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	Term 4 Important Calendar Dates	
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Week 4	
30 October	Grandparents afternoon Classroom visits 2pm -3pm
1 November	School Parliament
2 November	2018 Kindergarten Transition to school 9.15am to 11am
3 November	PSSA, Assembly 5/6R
Week 5	BOOK FAIR
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
Week 7	Yrs 2-4 Swimming Scheme
22 November	School Parliament
24 November	PSSA, Assembly KG
Week 8	Yrs 2-4 Swimming Scheme
28 November	CAPA Spectacular
29 November	Scripture assembly Community Volunteer's Assembly
1 December	PSSA, Assembly 5/6N

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Last Friday we celebrated World Teachers' Day. It was the perfect opportunity to celebrate the wonderful work our teaching staff do here at RPS...thank you teachers, you do so much to support our students!!



Annual Walk-a-Thon

Thank you for supporting our recent walk-a-thon. We have raised just over \$11,000 for technology resources. A tremendous effort by everyone.

Remembrance Day Service

Remembrance Day is a day of special significance to all Australians, commemorating the loss of Australian lives in all wars, conflicts and peace operations. On Friday 10 November, our School Captains will lead our Remembrance Day service. Our ceremony will commence at 11.30am, once students have returned from PSSA. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Planning for 2018

We are busily planning in preparation for next year. To allow us to plan as effectively as possible, we would like those families who know they will not be returning to the school next year to confirm these details as soon as possible. If you are aware that your child will return to school late next year, I ask that you confirm these details as well. We are anticipating 1050 students, with 41 mainstream classes and 3 support classes.

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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2018 Kindergarten Transition

We are looking forward to welcoming 175 Kindergarten students in 2018.

Transition to school dates are:

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)

Events this term

- **Creative and Performing Arts evening Tuesday 28 November 6pm**
- **Community Helpers Afternoon Tea Wednesday 29 November 1.15pm**
- **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**

Congratulations Rishi

A big shout out to Rishi for being recognised as one of the youngest and most promising inventors after his Outdoor Motivator Guru (OMG) won the nods of judges at the 2017 Origin's Little Big Idea competition. Rishi won the Grade 3-4 prize worth \$1,000 and an invitation to the Engineers Without Borders (EWB) design workshop with other finalists in Sydney to help further develop his idea. Outstanding achievement, well done!

<http://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/newslocal/rouse-hill-times/young-rishis-omg-makes-him-a-top-inventor/news-story/6dc4944a681da7db3740bc6634208325>

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P&C Movie evening Saturday 25 November

Come along and enjoy a wonderful evening watching Paper Planes under the stars on our school oval.

Finally

I am always available to meet with parents and family members, so please feel free to pop in and see me anytime to have a chat. I value suggestions and feedback from students, parents and families so we can keep providing the best educational opportunities for our children.

It was lovely to see so many grandparents join us this week during open classrooms. It was a memorable occasion for the students.

Our thoughts go out to the Nolan family after their house fire last night. Isabel was in year 6 last year. Mr Nolan is a wonderful sponsor of our P&C.

Have a lovely fortnight.

**Jeanie Brown
Principal**

Community Helpers Afternoon Tea - Wednesday 29 November 1.15pm

The staff and students of Riverbank Public School would like to extend an invitation to all parents, friends and community members who have assisted our school in any way this year.

Please join us on

Wednesday 29 November at 1.15pm in the school library.

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MESSAGE from the DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Parent Portal

The Parent Portal is added to on a regular basis. I have recently 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>

Michael Kammerer
Deputy Principal



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 3 K-2 Merit Awards recipients

<u>Class</u>		<u>Class</u>	
KE	Sanjana, Armaan	KCN	Anaya, Aaron
KJ	Harper, Akshara	KG	Abraz, Shreya
KGW	Mereana, Zachery	KM	Stacey, Mika'il
KS	Priyanka, Keya	1/2B	Christopher, Violet
1/2D	Yash, Sophie	1/2F	Madeline, Akshara
1/2G	Sophia, Shardae	1/2H	Mufaddal, Jhaanavi
1/2J	Ali, Shravan	1/2K	Abeer, Finn
1/2L	Alishba, Lucas	1/2M	Timothy, Diya
1/2N	Koby, Georgie	1/2R	Olympia, Sarina
1/2S	Vesna, Ananya	1/2T	Yana, Samuel
K-2S	Cosmo	K-2G	Ethan

Congratulations to our Term 4 Week 2 3-6 Merit Awards recipients

<u>Class</u>		<u>Class</u>	
3/4A	Jake, Aarchi, Lachlan	5/6B	Sidak, Rohan, Angela
3/4B	Deeya, Shreyas, Vanessa	5/6C	Jogesh, Mahmoud, Himani
3/4J	Tvisha, Rehan, Adam	5/6L	Rory, Zaid, Alyse
3/4L	Evie, Hitesh, Rishi	5/6N	Chanel, Anoop, Angad
3/4R	Jorja-Lily, Oscar, Samarpal	5/6R	Sanjam, Anthony, Jaskirit
3/4T	Ishmam, Nathan, Prisha	5/6T	Alicia, Marvin, Keira
3/4W	Lily, Sahaj, Aditya		

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Grandparents Day 2017





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**.

An advertisement for Manushya Advisory. At the top left is a circular logo with a globe. To its right, the text 'Manushya Advisory' is written in white on a blue background. Below this, a person in a blue shirt is shown holding a small white house model. To the left of the person are four stacked boxes with the words 'HUMANITY', 'PROPERTY', 'YOUR', and 'FUTURE' in white text. Below the person, a green box contains the text: 'Manushya Advisory is a boutique business of new house and land that project manage the build in its entirety to all stages of construction up to handover.' At the bottom left is a circular portrait of a man. To his right, the text 'Darshan Lal' is followed by a phone icon and '0431 362 258', and an email icon and 'manushya.advisory@tpg.com.au'.

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
3	23 October Life Education 	24 October	25 October P&C 9am Interrelate Years 3-6 6pm John Palmer PS	26 October	27 October Assembly K-2	28 29 Oct
4	30 October Grandparents afternoon 2pm	31 October	1 November Parliament	2 November 2018 Kindergarten Transition	3 November Assembly 3-6	4 5 Nov
5	6 November	7 November	8 November	9 November 2018 Kindergarten Transition	10 November Remembrance Day Service Assembly K-2	11 12 Nov
6	13 November	14 November	15 November	16 November 2018 Kindergarten Transition	17 November Assembly 3-6	18 19 Nov
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



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**?



Register for **LOOP** and keep an eye on your inbox for special offers!

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!

Creative Arts

at Riverbank

Music Tuition:

Thank you to all of our students who elected to be a part of our music tuition program this term.

Currently our program is catering for students who are interested in learning how to play the guitar or the violin.

We had an overwhelming response from the students in Year 2 to 5. Due to limited availability, we are unfortunately unable to provide this opportunity to all students who have shown interest.

Students who returned their notes, however did not receive a place in the program, have been placed onto a waiting list in-case positions become available.

We will be sending another interest form home shortly, for music tuition in 2018.

We look forward to your continued support.

Class Canvases:

We are very proud to have all of the class canvases displayed in our office. Each class completed a canvas as a part of their Visual Arts unit last term.

Students should be very proud of all the work they put in to their canvas. They all look amazing!

Dates to remember:

Creative Arts Spectacular

Come along to a wonderful performance night filled with singing, dancing and drama, and support the students in our Riverbank performance groups.

Date: Tuesday 28th November

Time: 6pm

Location: The Ponds HS Hall

More information for families and for the students involved in the performance will be sent home in the next coming weeks.

Looking forward to seeing you all there!

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!



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