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Calendar Dates

Term 3	
Week 10	
24 September	Year 5 Camp
25 September	Year 5 Camp School Captains visit to Parliament House
26 September	Year 5 Camp – students return 3pm
28 September	Last Day of Term 3 Footy Colours Day – Mufti Assembly 2pm 4D
Term 4	
Week 1	
15 October	Students return NO SDD DAY
17 October	K – 6 Walk-A-Thon 2-3pm Yr 6 Transition to The Ponds HS
18 October	Ridges Festival
19 October	Assembly 2pm 1/2C Summer PSSA
Week 2	
22 October	School Photos
23 October	School Photos
24 October	CAPA/Sport Photos 9.15am NAPLAN Parent Presentation 6pm Interrelate
25 October	9-11am Yr 6 Market Day at The Ponds HS
26 October	Assembly 2pm 3E Summer PSSA

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Ridges Festival of the Arts

Riverbank PS will be performing, along with Parklea PS, Schofields PS, Kellyville Ridge PS, Quakers Hill East PS, Glenwood HS, The Ponds HS and The Ponds School at the Hillsong Convention Centre on Thursday 18 October from 6pm. **Concert tickets are now on sale.** EVERYONE IS WELCOME to come along and support Riverbank. It is a wonderful evening highlighting many talents from local schools. Our students are very excited to be performing in front of an audience of over 1000. Our choir will once again perform with students from The Ponds School.

Starting Kindergarten in 2019

Kindergarten transition program dates held in Term 4.

Thursday 8 November 9.15am -10.45am	Parent and Student session
Thursday 15 November 9.15am -10.15am	Student session only (Uniforms on sale)
Thursday 22 November 9.15am -10.15am	Student session only (Uniforms on sale)

School Photos

School photos will be taken place on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday Week 2. An envelope with your child's name was sent home this week with the packages available for purchase, as well as a note outlining which day your child's class photos will be taken. Please do not return these envelopes to the office; they are to be presented on the day of the photos to the photographers. You will not be able to purchase photos without this envelope. Children **MUST** wear full school uniform on the day of their photos. Sibling photographs are also being taken and these envelopes are available in the office upon request.

Annual Walk-A-Thon

On Wednesday 17 October, we will once again hold our annual Walk-a-Thon to raise money for technology. Sponsor cards have been sent home already. The school holidays are a perfect opportunity for students to seek the support of donations from family members.

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Debating

Last Monday our Year 6 debating team competed in the finals against Werrington Public School. The topic was "Parents should ban their children from video games". Our team argued the affirmative and raised some very interesting points about the distracting and addictive nature of games and the impact these have on education. Unfortunately, we did not win the debate, however it was a competitive effort from both teams. I would like to congratulate our Year 5 & 6 teams on an exemplary debating season and a very big thank you to Miss Maher for mentoring our students.



2020 Year 7 Selective High School Applications

Selective High Schools cater for high achieving academically gifted students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic and social level. These schools help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level.

Applications for selective high school placement are considered on the basis of the Selective High School Placement Test results and school assessment scores. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on Thursday 14 March 2019. If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2020, you need to apply online using a valid email address (not the student's email address). Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from mid-September 2018, go to: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement .

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

The application link opens on 9 October 2018 and closes on 12 November 2018. You must apply before the closing date. There are no paper application forms.

Remembrance Day Service

Remembrance Day is a day of special significance for all Australians, commemorating the loss of Australian lives in all wars, conflicts and peace operations. Our ceremony will commence at 9.15am on Wednesday 7 November.

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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 28 October. Riverbank Public School warmly invites our grandparents to join us on Tuesday 30 October between 2-3pm 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.

Interrelate

Notes have been sent home inviting parents and children in Years 3-6 to attend an event run by Interrelate on Wednesday 24 October, from 6pm at Riverbank PS. This event is co-hosted with John Palmer 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/>

Harmony Day Poster Recognition Award

I was thrilled to join Laher and her family at Parliament House last Thursday. The Premier Hon, Gladys Berejiklian MLA presented Laher with the Regional Runner Up award for her 2018 Harmony Day Poster. Congratulations Laher.



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2018 OPERATION ART EXHIBITION - NOW OPEN

On Saturday, 15 September, Operation Art was officially launched. This exhibition includes artworks from schools throughout New South Wales including four pieces from our own students at Riverbank. Again, congratulations to Trei (6N), Jaskirit (6L), Kayden (4W) and Raavi (KR) on having their art work chosen to be displayed at this year's Operation Art Exhibition. All artworks will be on display at The Amory Gallery, Sydney Olympic Park from the 15 September until 4 November 2018. We hope that our families take the time to visit this outstanding display.



Junior Youth Leadership Assembly at Parliament House

On September 25 our school leaders attended the 'Junior Youth Leadership Assembly' at NSW Parliament House. The event was hosted by our state Member for Riverstone, Kevin Conolly MP. The day started with a presentation by Mr Connolly about the daily operations of State Parliament and his role in supporting our community. This was followed by a presentation about leadership from Tanya Davies, Minister for Aged Care, Mental Health and Women. The Minister for Education, Rob Stokes then shared his vision for Education in NSW. The students then moved to the Public Viewing Area of The Legislative Assembly for an exciting question time. The day finished with a visit to The Legislative Council where a Bill was introduced and debated by the different members. It was an inspiring day for our leaders. Thank you Mr Lamont for



Space Camp

Wishing our Stage 3 Space Campers a wonderful 12-day trip to LA and Alabama from 3 - 14 October. We look forward to sharing our journey with the community in Term 4.

I look forward to welcoming the students back to school on **Monday 15 October** in their summer uniform.

Have an enjoyable spring break.

Jeanie Brown
Principal

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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.

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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 values 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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Congratulations to our Term 3 Week 8 Stage 2 Merit Awards recipients

<u>Class</u>	<u>Class</u>
3B – Blake, Risha, Jaidev	4B – Ishana, Mitali, Viraj
3E – Samuel, Gursimran, Kayra	4D – Guransh, Taha, Shourya
3J – Vivaan, Aaditya, Indiana	4RC – Hannan, Amani, Aryan
3K – Sahil, Akshara, Matthew	4W – Zander, Kai, Aditya
3M – Bella, Annie, Nadin	2-6M – Michael
3/4C – Dhanya, Sura	3-6S - Ellysabeth

Congratulations to our Term 3 Week 9 K- 2 Merit Awards recipients

<u>Class</u>	<u>Class</u>
KCH – Arnie, Abhijot	1F – Sahib, Simone
KG – Ishaan, Zainab	1H – Joseph, Deana
KH – Harrison, Georgia	1JK – Sofia, Leher
KJ – Tyson, Zain	1K – Aadya, Cohen
KL – Minahil, Danica	1S – Rehatveer, Christian
KM – Sabrina, Thehan	2B – Netra, Angelique
KR – Garry, Julia	2D – Myra, Shaan
KS – Preston, Ella	2F – Baeley, Sophie
KTM – Krrish, Zainab	2K – Prisha, Ruheen
KW – Justin, Dhruvi	2M – Sunny, Jasleen
1/2B – Casey, Hrishan	2MD – Jacelyn, Hirun
1/2C – Tamina, Tanay	1-2BG – Ruvin
1/2G – Mikail, Nishal	

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PSSA Results

Round 6 Week 8

AFL

Riverbank PS vs John Palmer PS

Juniors Lost 27-60 Team Player – Kingii Best and Fairest – Anav

Seniors Lost 6-64 Team Player – Michael Best and Fairest – Gurjot

It was great to be back on the AFL field after the Winter break. The Juniors started well with goals being scored by both teams. Unfortunately John Palmer were scoring two goals for every one of ours, but it was great to see our accuracy in kicking improving. For the Senior game John Palmer got off to a strong start in the first third and knocked up a lot of quick goals. In the second third Riverbank started to get some momentum and many member of the team took some fantastic marks. Both teams are looking forward to the season ahead.

Cricket

Riverbank PS vs Parklea PS

Juniors Won 139-44 Team Player – Aayan Best and Fairest – Viraj

Seniors Won 120-68 Team Player – Aarav Best and Fairest – Harjot

NRL Tag

Riverbank PS vs John Palmer PS

Juniors Lost Team Player – Koby Best and Fairest – Madeleine

Seniors Lost Team Player – Owen Best and Fairest – James

A very warm, sunny spring day to return to Summer PSSA! Both teams were very eager to get the remainder of the season underway. Juniors were up first. They played with good structure and have shown plenty of improvement since the beginning of the season. Their defence was very tight and they were communicating to make sure they were evenly marking their opponents. Unfortunately John Palmer were able to find a few cracks in Riverbank's defence during the second half and were able to score a few quick tries. Special mention to Koby who finished the match off with two very crafty back-to-back tries!

Seniors looked very impressive. They were organised in attack and supported each other while defending. It was very exciting to see them employ a kicking game to gain a territorial advantage. John Palmer's side just had a little bit more speed than the Riverbank Seniors and were able to take advantage of the wide field, scoring the edges. Riverbank played with lots of heart, with many

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players performing some outstanding solo try-saving tags. We will continue to train and improve every week!

T-Ball/Softball

Riverbank PS vs Parklea PS

T-Ball	Lost 13-21	Team Player – Tanvi	Best and Fairest – Dhvani
Seniors	Lost 3-4	Team Player – Tamara	Best and Fairest – Natalya

What a fantastic and beautiful day to celebrate our return to the summer sporting series! The girls were all gung-ho on the bus and ready for a great game. After mixing up our opposition (Mrs Worrall really should wear her glasses), we were set up for two exciting and very close matches.

Our terrific T-Ballers came up against an opposition who had a few more years of experience under their belts. In saying that, our new star recruit, Tanvi, was playing a spectacular game running onto the ball and getting it quickly to the relevant fielders or catcher. Her tenacious attitude earned her the well-deserved team vote. Zoe kept our opposition on their toes with her foul ball hits but after a few, settled into her groove and got on base then home. Rupali, Summer and Lily kept the score board ticking over and our team in close proximity to the opposition. In our last at bat, however, things just didn't seem to connect and Parklea just snuck away from us. Regardless, the girls kept their heads up and enthusiastically high fived our opposition as well as themselves. Dhvani was a knock out today, supporting and helping others with positions, scoring and equipment as well as keeping a smile on her face even when she was left on base.

Over in the super Softball team, the opposition kept our girls on their toes with a very close and low scoring match. Natalya was a dynamite pitcher who surprised herself with her ability to get Parklea out quickly. This earned her the coveted coaches award for the day. Chaahat played a great game at third base tagging out our oppositions lead runner and ensured they did not get away from us. Tamara was a gem in the game with her ability to run, bat and field. She received a special mention from Parklea and earned herself the prestigious team award.

On a field that was slowly heating up under a very bright and warming sun, our players performed extremely well. Keep up the dedication, girls.

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Round 7 Week 9

AFL

Riverbank PS vs Parklea PS

Juniors Lost 14-21 Team Player – Joziah Best and Fairest – Tyrell

Seniors Won 12-8 Team Player – Sahil Best and Fairest – Johnny

The juniors got off to an early lead. Parklea fought back and it was close until the end. We thought we had scored a goal, however the ball was touched making it a behind. This was followed up by our opponents scoring a goal to secure their win. The seniors also got off to a great start and held the lead throughout the whole game. Parklea looked dangerous with a minute to go, but our seniors played a smart game and went into defensive mode by filling the pocket with players to stop any goals. The seniors were excited to get their win today.

Cricket

Riverbank PS vs Kellyville Ridge PS

Juniors Won 71-52 Team Player – Viraj Best and Fairest – Mihir

Seniors Won 65-44 Team Player – Jai Best and Fairest – Rohan

NRL Tag

Riverbank PS vs Kenthurst PS (Green)

Juniors Draw Team Player – Kai Best and Fairest – Tiroj

Seniors Won Team Player – James Best and Fairest – Alyssa

A fantastic effort by Riverbank NRL Tag this week! Juniors took a little while to warm up, but once they got their heads into the game, they played some great footy. Kenthurst were the first to score, although it wasn't long until Riverbank replied with a try of our own. Riverbank began to take control of the game and scored 2 more excellent tries off the back off some good passes and footwork. Unfortunately our defence was a little sloppy towards the end, letting Kenthurst back into the game. Well done Juniors, a very courageous effort!

Seniors meant business straight from the starting whistle. They quickly started the scoring with an impressive display of agility by James. Seniors moved the ball well with minimal errors, which gave us some great try scoring opportunities. The team communicated very well and moved with their players in defence, while sharing the ball in attack. These fantastic efforts resulted in Senior's first win for the season! Fantastic work!

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T-Ball/Softball

Riverbank PS vs John Palmer PS

T-Ball Lost 12-20 Team Player – Lily Best and Fairest – Mikaela

Seniors Lost 7-10 Team Player – Georgia Best and Fairest – Mia

It was a magnificent day to return to the diamond accompanied by a local nemesis. John Palmer are always a good team to come up against as they really make us work for each and every run.

In our T-Ball game, runners were constantly left on bases at the end of each dig. We just couldn't get on top of the opposition in any of the innings whereas John Palmer were able to continuously capitalise on their opportunities. In the end, the umpire was amazed by Lily as she continually kept the team spirits positive. Mikaela was also a gem this week as she scored 3 runs for the team.

Over in the softball game, there was a multitude of fly balls throughout the game, which we could not get a glove too. Mia was working hard in centre field to minimise the effect of all those high hits and ended up with this weeks coaches award. After a couple of batters, Georgia found her groove and quickly struck out the remaining batters to keep the score tight. Well done to all our scoring runners. Funnily enough, this is the same score as the last time we played John Palmer.

It is lovely to see the positive attitudes from our players. Keep up your fine efforts, girls, and enjoy the holiday break.

RPS Sport Update

Sydney West Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to Sophie, Simran and Aneeq who participated in the Sydney West Athletics Carnival. It is a great achievement to make this level and they certainly made Riverbank proud.

Walk-a-thon – 'Trek for Tech' 2018

The Walkathon information note and sponsorship forms have been sent home with each student. There are some fabulous prizes that could be won by getting out there, being active and receiving donations from friends or family! We look forward to the big day on Wednesday 17 October.

We are continuing the theme of 'Trek for Tech' this year. It was so successful last year, raising over \$13,000 for the school. So, to keep up with our expanding need for technology, we will aim to raise even more money this year.

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Students will be dressing up and will participate in this fun event with their peers.

- Kindergarten – Rainbow
- Stage 1 – Upside down/inside out
- Stage 2 – Sports heroes
- Stage 3 – Starting with the letter 'W'

We really appreciate active participation and thank you for supporting our school to raise money for technology. Students are encouraged to start bringing in their donations at the beginning of Term 4 to be in the running to win fabulous prizes!

Swim Scheme

Riverbank Public School has been successful in applying for the 'School Swimming and Water Safety Program'. This is an intensive learn to swim program, which develops water confidence and provides students with basic skills in water safety and survival. The program is conducted over ten days. Each daily lesson is 45 minutes. Instruction will take place at Riverstone Pool commencing Term 4 Week 7, Monday 26 November, and finish in Week 8, Friday 7 December.

The program is provided for free by the Department of Education and has been successfully running for over 50 years. The cost of \$70 covers the daily transport to and from the venue as well as pool entry. There are only 120 available places for Riverbank students in 2018 and all Expression of Interest forms must be returned to the school office by the end of Term 3.

Nathan Lee

Sports Organiser

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K-2 Athletics Carnival

Riverbank held its first offsite K-2 athletics carnival at Peel Reserve. After a short walk to the Reserve, the day began with grade races and was then followed by fun activities with Sports in Schools. Novelty activities included things like egg and spoon races, cup stacking, tug of war, turbo javelins, triple potato sacks and the 4 way power pull. Although the day was hot, all students showed great sportsmanship and there were lots of smiles. Thank you very much to all parent helpers who assisted on the day.



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Circus Berserkus

On Thursday of Week 9 Riverbank took part in Circus Berserkus, a fun day completely organised by Year 6 students with the goal of raising funds for the Year 6 Farewell. Year 6 had been hard at work all term organising their circus stall and the day was a complete success. Riverbank students had a ball getting to take part in stalls such as a VR experience, getting their nails painted at The Salon or their face painted, there were a variety of carnival games to try your skill and luck at and of course lots of prizes and delicious treats to be won. Year 6 should be proud of the fantastic day they put together for the entire school, it was a great way to celebrate yet another busy and productive term.



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Term Four	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
Week 1	15 October Students Return	16 October	17 October Walk a Thon 2-3pm Yr 6 Transition to Ponds HS	18 October Ridges Festival	19 October Assembly 1/2C Summer PSSA	20 21 Oct
2	22 October School Photos Copyright Audit 	23 October School Photos	24 October CAPA/Sport Photos Interrelate 9.15am NAPLAN	25 October Exec Planning Day 9-11am Yr 6 market Day at Ponds HS	26 October Assembly 3E Summer PSSA	27 28 Oct
3	29 October Copyright Audit 	30 October 2-3pm Grandparents Day	31 October Yr 5 Brewongle	1 November Yr 6 Brewongle	2 November Assembly KG & 1S Summer PSSA	3 4 Nov
4	5 November Copyright Audit 	6 November K Fire Truck Incursion 11am	7 November Remembrance Day	8 November 2019 Kindergarten Transition	9 November Assembly 5/6L & 3/4C Summer PSSA	10 11 Nov
5	12 November Copyright Audit 	13 November	14 November 7pm - P & C Parliament S1 Fire Truck Incursion 11am	15 November 2019 Kindergarten Transition	16 November Assembly KM & 1K Summer PSSA	17 18 Nov
6	19 November	20 November	21 November	22 November 2019 Kindergarten Transition	23 November Assembly 3K Summer PSSA	24 25 Nov
7	26 November Yrs 3-6 STEM Incursion  Swim Scheme	27 November CAPA Night 6pm HS hall Swim Scheme	28 November Swim Scheme	29 November Swim Scheme 2019 Yrs 1-6 Orientation	30 November Swim Scheme	1 2 Dec
8	3 December Swim Scheme	4 December Yr 6 Orientation day at Ponds HS Swim Scheme	5 December Scripture Assembly Swim Scheme	6 December Year 6 Dinner St2 Incursion Swim Scheme	7 December Swim Scheme	8 9 Dec
9	10 December	11 December 9.15am Kindy Excellence Assembly & Concert	12 December Excellence Assembly Yrs. 4 -6 9.15am Yrs. 1-3 11.15am	13 December	14 December	15 16 Dec
10	17 December St1 Christmas Concert 9.30am Reports Home	18 December Yrs K – 6 Celebration of Learning	19 December Year 6 Assembly 1.30pm Last day for Students	20 December SDD	21 December SDD	22 23 Dec
	24 December	25 December				

Creative Arts

at Riverbank



Ridges Festival of the Arts

Riverbank PS will be performing at the Hillsong Convention Centre on

Thursday 18 October 2018

(Term 4 Week 1)

at 6:30pm.



Concert tickets on sale!!

Tickets are \$25 each and are selling out fast! Tickets can be purchased online or from the office.

Get in quick and come along to support our students in the Senior Choir, Year 2 Dance group and Stage 2 Dance Group before tickets sell out in what will be an amazing night!

What's happening in... 1F

The Stage One Art Program this term has included the study of artists and their techniques. The students in 1F have created an artwork inspired by Vincent Van Gogh's "Sunflowers", using forks to apply paint and create texture.

This technique is called Impasto, a thick application of paint where you can see the ridges and lumps. Artists will often use a palette knife to scrape thick paint onto the surface, creating strokes that can be seen, adding another dimension to their work.



When kids ask "the" questions...
Interrelate has the answers!

Interrelate is a specialist organisation with over 90 years' experience teaching sexuality and relationship education in NSW schools. Interrelate educators are highly trained and skillful presenters.

The topic of sexuality is handled with sensitivity, openness and humour. The program offers an interactive approach to learning, with a variety of audio-visual materials, discussions and games.

Session 1: Where did I come from?

1-hour session: Years 3-6

Session 2: Preparing for puberty

1-hour session: Years 5-6

Years 3-4 can attend at parent's discretion

Date: Wednesday, 24th October 2018

Specialty books are available for purchase on the night.
Keep a look out for flyers (coming home with your child before the program) outlining session content.



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