelia B	Julian G	Hayden L	Timothy N	Maximus R	Alisa T	Anne-Marie Z
Sophia B	Daksh G	Vihaan M	Trisha P	Mehar S	Jasleen Kaur T	
Eva B	Moksh G	Dhriti M	Aarav P	Rohail S	Lennox T	
Angelique B	Jett G	Alex M	Georgie P	Zara S	Zack T	
Caitlyn C	Shafin H	Esha M	Ansh P	Rayyan S	Brody T	

Year 1

Ali Akbar A	Tahlia D	Yuvraj G	Sanchay L	Kayra M	Aum S	Jackson S
Adon A	Oliver D	Sathvik G	Jett L	Jhaanavi N	Aryan S	Diya S
Ziya A	Shaila D	Guillermo G	Kaitlyn L	Diesel N	Nevin S	Elizabeth T
Kareena B	Ellysabeth D	Ananya G	Kassie L	Hanya P	Emma S	Shaurya T
Riva B	Aiden D	Fiza G	Jaidev M	Anvita P	Anna S	Prateek T
Brody B	Talia D	Muhammad H	Aaina M	Yassir P	Nishil S	Lucas T
Aansh B	Nicholas D	Ethan H	Lochie M	Dhanya P	Sadaf S	Moala T
Koby B	Sriram D	Miguel I	Parkes M	Shubh P	Akshara S	Kaan U
Tarush B	Jayden E	Ayaan I	Owen M	Nishi P	Aayanpreet S	Liam U
Christopher B	Noah F	Shayan K	Kirilee M	Samuel P	Abeer S	Saahith V
Anna B	Violet F	Agam K	Mihir M	Risha P	Anoop S	Luke W
Ronak C	Chase F	Tavasees K	Jessica M	Kian R	Sartaj S	Mollie W
Sujay C	Arin G	Zayd K	Yash M	Jade R	Soumya S	Kingston W
Dylan C	Ben G	Zayn K	Saniya M	Yashika R	Yuvraj S	Arina Y
Kenisha C	Jaysean G	Blake K	Chase M	Gursimran R	Maryam S	Aurora Z
Caviin C	Tanreet G	Shreeman K	Vivaan M	Priyanshi R	Benjamin S	Ethan Z
Griffin C	Ganya G	Aaditya K	Madelina M	Kade R	Carrington S	
Indiana C	Jasmeet G	Sarina L	Jack M	Bella R	Shalomi S	

Year 2

Tristan A	Aarchi D	John J	Natalie M	Lachlan N	Mannat S
Justin A	Mia D	Harman K	David M	Hamza N	Shanpreet S
Hamza A	Riley D	Jasleen K	Lily M	Madeline P	Rishi S
Lucas B	Jordan E	Mehar K	Amani M	Ish P	Rehan S
Arjun B	Mitali G	Sehejta K	Taha M	Kavya P	Vivaan S
Angadjit C	Dhruv G	Akshaya K	Arya N	Suhanee P	Roop S
Zoe C	Kaiden G	Keashan K	Arnav N	Svana P	Angelica S
Ethan C	Kylan H	Nishmitha K	Prisha N	Dhiyu P	Azlan T
Isaac C	Jaeda H	Manish L	Tanvi N	Nisha R	Gian V
Alyssa D	Azaan I	Le L	Krish N	Ridita R	Maania V
Lachlan D	Anshul I	Mehak M	Zander N	Punima R	Seth W
Summer D	Jeweline J	Maher M	Artin N	Jaydis R	Sanah W
					Natalie W

Years 3 - 6

Bailey H	Archis K	Vanessa N	Sravya C	Arin K	Damon K
Rasnam M	Anika R	Jupp S	Valentina G	Nupurti K	Phoebe L
Lucas L	Anoop M	Disha P	Arman S	Jiya T	Caitlin U
Kerthan C	Aleena M	Mehakpreet K	Priya P	Arvin S	

Congratulations to you all!



Keep up your reading over the Summer holidays!

Check out Scholastic's

 [Summer Reading Challenge](#)

or your local library's challenges here-



[Blacktown Libraries](#)



[Hills Shire Libraries](#)

Christmas Assembly

Riverbank Public School celebrated its second Christmas Assembly on the 30th of November. All K-6 Catholic and Christian children attended a marvellous program conducted by Christian Scripture teacher Adam Jolliffe and his wonderful team.

The nativity tale was unfolded before the awe struck students amidst singing, a passage from the Bible and a short magic show! There was a humongous box which kept opening in unique ways to reveal the most beautifully painted pictures of the story of the birth of Jesus.

I would like to thank Adam for an unforgettable performance. Riverbank Public School is such a fun place to be in!



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all of us at Riverbank!

Warm regards,
Sanjukta Banerji
Scripture Coordinator



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.



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What a wonderful night for our Movie Night. It was wonderful to see over 500 parents and children support us. And enjoy a little quality family time together.

Thank you to all those who had volunteered on the night from teachers to parents. It does make a big a big difference. Thank you.

This will be my last newsletter for the year. As our P&C are now on holidays after a much earned break for 2016. Thank you to all the committee especially my executive . Thank you to all our sub committee's and general committees your work certainly does not go unnoticed.

And thank you to all supported the P&C committee in many ways.



A big thank you and a final farewell to Rita in the Canteen who has supported our P&C throughout the year. And Sal you have a wonderful community spirit. And the support of both will be missed.

A big thank you to all the staff at Riverbank Public School. Your support has been wonderful in many ways. From a hug to a laugh or even a cry. It certainly has made my job easier.

Stay safe Riverbank Public School Community and have a wonderful safe and happy holidays. From all of us on the P&C Committee thank you. **Merry Christmas**



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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 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

CALENDER REMINDERS

1. **December NO MEETING**
2. **January 2017 no Meeting**
4. **10th Feb Combined School BBQ**
5. **22nd Feb P&C Meeting School Staff Room @ 7pm**

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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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



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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.