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Term 4 2019 Important Calendar Dates

Term 4 Week 7	Year 2 Swim School
Tuesday 26 November	Creative and Performing Arts Evening
Thursday 28 November	2020 Years 1-6 Students Information Session 9.30am
Term 4 Week 8	Year 2 Swim School
Tuesday 3 December	Year 7 2020 High School Orientation Day
Wednesday 4 December	Volunteers Appreciation Lunch
Wednesday 4 December	Parent Information Session Regarding the New Build 9.15am
Thursday 5 December	Year 6 Dinner
Term 4 Week 9	
Monday 9 December	Reports Home
Tuesday 10 December	Kindergarten Excellence Assembly and Christmas Concert
Wednesday 11 December	9.30am – 11.00am Yrs 4-6 Excellence Assembly 11.30am – 1.00pm Yrs 1-3 Excellence Assembly
Thursday 12 December	5 Year Celebration of Learning Yrs K – 2
Friday 13 December	5 Year Celebration of Learning Yrs 3 - 6
Term 4 Week 10	
Monday 16 December	9.15am Year 1 Christmas Concert 11am Year 2 Christmas Concert
Wednesday 18 December	Last Day of School 1.30pm Yr 6 Graduation Assembly
Term 1 Week 1	2020
Tuesday 28 January	Staff Development Day
Wednesday 29 January	Years 1-6 students return
Term 1 Week 2	2020
Monday 3 February	Kindergarten commence

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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.

Remembrance Day Service

Remembrance Day is a day of special significance to all Australians, commemorating the loss of Australian lives in all wars, conflicts and peace operations. Our thanks to our School Prefects for leading a moving service to remember the sacrifices of all serving men and women. Our School Captains and Vice Captains had the privilege of attending the Riverstone-Schofields RSL Sub-branch Remembrance Day Ceremony, which not only honoured service men and women but also commemorated the centenary of Riverstone War Memorial, which is one of the oldest War Memorials in Australia.

Community Helpers Appreciation Lunch - Wednesday 4 December 12.15pm

The staff and students of Riverbank Public School would like to extend an invitation to all parents, friends and community members who have assisted our school in any way this year. Please join us on Wednesday 4 December at 12.15pm in the school library.

Schools Spectacular

With 5,500 performers and an 80-piece full symphony orchestra, it is unlike anything anywhere across the globe. Performers take to the stage so proudly to demonstrate their talents, their beliefs and their identity – in doing so, their faces light up with pride and achievement. Schools and students are proud to celebrate their uniqueness in the universe, as they each have their moment to shine. Whilst each has their own strength, it is together that they shine the brightest and have the biggest impact. The Arena Spectacular, featuring over 370 schools is a world-class production, which blows the audience's minds about the value of our kids, the arts and public education. Our Stage 3 choir are extremely excited to be participating in Schools Spectacular this Friday and Saturday.

"If stars are the landmarks of the universe, the Schools Spectacular stars are the guiding lights of our future".

John Foreman, Schools Spectacular Host

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Troops Donation Drive

An enormous THANK YOU to our wonderful school community for their contributions to the school's donation drive to collect resources to send to Australian Troops that are serving overseas. We packed 120 boxes! Any donations which were too large and unable to be packed into the boxes have been donated to OzHarvest. Thank you to Mrs Sarah Pilgrim for starting this initiative and Mrs Wendy Singh for helping pack the care packages.



Creative and Performing Arts Spectacular Evening

Next Tuesday 26 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.

Parent Information session regarding the new build - Wednesday 4 December 9.15am

On Wednesday 4 December, Mr Lamont and I will be hosting an information session on our new learning hubs opening in 2020. The session will outline what the new spaces will look like and the learning modes being introduced. While these spaces are for Stage 3, the session is open for all parents.

Kindergarten Excellence Assembly and Concert

Kindergarten families are invited to attend our end of year celebration assembly and Christmas Concert on Tuesday 10 December in the School Hall.

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

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2019 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 16 December at 9:15am. Please see the invitation at the end of this week's newsletter.

Planning for 2020

I am busy 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 2020 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 immediately. It is important for all students to return on day 1 of the new school year. Taking leave at this time of a new school year can have a significant impact on the formation of classes and the school's enrolment audit. If you are taking leave, please ensure you have completed the certificate for extended leave travel no later than 1 December. A form is included with this newsletter.

Please remember the first day of the 2020 school year is Wednesday 29 January for Years 1-6 and Monday 3 February for Kindergarten.

We are anticipating 1600 students, with 64 mainstream classes and 3 support classes.

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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-one Year 6 students entered the competition. We are proud to acknowledge the following students:

- Top 2% - who receive the highest individual score trophy.
 - Evan and Aidan.
- Top 10% of individual student scores - who receive the Top 10% Achiever Metal Pin.
 - Kaushal, Andy, Anushka, Zainab, Manav, Krish B, Debarun, Fatiha, Lagan, Ryan, Ria, Samarpal, Rajveer and Rupali.
- Top 20-25% of individual student scores - who receive the Top 25% Achiever cloth patches.
 - Rajvir, Aditi, Zayna, Orika, Chris and Diya.

Key events this term – save the dates

- **Creative and Performing Arts evening - Tuesday 26 November 6pm HS hall**
- **Volunteer's Appreciation Lunch - Wednesday 4 December**
- **Parent information session regarding the new build - Wednesday 4 December**
- **Year 6 Dinner - Thursday 5 December**
- **Excellence Assemblies -**
 1. **Tuesday 10 December 9-11am Kindergarten Assembly and Christmas Concert**
 2. **Wednesday 11 December Years 4-6 9.15am and Years 1-3 11.15am**
- **Stage 1 Christmas Concerts - Monday 16 December (Year 1 9.15am & Year 2 11:00am)**
- **Year 6 Graduation Assembly - Wednesday 18 December 1.30pm**

Have a wonderful fortnight.

Mrs Jeanie Brown
Principal

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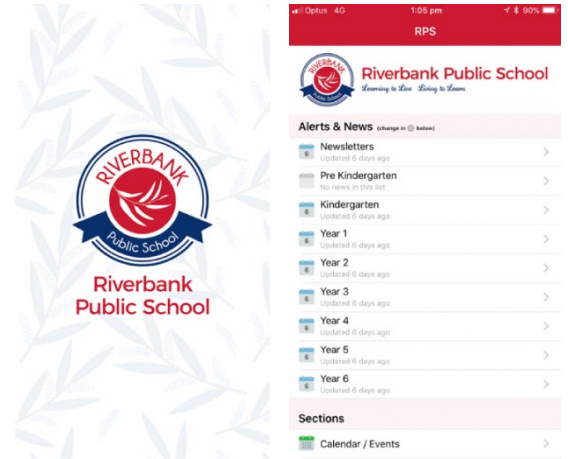


Parent Communication

We use a variety of platforms to communicate information about upcoming events and highlight the great things that happen at Riverbank Public School.

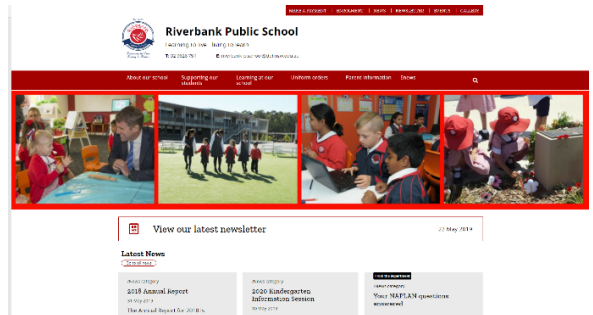
School Enews App

Important notifications are posted and emailed on the School Enews App. School Enews is a free app available for all mobile devices. Just download the app from the App Store or Play Store by searching for Riverbank Public School. Please ensure that push notifications alerts are turned on so that you can receive information as soon as it is distributed.



School Website

Our school website is updated frequently. Some notes such as the Canteen Price List, Uniform Shop and our newsletter are all available online. Our school website is <https://riverbank-p.schools.nsw.gov.au>



Facebook

Riverbank Public School has its own Facebook page where we celebrate student's achievements. Parents are unable to post any news items, but can comment on reports and photos. The page is designed to keep the community up to date regarding all the wonderful things that happen at Riverbank Public School.



Twitter

In addition to Facebook, Riverbank Public School use Twitter to share events as they happen throughout the school. You can follow us on Twitter [@RiverbankPublic](https://twitter.com/RiverbankPublic).



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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 Values:

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





Congratulations to our Term 4 Week 5 Kindergarten Merit Awards recipients

Class	Class
KA – Karteek, Sienna	KS – Shane, Mehreen
KG – Jiya, Samarbir	KT – Melody, Aryaveer
KI – Reon, Veda	KTK – Avreet, Aariv
KL – Zeenia, Mannat	KTM – Krishi, Supreeth
KM – Prisha, Maanya	KW – Isabelle, Haidar
KR – Ayaan, Nevaeh	

Congratulations to our Term 4 Week 5 Stage 1 Merit Awards recipients

Class	Class
1A – Jaime, Maxwell	1W – Rafa, Kyle
1D – Grhitha, Aarav	2B – Anirudha, Aidan
1F – Shyam, Rithika	2F – Aisha, Labh
1HC – Faithlyn, Veronica	2H – Tarun, Sophie
1L – Sienna, Sahib	2M – Grace, Benjamin
1MD – Jodh, Anisha	2S – Isumi, Farhaan
1M – Tyson, Mason	2W – Vidhi, Ayan
1R – Tanishka, Ciara	2C – Samaira, Oneth
1S – Noha, Austin	

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Congratulations to our Term 4 Week 4 Stage 2 Merit Awards recipients

Class	Class
3B – Arav, Aaryan, Michaela	3E – Sharda, Sanvi, Pratyush
3I – Dazzline, Omar, Suraj	3J – Prisha, Farida, Hirun
3KR – Brody, Dhoo, Najah	3M – Jaskaran, Simrandeep, Wilson
3W – Katelyn, Grace, Leila	3/4C – Amisha, Bella, Jiya
4B – Advikaa, Zayan, Siddharth	4C – Arshman, Aaron, Nishka
4D – Khushi, Ethan, Keahn	4J – Zayn, Patricia, Vaibhav
4L – Tayla, Arunav, Saanvi	4N – Nadin, Diya, Harshavardhan

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

Class	Class
5B – Ayaan, Yasemina, Shritha	6B – Diya, Kaushal, Sze Wei
5C – Joshua, Maher	6L – Milly, Sam, Jett
5E – Karan, Manish, Ojas	6M – Taya, Orika
5G – Hamza, Dhruvi, Kelvyn	6R – Ria, Leah, Arush
5M – Tanvi, Sarang, Acacia	6V – Mifzal, Natalie, Chris
5R – Ethan, Madeline, Maania	

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Sport Houses

There are Four Sports Houses that reflect the wonderful view the school has of the Blue Mountains.



Team Name	Named After	Famous For	Team Colour
PIDDINGTON	Mount Piddington	One of the highest peaks and is very famous for rock climbing.	BLUE (for the abundance of Eucalypts that give the mountains their blue colour)
TOMAH	Mount Tomah	Is very famous not only for its height but the Botanical Gardens.	GREEN (for the gardens)
BOYCE	Mount Boyce	Is almost the highest point in the mountains and is famous for a major Bureau of Meteorology station.	RED (for the flowering red natives: Waratah, Lambertia or Mountain Devil and Red Grevillia)
YORK	Mount York	Is very famous because it is where Blaxland, Lawson and Wentworth first saw the western plains.	YELLOW (for the viewing of the western plains by the explorers)

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Creative and Practical Arts (CAPA)

Spectacular Santa Street Parade

Three of our school dance groups represented our school proudly at Rouse Hill Town Centre's - Spectacular Santa Street Parade on Saturday 9 November. Our first time at such an event drew incredible crowds. After parading down Main Street, we entertained the community with 3 wonderful performances on centre stage! Congratulations to the following groups and their teachers.

Kinder Dance Group

Year 1 Dance Group

Stage 3 Dance Group

Miss McAlister

Miss Campbell

Miss Meakins

Miss Nagle

Mrs Day

Mrs Seward



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Visual Arts Remembrance Day

Some beautiful pieces of art, commemorating our recent Remembrance Day on November 11. Well done 2H.



Schools Spectacular – STARS!

Our **Stage 3 Schools Spectacular Choir** is in its final days of rehearsals for the biggest Creative & Performing Arts event in the southern hemisphere! STARS is the theme for the 2019 show.

This year's event will feature over 370 schools, 50 solo performances (known as Featured Artists), a 2,800-strong choir; 2,300 dancers, an 80-piece symphony orchestra, a world-class stage band and a cast of thousands as public school students from metropolitan, rural and remote regions of NSW share the spotlight. We hope you can join us, as **Riverbank** takes it's first steps into the magic of Schools Spectacular!

Tickets are available from Ticketek.



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CAPA Night 2019

Tuesday 26 November 6pm – The Ponds High School Hall

Our school CAPA groups have worked hard all year to bring you a wonderful showcase of talent, featuring over 400 students! Choir, drama & dance groups are set to take the stage, for your entertainment!

Tickets: **\$5 per adult** (available at the door)
 Children FREE

All performance students need to be dropped off by 5:15pm, near the staffroom. Teachers will be present to guide children to their correct holding rooms.

RPS Sport Update

Ridges Summer PSSA

Round 12 Results 8.11.19

NRL Tag:	Jnrs W 10-6	Snrs W 9-7
Cricket:	Jnrs W 146-47	Snrs W 114-22
AFL:	Jnrs L 1-9	Snrs D 13-13
T-Ball/Softball:	Jnrs L 11-14	Snrs L 7-14

Round 13 Results 15.11.19

PSSA cancelled due to poor air quality

The last round of Summer PSSA will be played on Friday 22 November. After this date could you please ensure to wash your child's jersey and have them return it to their coach as soon as possible.

Jarad Lonsdale
Sports Organiser



*Learning to Live
Living to Learn*

VOLUNTEER'S APPRECIATION LUNCH

Please join us in celebrating the 2019 school year as we acknowledge your generosity providing assistance to Riverbank Public School

12:15 - 1:15pm

Wednesday 4 December 2019

School Library

Riverbank Public School

presents



Stage 1 Christmas Concert
Monday 16 December 2019
Riverbank Public School Hall
Year 1: 9.15 am
Year 2: 11 am



Off the Shelf

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WHAT'S NEWS

Thanks for your support this year. This week will be our last week of borrowing so please ensure your child returns their books to allow one last loan of the year!

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE UPDATE

All students who completed the challenge will receive their completion certificate in their end of year report, with the exception of those receiving a GOLD or PLATNINUM award as they will be handed out at assembly. Those receiving these awards were listed in a previous newsletter.



DARUG LANGUAGE UPDATE

Students in K-4 are excelling in their learning of Darug Language! We have now added even more words to our repertoire!



Carrington Smith

Riverbank Public School

Congratulations!
for completing the 2019
Premier's Reading Challenge

GLADYS BEREJIKLIAN MP
Premier



Darug Greetings

Good Morning

Budyari Mullinawul
(bood-ja-ri, moo-lin-a-wool)



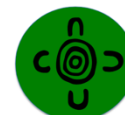
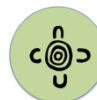
Good Afternoon

Budyari Gumara
(bood-ja-ri, gu-ma-ra)



Goodnight

Budyari Ngutti
(bood-ja-ri, noo-ga-ti)



Thank you
Didjurigur
(did-ger-ri-gor)



Media Partner



Supporting Partner



Library Team Ms Kennedy, Mrs Griffiths and Mrs Wolff.

STEAM news...

Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Maths

This term, our clever kindergarten students are learning about push and pull motion in science, so in STEAM we are combining that knowledge with learning about simple machines. We have been identifying problems of characters in books who have either become stuck or are having trouble lifting heavy objects. So the students have discovered that the pulley is a very useful simple machine to solve these problems!

We investigated the pulley including where we have seen them around school and other places, watched a crane deliver a new classroom and spotted the pulley system in the crane arm, looked at how they worked and decided to create our very own!

They were very successful!

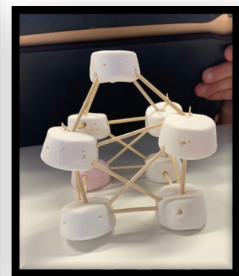
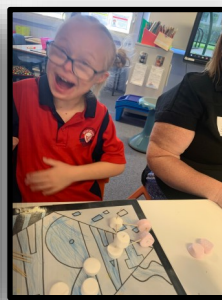
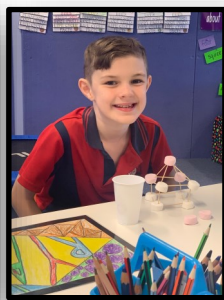


Our support classes looked at a range of different concepts as well as one very important part of STEAM which is being able to work as a team to achieve a goal. Our stage 2 and 3 support students firstly used deliciously sweet smelling marshmallows and small sticks to build a character a 3D home! They did very well and not one marshmallow was eaten in the process –very impressive!

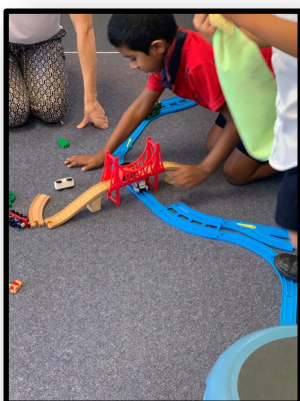
They then worked collaboratively to build the tallest tower they could using plastic cups. After a few tower tumbles, they realised that they needed to be patient, talk to each other, take turns and work on building one level at a time! They were so proud of themselves when they were able to achieve their goal on the 4th attempt! They also learned not to give up when things fail the first time but to persist and try again.



They had just as much fun knocking it down together too!



Our kindergarten support students learned more about push and pull and working together by building a train track with up and down hills for pushing and pulling trains. They loved seeing trains move faster when pushed harder and getting up hills when pushed hard too.



TECH clubs...

Stage 3 Coding Club

Stage 3 coding club commenced last week by looking at the basic concept of coding—*Algorithms*. This is a series of *clear, precise and ordered instructions* needed to complete a task.

To demonstrate this concept, students were given a simple task to complete a set of clear, precise and ordered instructions for—making a vegemite sandwich!

Sounds simple and they told me “oh this is easy!”.....or was it??

Many laughs were had as they realised they can't assume a person or a computer know the little steps in between which are not included in the algorithm, which could be the difference between a task being completed properly and it failing.



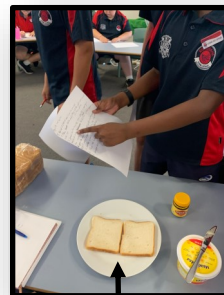
“put the knife in the butter, then put it on the bread”



“put the bread on the plate and the butter on the bread”



“put the bread on the plate, and spread butter, then put the vegemite on the bread”



“put two pieces of bread side by side on the plate”



“put the bread on the plate”
(didn't specify how much)

It's fair to say that they soon discovered the importance of giving very clear instructions, and were able to go and debug (fix problems) in their algorithm to successfully make a vegemite sandwich. They will now begin fine-tuning the skill of writing algorithms using Scratch computer software.

Jodi Seward - IT Coordinator

PRESENTED BY *The Salvation Army* IN CONJUNCTION WITH *Hills Musical Theatre Company*

CAROLS
START
6pm

CAROLS AT

The Ponds

SCHOOL
2019

JUMPING
CASTLE

FOOD
TRUCKS

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SAFE FOR
PEOPLE
WITH
DISABILITIES



The
CAROLS EVENT

THE PONDS SCHOOL - 201 THE PONDS BLVD, THE PONDS

SATURDAY 7 DECEMBER 4:30PM

HORNETS ACADEMY



Preschool 3 - 5 years.
45 minute session held during school term.
Basic skills and co-ordination.



Primary School 5 - 12 years.
1 hour Skills Session held during school term.
Develop individual skills and team concepts.
High School Sessions 12 - 16 years also available.



Holiday Camps available in school term holidays. 10am - 4pm. Long day care available.



Hills Hornets Basketball Association is a proud supporter of the \$100 Active Kids Rebate initiative and is an approved provider.
Not available for holiday camps.

Local Competition (U9 - Seniors)
Competitions are held at Hills Basketball Stadium, Castle Hill. Two seasons offered (Winter & Summer).

HILLS BASKETBALL STADIUM | HOME OF THE HILLS HORNETS

HILLS HORNETS CASTLE HILL | Hills Basketball Stadium, Fred Caterson Reserve, Castle Hill

HILLS HORNETS DURAL | 36Z Pellitt Lane, Dural (Previously Dural Recreation Centre)

Visit hillshornets.com.au or phone 9894-8944 for further information.

 Hills Hornets Basketball Association  @hillshornets  @hillshornets

