



Calendar Dates

Term 4	
Week 6	
22 November	2019 Kindergarten Transition Session 3
23 November	Assembly 2.00pm: 3K Summer PSSA
Week 7	
	Yrs 3-6 STEM Incursion Swim Scheme Years 2-4
27 November	6pm CAPA Performance Evening
29 November	New Students 2019 Yrs 1 – 6 Orientation
30 November	Summer PSSA
Week 8	
	Swim Scheme Years 2-4
4 December	Year 6 HS Orientation Day at The Ponds High School
5 December	1pm Volunteer Thank you afternoon tea Scripture Assembly
6 December	Stage 2 Incursion and Year 6 Dinner
Week 9	
11 December	Kindergarten Excellence Assembly and Concert 9.15am – 11am
12 December	Excellence Assemblies Yrs 4-6 9.15am Yrs 1-3 11.30am
Week 10	
17 December	Stage 1 Concert 9.15am
18 December	Celebration of Learning K-6 Class picnics and Disco
19 December	Year 6 Graduation Assembly 1.45pm

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It is hard to believe we are just over half way through Term 4. Where has the year gone, let alone this Term? The school has been a hive of activity and the children have been working hard as the year draws to an end.

New School Times from 2019 8.45am to 2.45pm

Consultation meetings have been held at P&C meetings regarding the proposal of new school times for 2019. We can all agree that due to significant growth across Riverbank PS and The Ponds HS the combined school collection time of 3pm is becoming extremely hectic. Last Wednesday 14 November, the P&C voted in favour of changing our school hours in 2019 to 8.45am until 2.45pm. The new school times will commence from Wednesday 30 January.

Construction of new Building

I am pleased to announce the construction of our new building will commence from Friday 23 November. The upgrade of Riverbank Public School will accommodate the growing student population in the area. The project will deliver 15 new flexible teaching spaces, a covered outdoor learning area, additional student amenities, shade structures and an extension of administration and staff facilities. During construction, students, staff and visitors to the school will use the new access to the school grounds on Wentworth Street, located near the school's basketball court.

Patterson Building Group will establish a site office on the school grounds, and erect temporary fencing around the site of the new building. This will be followed by the start of construction works in early December. Work hours will be:

- Monday to Friday, 7.00am to 6.00pm
- Saturday, 7.00am to 1.00pm

Members of the school community are invited to attend an information booth at the school this Thursday 22 November, from 2.30pm to 4.30pm.

I will continue to keep you informed as the project progresses. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any concerns or questions.

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Community Building Partnership Grant

The NSW Community Building Partnership program awards grants for community infrastructure projects. The NSW Government is investing in infrastructure projects that deliver positive social, environmental and recreational outcomes, while promoting community participation, inclusion and cohesion. Our thanks to Mrs Jodi Brodie for completing the grant on behalf of the P&C and school. We have been successful in receiving a grant for \$16 500 to go towards the cost of the projector and screen for the school hall. Thanks to the P&C for contributing a further \$5 000 to fund the balance.

Australasian Problem Solving Maths Olympiad

This year, our school competed in the Australasian Problem Solving Maths Olympiad. Every year, schools from all over Australia, New Zealand and other neighbouring countries take part. The Olympiads consist of 5 separate contests held approximately 1 month apart. The overall aim is to encourage students to develop important mathematical problem solving skills in an enjoyable environment. Thirty-three Year 6 students entered the competition.

We are proud to acknowledge the following students:

- Jai - Top 2%. He received the highest individual score trophy.
- Harjot- Top 10% of individual student scores. He received the Top 10% Achiever Metal Pin.
- Yana, Mustafa, Swatthi, Mujtaba, Charan, Elkin, Karan and Dhiana - Top 20-25% of individual student scores. They received the Top 25% Achiever cloth patches.



Congratulations to all our students who competed this year!

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Calendar for Cultural Diversity 2019

Last term we submitted artwork for consideration for the Department of Education's 2019 Calendar for Cultural Diversity. Whilst our submissions were not selected for this calendar, we are excited to announce the Echidna artwork created by 2MD has been selected for inclusion in a new online art gallery. Congratulations 2MD!

The online art gallery will be featured on the Department of Education's website and will display a range of artworks from primary and secondary students. The Department anticipates that this online gallery will be operational early 2019.



Blacktown Council Remembrance Day Commemoration

Charlie and Savio, two of our school leaders, along with Mr Rimmer were invited to represent Riverbank Public School at the Blacktown Council Remembrance Day Commemoration on Sunday 11 November.

Blacktown City collaborated with Blacktown RSL, Seven - Hills Toongabbie RSL, Riverstone - Schofields RSL and Rooty Hill RSL sub branches, the Cumberland National Serviceman's Association, the 202 local Army Cadet Corps, local Scout and Guides Groups and the Air League to come together in commemoration of 100 years since the end of World War 1.

Students participated in a march past and commemorative ceremony to honour this important historical milestone.

Creative and Performing Arts Spectacular Evening

Next Tuesday 27 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 displaying the enormous talent we have at RPS. Tickets will be on sale at the door for \$5. Doors will open at 5.45pm.

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Kindergarten Excellence Assembly and Concert

Kindergarten families are invited to attend our end of year celebration assembly and Christmas Concert on Tuesday 11 December in the School Hall.

- Assembly: 9.15am - 10.00am
- Christmas Concert: 10.15am – 11.00am

2018 Excellence Assemblies

Please join us in acknowledging our students' achievements as we celebrate excellence and effort. You are invited to attend our Excellence Assemblies on Wednesday 12 December in our School hall.

- Years 4 – 6: from 9.15am
- Years 1 – 3: from 11.15am

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.

Stage 1 Christmas Concert

Our Stage 1 classes will be performing a Christmas Concert on Monday 17 December at 9:30am. Please see the invitation at the end of this week's newsletter.

Community Helpers Thank You Morning Tea - Wednesday 5 December 1.00pm

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 5 December at 1.00pm in the School hall.

Planning for 2019

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 in 2019 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 1350 students, with 51 mainstream classes and 3 support classes.

Have a wonderful fortnight.

Jeanie Brown

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Principal

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.

<u>YELLOW KEY</u>	Care for Others
<u>GREEN KEY</u>	Think Before Reacting
<u>BLUE KEY</u>	Respect Yourself
<u>RED KEY</u>	Work Together for a Non Violent Way
<u>BLACK KEY</u>	Expect the Best



Congratulations to our Term 4 Week 4 Stage 3 Merit Awards recipients

<u>Class</u>	<u>Class</u>
5B – Kiera, Karshan, Nimit, Raghav	6L – Aiden, Kiera, Johnny, Duncan
5C – Matin, Simran, Aditya, Karim	6M – Georgia, Abtin, Pranay, Serenity
5L – Andy, Janice, Zuha, Sagar	6N – Paretea, Jupp, Uday, Alicia
5R – Jasmine, Milky, Hunter, William	6V – Jogesh, Parirk, Imran, Noel

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5/6L – Zaqeel, Rashmeen, Elkin, Aditi	
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Congratulations to our Term 4 Week 4 Stage 2 Merit Awards recipients

<u>Class</u>	<u>Class</u>
3B – Kyra, Yuvraj, Jasmeet	3/4T – Nishi, Parkes, Justin
3E – Dhruv, Mihir, Ganya	4B – Aadilah, Zoe, Maiata
3J – Sadaf, Advikaa, Hanya	4D – Surkhab, Riley, Shanpreet
3K – Diesel, Lian, Elizabeth	4RC – Nandana, Joziah, Nethra
3M – Nishka, Yashika, Manaal	4W – Nisha, Akshaya, Seth
3/4C – Ezekiel, Akhil, Svana	2-6M – Gian
3/6S – Jaffer	

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

<u>Class</u>	<u>Class</u>
KCH – Diyon, Sarah	1F – Bella, Tarum
KG – Samhith, Ritika	1H – Deana, Aariv
KH – William, Tanvi	1JK – Taqee, Shreya
KM – Biliv, Lexie	1K – Michael, Kavan
KR – Tyler, Mustafa	1S – Zoeya, Aayan
KS – Estella	2B – Tegan, Isaa
KTM – Prabhnimit, Rose	2D – Vishruth, Tanmayee
KW – Maddie, Sehes	2F – Jiya, Lily-Rose
KJ – Mason, Sianna	2K – Prisha, Georgie
1/2B – Tegan, Isaac	2M – Kayleigh, Zara
1/2G – Aarna, Mikail	2MD – Aneesh, Riyaanvi
1/2WM – Essa, Jinal	1-2BG – Ashton

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	1/2C – Stacet, Jett
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RPS Sport Update

Term 4 Week 4 Round 11

AFL

Riverbank PS vs Rouse Hill PS

Juniors Lost 8-29 Team Player - Tyrell Best and Fairest – Joziah

Seniors Lost 14-30 Team Player – Michael Best and Fairest – Brianna

The Juniors got off to a great start and with a third to go were only trailing by three points. Kellyville Ridge put in some early goals in the last third to take the victory. The Seniors also kept the score close for the first part of the game. Kellyville Ridge were great at getting their players open and we will be working on marking our opposition in the coming training session. Riverbank kept a good spirit throughout the game and tried their hardest to the last second of play.

Cricket

Riverbank PS vs John Palmer PS

Juniors Won Team Player - Aidan Best and Fairest - Viraj

Seniors Won Team Player – Aarav Best and Fairest – Jai

This was a top of the table clash with both our Juniors and Seniors winning. Again, our bowling and fielding was a highlight in a very close game for both teams.

T-Ball/Softball

Riverbank PS vs Ironbark Ridge PS

T-Ball Lost 13-16 Team Player - Makenze Best and Fairest - Zoe

Softball Lost 3-4 Team Player – Jayme Best and Fairest – Anushka

This week Riverbank was up against Ironbark Ridge. The girls on both teams were playing an astonishing and entertaining match. The T-batters were playing a particularly close game today. During the first inning, the girls were able to take home 7 runs before the changeover, then to finish off they were just short of 3 runs to tie the game. In the end both teams played to the best of their abilities. The Softball game this week was also an exceptional match, as both teams were down to a pitching game. Both pitchers on the teams were holding down the batters one inning at a time. During the first inning, our girls held down their runs and were able to lock them out from even reaching first base, meanwhile during the second inning Quakers Hill East started showing signs of a comeback before the third out was called. The game came to an abrupt finish and

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Riverbank just fell short and ended the game with a score of 4-3, great effort girls! Well done to both teams this week and thank you for your hard work!

NRL Tag

Riverbank PS vs Ironbark Ridge PS

Juniors Lost Team Player - Kai Best and Fairest - Isaac

Seniors Lost Team Player - Owen Best and Fairest - Tzara

Both teams are continuing to improve phenomenally each week. Juniors played a strong game, although playing against a tough opponent, they panicked at times and made some poor choices. The big lesson from the match was to play at our own pace and focus on the fundamentals.

Seniors played with a high level of team spirit, having fun and enjoying themselves as much as they were competitive. Some exceptional tries were the result of fantastic team efforts. In a similar pattern to recent matches, seniors just fell short of the task late in the second half, with fitness proving to be the difference.

Week 5 Round 12

AFL

BYE

Cricket

Riverbank PS vs Riverstone PS

Juniors Won Team Player - Ephram Best and Fairest - Shavaan

Seniors Forfeit

Our Seniors unfortunately did not get a chance to play a match as Riverstone forfeited. They instead enjoyed a game between themselves. Juniors continued their winning streak with an impressive performance with the bat this time. They scored over 150 runs in the 12 overs with some huge sixes being hit.

T-Ball/Softball

Riverbank PS vs Rouse Hill PS 1

T-Ball Forfeit

Softball Lost 2-7 Team Player – Tamara & Natalya Best and Fairest – Anushka & Jayme

On a very undecided day weather wise, our teams rocked up to Hills Centenary raring to go. Unfortunately for our T-Ball team, the opposition must have heard about our growing skills and

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our positive attitudes so decided to forfeit. Oh well, next time. Instead, we practiced our batting and fielding skills in a small game of 4 v 5. Then headed over to enjoy and support our senior sports stars.

Our softball team started well with Juliana getting home quickly but unfortunately, Anushka was left on base before we had to take to the field. We were able to keep our oppositions score low due to the fantastic pitching skills of Natalya and our tight fielding work. Disappointingly when our batters took to the field again, our head was not in the game and we were forced to return to the field before we could work out what had happened. Rouse Hill were able to capitalise on this temporary lapse in concentration in their next at bat but they didn't get far before our troops reined them back in again. Back in the batting box for the final dig, we were out classed by Rouse Hill's high class, A grade pitchers with all but Tamara able to handle the speed. Tamara's batting skill got her on base with the opposition baffled and battling to chase her around the rest of the diamond. Her determination and speed got her around the bases, home and the team vote. Natalya shared the team vote due to her brilliant pitching. The coach's award was divided between Jayme, due to her perseverance, and Anushka for her good choices - sometimes it is better to hold onto the ball than to chase a runner around the bases. Our opposition were gracious winners and commented that today's game was their hardest all season.

This was our second last game of the year and proved to be one of our absolute best. Our players should be so proud of the skills and knowledge they have developed throughout the year.

NRL Tag

Riverbank PS vs Rouse Hill PS B

Juniors Lost 2-4 Team Player - Kai Best and Fairest - Samuel

Seniors Lost 4-9 Team Player – James Best and Fairest - Lily

Another action packed week of NRL Tag! Both teams played well and are continuing to improve. The skills were looking sharp, the passes were quick and the communication was excellent. Teams are having a great time each Friday as they learn new tactics and have fun playing as a team.

Nathan Lee

Sports Organiser

Term 4

Riverbank Public School

2018

Term Four	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
Week 1	15 October Students Return	16 October	17 October 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 Walk a Thon 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				



D5 Jordana CD/Angela Hannigan KCH	D4 Lorrinda Winthrop KW	D3 Barbra Govender 1-3G	D2 Lisa Sereni 1-4S	D1 Alex Mahoney 2-6M
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G9 Sharon Grice KG	G8 Sarah Henman KH	G7 LaST/EALD	G6 Sharna MacMasters KM	G5 Shirley Lie KL
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Downstairs

Meeting Room SP2
Meeting Room

G4 Cath T/ Jessica Mathews KTM
G3 Larissa Jacobsen KJ

G2 Nicole Slater KS
G1 Rhiannon Walsh KR

Staffroom & Admin

D26	D25	D24	D23	D22 Alex McAlister Music Room	D21 Jess Muir Emma Dawkins 2MD	D20 Sue Rozanc Music RFF
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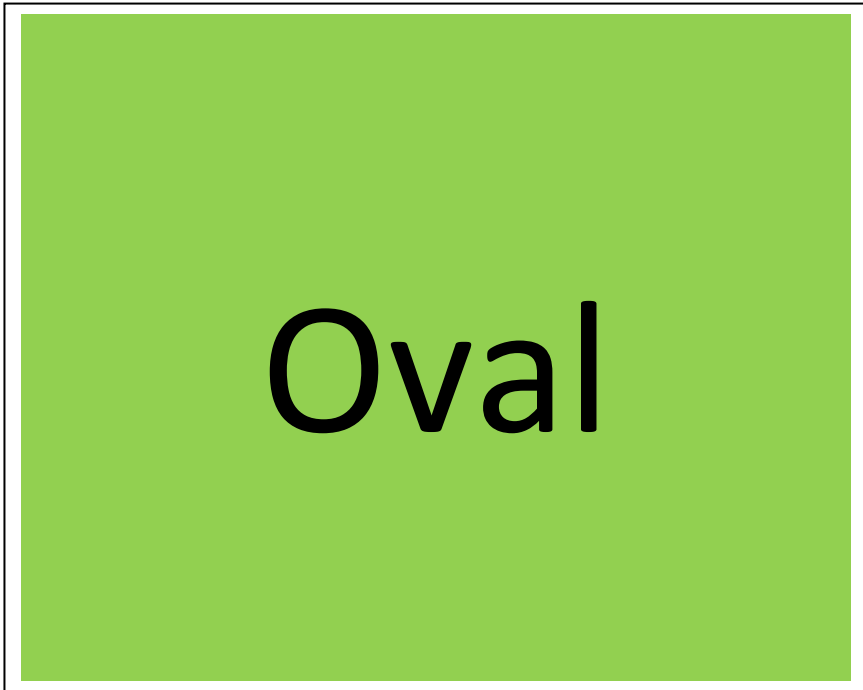
D19 Sean Conroy 1/2C	D17 Francesca Barraga 3B	D15 Ashley Dennis 4D	D13 Steve Trovato 3/4T	D11 Leah Jones 3J	D9 Nichole Moroney 2M	D7 Sandra Kafkis 2K
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D18 Wallace Chan 3/4C	GATE	D16 Joanne Kemp 3K	D14 Sanjukta Banerji 4B	D12 Grant Rimmer/ Alex 4RC	D10 Ashleigh Edwards 3E	D8 Katie Davies 2D
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Entry

Court

Hall



1.12 Gina Griffiths 1/2G	1.11 Lisa Harvey 1H	1.10 Felicity Fisher 2F	1.9 Mel Brace 1/2B
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Library
Whelan/Kennedy

1.8 Leah Felton 1F
1.7 Daniella Brunetta
1.6 Renee Wilson/ Muzikant 1/2WM
1.5 Jodi Seward 1S



Upstairs

1.4 Sam Jones/Jaz Kement 1JK
1.3 Katelyn Stevenson 1K
1.2 Kate Martin 3M
1.1 Louise Worrall 4W

H20	H19	H18	H17	H16	H15 Angus Lamont 6L	H14 Michael Vincent 6V	H13 Garylene Neldner 6N	H12 Georgia Maher 6M	H11 Nathan Lee 5L
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High School

H10	H9	H8	H7	H6	H5 Kylie Redman 5R	H4 Jessica Beard 5B	H3 Ben Cain 5C	H2 Jarad Lonsdale 5/6L	H1
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Off the Shelf

LIBRARY
NEWSLETTER
T4W6/2018

CIRCULATION

The library will be completing a stocktake at the end of this year and as such, borrowing for the year will cease in Week 7. Students will need to return all books during that week. Reminder notices will be sent home during Week 8 followed by a formal request for the book/s or replacement cost, should the book/s still not be returned and/or found.

Please bear this in mind if your child will be finishing the school year early or be away for an extended period prior to the school year finishing. Parents' cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

BOOK CLUB

ISSUE 8 catalogues have now been distributed. Orders must close on **Wednesday 28th November** to ensure students receive their orders before the end of term.

CASH ORDERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

Please remember that ALL Book Club purchases must be made through the LOOP system or online payment system.



You can also download the LOOP app to your phone via your preferred App Store.

ADVOCACY CAMPAIGN

Please consider taking the time to support this advocacy campaign. School libraries play a significant role in a student's education and this campaign's mission is to "ensure student access to high quality school library services." With a vision "that every student has access to a dynamic, well-resourced school library run by qualified library staff." Source:

<https://studentsneedschoollibraries.org.au/>



Use the social media hashtag **#studentsneedschoollibraries** to find out more or to add your voice to the campaign

Students Need School Libraries

This is the final edition of 'Off the Shelf' for 2018. We would like to publicly acknowledge the efforts and contribution made to the library teaching program by Ms Elaine Smith (Term 1) and Mrs Jessica Meakins (Term 2). Thanks to everyone who has supported the library this year. We look forward to another exciting year of reading, leading and learning in 2019. Happy holidays!

The Library Team | Ms Kennedy, Mr Dewhurst and Ms Whelan.

Creative Arts

at Riverbank



Creative Arts 'Spectacular' Night

Riverbank Public School will be holding its annual Creative Arts 'Spectacular' Night. All students involved in a performance group will be performing at a wonderful showcase, celebrating all the hard work they have put in this year.

When: Tuesday 27 November 2018 at 6pm

Where: The Ponds High School Hall

Groups Involved:

- Junior Choir
- Senior Choir
- Kindergarten Dance Group
- Year 1 Dance Group
- Year 2 Dance Group
- Stage 2 Dance Group
- Stage 3 Dance Group
- Boys Dance Group
- Senior Drama Group
- Violin Group
- Guitar Group



Tickets are \$5 at the door!

Please come along to support all of our wonderful students in what will be a great night! We look forward to seeing you all there.

JOIN US FOR THE ALL 'ACCESSIBLE & INCLUSIVE' CHRISTMAS MARKET & CAROLS EVENT!

CHRISTMAS MARKET 1PM - 6PM

- LOADS OF STORES
- FOOD TRUCKS
- KIDS FUN
- FACE PAINTING
- STAGE WITH PERFORMERS



CAROLS 4PM - 6PM

- COMMUNITY CAROLS
- SANTA CLAUS
- PERFORMERS

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CANTEEN MENU

TERM 4 2018



Hot Food

- Chicken Nuggets 4 for \$3.00
6 for \$4.20
- Party Pie \$1.20
- E Corn on the Cob \$1.20
- Garlic Bread \$2.00
- Sausage Roll - Lite \$3.20
- Filo Spiral \$3.50
- Meat Pie - Lite \$3.80
- Pizza Slab - BBQ Chicken \$3.50
- Pizza Slab - Margarita \$3.50

Burgers

- E Chicken Burger \$4.20
- E Sweet Chilli Burger \$4.20
- E Beef Burger \$4.20
- E Vegie Burger \$4.20
- E Meatball Sub \$4.20

ALL BURGERS INCLUDE SALAD

All Wrapped Up

- E Parmy Toasted Wrap \$4.50
- E Chicken Caesar Wrap \$4.50
- E Sweet Chilli Chicken Wrap \$4.50
- E Nemo Wrap \$4.50
- E Lamb Toasted Wrap \$4.50
- E All Meats / Cheese Wrap \$4.50

Pasta & Rice

- E Macaroni & Cheese \$4.20
- E Butter Chicken & Rice \$4.20
- E Pasta Bolognese \$4.20
- E Lasagne \$4.20
- E Fried Rice & Chicken Wings \$5.00
- E Vegetable Lasagne \$4.20

Sushi Rolls

- E Chicken & Cucumber \$3.50
- E Tuna & Cucumber \$3.50
- E Chicken Teriyaki \$3.50

AVAILABLE TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY

Snacks

- E Pizza Muffin \$1.00
- E Cheese Stick \$1.00
- E Carrot Sticks \$1.00
- E Piece of Fruit \$1.00
- E Boiled Egg \$1.00
- E Popcorn \$1.00
- Jumpy's \$1.00
- Honey Soy Chips \$1.50
- JJ Chicken Crackers \$1.50
- E Yoghurt Cup - Small \$2.00
- Large \$2.30
- E Fruit Salad - Small \$2.00
- Large \$3.50
- Banana Bread Slice \$2.00
- E Dip Snack Box \$2.00

HOMEMADE SNACKS AVAILABLE DAILY

Drinks

- E Juice - Popper \$1.80
- E Plain Milk 300ml \$1.80
- With Sippah Straw \$2.30
- E Pop Top Juice \$2.00
- E Bottled Water 600ml \$2.00
- E Juice Bomb Sparkling Juice \$2.20
- E Flavoured Milk (3 Flavours) \$2.50
- E Up 'n' Go \$2.50
- Homemade Milkshakes \$2.00

Ice Blocks

- Frozen Lite Cordial Cup \$0.50
- E Moosie Pouch \$1.00
- E Frozen Juice Cup \$1.00
- Slushie Cup \$2.00
- E Quelch Stick \$1.00
- Ice Cream Cup \$2.00
- E Juice Pouch \$1.00
- Frozen Yoghurt \$2.00

Sandwiches, Wraps & Rolls

ALL SANDWICHES MADE ON WHOLEMEAL BREAD

- E Vegemite, Jam \$2.00
- E Tomato, Cheese \$2.50
- E Tuna or Egg \$3.00
- E Ham, Chicken or Salmon \$3.50
- E Salad Sandwich \$3.50
(Lettuce, Tomato, Cucumber, Beetroot & Carrot)
- E Salad with Cheese \$3.90
- E Salad with Tuna or Ham \$4.20
- E Salad with Chicken or Salmon \$4.50
- Extras (Including Toasting) \$0.40
- (WRAP OR ROLL - ADD \$0.50)

Order your lunch online

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Bento Box 1

- E ½ Sandwich \$5.00
- Chicken Wing
- Cheese & Crackers
- Fruit Selection
- 2 Mini Muffins

Bento Box 2

- ½ Sandwich \$5.00
- Party Pie
- Dip & Carrot Sticks
- Fruit Selection
- 2 Mini Muffins

Crunch Box

\$4.00

- E Vegie Sticks, Cherry Tomatoes, Cheese, Dip & Crackers

Salads

- E Garden Salad \$4.00
- With Ham or Tuna \$4.50
- With Salmon or Chicken \$5.00
- E Chicken Caesar Salad \$5.50
- E Add Ons \$0.50
- Egg, Cheese, Avocado
- Sprouts, Bacon, Croutons

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Healthy School Canteens

Our school canteen aims to comply with the NSW Healthy School Canteen Food & Drink Benchmarks with a focus on everyday healthy food and drink options.



*Learning to Live
Living to Learn*

VOLUNTEER'S AFTERNOON TEA

Please join us in celebrating the 2018 school year as we acknowledge your generosity providing assistance to Riverbank Public School

1:00pm - 2:00pm

Wednesday 5 December 2018

School Hall



Where in the world

is Santa Claus?

You're invited to the Stage One Christmas Concert
to help us celebrate another wonderful year of
learning at Riverbank Public School
and to help us find Santa!

Monday 17th December

In the Riverbank P.S. hall

Seating at 9:15am

9:30am start



Whooping cough affects people of all ages. It can be especially serious for babies. Vaccination reduces the risk of infection and severe disease.

Whooping Cough (Pertussis)

Last updated: 28 June 2018

What is whooping cough?

Whooping cough can be a life threatening infection in babies. Whooping cough in babies can lead to apnoea (pauses in normal breathing), pneumonia, feeding problems and weight loss, seizures, brain damage and, in some cases, death. Older children and adults can get whooping cough too and pass it on to babies.

What are the symptoms?

- Whooping cough usually begins like a cold with a blocked or runny nose, tiredness, mild fever and a cough.
- The cough gets worse and severe bouts of uncontrollable coughing can develop. Coughing bouts can be followed by vomiting, choking or taking a big gasping breath which causes a "whooping" sound. The cough can last for many weeks and can be worse at night.
- Some newborns may not cough at all but they can stop breathing and turn blue. Some babies have difficulties feeding and can choke or gag.
- Older children and adults may just have a cough that lasts for many weeks. They may not have the whoop.

How is it spread?

- Whooping cough is spread when an infectious person coughs bacteria into the air which can be inhaled by people nearby. If they are not treated early, people with whooping cough are infectious in the first three weeks of their illness.
- Whooping cough spreads easily through families, childcare centres and at school.

Who is at risk?

- Anyone can get whooping cough. People living in the same household as someone with whooping cough are especially at risk.
- Immunisation reduces the risk of infection but immunity fades over time. You can still get whooping cough even if you've been immunised.

How is it prevented?

Whooping cough vaccines provide good protection from infection but immunity fades which means that boosters are needed.

Immunisation for babies

- Babies need to be immunised at 2 months, 4 months, 6 months and 18 months. The first dose can be given as early as 6 weeks of age.

- Getting your baby vaccinated on time gives them some protection when they are most at risk of severe illness.
- If your baby's vaccines are overdue, see your GP now to catch up.

Immunisation for older children

- A whooping cough booster is needed at 4 years of age.
- Check if your child has been vaccinated. Look at their Blue Book, speak to your GP or ring the Australian Immunisation Register on 1800 653 809.
- A second whooping cough booster is given in high school through the NSW School –based Vaccination Program.

Immunisation for adults

A booster for adults is recommended for:

- women who are in the third trimester of pregnancy, preferably at 28 weeks. Free vaccine is provided through GPs and hospital antenatal clinics.
- other adult household members, grandparents and carers of infants under 12 months of age.
- adults working with young children, especially health care and child care workers.

If you are a close contact of someone with whooping cough:

- If you have been exposed to someone with whooping cough early in their illness while they are infectious, watch out for symptoms and see your doctor if you get a new cough.
- Some babies and some pregnant women need antibiotics to prevent whooping cough infection if they have had significant contact with an infectious person.

How is it diagnosed?

Your doctor may ask about your symptoms and whether you've had any contact with whooping cough. If your doctor thinks you have whooping cough, a swab from the back of the nose or throat can confirm the diagnosis.

How is it treated?

- Some babies may need treatment in hospital or in intensive care.
- Antibiotics are used to treat whooping cough in the early stages and can help prevent spreading whooping cough to others. People who are not treated early with the right antibiotics can spread the infection in the first 3 weeks of their illness. After 5 days of antibiotics, you are normally no longer infectious.
- The cough often continues for many weeks, despite antibiotics.

What is the public health response?

Doctors and laboratories must confidentially notify cases of pertussis to the local public health unit. Public health unit staff can advise on the best way to stop further spread.

Infectious children are restricted from going to pre-school and school. Unimmunised contacts may be excluded from child care unless they take the special antibiotics.

Identify - Protect – Prevent

[NSW Health whooping cough campaign:](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/whoopingcough/Pages/default.aspx)
<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/whoopingcough/Pages/default.aspx>

For further information please call your local public health unit on 1300 066 055 or visit the New South Wales Health website www.health.nsw.gov.au



This is an example of a learning space we are building for students across NSW.

Riverbank Public School

Project notification

November 2018

Investing in our schools

The NSW Government is investing \$6 billion over four years to deliver more than 170 new and upgraded schools. This includes an additional \$160 million in 2018/19 as part of the record \$747 million maintenance funding announced last year. This is the biggest investment in public school infrastructure in the history of NSW.

Riverbank Public School

A project is underway to upgrade Riverbank Public School to accommodate the growing student population in the area. The project will deliver 15 new flexible teaching spaces, a covered outdoor learning area, additional student amenities, shade structures and an extension of administration and staff facilities.

Development application approval

Blacktown City Council has now provided approval of this project and the construction contract has now been awarded to Patterson Building Group.

For more information contact:

School Infrastructure NSW
Email: schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu.au
Phone: 1300 482 651
www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au

Early works commencement

In late November, Patterson Building Group will establish a site office on the school grounds, and erect temporary fencing around the site of the new building. This will be followed by the start of construction works in early December.

Work hours will be:

- Monday to Friday, 7.00am to 6.00pm
- Saturday, 7.00am to 1.00pm

During construction, students, staff and visitors to the school will need to use the new access to the school grounds on Wentworth Street, near the car-park.

Keeping you updated

Members of the school community are invited to attend an information booth at the school on **Thursday, 22 November, from 2.30 to 4.30pm.**

We will continue to keep you informed as the project progresses. You can contact us via the details provided.



21 August 2018

MEDIA RELEASE

CONOLLY CALLS FOR COMMON SENSE ON SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISORS

Member for Riverstone Kevin Conolly has called for a more flexible, common sense approach to the assessment of applications by primary school communities for the employment of crossing supervisors.

“The employment by RMS of crossing supervisors is all about child safety.

“We shouldn’t let that goal be caught up in red tape or excessively rigid interpretation of the criteria.

“In the case of rapidly growing suburbs like The Ponds and Schofields we know that student numbers are not only growing year by year but month by month and even week by week.

“An assessment undertaken 5 or 6 months ago is no longer a valid measure of student numbers in these localities.

“I am urging the Minister for Roads to review the decision of the RMS not to appoint a crossing supervisor at Riverbank Public School, taking into account the extraordinary growth which is occurring.

“When the RMS decision was made on 19 July 2018 I immediately wrote to the Minister asking for her to review the matter.

“I have no doubt that student numbers at Riverbank will continue to grow for some time, so I’m asking for the decision to appoint supervisor to be made sooner rather than later.

“I believe that it is time to review the decade-old criteria to ensure that they are working to achieve the goal of keeping children safe,” said Mr Conolly.

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