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Term 4Important Calendar Dates				
Week 6				
16 November	2018 Kindergarten Transition to school 9.15am to 10.20am			
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			

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29 November	Scripture assembly			
	Community Volunteer's Afternoon Tea			
30 November	Year 6 Dinner			
1 December	PSSA, Assembly 5/6N			
Week 9				
6 December	Excellence Assemblies			
Week 10				
11 December	Reports home			
12 December	K-2 Christmas Concert			
13 December	Celebration of Learning Day –class picnics and disco			
15 December	Last day of school, year 6 final assembly at 1.45pm.			

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Remembrance Day Services





Remembrance Day is a day of special significance to all Australians, commemorating the loss of Australian lives in all wars, conflicts and peace operations. Last Friday our School Captains led our Remembrance Day service and represented RPS at a service at Riverstone-Schofields RSL sub Branch.

2018 Kindergarten

We have enjoyed welcoming our 2018 Kindergarten families for the first two of our three sessions of '**Kindy School**' transition program. A big thank you to Mrs Gibbs, Ms Thoroughgood and the Kindergarten team for coordinating the events and to Mrs Newton and her amazing Administrative Team for impeccable organisation. We currently have 185 students enrolled and we will be forming 10 kindergarten classes.

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. This information is critical for the school's planning, since staffing and student enrolment numbers affects class structures. We are anticipating 1050 students, with 41 mainstream classes and 3 support classes.

Celebration of Learning

On Wednesday 13 December, all students will celebrate 2017 by attending stage discos in our school hall, followed by class picnics.

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Creative and Performing Arts Spectacular Evening

On Tuesday 28 November, our creative and performing arts groups will be performing their items in the High School Hall from 6.00 pm. This will be a wonderful evening showcasing the enormous talent we have at RPS.

K-2 Concert

K-2 families are invited to attend our end of year K-2 concert. Students have been working hard this term practising songs and dance routines for your enjoyment. The concert will be held on Tuesday 12 December in the School Hall.

- Kindergarten 9.30am -10.30am
- Stage 1 11.30am -1pm

2017 Excellence Assembly

Please join us in acknowledging our students' achievements as we celebrate excellence and effort. You are invited to attend our Excellence Assemblies on Wednesday 6 December in our School Hall.

- 9.15am Years 3 6
- 11.30am Kindergarten to Year 2

Please add the date and time on your calendar. Parents and carers will be notified in advance if their child is receiving an award. Please note, however, that some awards are only announced on the day. Everyone is welcome to attend; it is not by invitation only.

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.

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

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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

Last Thursday and Friday, I had the pleasure of being invited to attend a symposium as part of the Department's Education for a Changing World initiative. This initiative was about exploring the implications of advances in Artificial Intelligence (AI) and automation, and the reforms that may need to be set in motion now to ensure education best prepares young people to successfully navigate a more complex world. I am proud that our focus at Riverbank is to develop our students' critical thinking skills, encourage them to build positive relationships and have a voice through our circle time activities. Next year we will continue with weekly coding lessons and introduce robotics to students.

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.

Have a lovely fortnight.

Jeanie Brown Principal

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MESSAGE from the DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

<u>Pets</u>

Pets MUST NOT be brought onto school grounds. This is Departmental Policy. Children have allergies, fears and anxieties that others may not be aware of. No matter how placid you believe your animal to be, it cannot be brought onto school grounds.

Thank you for your understanding regarding this matter.

Absences

The Department is completing their annual audit on all absences for the year. I will be sending out reminders for absences where the school has not received an explanation. It is extremely important that reasons are received for outstanding absences, as the Department does regularly inspect these.

Your child's absence/s are easily accessible on the Parent Portal.

If you are going on an extended vacation, it is important that you complete the correct documentation before you leave. There are forms located at the school front office that should be completed before your departure. If this documentation is not completed, you may be stopped at the airport and unable to continue on your journey.

Scooters

Children riding to and from school on their scooters must wear a helmet, as it is an enforceable law. Once on school grounds, students must walk their scooters to and from the bike stand. We have had a few instances where students are exiting the school's back gate, riding their scooters in a dangerous manner.

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.

Michael Kammerer Deputy Principal

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Last Day for student banking is Wednesday 6 December 2017.

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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:



<u>YELLOW KEY</u> <u>GREEN KEY</u> <u>BLUE KEY</u> <u>RED KEY</u>

BLACK KEY

Care for Others Think Before Reacting Respect Yourself Work Together for a Non Violent Way 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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RPS Sport Update

Summer PSSA

Summer PSSA has resumed and our sports people are enjoying their stylish outfits. Look out for some great results on the field this term.

Week 4 Round 8

<u>AFL</u>

Riverbank PS vs Kellyville Ridge PS

JuniorsLost 1-68Team Player – RileySeniorsLost 0-104Team Player – Sahil

Best and Fairest - Imran Best and Fairest - Darci

The players looked the part in their new Riverbank AFL jerseys as they took the field on Friday. Both the junior and senior teams showed excellent perseverance to keep on expecting the best throughout the entirety of each match. There was plenty of excitement throughout the matches as Riverbank came close to scoring a number of goals, unfortunately Kellyville Ridge were too strong in the backline and we were unable to break through.

NRL Tag

Riverbank PS vs Rouse Hill PS B

JuniorsLost 2-10Team Player – Lachlan SBest and Fairest - SanahSeniorsLost 5-15Team Player – Cameron ZBest and Fairest – Ashley DJuniors started off slowlybut were able to quickly warm up. They made some good plays andfound space along the wings resulting in two exciting tries. There were also some great defensiveefforts, with special mention to Lachlan and Maehe who both ran a distance to make heroic try-saving tags. Well done Juniors.

Seniors moved the ball well and played as a team. Thanks to some crafty footwork from Cameron and passing from Navi, we were able to put quite a few points on the scoreboard. It is very exciting to see this team improve every week and I look forward to seeing how far we can go.

T-Ball/Softball

Riverbank PS vs Rouse Hill PS 2

T-Ball Lost 8-16Team Player – Tanvi**Softball**Lost 3-5Team Player – Keira

Best and Fairest – Tvisha Best and Fairest – Yanee

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After a long and arduous wait due to the weather, the girls finally hit the field brimming with nervous energy. Our T-Ballers took a couple of innings to get runs on the board as we were great getting on base but just could not complete that run final home. Then Misha stepped up to the plate with grim determination stamped across her brow. The team knew their luck was about to change and Misha didn't disappoint, eventually running in for our first home. Super fielding efforts from Zeba, Charlie and Madeline to chase down hits that lead to outs. Tvisha was a star scorer getting home twice and earning herself the coach's award. Tanvi was the team choice as she proved herself invaluable in the field thwarting a couple of attempts from our opposition to get runners home or on base.

The nerves and tension in the softball game was high. Nails were bitten to the wick as we had a few new and uncertain players in the team. Our opposition batted first and put in a fine effort. Our team fielded strongly with many in unknown positions – it has been a while since our last game. Keira managed a couple of fantastic outs as shortstop and, when batting, gave the ball an almighty whack through to the outfield. Her efforts earnt her the team vote and a massive boost to her confidence. Yanee stepped up to pitch in the second innings but was replaced by Alyse as her nerves just got too much. In the end, due to uneven innings, the scores reverted and our nerves were totally un-necessary as this game was virtually neck and neck throughout. Well done to every player this week.

Week 5 Round 9

<u>AFL</u>

Riverbank PS vs Parklea PS

JuniorsLost 3-47Team Player – RileySeniorsLost 0-58Team Player – Darci

Best and Fairest - Imran Best and Fairest - Aahil

This week both junior and senior teams fought hard and made big improvements. Riverbank had plenty of opportunities to score in both games, unfortunately we kept just missing out on getting the ball between the posts by a small amount. We will work hard in training next week on our kicking and hopefully we will start to kick some goals. In the juniors, we kicked a ball through the goals, but it was unfortunately touched leading to a behind.

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NRL Tag

Riverbank PS vs Quakers Hill East PS

Juniors	Lost 2-10	Team Player – Maehe	Best and Fairest – Lachlan S		
Seniors	Lost 2-11	Team Player – Cameron Z	Best and Fairest – Lily T		
Seniors played a strong game, scoring two tries early on. Unfortunately we had a few cracks in our					
defense which allowed the opposition to slip through and score some easy points on the wing. The					
team put on a good display of sportsmanship.					

Juniors continue to improve each week. There was much more communication in defense which was pleasing to see. A skillful play set up by Maehe and Lachy resulted in the best try of the season so far. Keep up the hard work juniors!

T-Ball/Softball

Riverbank PS vs Quakers Hill East PS

Teeball	Draw 20-20	Team Player – Madeline	Best and Fairest – Charlie
Softball	Lost 3-5	Team Player – Sanjam	Best and Fairest – Shivanna

Juniors

Bang! The ball was out of there! Everyone made it home in the first innings with the girls pumped and ready for another win. The other team managed to sneak back into the game with determination and teamwork. The last play of the game saw the girls up 20-16 with QHE having loaded bases. Their batter stepped up and belted the ball to the outfield going past 2nd base and right field. The girls were scrambling to get the ball back to the home plate but unfortunately it was just too slow and all the batters made it home. All the girls played with pride, grit and determination. Better luck next time.

Seniors

What is sneaking? Well the girls learnt something new today. Against a formidable opponent who seemed to know all the tricks of the trade. The girls started to pick up some of these skills, however, it was too late and they were already at the bottom of the second innings. The girls skills and teamwork is getting a lot better and they are starting to build their confidence in hitting, catching and throwing. Keep trying your hardest and better luck next time.

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Swim Scheme

Swim scheme for Years 2-4 will be held in Weeks 7 and 8. These two weeks will be busy with students developing essential swimming skills.

NRL Backyard League

K-2 students will be participating in a free backyard league clinic at school. Students will be involved in sessions at school during Week 6 and 7 on their sport days.

All 3-6 students will be participating in the NRL Backyard League clinic session on Thursday 16 November. They will need to wear their sports uniform on this day.

Ben Cain Sports Organiser



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Congratulations to our Term 4 Week 5 K-2 Merit Awards recipients

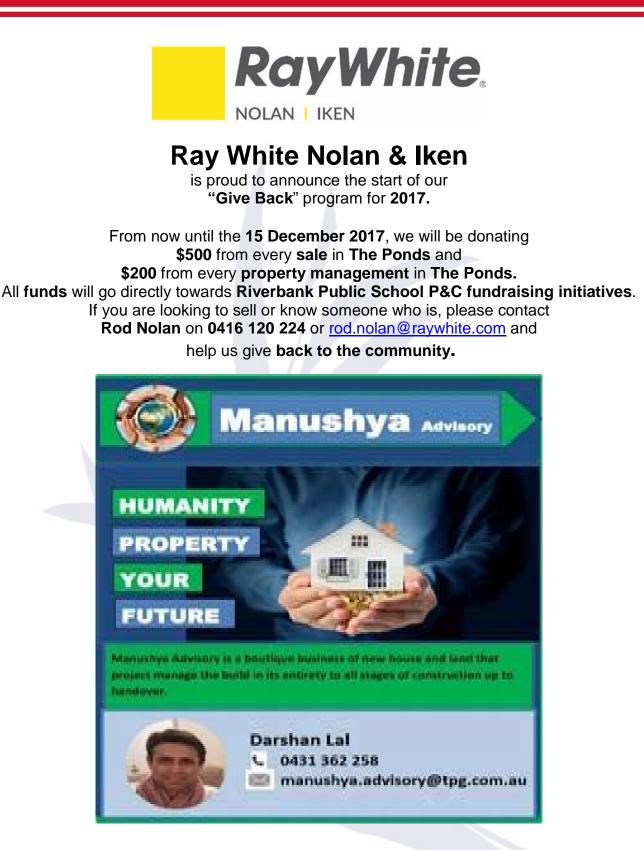
<u>Class</u>		<u>Class</u>	
KE	Nishal, Summer	KCN	Aarush, Mahith
KJ	Isaac, Jasgeet	KG	Rehatveer, Anita
KGW	Jiya, Rohan	КМ	Benjamin, Angelena
KS	Ethan, Maveen	1/2B	Jayden, Diesel
1/2D	Luke, Vishruth	1/2F	Ali, Rayyan
1/2G	Kaitlyn, Eva	1/2H	Jeremy, Delienaa
1/2J	Dayaanand, Zayd	1/2K	Alisa, Chase
1/2L	Sahil, Priyal	1/2M	Diya
1/2N	Carrington, Mahi	1/2R	Judah, Trisha
1/2S	Thalia, Kian	1/2T	Anvita, Mahi

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

<u>Class</u>		<u>Class</u>	
3/4A	Dhruv, Ty, Karim	5/6B	Mustafa, Divjot, Tanisha
3/4B	Dilkeet, Maania, Nishmitha	5/6C	Brooklyn, Karan, Damon
3/4J	Tanvi, Madeline, Hamza	5/6L	Phoebe, Hamza, Dhun
3/4L	Mannat, Zainab, Madison	5/6N	Arnav, Mia, Arya
3/4R	Jasmine, Riley, Zoe	5/6R	Sahil, Siya, Owen
3/4T	Natalie, Hamza, Anshul	5/6T	Abigail, Aaron, Marvin
3/4W	Orika, Mikaela, Amelia	2-6H	Gian

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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 P&C Movie 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



Borrowing

Next week (Week 7) will be the FINAL week for borrowing this year. Remember, books can be returned anytime by putting them in the RETURNS box, located near the main library doors. It has been wonderful to be able to increase our borrowing limits for students this year. We hope to increase this even further in 2018. It has been excellent to see how adept many students are now in using Oliver/Orbit to search, borrow, renew and reserve books.

ALL BOOKS MUST BE RETURNED BY \checkmark Friday 1st December.

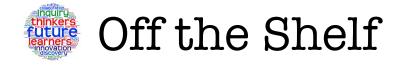
Please note: Any students that are finishing the school year early need to ensure that all books are returned prior to departure.



Book Club

Issue 8 catalogues should be distributed to students this week. This is the FINAL issue for 2017. The catalogue can also be accessed online <u>here</u>. Ordering will close on 1/12/17.

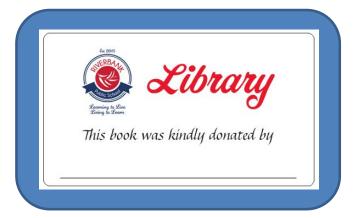




Book Fair

Last week's Book Fair was an *amazing success*. Students and their families bought lots of books- there were times when our queues rivalled the post-Christmas sales! We cannot thank our Riverbank families enough for their support of this event.

Our new families starting in 2018 also donated many new books to our library. It will be very exciting to welcome these students to the library next year, offering them the first opportunity to borrow this book. The book also includes a special donation label inside the cover, just like the one displayed on the right.



Here is a selection of some of the new books we will be able to purchase with the Rewards we earned from the Book Fair...



Riverbank Public School P&C Family Movie Night

25th November 2017 at Riverbank Public School Oval





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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