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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome Back! I would like to repeat my sentiments of last week by extending a warm welcome to all members of the Riverbank Community as we start another very exciting year for our school. A special welcome to all our Kindergarten families! The children have settled in very well and it was nice to catch up with many parents at the Welcome Picnic last Friday evening (a big thank you to P&C for organising the BBQ).

Staffing

Riverbank Public School has had an immensely successful first year with our enrolments for 2016 increasing significantly. This increase means that we are now entitled to a Deputy Principal. I am pleased to advise that Mr Kammerer has been appointed to the position in a relieving capacity.

As a result of this appointment Mrs Nikolina Oricchio will commence teaching 3/4O, whilst Mr Kammerer will continue to teach the class every Friday.

Mrs Angela Hannigan will relieve as Assistant Principal for Stage 2.

I would like to welcome Mrs Karen Ibrahim, School Learning Support Officer who will be support students with additional learning needs.

Parent Information Evening

Thank you to the parents/carers who attended our information sessions this week. If you have any questions during the year regarding your child's schooling, please feel free to make an appointment with your child's teacher. Our dedicated teachers are always happy to make themselves available to address any questions that parents may have.

Swimming Carnival

The 2016 Riverbank Public School Swimming Carnival will take place next Monday 22 February at Riverstone Swimming Centre. All students from Years 3–6 will attend. Students in Year 2 turning 8 years old this year who can competently swim 50 metres freestyle are also invited to compete in the 8 years and junior events. Spare swimming carnival notes are available from the office. All students will travel to and from the carnival by bus.

Parking

Please consider others when parking around the school, observe the parking signs and make the safety of our children your priority. Reminder the school bus bay at the

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entrance to the High School is not a drop off zone.

Supervision

Students are not to arrive at school before 8.30am. Some students are arriving before 8am. Students will be taken to OOSH if they arrive too early or are not collected on time of an afternoon.

School Information

Have you changed your postal address, email address, phone numbers or work details? It is vital that we have correct student information. Please inform the school office if you need to update this important information. Thank you.

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

School Calendar

I have included in this newsletter a calendar for key events for 2016. It is important to read the newsletter each fortnight for any updates.

School Priorities

I look forward to working with the school's talented teachers, support staff and with our school community in continuing to build a safe, inclusive, secure learning environment in which our students can develop a sense of belonging and wellbeing. Our priority areas of focus will be implementing the Kindergarten Language, Learning and Literacy (L3) program, Focus on Reading and Targeting Early Numeracy. Our main priority is to foster a learning culture that ensures all students reach their full potential to become successful learners, confident and creative individuals, and active and informed citizens.

Have a wonderful fortnight

Jeanie Brown
Principal



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Important Dates TERM 1

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 Meeting 7pm Staffroom
Friday 26 February	K-2 Assembly 2pm
Friday 4 March	3-6 Assembly 1.30pm
Thursday 10 March	2017 Selective HS Exam (Yr6)
Tuesday 15 March	Road Safety Incursion K-4
Thursday 17 March	Stage 3 CPR Incursion



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

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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

Kindergarten

Kindergarten Corner

Kindergarten classes have been busy learning school routines, making new friends and learning about playing safely in our playground. Teachers have been monitoring the childrens' social interaction and assisting some children to 'buddy up' with a friend in the playground. This week, they joined the K-6 recess and the K-2 lunch times.

When arriving at school from 8.30-9.00am, the children need to put their bag outside their classroom and play within the concrete/artificial grass areas of the playground. Playground Duty Teachers supervise children from 8.30am. When the morning bell rings, students are to line up under the COLA (Covered Outdoor Learning Area). No students/parents are to be in the classrooms without teacher supervision. The children will be able to take their belongings into the classroom after line up time.

We are very proud of the way Kindergarten have made such a great start to school!

Mrs Jessica Gibbs
Assistant Principal- Early Stage 1

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SPORT HOUSES

All new students will be placed in their sport house this week and a note will be sent home.

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



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.

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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.

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

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

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Sport Update

Sport in Schools K-6

The Sport In Schools program for Term 1 has begun! The children have been developing many athletic skills whilst participating in various activities. Permission notes and payment are due. All students in K-6 are required to wear their sports uniform every Wednesday during Term 1. Please ensure your child is wearing sunscreen to school, has their school hat and a water bottle. Every classroom has sunscreen for children to reapply when needed.



PSSA Years 3-6

The PSSA Summer season has commenced. Thank you to all students who trialled for a Summer PSSA team. We wish all our teams all the best for the coming season and we know they are going to make our Riverbank community proud.

School Swimming Carnival

The School Swimming Carnival is coming up on Monday 22nd February. Permission notes have been sent home and 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 and are competent swimmers and have returned their permission notes will also be attending. Swimming at the carnival is only for competitors, however all students are encouraged to attend to support our swimmers. Please refer to the note for further information.

The program for the day is attached to this newsletter. We invite parents and caregivers to come along on the day. Please be aware there is a \$2.80 spectator fee per person charged by the venue.

Mrs Hanningan
Sports Coordinator

CHESS

Chess will be held every Friday afternoon for students in Years 2-6 only. Parents are to pick their child up directly from Mrs Joffe's classroom. Students will not be permitted to leave until a parent arrives.

Mrs Joffe
Chess Coordinator

CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS AT RIVERBANK PS

LOOK AT ALL OF THESE WONDERFUL EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES OUR STUDENTS CAN BE INVOLVED IN.....

- Dance
- Drama
- Art
- Band
- Choir



2016 is set to bring an amazing year for Performing Arts at Riverbank! We are jumping straight back into the swing of things, launching many new extra-curricular groups for students to be involved in.

This year we are introducing a Kindergarten dance/cheer squad, a junior choir (Years 1-2), a lunch time Art Group (Years 1-2), a Drama Group (Years 3-6) and an all-boys Dance Group (Years 3-6). We will be continuing with the Junior Dance Group (Years 1-2), the Senior Dance Group (Years 3-6) and the Senior Choir (Years 3-6).

Auditions for these groups will be taking place over the next fortnight. Announcements will be made for students to try out.

Students are allowed to try out for as many groups as they like, however will only be

selected for 1 dance/drama/art group and 1 choir group.

We are looking forward to what will be another great year!

Miss A. Edwards

Creative and Performing Arts Coordinator

Get involved in the School Banking program.....



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).

You will notice that your child doesn't receive any silver tokens when they deposit through school banking. However, the system remains the same - 10 deposits through school banking earns your child a great reward. Your child will still be eligible for the reward prizes available through school banking. You will notice on the reverse side of your child's bank book stub a number. This is a reminder to you and your

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child how many deposits they have done. We will issue a star sticker when they reach 10 deposits, and then your child can order their prize. This alleviates the possibility of losing tokens and assists in the processing of banking.

Please ensure you are filling out all the details in the bank book including student number, account number and the amount you are depositing.

To ensure school banking runs smoothly, we require the help of parents/carers. No experience is necessary and we appreciate any amount of time you can give. Please email rpsbanking@gmail.com if you are able to assist with banking on a Tuesday morning. For more information or to become a volunteer, please contact the Riverbank PS Banking Co-ordinators at 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.

DID YOU KNOW???



Under the Companion Animals Act 1998 No 87 (14.1.e), dogs are prohibited in school grounds, (whether or not they are leashed or otherwise controlled).

For the safety of all students, toddlers, babies and adults, please do not bring dogs into the school grounds, even on leashes. Some children have a genuine fear and it can be quite distressing for them as well as for parents, particularly those with very young children. Thank you for your support in this matter.



RENEGADES RUGBY

Play rugby with the Junior Renegades in 2016

Boys & Girls wanted for

**minis - u6s & u7s (no tackling)*

**Juniors - u8s - u17s*

Contact Karen 0422 925 461

juniorrugby.renegades@gmail.com



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Monday Afternoon Classes

~ Juniors 3-12 years

~ Seniors 13+ years

Wednesday Afternoon Classes

~ Ladies 18+ years

(Beginner and Advanced classes available)



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Term 1

Riverbank Public School

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Term One	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT SUN
1	25 Jan	26 Jan Australia Day	27 Jan Staff Development Day	28 Jan Students Yrs 1-6 return Best Start Testing	29 Jan Best Start Testing	30 31 Jan
2	1 Feb Best Start Testing	2 Feb Best Start Testing Yrs 1-6 Term Letters home	3 Feb Sport in Schools K-6 KINDERGARTEN FIRST DAY	4 Feb	5 Feb Chess Club 3pm P&C Welcome Picnic 5pm	6 7 Feb
3	8 Feb	9 Feb	10 Feb Sport in Schools K-6	11 Feb	12 Feb PSSA Starts Chess Club 3pm Assembly K-2 2pm	13 14 Feb
4	15 Feb Meet the Teacher Kindy 6-7pm Stage 2 7-8pm	16 Feb Meet the Teacher Stage 3 6-8pm Stage 1 6-7pm	17 Feb Sport in Schools K-6	18 Feb	19 Feb Chess Club 3pm Assembly 3-6 1.30pm School Leaders Induction	20 21 Feb
5	22 Feb SWIMMING CARNIVAL @Riverstone	23 Feb	24 Feb Sport in Schools K-6 P&C Meeting 7:00pm AGM	25 Feb	26 Feb Chess Club 3pm Parliament Assembly K-2	27 28 Feb
6	29 Feb	1 March	2 March Sport in Schools K-6	3 March	4 March Chess Club 3pm Assembly 3-6 Clean Up Australia Day	5 6 Mar
7	7 March	8 March	9 March Sport in Schools K-6	10 March Selective HS 2017 Test	11 March Chess Club 3pm Parliament Assembly K-2	12 13 Mar
8	14 March	15 March Road Safety Incursion K-4	16 March Sport in Schools K-6	17 March Stage 3 CPR Incursion	18 March Chess Club 3pm Assembly 3-6 National Anti-Bullying Day	19 20 Mar
9	21 March HARMONY DAY	22 March	23 March Sport in Schools K-6 P&C Meeting 7:00pm	24 March Easter Hat Parade 2.30pm	25 March Good Friday	26 27 Mar
10 	28 March Easter Monday	29 March	30 March Sport in Schools K-6	31 March	1 April Chess Club 3pm Assembly K-2	2 3 Apr
11	4 April Parent/teacher Interviews ➡	5 April	6 April Sport in Schools K-6	7 April	8 April Mufti Day Assembly 3-6	9 10 Apr
	11 April	12 April	13 April	14 April	15 April	16 17 Apr
	18 April	19 April	20 April	21 April	22 April	23 24 April

Term Two	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT SUN
Week 1	25 April 	26 April SDD	27 April Term Letters home P&C Meeting 7:00pm	28 April ANZAC Service	29 April Assembly K-2 Chess Club 3pm PSSA starts School Disco 5pm	30 1 May
2	2 May	3 May School Photographs	4 May Mother's Day Stall	5 May Cross Country	6 May Assembly 3-6 Chess Club 3pm	7 8 May
3	9 May	10 May	11 May Stage 2 Excursion	12 May Stage 2 Excursion	13 May Parliament Assembly K-2 Chess Club 3pm	14 15 May
4	16 May	17 May Uni NSW ICAS Digital 8am NAPLAN 	18 May NAPLAN Kindergarten Featherdale Park Excursion	19 May NAPLAN	20 May Assembly 3-6 Chess Club 3pm Kindergarten Featherdale Park Excursion	21 22 May
5	23 May	24 May Drumming Incursion K-6	25 May P&C Meeting 7:00pm	26 May National Sorry Day	27 May Assembly K-2 Chess Club 3pm	28 29 May
6	30 May	31 May Uni NSW ICAS Science 8am	1 June	2 June	3 June Assembly 3-6 Chess Club 3pm	4 5 June
7	6 June	7 June Stage 1 Excursion	8 June 7pm Kindy 2016 Information Evening	9 June Stage 1 Excursion	10 June Parliament Assembly K-2 Chess Club 3pm	11 12 June
8	13 June  Queen's Birthday	14 June Uni NSW ICAS Writing 8am	15 June Uni NSW ICAS Spelling 8am	16 June	17 June Assembly 3-6 Chess Club 3pm	18 19 June
9 Sydney North Dance Festival	20 June	21 June	22 June P&C Meeting 7:00pm	23 June 10am Kindy 2016 Information Morning	24 June Parliament Assembly K-2 Chess Club 3pm	25 26 June
10 Sydney North Dance Festival	27 June Reports Home	28 June	29 June	30 June	1 July Mufti Day Assembly 3-6 Last Day of Term	2 3 July
Hols	4 July	5 July	6 July	7 July	8 July	9 10 July
	11 July	12 July	13 July	14 July	15 July	16 17 July

Term 3

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Term Three	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
Week 1	18 July SDD	19 July NAIDOC Week	20 July Term Letters home NAIDOC Week Performance	21 July	22 July Assembly 3-6 PSSA starts Chess Club 3pm	23 24 July
2	25 July Parent/teacher Interviews ➡	26 July	27 July P&C Meeting 7:00pm	28 July	29 July Assembly K-2 Chess Club 3pm	30 31 July
3	1 August EDUCATION WEEK	2 August Uni NSW ICAS English 8am	3 August Education Week Assembly	4 August	5 August Assembly 3-6 Chess Club 3pm	6 7 Aug
4	8 August	9 August	10 August	11 August	12 August Parliament Assembly K-2 Chess Club 3pm	13 14 Aug
5	15 August SCIENCE WEEK	16 August Uni NSW ICAS Maths 8am	17 August	18 August	19 August Assembly 3-6 Chess Club 3pm	20 21 Aug
6	22 August BOOK WEEK	23 August	24 August Author Visit P&C Meeting 7:00pm	25 August	26 August Assembly K-2 Chess Club 3pm	27 28 Aug
7	29 August National Literacy & Numeracy Week Athletics Carnival	30 August	31 August Spelling Bee Years 1-6 Father's Day Stall	1 September	2 September Assembly 3-6 Chess Club 3pm	3 4 Sep
8	5 September	6 September	7 September	8 September	9 September Parliament Assembly K-2 Chess Club 3pm	10 11 Sep
9	12 September	13 September	14 September	15 September	16 September Assembly 3-6 Chess Club 3pm	17 18 Sep
10	19 September	20 September Stage 3 Camp Canberra	21 September Stage 3 Camp Canberra P&C Meeting 7:00pm	22 September Stage 3 Camp Canberra	23 September Mufti Day Assembly K-2 Last Day of Term	24 25 Sep
Hols	26 September	27 September	28 September	29 September	30 September	1 2 Oct
Hols	3 October	4 October	5 October	6 October	7 October	8 9 Oct

Term 4

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Term Four	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
Week 1	10 October Term Letters home	11 October	12 October WALK A THON	13 October	14 October Assembly K-2 Chess Club 3pm Ridges Music Festival 6pm	15 16 Oct
2	17 October	18 October	19 October	20 October	21 October PSSA starts Assembly 3-6 Chess Club 3pm	22 23 Oct
3	24 October	25 October	26 October P&C Meeting 7:00pm	27 October 2017 Kindergarten Transition to School Session 1	28 October Parliament Assembly K-2 Chess Club 3pm	29 30 Oct
4	31 October	1 November	2 November	3 November 2017 Kindergarten Transition to School Session 2	4 November Assembly 3-6 Chess Club 3pm	5 6 Nov
5	7 November	8 November	9 November	10 November 2017 Kindergarten Transition to School Session 3	11 November Assembly K-2 Chess Club 3pm	12 13 Nov
6	14 November	15 November	16 November	17 November	18 November Assembly 3-6 Chess Club 3pm	19 20 Nov
7	21 November	22 November	23 November P&C Meeting 7:00pm	24 November	25 November Parliament Assembly K-2 Chess Club 3pm P&C Movie Night	26 27 Nov
8	28 November	29 November Creative and Performing Arts Evening Concert 6pm	30 November	1 December	2 December Assembly 3-6 Chess Club 3pm	3 4 Dec
9	5 December	6 December	7 December Excellence Assembly K-2 9.30am 3-6 11.30am	8 December	9 December Assembly K-2 Chess Club 3pm	10 11 Dec
10	12 December Reports Home	13 December Year 6 Farewell Dinner	14 December Celebration of Learning	15 December Talent Quest	16 December Year 6 Final Assembly 2.15pm Last day for students	17 18 Dec
11	19 December SDD	20 December SDD	21 December	22 December	23 December	24 25 Dec

RIVERBANK PUBLIC SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2016 PROGRAM OF EVENTS

START TIME : APPROXIMATELY 9:45AM

The carnival convenors reserve the right to alter the order of events, should the need arise.

Event #:	Stroke:	Age Division:	Boys / Girls:
1	200 metre Medley (TIMED FINALS)	Junior	Boys / Girls
2		Open	Boys / Girls
3	100 metre Freestyle (TIMED FINALS)	Open	Girls
4		Open	Boys
5	50 metre Backstroke (TIMED FINALS)	Junior	Girls
6		Junior	Boys
7		11 Years	Girls
8		11 Years	Boys
9		Senior	Girls
10		Senior	Boys
11	50 metre Freestyle (<u>HEATS</u>)	8 Years	Girls
12		8 Years	Boys
13		9 Years	Girls
14		9 Years	Boys
15		10 Years	Girls
16		10 Years	Boys
17		11 Years	Girls
18		11 Years	Boys
19		12 Years	Girls
20		12 Years	Boys
21		13 Years	Girls
22		13 Years	Boys
23	50 metre Breaststroke (TIMED FINALS)	Junior	Girls
24		Junior	Boys

Event #:	Stroke:	Age Division:	Boys / Girls:
25	<i>50 metre Breaststroke</i> <i>(TIMED FINALS)</i>	11 Years	Girls
26		11 Years	Boys
27		Senior	Girls
28		Senior	Boys
29	<i>50 metre Butterfly</i> <i>(TIMED FINALS)</i>	Junior	Girls
30		Junior	Boys
31		11 Years	Girls
32		11 Years	Boys
33		Senior	Girls
34		Senior	Boys
35	<i>50 metre Freestyle</i> <i>(<u>FINALS</u>)</i>	8 years	Girls
36		8 Years	Boys
37		9 Years	Girls
38		9 Years	Boys
39		10 Years	Girls
40		10 Years	Boys
41		11 Years	Girls
42		11 Years	Boys
43		12 Years	Girls
44		12 Years	Boys
45		13 Years	Girls
46		13 Years	Boys
47	<i>4 x 50 metres Freestyle Relay</i> <i>(TIMED FINALS)</i>	Junior	Girls
48		Junior	Boys
49	<i>4 x 50 metres Freestyle Relays</i> <i>(TIMED FINALS)</i>	Senior	Girls
50		Senior	Boys



Library Off the Shelf



Important Dates & Information

Book Fair

- Thanks to the generous community support, we have had a very successful first Book Fair for the year. We will be able to purchase a large number of quality books and resources for our school library. Thank you!

Book Club

- Issue 2 of Book Club is due to be distributed to students in the next coming week.

Borrowing

- Students in stages 1 – 3 will commence borrowing in **THIS WEEK (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

- Working bees to cover books will commence in Week 4 on the 17th February, running from 9-11am, in the library. PLEASE NOTE the CHANGE OF DAY – it is now on a WEDNESDAY, rather than a Friday.
- 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.



Library v Off the Shelf



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL STUDENTS AND PARENTS.

Student Department of Education (DoE) User Accounts

All NSW DoE students are issued with credentials to enable them access to specific DoE applications (e.g. the school network, student portal, Premier's Reading Challenge etc). Their username is allocated to them upon enrolment and a password is also issued. Your child's username will never change from year to year but their password will always be reset at the beginning of each school year. Your child is able to change their own password if they wish, however we do recommend that they don't do this until they reach Stage 3, for ease of use.

Each class teacher now has a copy of this information and should pass this on to your child. If you have any queries regarding this, please see your child's class teacher. If they are unable to help you, please feel free to see me in the library or contact me via the school office.

The next page provides more detailed information on how students can access their portal page "Kidspace".

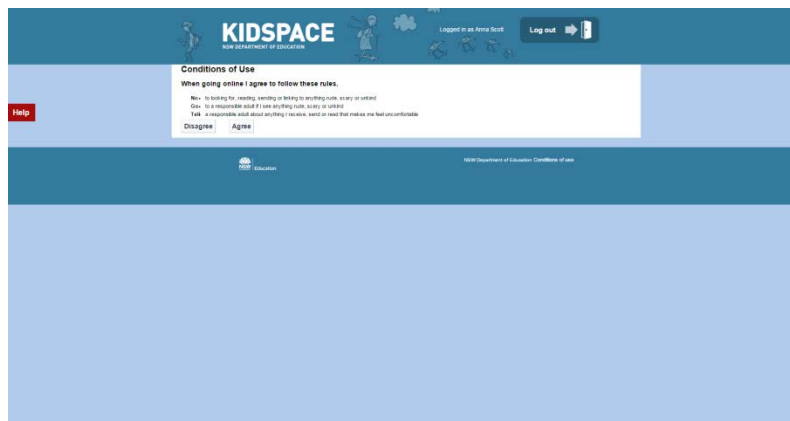


How to access your student portal page

- Open your internet browser and search Google for “nsw student portal” (Click on the first link) OR type <https://student.det.nsw.edu.au> into the address bar
- The result should look like this:



- Enter your DoE username and password and log in. This window should now appear-



- Click 'I Agree' and this is the next page you should see-



Riverbank Public School - School Zone Traffic Newsletter

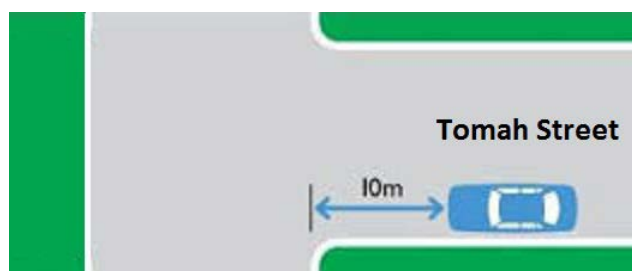
I would like to welcome everyone back to school and to the new students starting at Riverbank Public School in 2016.

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.

SCHOOL ZONE PARKING OFFENCES		
	Means that in the area in the direction of the arrow, you must NOT STOP your vehicle at any point on the road or kerb, unless there is a medical or other emergency.	Maximum Penalty \$415 + 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 \$173 + 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 \$311 + 2 Demerit Points
	DOUBLE PARKING You are NOT PERMITTED to stop or park your vehicle alongside another vehicle that is already parked parallel to the kerb.	Penalty \$311 + 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.

Alternatively, you may email the P and C Traffic Committee at riverbankpandc@gmail.com, and I will answer your concerns.

Regards

Traffic Committee Co-ordinator



P&C CORNER



Hello and Welcome back to 2016. What a few busy weeks it has been. I do hope everyone has settled in well. Welcome new families and new teachers to what seems a much larger school. With over 600 students compare to last year at 300!

What a success for the P&C BBQ with over \$1300 hundred dollars raised. Thank you to everyone who volunteered their services on the evening. It was lovely to meet new parents to the school. Kristy and I ran out of time meeting and greeting everyone. We hope to meet more parents/Carers over the next many months.

Just a reminder our first meeting for the year is on **24th February at 7pm**. Please find revised agenda. **Agm** will be **4th Wednesday in May**. Notification will be by newsletters and website. For those who have applied for positions of subcommittee and general committee we will still be going ahead with those elections.

The roles of stalls and event manager I would love to filled. As our disco and mothers/father's day stall may not go ahead. Volunteers and needed to manage these two roles in particular. Please contact me if requiring further information. On riverbankpandc@gmail.com

Many new families that have not experience NSW Education before may not be aware of what a P&C is. Below is a brief outline of what we are all about.

What is a P&C?

The Federation of Parents and Citizens Associations of New South Wales is commonly known as "P&C Federation".

P&C Federation was established in 1922 and was incorporated in 1976 by an Act of the New South Wales Parliament.

We are committed to a free public education system which is open to all people irrespective of culture, gender, academic ability and socio-economic class.

We believe that students should be empowered to be contributing members of society.

We are committed to parents and carers and citizens being partners in the education process.

We work closely with the Department of Education and Communities and other educational stakeholder groups.

We represent the voice of parents through councillors and delegates.

We provide a range of services including public liability cover and insurances, resources and assistance to P&C Associations.

We welcome membership from parents and citizens associations in NSW public schools.

Where does the money go that is raised thought out the year?

The money that is raised from the P&C goes back into the school.

How do we decided on what we want the money to be spent on?

The financial members of the P&C.

How do I become a financial member?

By downloading the form on the schools website under parents and community.

The cost is \$1.00 and membership is for 1 year. Membership ends for this year on the 24th May 2016.

Shouldn't our school fees pay for all of this?

That has been a question that many of us ask. Why do we need to raise more money for our education when we pay taxes and school fees? Unfortunately that question remains still unanswered today



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as why Education needs more money from tax payers to better build and resource our schools.

Why a P&C Levy then?

That is why we have created a P&C Levy of \$40.00 per year. To reduce the need for further fundraising and also support the further needs and goals of Riverbank Public School, such as the extension of the cola, air conditioning and further shade. But these are only small steps to achieve these goals.

How can I help?

In many ways. We all volunteer our time within the P&C and everyone has different skills. And that's what we need. Skills that are vast and varied to obtain our goals and have a successful P&C.

Any further questions please don't hesitate to contact the P&C Via our email

riverbankpandc@gmail.com

Lesley Parsons P&C President

NAB

Just a reminder that Nab has program – The Inducer Program. If you are needing to re finance or are thinking of a new loan. Please consider NAB. Pop into NAB at Rouse Hill and mention, Riverbank P&C as referred you. By doing this and taking up a loan or re financing an existing loan. A % of that loan will be given to as. Please contact NAB with any further inquiries.

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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 me or drop to 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

Dates to remember for P&C

Term 1

24th Febuary 2016 @ 7pm school staff room

23rd March 2016 @ 7pm School Staff room

Term 2

April No meeting

29th April School Disco

25th May AGM @ 7pm School staff room

22nd June 2016 @ 7pm School staff room

Term 3

27th July 2016 @ 7pm School staff room

24th August 2016 @ school staff room

September no Meeting School Hoildays

Term 4

26th October 2016 @ 7pm school Hoildays

23rd November 2016 @ 7pm School staff room



P&C CORNER



Education

Mrs Lesley Parsons
President
Riverbank Public School Parents and Citizens Association
Riverbank Public School
25 Wentworth Street
THE PONDS NSW 2769

RML15/5541

Dear Mrs Parsons

I write in response to your letter of 27 November 2015, to the Hon Adrian Piccoli MP, Minister for Education, regarding land opposite Riverbank Public School, The Ponds. The Minister has asked me to respond on his behalf.

The land was purchased when the Department of Education acquired the land for The Ponds High School and Riverbank Public School.

When Riverbank Drive was extended to Hambledon Road, the land in question ended up being separated from the school sites by Riverbank Drive. As such, it is no longer part of the school sites and is considered surplus to educational requirements.

The Department exchanged Contracts for the sale of the land on 8 December 2015. The net proceeds of the sale will be invested in the provision of school infrastructure.

Should you have any questions or require any further information, please contact Mr Roger Millott, Property Officer, by telephone on 9561 8958 or email at roger.millott@det.nsw.edu.au.

Yours sincerely

Anthony Perrau
Executive Director, Asset Management
14 December 2015



P&C CORNER



Meeting for P&C

**Notice of NO AGM 24th
February 2016**

Notice of General Meeting to proceed

Reasons – Riverbank Public School P&C financials haven't been submitted due to school Holidays. All P&C's that are incorporated have a financial year from January to December.

- Motion put forward to have an AGM on the 25th May 2016
- P&C Financials should be submitted to the P&C Federation one month prior to the AGM.
- Changing the date gives the treasurer reasonable time allocation for auditing which is a legal requirement for the P&C.

Notice of General Meeting to proceed.

We welcome your attendance to the

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 24th February 2016

7pm

1. Presidents Report
2. Principals Report

3. General Business
 - Traffic
 - Disco Volunteers
 - Positions Available

- Event Manager – School Disco/other
- Fathers/Mothers/Easter/Christmas/Raffle Coordinator
- Air Conditioner Coordinator
- School Planning Coordinator
- Sponsorship Coordinator
- *Note new members are welcome. Its \$ 1.00 to be a P&C member and have voting rights within the committee. Please be advised the above positions are available and are needed to be filled. The School and P&C need help with coordinating these roles for further fundraising.*



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Contact: women@lifeac.org.au



Keep our kids safe!

Park legally in school zones

No Parking

- Drivers may stop in this zone to drop off or pick up passengers or goods for a maximum of 2 minutes.
- The driver **MUST** remain in or within 3 metres of the vehicle at all times.
- The vehicle must not be left unattended.
- If times of operation are shown on the sign, the restriction only applies during the times shown.
- No Parking zones can also be used to drop off and pick up children.



No Stopping

- Stopping is not permitted at any time.
- If times of operation are shown on the sign, the restriction only applies during the times shown.



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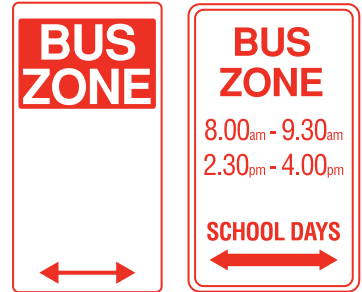
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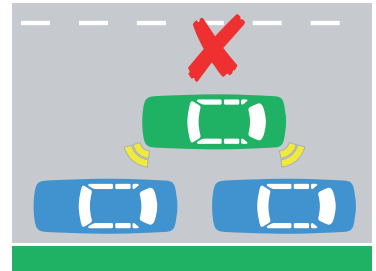
Bus Zones

- Drivers are not permitted to stop within a bus zone at any time.
- If times of operation are shown on the sign, the restriction only applies during the times shown.



Double Parking

- Drivers are not permitted to stop or park between the centre of the road and another vehicle that is parked at the side of the road.
- Double parking decreases visibility for motorists and pedestrians, and significantly reduces road safety around schools.



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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.

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.

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.

Find out more

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



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