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Calendar Dates

	Term 3			
Week 6				
27 August	Father's Day stall			
28 August	Stage 2 Excursion classes – 3B, 3/4C, 3/4T, 4B, 4D and 2/6M			
29 August	Stage 2 Excursion classes – 3M, 3K, 3J, 3E, 4RC and 4W			
	Father's Day Stall			
31 August	Jersey Day Fundraiser			
	11.30am Stage 2 3J (Please note change in time)			
Week 7	Literacy Numeracy Week			
6 September	Spelling Bee Finals – Cherrybrook PS			
7 September	PSSA			
	Assemblies			
	11.30am KH and 2pm 1/2B			
Week 8				
12 September	K-2 Athletics Carnival Peel Reserve 9-1pm			
14 September	PSSA Summer competition resumes			
	Assembly			
	Stage 2 4W			
Week 9				
19 September	Parliament			
	Sydney West Athletics Carnival			
20 September	Year 6 Circus Berserkus – FUN DAY			

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Time flies when you are having fun and this term has flown by. It is hard to believe that we are half way through Term 3. Over the weekend, one of our demountables was relocated as we prepare for our new entrance while the new build is under construction. The new build is on track to commence next school holidays.

Sydney West Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to Aneeq, Simran and Sophie who will be representing our Ridges Zone Team at the Sydney West Carnival on the 19 September. We wish them all the very best!

Book Week celebrations

Our students and staff thoroughly enjoyed our Book Week celebrations. Thank you to our wonderful librarians Ms Whelan, Ms Kennedy and Mr Dewhurst for organising our Kindergarten Bedtime Stories and Author Visits. Yvette Poshoglian and Tim Harris were thoroughly impressed with our students and their love of books.

SASS Recognition Week

Next week we celebrate School Administrative and Support (SAS) Staff Recognition Week. This is an opportunity for the whole school community to recognise and thank our amazing SAS staff for the important work they do for our students and community. SAS staff includes our front office School Administrative staff, our General Assistants, and our Student Learning Support Officers (or "teachers' aides"). Please take the time to say thank you to our School Administrative and Support Staff during Week 7.

The Hills Public Speaking Semi Finals

Yesterday we hosted The Hills Public Speaking Semi Finals. Congratulations to Mariam, Mahi, Risha, Nethra, Cameron and Dhyana on representing RPS! Congratulations to Mahi on winning the Stage 1 semi final.

Premier's Spelling Bee Final

Next Thursday 6 September, our Spelling Bee finalists will be off to Cherrybrook PS for the final rounds of the competition. Good luck to our competitors; Anshul, Arnav, Manav and Jaskirit.

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Year 5 Camp

Our Year 5 students will be heading off to Broken Bay on Monday 24 September. Broken Bay is located sixty minutes north of Sydney with access by boat only and provides a range of services, facilities and accommodation for school camps. The property is set on 650 hectares of unspoilt wilderness and feels worlds away with its isolated headland, beach, river and bush setting and breathtaking views of the Hawkesbury. Year 5 will certainly be in for a memorable experience. Final payments are due by 5 September.

Starting Kindergarten in 2019

If you have a child starting school next year, it is important to enrol your child and to attend our Kindergarten transition program held in Term 4. We are currently taking enrolments for 2019. Please contact the office staff if you have not yet completed an enrolment application or if you require assistance.

Father's Day Stall

I would like to thank our amazing P & C for organising another wonderful Father's Day stall for our students. The children have enjoyed purchasing gifts for their father's and father figures in their lives.





Wishing all of our dads a wonderful day this Sunday.

Have a lovely fortnight.

Jeanie Brown Principal

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REPORT FROM OUR DEPUTY PRINCIPALS

Entertainment Books – a message from the P&C

If you have an Entertainment Book at home that you have not purchased, can you please return it the school office by the end of this week.



Tell Them from Me Surveys

Our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the Tell them from me student feedback survey. The survey measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

You may remember that our students in Years 4-6 participated in a Tell Them From Me student survey in Term 1 this year. Asking students to complete the survey twice in one year allows us to identify trends in student responses as well as track engagement and motivation across the school year.

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and timely feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are at school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell them from me survey to help improve how they do things at school.

We would like to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 27 August and 26 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

Our school will also be participating in the Partners in Learning parent survey, another part of the Tell Them From Me suite of surveys on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement. Running this survey will help our school understand parents and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online on smartphones, iPads, tablets, laptops or computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between late August and October. Although participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, your responses are very much appreciated. The link to access the survey is:

https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/riverbank

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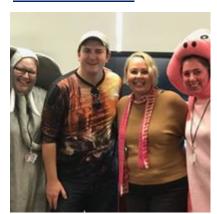


Coles Sports for Schools

Our equipment has arrived from the Coles Sports For Schools promotion. Thanks to the overwhelming support from our wonderful school community, we were able to receive (at no expense to the school):

- a set of portable soccer goals. This will enable a second soccer game to be played on the oval;
- a hockey set consisting of 48 plastic hockey sticks and 24 airflow balls;
- a fling kit. This assists with coordination, emphasises teamwork and can be played in pairs or larger groups.

Book Week 2018













Mrs Baker and Mr Rimmer

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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 4 Stage 2 Merit Awards recipients

Class	Class		
3B – Nasrullah, Sartaj	4B – Kelvyn, Hitesh		
3E – Sathvik, Shaila	4RC – Rudra, Joziah		
3K – Ziya	4W – Pranav, Ilanthirai, Suhanee, Rakshya		
3M – Talia, Anoop	2-6M – Freddy, Jaffer		
3/4T – Paarth, Tayla			

Congratulations to our Term 3 Week 5 K- 2 Merit Awards recipients

Class	Class		
KCH – Aiden, Simon	1F – Tarun, Indy		
KG – Jade, Aarav	1H – Ben, Aariv		
KH – Agam, Poornima	1JK – Lucas, Sophia		
KJ – Nicholas, Sheniz	1K – Aditi, Daniel		
KL – Veronica, Aagam	1S – Aayan, Tia		
KM – Neil, Piper	2B – Ashmaan, Jiya		
KR – Rafa, James	2D – Samar, Tanya		
KS – Addison, Kevin	2F – Pritish, Krisha		
KTM – Gi, Yu Hin	2K – Alisha, Daisy		
KW – Ella, Marcella	2M – Amelia, Thomas		
1/2B – Puneet, Brody	2MD – Ayush, Shardae		
1/2G – Kayla, Melissa	1-3G - Maddison		
1/2WM – Amaira, Melissa	1/2C – Hiya, Arjan		

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RPS Sport Update

Coles Sports for Schools – New Equipment

Earlier in the year students, families, teachers and the wider community worked very hard to collect Coles Sports for Schools vouchers while doing their grocery shops. These vouchers were used to redeem new school sports equipment for Riverbank, including a class hockey set and two new soccer goals.

Thank you very much to all who brought in vouchers. The equipment has already been put to great use!





PSSA

The last round of Winter PSSA will take place 31 August. After this date, please ensure PSSA jerseys are washed and returned to PSSA coaches. The remainder of the Summer PSSA season will commence 14 September.

Week 4 Round 12

Newcombe Ball

Riverbank PS vs Rouse Hill PS

Girls Won Team Player – Swatthi Best and Fairest – Emily

Boys Won Team Player – Sujaan Best and Fairest – Parirk

A fantastic effort by both teams this week! We ventured off to Rouse Hill Public School to verse their Team 2. Both girls and boys team were able to win two straight sets against Rouse Hill. It's so great to see how far both our teams have come, and how close they've become. Our teams continue to cheer for each other on the sideline or on the court. Keep it up Riverbank Newcombe Ball!

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Soccer - Boys

Riverbank PS vs Parklea PS

Juniors Won 3-0 Seniors Lost 0-2

Well done to our Juniors who won their first game.

Soccer - Girls

Riverbank PS vs Oakville PS

Juniors Won 2-1 Seniors Lost 0-1

Riverbank went up against Oakville this week. With strong Riverbank spirit, our Juniors came up with a victory of 2-1 and the seniors put up a strong defense against a tough offense and finished the match with a loss of 1-0.

Both teams showed grit and tough plays. The Junior girls started with a goal in the first 5 minutes, right before Oakville came back with another goal! It came to a 1-1 on the first half. During the second half Riverbank put another one onto the board to put us in the lead for the rest of the game.

Seniors were up against an extremely strong offense this week. With a total of 16 goal attempts from Oakville they managed to only score 1 in the first half. It was an exciting match and the girls did an amazing job! Well done Riverbank

Rugby League

Riverbank PS vs John Palmer PS

JuniorsLostTeam Player – VirajBest and Fairest – TirojSeniorsLostTeam Player – LandenBest and Fairest – Bailey

A fantastic effort by both teams today! Juniors were creative with their playmaking and tried a variety of different tactics. Some crafty footwork by Viraj lead to a great try, which Riley was able to convert with ease.

Seniors played their best game of the season! Right from kick-off, there were explosive runs and several line-breaks. We discussed drawing in our defenders and off-loading the ball to create opportunities. The team did a great job of this, which lead to two excellent tries. Well done to

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Bailey who was an absolute tackling machine, working hard and defending the line with great intensity. Keep it up Riverbank Rugby League, very exciting to watch!

Netball

Riverbank PS vs Kenthurst PS

JuniorsLost 3-26Team Player – AanyaBest and Fairest – HodaSeniorsLost 3-12Team Player – TamaraBest and Fairest – Chanel

This week Riverbank really worked on their communication during their games. Both Juniors and Seniors played excellent support for their team mates and made sure they were making themselves available to get those goals! We were outplayed by Kenthurst this week with some unlucky shots in the second half in our senior game. Only one more week left of Netball this PSSA season, so let's make it a good one!

Week 5 Round 13

No games due to Ridges Athletic Carnival

Nathan Lee

Sports Organiser

Zone Athletics Carnival

This year's Zone Athletics Carnival saw our talented students participate in all events with energy and determination. The Riverbank Team were supportive and enthusiastic through cheering for each event and celebrating achievements made by all. Congratulations to Aneeq, Simran and Sophie who are representing our Ridges Zone Team at the Sydney West Carnival on the 19 September. We wish them luck.

Mrs Beard

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Walk-a-thon – 2018

On Wednesday the 17 October, Riverbank Public School will be holding our fourth annual Walk-athon. Students will be dressing up and will participate in this fun event with their peers, whilst also raising money for our wonderful school. Last year it was very successful, raising over \$13,000 for school technology resources. Parents are always welcome to come along and walk with their children on hopefully, a beautiful and sunny day!

Over the next few weeks sponsor cards will be given to each student. There are some fabulous prizes that could be won by getting out there, being active and receiving donations from friends or family! Prizes will be showcased during assemblies and handed out in Term 4 after the Walkathon.

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!



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Term Three	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 1	23 July SDD	24 July Students return	25 July	26 July Athletics Carnival 3-6	27 July Kindy 100 days at School No Assemblies PSSA - Winter
2	30 July 3-6 NAIDOC Week Activities	31 July ICAS English 3-6 NAIDOC Week Activities	1 August OC Test K-2 NAIDOC Week Activities	2 August 3-6 NAIDOC Week Activities	3 August Assembly 3-6 PSSA - Winter 3-6 NAIDOC Week Activities
3 EDUCA TION WEEK	6 August Education Week	7 August Castle Towers CAPA Performance	8 August	9 August Education Week Open Classrooms	10 August Assembly K-2 PSSA - Winter
4	13 August Science Week	14 August ICAS Maths	15 August	16 August	17 August Assembly 3-6 PSSA - Winter
5	20 August Book Week Find your Treasure	21 August	22 August Parliament P&C 9am	23 August K -6 Book Week Author Visits	24 August Assembly K-2 Ridges Athletics
6	27 August Father's Day Stall	28 August Stage 2 Excursion	29 August Stage 2 Excursion Father's Day Stall	30 August	31 August Assembly 3-6 PSSA - Winter Jersey Day Fundraiser
7	3 September Literacy and Numeracy Week	4 September	5 September	6 September	7 September Assembly K-2
8	10 September	11 September	12 September Athletics Carnival K-2	13 September	14 September Assembly 3-6 PSSA - Summer
9	17 September	18 September	19 September Parliament Sydney West Athletics	20 September Year 6 Fun Day Circus Berserkus	21 September Assembly K-2 PSSA - Summer
10	24 September Year 5 Camp	25 September Year 5 Camp	26 September Year 5 Camp	27 September	28 September Assembly 3-6 Footy Colours Day Fundraiser
Hols	1 October Labour Day	2 October	3 October	4 October	5 October
Hols	8 October	9 October	10 October	11 October	12 October

Science Week 2018

@ RIVERBANK

GAME CHANGERS and CHANGE MAKERS

On Wednesday 15th August, Riverbank students were engaged in activities that supported the 2018 National Science Week theme, 'Game Changers and Change Makers'. Our teacher led activities encouraged an interest in science and fascinated students by the world in which we live. The activities and theme for Science Week provided an opportunity to acknowledge the contributions of scientists, engineers, technologists, mathematicians, designers and innovators, both past and present, to our world.



Early Stage 1

With science passports firmly grasped in hands, Kindergarten worked their way through five different experiments. Students marvelled as the colours of skittles moved across the water, 'ooh'-ed as ingredients combined to create fluffy slime, 'aah'-ed over chemical reactions with fizzing colours, were shocked by static electricity and creatively constructed boats.

Stage 1

All students completed five examinations of differing science concepts. In a jar, they added food colouring to shaving cream to replicate clouds in a storm. Surface tension was examined with milk, detergent and food colouring. Optical illusions were created via the creation of thaumatropes. Students also delved into how the purpose and design effects the construction of some vehicles such as how boats can carry large loads and plane design effects movement through the air.

Stage 2

Throughout the day, students moved through a variety of diverse hands-on experiments. Some required students to engage their inner architect by constructing stable structures such as bridges, towers, boats and marble runs. In other activities, students examined and discussed the results when mixing together various ingredients such as cornflour with water and milk with oil. Whilst other experiments investigated items that we take for granted such as the telephone.

Additionally, Year 4 students were lucky to observe a demonstration involving liquid nitrogen from Fizzics Education. The audience were amazed at the effects this extremely cold liquid had on everyday objects.



Stage 3

The activities undertaken by our seniors required collaboration, creative design and construction skills in order to implement a successful solution that had to meet the specified requirements. Students cooperated to create rockets, catapults, rockets, gliders and parachutes as well as investigated static electricity.





Book Week Wrap-up

We hope everyone enjoyed the wonderful array of Book Week activities on offer last week. Both our visiting authors commented on the outstanding behaviour of our students and the wonderful atmosphere at our school. Thank you to Mrs Brown for supporting their visits by providing them at no charge to students. And thank YOU students, teachers and families for dressing up as book characters on this day. Piggie and Gerald even made an appearance! It was so much fun!

Thanks also to the school community for supporting our inaugural 'Kindergarten Bedtime Stories' events. These were very popular, and we have received lots of positive feedback. Looks like we might have started a new Book Week tradition!

This week will see classes following up Book Week with student vote results announced and the 'Staff Treasure Box of Stories' augmented reality activity.

Check the school's Facebook page for more event photos.



















What's New?

Premier's Reading Challenge

CHALLENGE CLOSES THIS FRIDAY 31st August! FINALISE YOUR ONLINE READING RECORDS NOW!

NB: K-2 students/parents, this will be done for you by the library

Need help? Come see us!

Since our last newsletter, these students have completed the K-2, 3-4 and 5-6 Challenges:

Maxwell W. Tanvi J. Ekansh S. Annie D. Advikaa N. Hanya P.

Sartaj S. Ziya A. Diya S. Matthew V. Kaushila S. Yana A.

Great readers make awesome leaders!

CIRCULATION

OVERDUE BOOKS Unfortunately, many library books are still listed as overdue. PLEASE help us to ensure that all students have equitable access to our books by returning what is borrowed. If books are lost or damaged, please contact the school office or the library directly to arrange for the replacement cost to be paid. *Thank you.*

BOOK CLUB

ISSUE 6 catalogue is OUT NOW! Orders close Friday 7th September.

CASH ORDERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

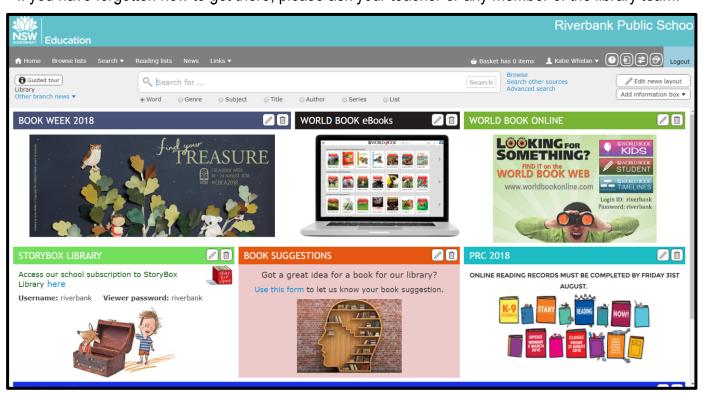
Please remember that ALL Book Club purchases must be made through the LOOP system or online payment system. Download the LOOP app to your phone via your preferred App Store.



TEACHING & LEARNING RESOURCES

Stage 2 students...don't forget to check out the awesome resources available on Oliver (via the Student Portal) for your project this term.

If you have forgotten how to get there, please ask your teacher or any member of the library team.



Google can bring you back 100,000 answers, a librarian can bring you back the right one.

- Neil Gaiman





Circus Berserkus

Thursday. 20 September 2018

\$5 wristbands for unlimited fun On sale before school Weeks 7 and 8

Face Painting

The Salon

Fun Mania

Sponge Throwing

Ball games

Basketball

Drink station

Just Dance

Disney World

Obstacle course

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Emojiville





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