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## 2016 School Leaders

### Captains

- Lauren P
- Arvin Singh

### Vice Captains

- Rhea P
- Lachlan P

### Prefects

- Priya P
- Annabelle L
- Joshua T
- Rishab A

### Sport House & Vice Captains

#### Boyce:

- Captain Mehakpreet K
- Vice: Krish N

#### Piddington:

- Captain: Isabel N
- Vice: Lee B

#### Tomah:

- Captain: Selma B
- Vice: Joshua P

#### York:

- Captain Alyssa B
- Vice: Blake C

Library Monitors are being elected this week.

## Important Dates TERM 1

Wednesday 3rd February	Kindergarten commence Sport in Schools program K-6
Friday 5 February	5-7pm Welcome Picnic
Monday 15 February	Meet the Teacher Night Kindergarten 6-7pm Stage 2 7-8pm
Tuesday 16 February	Meet the Teacher Night Stage 3 6-8pm Stage 1 6-7pm
Friday 19 February	Assembly 3-6 1.30pm School Leaders Induction
Monday 22 February	Swimming Carnivals Yrs 3-6 and those students turning 8 this year
Wednesday 24 February	P&C Annual General Meeting 7pm Staffroom
Friday 26 February	K-2 Assembly 2pm
Thursday 10 March	2017 Selective HS Exam (Yr6)

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## The Riverbank PS Team

<b>Principal</b>	<b>Mrs Jeanie Brown</b>
<b>Assistant Principals</b>	<b>Mrs Jessica Gibbs ES1</b> <b>Mrs Elisa Baker Stage 1</b> <b>Mr Michael Kammerer Stage 2</b> <b>Ms Cathy Thoroughgood Stage 3</b>

## 2016 Classes

<b>Kindergarten</b>	<b>Mrs Gibbs AP</b> <b>Miss Edwards</b> <b>Miss Loui</b> <b>Mrs Newcombe</b> <b>Mrs Slater</b> <b>MissMacMasters</b> <b>Mrs Jacobsen</b> <b>Mrs Grice</b>	<b>KGC</b> <b>KE</b> <b>KL</b> <b>KN</b> <b>KS</b> <b>KM</b> <b>KJ</b> <b>KG</b>
<b>Stage 1</b>	<b>Mrs Baker AP</b> <b>Ms Joffe</b> <b>Miss Brunetta</b> <b>Miss Feather</b> <b>Mrs Kafkis</b> <b>Mrs Worrall</b> <b>Mrs Redman</b> <b>Miss Dik-Ha</b>	<b>1/2B</b> <b>1/2J</b> <b>1/2D</b> <b>1/2F</b> <b>1/2K</b> <b>1/2W</b> <b>1/2R</b> <b>1/2L</b>
<b>Stage 2</b>	<b>Mr Kammerer AP</b> <b>Mr Trovato</b> <b>Mrs Hannigan</b> <b>Mrs Griffiths</b> <b>Miss Harris</b>	<b>3/4K</b> <b>3/4T</b> <b>3/4H</b> <b>3/4G</b> <b>3/4A</b>

<b>Stage 3</b>	<b>MsThoroughgood AP</b> <b>Mrs Banerji</b> <b>Mr Keary</b> <b>Mrs Rozanc</b>	<b>5/6T</b> <b>5/6B</b> <b>5/6K</b> <b>5/6R</b>
<b>MC Support Classes</b>	<b>Mrs Sereni AP</b> <b>Ms Brace</b> <b>Mrs Govender</b>	<b>K/1S</b> <b>KB</b> <b>1/5G</b>

### Additional Staff:

**Music RFF- Mr Chan**

**Executive Release and RFF – Miss Sant**

**Library RFF – Mrs Whelan**

**.6 LST – Mrs Campbell**

**1.2 EALD Mrs Marin and Mrs Rojas**

**School Counsellor (Monday) - Megan Williams Thompson**

### Senior Administration Manager

**Mrs Newton**

### Support Administration Officers

**Mrs Arundel Ms Jeske Mrs Smith**

### School Learning Support Officers

**Mrs Finadri Miss Baldin**

**Mrs Wardell Mrs Sarina**

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## **SCHOOL INFORMATION**

### SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

The office will be open from 8.30am to 3.15pm.

### SCHOOL BELL TIMES

Lessons commence	9:00am
Crunch & Sip	10.00-10.10am
Recess K-6	11:00am-11.30am
Lunch 3-6	12.45pm -1.30pm
Lunch K-2	1:15pm-2.00pm
Home Bell	3.00pm

All students are seated under the COLA (Covered Outdoor Learning Area- near the hall) for ten minutes of eating time at recess.

At lunch students sit and eat their lunch outside their classrooms under cover with their teacher.

### SUPERVISION PRIOR TO 8.30am

The school playground is unsupervised prior to 8:30am. Students should not arrive at school before this time. Students are asked to stay seated under the COLA area until the teachers are on duty.

An Assistant Principal will be on bus supervision from 3.00pm -3.25pm. Students are to remain seated until the bus arrives. They are not permitted to wait with the students from the high school.

### BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL CARE & VACATION CARE

Northwest Community Childcare is operating before, after and vacation care in our school hall. For information go to [www.nwcm.com.au](http://www.nwcm.com.au) or call 8678 0279. The staff will collect Kindergarten students directly from their classrooms for the first term, until the students are familiar with the after school routine.

### STUDENT TRANSPORT

Bus Provider: Busways

The bus routes are #25 & 26 for the morning and #6551 & 6535 for the afternoon. Please refer to the timetable and bus routes for Riverbank PS on the Busways website.

Opal cards must be applied for online. Please refer to the fact sheet attached to this newsletter.

### PARKING

School car parks across both sites are for staff parking only. Students and parents are not permitted to park or walk through the car park. Thank you for your cooperation.

The **No Parking** signs on Wentworth Street are nominated areas by Roads and Maritime Services for our 'Kiss and Drop Zone'. The **No Parking** signs now replace the 'Kiss and Drop Zone' signs.

In accordance with Australian Road Rule 168, the driver of a vehicle must not stop on a length of road or in an area to which a 'No

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Parking' sign applies unless the driver is dropping off, or picking up passengers or goods, which must be completed within 2 minutes and does not leave the vehicle unattended (driver stays within 3 metres of the vehicle). In affect a 'No Parking' zone is a drop off and pickup area or a 'Kiss & Drop' zone.

## ATTENDANCE

It is important that students arrive promptly for school and remain until 3:00pm. Parents who wish their children to leave the premises early are requested to inform the school in writing. Children must be collected from the classroom, not the school gates or playground. This ensures the safety of students. A partial absence note is to be completed (available from the office) and given to the class teacher when collecting the student. These absence notes are also to be used when children are arriving late to school.

For full day absences, a letter of explanation from parents, giving the reason and date of the absence, is required on the day the child returns to school.

## SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Uniform Shop is open every Tuesday morning from 8.30am – 9:30am in the school office or alternatively you can send in an order form and the uniforms will be delivered to your child's class. Thank you for your understanding with the limited amount of uniforms you have been able to purchase. Winter stock will be available towards the middle of March. We apologise for

the inconvenience. Our uniform supplier has worked tirelessly to accommodate the increased student enrolments.

## SCHOOL FEES

Invoices for school fees for term 1 and term 2 have been sent home. Please ensure you pay so your child can attend Sport in Schools (K-6) and the Swimming Carnival (3-6).

## MONEY

Money sent into school (for fees, excursions or any payments) must be enclosed in an envelope with your child's name and reason for payment on the outside. It should be handed to the class teacher, who will then forward the payment to the School Administration Office.

When sending cash, please send in the correct money.

**Payment days are Mondays and Wednesdays**

There is also an online parent payment option on our school website.

Please ensure cheques are made payable to Riverbank Public School.

## COMMUNICATION

Please check your child's school bag every afternoon for notes, homework sheets, reading books and general information sent home from your child's teacher.

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## MEETING WITH TEACHERS

If you need to meet with your child's teacher for any reason please make an appointment as the teachers are unable to give you full attention at morning lines.

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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 at the front office.

## MEDICAL CARE

The school has a sick-bay run by the School Administration Staff, both of whom hold current First Aid and Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation Certificates. Parents of students who need to take medication during the day are required to discuss this, in the first instance, with administration staff as there are Department of Education medical forms that must be completed before staff can administer medication. Generally, the school prefers that medications be issued so that the child takes them before and/or after school hours.

However, when this is not possible, medication must be in its original container, have the child's name and dosage correctly labelled, and must be handed to the administration staff immediately upon the student's arrival at school. Written permission must be given, along with written, clear instructions for the administration of the medicine.

With the sole exception for asthma, students are NOT permitted to self-medicate. If your child is asthmatic, please ensure a copy of your child's Asthma Management Plan has been provided to the office staff. If your child requires an Epi Pen please provide an Anaphylaxis Plan to the office.

## **Important Notice**

### **NUT FREE ZONE**

**We have children in our school who suffer severe allergic reactions to nuts.**

**Please do not bring the following to school:**

- **Any nuts or sesame seeds**
- **Peanut butter and nutella sandwiches**

## **LEARNING AND SUPPORT TEAM**

Each week the Learning Support Team meets to discuss the social, emotional, physical and academic needs of referred children to ensure appropriate interventions are implemented. The School Counsellor is available to meet with parents and students, providing parental permission is provided. A parent may contact the office and attend a learning support team



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meeting or refer their child to the School Counsellor. For more information contact the Principal.

## NEWSLETTERS

Newsletters are an essential form of communication between the school and community. It highlights the achievements of the previous weeks and reminds parents and students of upcoming excursions, incursions and other events. On the alternate week to the newsletter teachers will send a short class letter with an update of class routines. Daily updates are available on our school app.

## SCHOOL WEBSITE

Our school website has all the information required about our school.

## ASSEMBLY

There will be a formal assembly every Monday morning with announcements for the week. K-2 and 3-6 assemblies will be held every second Friday and will be run by a nominated class. Parents are more than welcome to join our assembly on a Friday. Parents will be informed through the newsletter which class will be performing and at what time.

## KINDERGARTEN

Welcome to our wonderful Kindergarten students. Parents may collect their child directly from their classrooms at 3pm each day. Please wait near the outdoor seated area until the teacher brings the students outside.

Kindergarten will have a nominated area to line up with the whole school of a morning and a nominated play area throughout the day.

## LABELLING

PLEASE ensure that all articles of clothing and personal items (lunch boxes, library bags, drink bottles) are clearly labelled.

## LIBRARY

Each class visits the Library for literature appreciation, information skills, borrowing and research. Please ensure your Library bag is CLEARLY labelled.

## SCRIPTURE

Scripture will commence from Week 6. A weekly 30 minute scripture lesson in Religious Education will be organised and supported by local religious organisations. Children in nominated non-scripture groups will be supervised by class teachers. More information will be sent home later in the term.

## CANTEEN

Our school canteen will be open every day. A copy of the menu is attached. Orders will soon be available on flexi schools.

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## Chess Coaching at Riverbank Public School

Chess commences this Friday 5 Feb in the Library for students in years 2-6.

Times 3pm – 4pm.

Ms Joffe is the supervising teacher.

## NO HAT, NO PLAY

Please make sure your child has a school hat with them every day. Children are required to wear a hat before school, recess and lunchtime.

## PLAYGROUND

Students will be provided with balls to play on the oval, basketball and handball courts. Children will not need to bring their own balls in from home.

## PARENTS & CITIZENS ASSOCIATION - P&C

The parents who elected to be on the steering committee for Riverbank PS P&C have been notified of a meeting.

The steering committee will determine the date of the P&C AGM and discuss issues relating to insurance. It is anticipated the P&C AGM will occur mid-February.

The P&C meets once a month of an evening in the school library. Dates and times are published in the fortnightly school newsletter. Everyone is welcome to attend. A nominal membership fee applies which enables parents to vote on issues raised.

## STUDENT PARLIAMENT

Riverbank Public School has student parliament. The parliament is run by Year 6 students who will take on the roles of Speaker, Prime Minister, Treasurer and Leader of the Opposition. The other Prefects and House Captains will adopt portfolios within the school, such as Minister of Sport, Minister for Environment, and Minister for Transport etc. During parliament, students in years 3-6 at RPS will have the opportunity to address the parliament and make suggestions on how to improve our school. Once the motion is brought to the parliament's attention, the minister in charge of that area will take action on the issue under the guidance of school staff. Our Student Parliament will be held on the alternate week to our Friday assemblies.



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## SPORT HOUSES

There are Four Sports Houses.

The houses were named after the Blue Mountains. They reflect the wonderful view the school has of the Blue Mountains. Students will be placed in a house by week 3 and siblings will be placed in the same house.



Team Name	Named After	Famous For	Team Colour
<b>PIDDINGTON</b>	Mount Piddington	One of the highest peaks and is very famous for rock climbing.	<b>BLUE</b> (for the abundance of Eucalypts that give the mountains their blue colour)
<b>TOMAH</b>	Mount Tomah	Is very famous not only for its height but the Botanical Gardens.	<b>GREEN</b> (for the gardens)
<b>BOYCE</b>	Mount Boyce	Is almost the highest point in the mountains and is famous for a major Bureau of Meteorology station.	<b>RED</b> (for the flowering red natives: Waratah, Lambertia or Mountain Devil and Red Grevillia)
<b>YORK</b>	Mount York	Is very famous because it is where Blaxland, Lawson and Wentworth first saw the western plains.	<b>YELLOW</b> (for the viewing of the western plains by the explorers)



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## Our Whole School Philosophy

### RESTORATIVE PRACTICES

Restorative Practices form the relational basis for Quality Teaching and Learning at Riverbank Public School. Our Restorative practice framework, because of its explicit nature, offers a common language and practice capable of fostering healthy relationships.

Student achievement is enhanced through Restorative values being embedded as a way of being and learning together. Our approach fosters individual responsibility and helps develop empathy. Inappropriate behaviour or choices and mistakes can be viewed as an opportunity for insight, learning and development in both the academic and social domains.

The explicit framework is inextricably linked to the Quality Teaching Framework and includes the following sets of questions to be asked by children, teachers and parents.

**When Things Go Wrong.....When Someone Has Been Hurt**

- What happened?
- What were you thinking of at the time?
- What have you thought about since?
- Who has been affected by what you have done? In what way?
- What do you think you may do to make things right?

- What did you think when you realised what happened?
- What impact has this incident had on you and others?
- What has been the hardest thing for you?
- What do you think needs to happen to make things right?

The process is empowering as it takes students from the past to the present and gives them hope for the future. It empowers them to make things right and heal any harm that has been done.

A restorative classroom setting is one that values dialogue through an inclusive approach where everyone expects to be heard and through this participatory process students develop the capacity to learn that emotions are an important and legitimate expression of healthy dialogue. This process helps students to deal with conflict, tensions and difference in respectful ways that engender trust and foster healthy relationships.

### School Motto

The school's motto, 'Learning to Live, Living to Learn', reinforces a broad and enriching curriculum which not only focuses on the development of literacy and numeracy skills but also on the social and emotional wellbeing of the students whilst respecting a culturally diverse community.

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## RIVERBANK PUBLIC SCHOOL CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

- We share the voice space by listening actively to others and expressing ourselves confidently.
- We follow instructions by being in the right place, at the right time, doing the right thing.
- We use build ups by saying encouraging, affirming things to others.
- We keep our hands, feet and objects to ourselves so that everyone is safe.
- We own our own behaviour because we choose how we behave.

## 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.



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

## YELLOW KEY

## GREEN KEY

## BLUE KEY

## RED KEY

## BLACK KEY

Care for Others

Think Before Reacting

Respect Yourself

Work Together for a  
Non Violent Way

Expect the Best

## LOGO & SCHOOL MOTTO



Thank you to Sarah Edwards Graphic, Artist for designing our logo.

'This logo is a modern spin on the traditional Public School Crest. It features contemporary fonts and styling, ensuring it fits in with the modern surroundings of The Ponds suburb and new School. The feature illustration is of a Eucalypt branch/leaf. This feature has been chosen as there is a large nature reserve adjoining the school with many Eucalyptus trees. This logo sits as a round disc allowing the school motto to sit neatly under the core logo. The motto will not appear on all media'.

*Sarah Edwards*

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## Sport Update

### Sport in Schools K-6

During Term 1 2016, the students at Riverbank will have the opportunity to participate in a wonderful sport program every Wednesday called Sport In Schools. Students really enjoyed the activities the program ran last year. The students will utilise a diverse range of resources that quite often our school cannot provide. The program is delivered in a range of complex stations that provide a wide and varied range of resources that are designed to inspire, motivate and excite students into optimal engagement throughout each weekly session.

Permission notes have been sent home. Payment is to be made using Semester One school invoice. All students K-6 are required to wear their sports uniform every Wednesday during Term 1.

### PSSA Years 3-6

The PSSA Summer season will commence Friday February 12. Summer PSSA trials are happening at the moment. If your child is successful in making a team, a note will be sent home with all relevant information. During trial sessions, children will participate in a variety of drills relating to each particular sport. The teachers at Riverbank will demonstrate and encourage each child to have a go at all the tasks before any decisions are made. Your child doesn't necessarily have to be an expert in the

sport to be chosen as they can develop these skills over the season.

### Summer PSSA Teams

Junior Girls T-Ball

Senior Girls Softball

Junior and Senior Boys Cricket

Junior and Senior AFL (mixed- boys and girls)

### School Swimming Carnival

Our School Swimming Carnival is coming up on Monday 22 February. Permission notes have been sent home. Payment is to be made using Semester One school invoice. All students in Years 3-6 are to attend. Students in Year 2 who are turning 8 in 2016 are also invited to attend. Swimming at the carnival is only for competitors, however all students years 3-6 are encouraged to attend to support our swimmers. Please see note for further information.

We are looking forward to our students participating in many sporting opportunities this year! Mrs A Hannigan Sports Organiser





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## Technology Talk

The Technology Team has been busy at work ensuring that interactive Smart Panels are installed in EVERY classroom, including portable devices for our new demountable classrooms. This will allow teachers to deliver interesting, informative and interactive content to enhance student learning and engagement. We are also installing Wireless Access Points to the new demountable classrooms so all students have access to the network.

There are many exciting plans for ICT (Information and Communication Technologies) at Riverbank Public School to ensure students are able communicate, critically think, collaborate and work creatively in an authentic and relevant way. In addition to 30 portable devices the school has already acquired; iPads, touchscreen laptops, desktop computers, still cameras and video recorders will be purchased throughout the year to allow students to immerse themselves using differing platforms, learn using a variety of mediums and use innovative ways to present their work.

Riverbank Public School and The Ponds High School are involved in a new middle year's program, which allow Stage 3 students to experience aspects of High School life. In conjunction with the High School we are building a Computer Lab to allow students to learn using the latest software and equipment, such as robotics and 3D printers. The Technology Team are developing strategies to

align Riverbank Public School ICT with the Ponds High School to allow a seamless transition for Stage 3 into high school.

We look forward to 2016 with great anticipation and expectation with ICT and will keep the school community informed and included regarding future directions of Riverbank Public School's ICT vision.

Thank you,  
Mr Kammerer & Technology Team





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## Kindergarten

### Kindergarten Corner

The Riverbank community extends a warm welcome to our new Kindergarten students and their families.

All Kindergarten students and teachers will be wearing a coloured name tag for the next few weeks as we get to know each other. To help the children transition to a large school environment and develop friendships amongst their peers, Kindergarten will be having separate play times from Year 1-6. Please assure siblings that it won't be long before they will be able to catch up with their little brother or sister in the playground.

If you are a Kindergarten parent, please don't hesitate to talk to your child's teacher if you have any questions. We are here to support you and your child as you become familiar with Riverbank Public School.

Mrs Jessica Gibbs  
Assistant Principal- Early Stage 1



### Get involved in the School Banking program

Riverbank Public School is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

The School Banking program provides children with an opportunity to deposit money into their Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at school each week. The program is about how often your child makes deposits, not how much they deposit.

To encourage regular savings behaviour, the program offers an exciting Rewards Program. Every 10 deposits earns your child a great reward. The banking volunteers document your deposits on the reverse side of your deposit tab and when you see a star sticker, you will have reached 10 deposits!

The rewards available during 2016 are:

- Flying Snake Tail
- Wildlife Writer Set
- Mud Splat Handball
- Outback Pat Bag Tag
- Backtrack Eraser Pen
- Jump and Skip Rope
- Bush Fly Fan
- Wriggly Glow Worm

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives \$5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of \$10 per individual deposit).

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## Getting involved in School Banking is easy!

You can get involved in the School Banking program by opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at your local branch. All you need to bring is your current identification as well as your child's birth certificate. If you are an existing Commonwealth Bank customer and have NetBank, you can open an account online.

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week on School Banking day using their Dollarmites deposit wallet.

School Banking day is Tuesday, commencing 9th February. Each Tuesday, you can bring your bank book to school and give it to your classroom teacher. The banking volunteers will then process your banking and you will have your bank book returned to you through your school teacher.

For more information or to become a volunteer, please contact the Riverbank PS Banking Co-ordinators at [rpsbanking@gmail.com](mailto:rpsbanking@gmail.com)

## RIVERBANK PUBLIC SCHOOL APP

Great News! We have a mobile phone app. What's that you may ask, it is a little application that sits on your phone and gives you instant access to our local community information when you click on it, 24/7. The app is going to give you the ability to instantly access newsletters without going to the website, find our venues and most importantly receive important pop up notifications from us. We will be sharing many of the other features with you over the coming weeks, but for now download it to your smartphone by going to either the Apple App Store or Android Google Play Market and search for our name. Once you have found it press install or download.





# Library v Off the Shelf



# Welcome Back!



Our first BOOK FAIR for 2016  
starts **THIS FRIDAY** at the  
**WELCOME PICNIC!**

*Find us upstairs in the Library*





# Library v Off the Shelf



## Important Dates & Information

### Book Fair

- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February
- OPEN for purchases at the WELCOME PICNIC
- OPEN each day next week before & after school, at lunchtimes and during library lessons for purchases.
- EFTPOS facilities available
- Personal purchases and/or library donations are most welcome

### Book Club

- Due to the Book Fair, this will commence a little later in the term.

### Borrowing

- Students in stages 1 – 3 will commence borrowing in **Week 4**. Class teachers will inform students of their library day. All students require a library bag to be able to borrow books.
- Kindergarten students will commence borrowing next term.

### Book Covering

- Friday morning working bees to cover library books will commence in Week 4 on the 19<sup>th</sup> February, running from 9-11am, in the library.
- Some books are able to be taken home to cover. If you wish to assist us by doing this, please see Ms Whelan in the library or leave your contact details with the office.



## Riverbank Public School - School Zone Traffic Newsletter

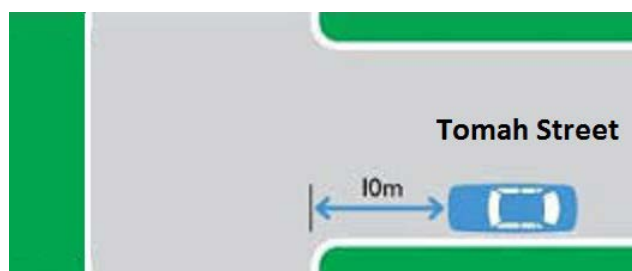
I would like to welcome everyone back to school and to the new students starting at Riverbank Public School in 2016.

On behalf of the P & C Traffic Committee I would like to thank everyone for their efforts in 2015 to make the area surrounding Riverbank Public School a safe place for their children to travel to and from school. I hope that this year can be as successful as last year.

I have attached the most common signs you will see in and around Riverbank Public School with their explanations and infringements. These signs are designed to make the area safe for your children.

<b>SCHOOL ZONE PARKING OFFENCES</b>		
	Means that in the area in the direction of the arrow, you must <b>NOT STOP your vehicle</b> at any point on the road or kerb, unless there is a medical or other emergency.	<b>Maximum Penalty</b> <b>\$415</b> + 2 Demerit Points
	Means that you have no more than 2 minutes for drop-offs or pick-ups of passengers or goods and the driver must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle.	Penalty <b>\$173</b> + 2 Demerit Points
	Means that in the direction of the arrow or arrows you are not allowed to stop your vehicle unless you are driving a bus.	Penalty <b>\$311</b> + 2 Demerit Points
	<b>DOUBLE PARKING</b> You are <b>NOT PERMITTED</b> to stop or park your vehicle alongside another vehicle that is already parked parallel to the kerb.	Penalty <b>\$311</b> + 2 Demerit Points

Also a reminder that vehicles parking near an intersection without traffic lights are required to park at least 10 metres from the intersection as in the diagram below, unless sign posted otherwise.



If you are unsure about any New South Wales traffic legislation feel free to log onto the RMS website at [www.rms.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au).

Alternatively, you may email the P and C Traffic Committee at [riverbankpandc@gmail.com](mailto:riverbankpandc@gmail.com), and I will answer your concerns.

Regards

Traffic Committee Co-ordinator

# Transport for NSW

## Fact sheet: The School Opal card

### Who's eligible?

To be eligible for a School Opal card, students need to be NSW residents and may need to live a minimum distance away from their school:

- Years K-2 (Infants) there's no minimum distance.
- Years 3-6 (Primary) 1.6km straight line distance or 2.3km walking or further.
- Years 7-12 (Secondary) 2.0km straight line distance or 2.9km walking or further.

Students completing secondary studies at TAFE, boarding school students and students temporarily in Australia may also be eligible for a School Opal card. The eligibility criteria for these students is available at [transportnsw.info/school-students](http://transportnsw.info/school-students).

A School Opal card is provided to eligible students who need to travel within the Opal network. Paper travel passes are issued to eligible students who need to travel outside the Opal network.

### Who needs to apply?

Most students or parents won't need to apply for the School Opal card. The School Opal card will be sent to a student's school automatically at the beginning of the new school year in 2016.

However, a new application is required if:

- The student is just starting school or has not had a pass for travel before.
- The student is progressing from Year 2 to 3, or Year 6 to 7.
- The student is changing schools, including going between primary and secondary school.
- The student's personal details have changed (e.g. address).

Applications must be made by a parent or guardian for children aged 15 years and under. Applications must be made by the student if aged 16 years or older.

### How to apply

**Step 1** Complete the application at [transportnsw.info/school-students](http://transportnsw.info/school-students).

**Step 2** Print, sign and submit the form to the school for endorsement.

**Step 3** The school will then forward the application to Transport for NSW for processing. Once approved, Transport for NSW sends the School Opal card to the home address given in the application.

The application may take several weeks and the applicant's email address is required.

### If the student doesn't qualify for free travel

They may be eligible for a Term Bus Pass which offers travel on buses between home and school at a discounted rate for the whole school term.

Apply at [transportnsw.info/school-students](http://transportnsw.info/school-students).

### Find out more

For more information on the School Opal card and the School Student Travel Scheme (SSTS), please visit [transportnsw.info/school-students](http://transportnsw.info/school-students).



## Riverbank Public School Parents & Citizens Association

We welcome your attendance to the

**AGM**

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**General P&C MEETING**

to be held in the School Staff Room

Parking Only in Primary School near School Canteen. All other gates locked.

**Wednesday 24 February 2016**

**7pm**

Coffee/Tea/Nibbles

At the AGM each year, all P&C committee positions are declared vacant and election of all new Committee and Sub-Committee Members will take place. All members of the school community, both old and new, are invited to nominate for any of the positions detailed below, and are encouraged to attend the meetings, participate in the voting and become involved in the running of the school for the year to come Please find below nomination form for the above positions.

Please have form completed by Friday 19 February 2016.

Please mark private and Confidential- P&C Committee 2016 Attention Mrs Brown – Principal

Please leave in the P&C letter box at the front office

### **AGM Agenda 7pm – 7.30pm**

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|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Declare Positions Vacant      | Jeanie Brown           |
| 2. Subcommittee Vacant Positions | President              |
| 3. Treasurer Reporting           | Lesley Parsons         |
| 4. Signing Social Media/WHS/COC  | President/Jeanie Brown |
| 5. Financial Membership          | Secretary              |
| 6. Calendar Meetings 2016        | Secretary              |

**End**



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### **General Meeting 7.30pm – 8.30pm**

1. Presidents Report
  - Declare Financial Members
  - Update Demountable
2. Principals Report
3. General Business
  - Traffic
4. Sub Committee Meeting Only 8.30pm ( 15 mins )

### **Positions available are**

- President
- Vice President x 2
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Sub Committee x 5
- Traffic Coordinator
- Sponsorship Coordinator
- Event Manager – School Disco/other
- Fathers/Mothers/Easter/Christmas/Raffle Coordinator
- Air Conditioner Coordinator
- Uniform Shop Coordinator
- School Planning Coordinator ( correct name to be finalized)
- The Ponds High School Parent Rep.( note: must be a committee member of the, The Ponds High School

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## P&C AGM Nomination Form – 2016

I, \_\_\_\_\_ wish to self-nominate for the position of:

✓ **Please tick**

- ☐ President
- ☐ Vice President x 2
- ☐ Secretary
- ☐ Treasurer
- ☐ General Committee x 5
- ☐ Sub Committee
- ☐ Traffic Coordinator
- ☐ Sponsorship Coordinator
- ☐ Event Manager – School Disco/other
- ☐ Fathers/Mothers/Christmas Stall Coordinator
- ☐ Air Conditioner Coordinator
- ☐ Uniform Shop Coordinator
- ☐ School Planning Coordinator ( correct name to be finalized)
- ☐ The Ponds High School Parent Rep, (note: must be a committee member of the, The Ponds High School.)

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**Name:**

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**Mobile:**

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**Childs Class/Eldest Only:**

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P&C Secretary's Use Only

**Successfully Elected: Yes/No**

- ☐ **Yes**
- ☐ **No**



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# Riverbank Public School together with Riverbank P&C Invite you to our Annual WELCOME PICNIC



To welcome the New Year in and new families to our school

## Details are as follows:

**When:** 5 February 2016

**Time:** 5 – 7pm

**Where:** Riverbank Public School



## ALL WELCOME

Staff, students, parents, siblings, grandparents and carers.

Please bring your own picnic and rug.

The P&C will be operating the canteen with a BBQ,  
Soft drink, tea, coffee, sausage sizzle and snacks for sale.

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