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2018

Important Calendar Dates



Week 1	2018
29 January	Staff Development Day
30 January	Students Years 1-6 return at 9am, new students to the school in Years 1-6 commence at 10am
Week 2	
5 February	All of Kindergarten commence at 9.45am
Week 3	
16 February	Welcome Picnic 5.00-7.00pm
Week 4	
19 February	Swimming Carnival Years 3-6 Meet the teacher evening Kindergarten 5.30-6.30pm Stage 1 6.30-7.30pm
20 February	Meet the teacher evening Stage 3 6.00-8.00pm
21 February	Meet the teacher evening Stage 2 6.00-7.00pm

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

What an incredible journey we have experienced together this year!

To our amazing Year 6 Students, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you on your successful completion of your primary years. You have been instrumental in building Riverbank's vision and have been outstanding mentors to all.

The staff and I will look forward to hearing about your continued successes and we hope that we have provided you with the knowledge of respect and responsibility, and the skills to build relationships to take you onto the next important step on your educational journey.

Our thanks to all of our School leaders; I have marvelled at their energy, resilience and compassion in their roles this year.

Every week there are dozens of volunteers who wander in and out of Riverbank assisting within the classrooms, Library, excursions, scripture, school banking and P&C events. The tireless volunteers who make our school that bit extra special – we thank you.

Thank you to the mums and dads and grandparents, aunties and uncles ... the ones who find the lost notes in the bottom of our bags, cook our cupcakes, buy our books, wash our uniforms, replace yet another lost hat and appreciate our teachers. I thank you for your support of all things Riverbank and for giving us the opportunity to work in partnership with you.

Our staff at Riverbank are deeply invested in finding and nurturing the immense potential inside all students so that they are equipped to explore the boundless possibilities that lie ahead of them. To do this takes determination, hard work and a commitment to the pursuit of excellence. I thank my Deputy Principals, Assistant Principals, teaching, support and administration staff who have invested so much of themselves and their tremendous expertise in the pursuit of this vision for the benefit of our students and our school. Who stay up late thinking of new and more interesting ways to help our children learn, continue to smile in the face of exhaustion, sacrifice lunches and hot coffees for the sake of a child who needs them, remain professional despite the challenges and care unconditionally.

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To our students for their have a go attitude in everything they try, who find the courage to raise their hand even if they're not sure they have the right answer, who participate in all our wonderful opportunities despite knowing they may not be the best, who can all be proud of what they achieve, by expecting the best and still enjoy the achievement of others.

On behalf of the staff, I would like to thank our extremely dedicated P&C team, so very competently led by Lesley Parsons, Jodi Brodie and other parents who have helped in so many ways – too numerous to mention.

I would also like to thank The Ponds Indian Community, Mrs Barnett, and the team from Northwest OOSH, Mrs Weal and the staff of The Ponds High School for their ongoing support.

A big thank you to our students who make Riverbank an inspiring learning environment for everyone. Riverbank is a school we can all feel proud of. We are very fortunate to work in a school where we are inspired by each other every day.

To the hardest working executive team, teachers, administration and support staff – thank you, for your professionalism and daily dedication to our students' learning and wellbeing, and for the collaborative way you go about your work. Our children are in great hands....

We have achieved a great deal this year, and next year promises to be just as exciting as we further progress the implementation of our School Plan 2015-2017.

We are anticipating 1070 students, with 42 mainstream classes and 3 support classes. We are planning for our classes to be grade based rather than stages. However, circumstances can always change as we find it challenging to anticipate growth over the January school holiday period.

2018 brings great events, adventures and challenges. We are looking forward to seeing our enrolments increase to 1100 students, welcoming 200 Kindergarten students and a further 95 students in Years 1-6 and the commencement on the construction of our new building to accommodate 15 new classrooms to be completed for the start of 2020.

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Thank you to all in our special school community for making it such an enjoyable and rewarding year. Thank you to all our parents, carers and families for your support throughout the year, and for raising such wonderful children and trusting us each day with their care.

Next year we welcome 17 new staff and farewell our exceptional Mrs Gibbs as she sets sail for a sea change and to our wonderful Ms Joffe as she looks forward to spending time with her family. We wish Mrs Trovato and Mrs Liu all the very best on the safe arrival of their babies and to Mr Cain and Mr Trovato on becoming fathers for the first time.

On a wonderful note, I would like to congratulate Mr Kammerer who will be relieving as the principal of Eastwood Heights PS for Term 1. We wish Mr Kammerer all the very best.

To our families who are leaving us at the end of the year, the staff and I would like to extend our thanks for your enormous contribution and we wish you well.

To everyone who has supported Riverbank Public School in such a positive way this year, I thank you.

To all the families of our great school – I wish you a peaceful festive season and a healthy and happy 2018.

Jeanie Brown
Principal

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2018 school leaders

It gives me great pleasure to announce our 2018 school leadership team:

Captains

Savio Jose

Charlie Knight

Vice Captains

Michael Thomas

Maya Bryan

Prefects

Jacob Clements

Zeynep Unal

Ahyan Shah

Sophie Watts

Aarav Patel

Georgia Campbell

Jaskirit Kaur

Juliana Ghetto

Library Prefects

Morgan Exley

Amogh Vinilshakar

Chanel Pereira

Shivalni Nateshbabu

Daniel Parsons

Jack Bechalany

Ky Reid

Noel Jolly

Anika Rahman

Aarna Kathpalia

Piya Lanjile

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House Captains

Piddington

C – Brooklyn Whitney

VC – Emily Delval

C – Kaya Akdeniz

VC – Parirk Rana

Tomah

C – Tamara Debrincat

VC - Yanee Bhatia

C – Ashbi Singh

VC – Pranay Mendiratta

Boyce

C – Alyssa Timbs

VC – Rasnam Mehrok

C – Damon Koles

VC – Shaun Pereira

York

C – Tzara Sheaves

VC – Katie Ward

C – Imran Obeidullah

VC – Marvin Elauria

**The Administration Office will reopen on
Monday 29 January at 8.30am for new enrolments.
School uniform shop will reopen on Tuesday 30 January at 8.30am.
The office will be CLOSED during the school holidays.
Students in Years 1-6 return on Tuesday 30 January at 9am and
Kindergarten on Monday 5 February.**