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	Term 4 Important Calendar Dates	
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Week 2	Life Education
20 October	PSSA Summer commences, Assembly 3/4W
Week 3	Life Education
25 October	P&C Meeting 9am, Interrelate Education 6pm John Palmer PS
27 October	PSSA, Assembly KS
Week 4	
30 October	Grandparents afternoon 2pm
1 November	School Parliament
2 November	2018 Kindergarten Transition to school 9.15am to 11am
3 November	PSSA, Assembly 5/6R
Week 5	
9 November	2018 Kindergarten Transition to school 9.15am to 11am
10 November	Remembrance Day Service 11.30am, PSSA, Assembly 1/2G
Week 6	
16 November	2018 Kindergarten Transition to school 9.15am to 11am
17 November	PSSA, Assembly 5/6C

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Ridges Festival of the Arts

Congratulations to our school choir and dance groups on their outstanding performances at last Friday night's Ridges Musical Festival. Thanks to Miss Edwards and Ms MacMasters for coordinating the choir and to Mr Cain, Ms Harris, Mrs Govender for leading the performance groups and the many teachers who volunteered to assist with the concert. Our thanks also to Mrs Chavda parent volunteer who has taught our Bollywood students to dance every Wednesday afternoon. It was a spectacular performance and I was very proud of our students for representing Riverbank PS. We look forward to showcasing all of our performance groups on Tuesday 28 November from 6pm in the High School hall. Invitations will be sent home.

Grandparents Afternoon

NSW Grandparents Day celebrates the contributions grandparents make to their families and communities. It recognises the diversity of grandparent relationships across age groups, cultural backgrounds, and geographical locations. This year NSW Grandparents Day will be celebrated on Sunday 29 October. Riverbank Public School warmly invites our grandparents to join us on Monday 30 October between 2:10 - 2:50pm for an afternoon of fun in our classrooms. We understand that some of our students may not have a grandparent able to attend, therefore they are more than welcome to invite a special person such as an aunt, uncle or family friend along. Notes have been sent home.

2019 Year 7 Selective High School Applications

Applications for placement in Year 7 at a Selective High School in 2019 are now open. Applications must be submitted online by parents/carers of current Year 5 students before Monday 13 November. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held next year on Thursday 15 March 2018. For further information and to apply, go to: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement .

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>

Application information handbooks are also available from the school office.

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The Hills Public Speaking Competition

Congratulations to Mia for winning the Hills Public Speaking Stage 3 competition.

In Mia's own words.....

Yesterday, I had the opportunity to participate in the Hills Public Speaking grand finals. I arrived with Mrs Neldner, the public speaking coordinator, at Toongabie public school and was asked to sit down with my fellow competitors. While we waited to be called up on stage to present our speech we were asked to sit quietly and listen to other peoples presentation. When it was my turn to speak my heart dropped. I was very nervous to present my speech because this was the make or break moment. But I fought my nerves and walked onto the stage. I presented my speech with as much passion and emphasis as I could. Once I had finished my speech I felt a rush of relief and happiness. I felt that I did well and no matter what the outcome I had tried my best. But that wasn't all I had to do. After we had all presented our speeches the head coordinator lead us to one of the classrooms in the school, and told us to sit down in a special order we had been placed in. I was number four. So, I sat down and waited for my number to be called to start writing my impromptu speech. An impromptu speech is a speech that you have to write in five minutes after they have given you a specific topic. The topic was "You have brains in your head, you have feet in your shoes, you can steer yourself in any direction you choose". So I scribbled down some dot points and ideas and presented my speech. I thought I had done okay afterwards and was proud of myself for trying.

The suspense, the waiting, it was killing me. Finally everyone had finished, and we all sat back down in our seats and waited patiently. The judges, Tara Hoskings and Judy Burns walked up onto the stage. They started talking about how we were all winners and that we had done a great job to get this far, but in my head was saying, 'tell me who won'! And then she said it. The winner is number four Mia Wilson. So I leapt up off my chair and grabbed that beautiful trophy, a huge smile on my face. I ran to my parents and hugged them as tight as I could, I was super excited. At the very start of the competition I told myself, I was going to win this, and I did! So I am going to finish this by saying, anybody that wants to achieve something. Go for it! I was very proud to have my Principal Mrs Brown, Mrs Neldner, Mum and Dad in the audience cheering me on!



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Debating

On Monday 16 October, our debating team completed in the final round of the Ridges Friendly Debating Competition. The topic of the debate was 'Australia needs a new flag'. Our team competed against Kellyville Ridge Public School and we represented the negative side. The team worked efficiently during the holidays to ensure they had strong arguments and rebuttals. They successfully won the debate. Congratulations to Darci, Anhad, Himani and Arnav!

2018 Kindergarten Transition

We anticipate 150 Kindergarten students in 2018. Transition to school dates:

Thursday 2 November 9.15am -10.45am	Parent and Student session
Thursday 9 November 9.15am -10.15am	Student session only (Uniforms on sale)
Thursday 16 November 9.15am -10.15am	Student session only (Uniforms on sale)

Interrelate



Notes have been sent home inviting parents and children to attend an event run by Interrelate on Wednesday 25 October from 6pm at John Palmer PS. This event is co-hosted with Riverbank PS. Interrelate is a not-for-profit organisation and receives no government funding for their school education work. With over 90 years' experience in this field, Interrelate has a reputation for providing excellence in sexuality and relationship education. Many parents find it hard to discuss questions relating to sexuality education. Interrelate programs are interactive, family focused and are conducted by highly trained and experienced educators, who adhere to a strict code of ethics.

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

For more information- <http://www.interrelate.org.au/>

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Events this term

- Creative and Performing Arts evening Tuesday 28 November 6pm
- Volunteers Afternoon Tea Wednesday 29 November 1.30pm
- Year 6 Dinner Thursday 30 November
- Excellence Assemblies Wednesday 6 December Yrs 3-6 9.30am and K-2 11.30am
- K-2 Christmas Concert Tuesday 12 December
- Year 6 final assembly Friday 15 December 1.45pm

P&C Movie evening

Saturday 25 November

Come along and enjoy a wonderful evening watching Paper Planes under the stars on our school oval. More information will be sent home. The students voted for the movie at one of our recent School Parliament sessions.

Term 4 Calendar

An updated term 4 Calendar has been included in this Newsletter.

Finally,

Happy Diwali to all our families celebrating this week. Diwali is a festival of lights and is one of the most prominent and famous Hindu festivals of India.

Looking forward to a wonderful term.

Jeanie Brown
Principal

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MESSAGE from the DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Parent Portal

The Parent Portal is added to on a regular basis. This week I have added a module where parents who have students in Years 3 and 5 can examine their child's NAPLAN results.

All parents are able to look and print off your child's last report and examine attendance data.

Tell Them From Me (TTFM)

Last chance, closes this week!

The Partners in Learning parent survey is part of the Tell Them From Me suite of surveys on student engagement. The parent survey helps to clarify and strengthen the important relationship between parent and school. The survey is designed to measure, assess and report insights from the parent point of view at the school and system levels. The focus of this NSW survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

The surveys will be conducted in all participating schools between Monday 28 August (Week 7, Term 3) and Friday 20 October 2017 (Week 2, Term 4).

The Survey for Riverbank's Parents will be open from Monday August 28 until Friday October 20 2017. If you would like to complete the survey use the link below.

<https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/trbg5>

Walkathon

It was great to see all of our students getting amongst the action and walking around the school for Riverbanks walk-a-thon. Thank you to all those in the community who chose to sponsor a child for this annual event.

All money is due by Thursday October 26.

Michael Kammerer

Deputy Principal

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UNIFORM SHOP

There is a new summer uniform option for girls:

Girls short sleeve blouse \$28

Girls pleated shorts \$26

Available NOW sizes 6, 8, 10, 12 & 14

Sizes 4, 16 & 18 can be ordered – these will take approximately 6-8 weeks



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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.

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

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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:



YELLOW KEY

Care for Others

GREEN KEY

Think Before Reacting

BLUE KEY

Respect Yourself

RED KEY

Work Together for a
Non Violent Way

BLACK KEY

Expect the Best

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

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Congratulations to our Term 4 Week 1 K-2 Merit Awards recipients



<u>Class</u>		<u>Class</u>	
KE	Shreya, Danishbir	KCN	Alvin, Chloe
KJ	Mariam, Ryshee	KG	James, Atif
KGW	Anisa, Rithik	KM	Thea, Drisha
KS	Maveen, Partik	1/2B	Himani, Charizze
1/2D	Tegan, Max	1/2F	Jiya, Hashvith
1/2G	Noah, Ganya	1/2H	Ela, Finn
1/2J	Agam, Aayush	1/2K	Nelson, Orlando
1/2L	Jaskaran, Manaal	1/2M	Ishan, Kareena
1/2N	Kayleigh, Krisha	1/2R	Sanjog, Aansh
1/2S	Ananya, Jeevan	1/2T	Sophie, Vihaan
K-2S	Jarvis		

RPS Sport Update

Summer PSSA

Summer PSSA will resume this week and is a continuation from Term 1. Training will be held on Wednesday lunchtimes. Please speak to your coach if there are any issues regarding attending Friday PSSA. Students will need to be at school at 8.30am to mark the role for PSSA before boarding buses. Our PSSA uniforms have arrived and students are very excited to wear them on the sporting field.



Swim Scheme

Swim scheme for Years 2-4 will be held in weeks 7 and 8. There are limited places left so if you are interested in your child attending this program, please return the note to your classroom teacher.

Ben Cain

Sports Organiser

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WALK-A-THON



On Thursday the 12 October, Riverbank Public School held our third annual Walk-a-thon. Students looked absolutely fantastic dressed up in all their different stage themes. We all thoroughly enjoyed walking around our school with our peers and teachers, whilst also raising money for our wonderful school on a beautifully sunny day! Those oranges and ice blocks gave us all much needed relief and we thank The Ponds Woolworths for donating these treats for us!

There are still some fabulous prizes that could be won by getting out there, being active and receiving donations from friends or family so keep on raising our thermometers! Prizes will be announced at our Monday morning assembly in Week 4.

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

The Walk-a-thon Team



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Stage 2 Went to the Zoo

On Tuesday, Stage 2 hopped on some buses and headed to Taronga Zoo. This excursion was part of our geography unit 'Earth's Environment'. We got up close with a blue-tongue lizard, a snake and a pygmy possum. We visited rainforests and even took a plane trip to Sumatra to see the Sumatran tigers. We learnt about sustainability and will explore it further this term. A great day was had by all.



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Ray White Nolan & Iken

is proud to announce the start of our
“Give Back” program for 2017.

From now until the **15 December 2017**, we will be donating
\$500 from every **sale** in **The Ponds** and

\$200 from every **property management** in **The Ponds**.

All funds will go directly towards **Riverbank Public School P&C fundraising initiatives**.

If you are looking to sell or know someone who is, please contact

Rod Nolan on **0416 120 224** or rod.nolan@raywhite.com and

help us give **back to the community**.



Library Off the Shelf



Borrowing

Thank you to the students who have returned their books from last term. Please remember to return your books as soon as possible. If you forget to bring your book on your library day, it can be returned at any time during the school week.

This term, there will be **no borrowing in Week 5**, due to the Book Fair and **borrowing will finish for the year in Week 7** due to library stocktake.

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

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

Book Club

Thank you for your continued support of Book Club this year. All purchases earn valuable rewards for our school to spend on resources for the library. Issue 7 will be distributed in the coming weeks. The closing date for orders will be advised in the next newsletter .



BOOK FAIR

Our final Book Fair for the year will be held from Monday 6th November until Friday 10th November (Week 5). Opening hours for purchases are:

- 8:30am – 9:00am each day
- Recess each day
- 3:00pm – 3:30pm each day
- Thursday 9th November from 10:15am for Kindergarten 2018 families

Brochures will be distributed to students in Week 4 and they will have the opportunity to complete a 'Wish List'. Both of these can be used to make online payments for books, which the children can then collect from the Fair.

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

LOOK!

SCHOLASTIC  Book Fairs

You're invited to our Scholastic **BOOK FAIR!**



All purchases
earn books and
learning resources
for our school!

Date Mon 6th – Fri 10th November 2017

Time Recess | Before & after school
| PLUS Thursday 9th Nov.

Place Upstairs in the library

during Kinder 2018 transition

Find these books and hundreds more at the Fair!

 SCHOLASTIC

Parents: Are You Registered For **LOOP**?

Linked **O**nline **O**rdering & **P**ayment platform for Book Club

We're offering parents who are registered for **LOOP** the opportunity to earn up to **three Bonus Books** in our **Bonus Book Bonanza** on Issue 7!

Give the gift of reading this Christmas and get extra books for **all** the young readers on your list! Simply order and pay via **LOOP** for your chance to qualify.



Did you know?

Every time a family orders from Book Club, on average, their school receives enough Scholastic Rewards to buy another book for the library, or classroom library shelves!

Head to scholastic.com.au/LOOP and register today!



SOME OF THE EXCITING NEW TITLES INSIDE ISSUE 7!



ISSUE 7 HAS A \$1 GOLD COIN BOOK!

Nobody has to miss out on Book Club!

Term 4

Riverbank Public School

2017

Term Four	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
Week 1	9 October	10 October Stage 2 Zoo Excursion	11 October	12 October K-6 Walkathon	13 October Assembly K-2 Ridges Music Festival	14 15 Oct
2	16 October Life Education 	17 October	18 October	19 October	20 October PSSA resumes Assembly 3-6	21 22 Oct
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7	20 November Swimming Scheme Yrs 2-4 	21 November	22 November Parliament	23 November	24 November Assembly K-2	25 26 Nov
8	27 November Swimming Scheme Yrs 2-4 	28 November CAPA Spectacular 6pm	29 November Scripture Assembly Volunteers Afternoon Tea	30 November Year 6 Dinner	1 December Assembly 3-6 Last day of PSSA	2 3 Dec
9	4 December	5 December	6 December Excellence Assembly	7 December	8 December	9 10 Dec
10	11 December Reports Home	12 December K-2 Christmas Concert	13 December Celebration of Learning – student fun day	14 December Talent Quest	15 December Year 6 Final Assembly Last Day for Students	16 17 Dec
11	18 December	19 December	20 December	21 December	22 December	23 24 Dec

Riverbank Public School P&C Family Movie Night

25th November 2017
at Riverbank Public School Oval

Tickets
\$5
at the gate

PAPER PLANES



Gates open at 6:30pm and the movie starts at 8pm
Gates close at 7:30pm

Sausage sizzle by Rotary, snow cones, fairy floss, food vans
and a second hand bookshop.

Bring a picnic rug and enjoy the family fun environment to
raise money for Riverbank Public School P&C!