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Term 1 2019

Important Calendar Dates

Week 6	
Wednesday 6 March	P & C Meeting 7pm School Hall
Friday 8 March	12.15pm Stage 3 Assembly : 6L 1.45pm Stage 2 Assembly : 4N
Week 7	
Monday 11 March	National Young Leaders Conference (Captains, Vice-Captains and Prefects attending)
Thursday 14 March	Selective High School Test – The Ponds HS
Friday 15 March	Kindergarten Assembly : KTK 1.45pm Stage 1 Assembly : 2F
Week 8	BOOK FAIR ALL WEEK IN THE LIBRARY
Thursday 21 March	Harmony Day
Friday 22 March	12.15pm Stage 3 Assembly : 5R 1.45pm Stage 2 Assembly : 4J
Week 9	
Friday 29 March	Kindergarten Assembly : KG 1.45pm Stage 1 Assembly : 2B
Week 10	PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Wednesday 3 April	Years 3-6 Cross Country
Thursday 4 April	Years K-2 Cross Country
Friday 5 April	12.15pm Stage 3 Assembly: 6M 1.45pm Stage 2 Assembly : 4C

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Zone Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to our students who represented Riverbank PS at the Ridges Zone Swimming Carnival. The students displayed wonderful sportsmanship in and out of the pool.

Congratulations to Matin 5M and Summer 5G for qualifying to compete at the Sydney West Swimming Carnival next Tuesday 12 March.

Clean Up Australia Day

Students at RPS have participated in activities linked to Clean Up Australia. We take great pride in ensuring our playground is clean on a daily basis. This week, the students created artworks, completed sorting activities about waste, recycling and composting. Students discussed why it is important to keep our environment clean every day and wrote some very persuasive arguments. Some classes also surveyed their lunchboxes to see what they could recycle, what could be composted and the need for nude food. The results were very interesting! Our environment team are currently incorporating greater recycling facilities within the school. The new building will have a wonderful interactive garden.



Harmony Day

Riverbank PS is a diverse and supportive community with students from 53 different countries. Our diversity makes Australia a great place to live. Harmony Day is a celebration of our cultural diversity – a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home. The message of Harmony Day is "It's up to us". Harmony Day aims to engage people to participate in their community, respect cultural and religious diversity and foster a sense of belonging for everyone. This year, Riverbank Public School will be celebrating the 20th anniversary for Harmony Day on Thursday 21 March. Students are encouraged to wear their cultural dress or orange – the Harmony Day colour.

Leadership Conference

Next Monday our student leaders are heading off to the 'Halogen Leader's Conference' at the International Convention Centre, Darling Harbour. This is a great opportunity for our school leaders to meet other student leaders from all over the state and be inspired by the speakers at the conference.

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Traffic

The school is doing all that we can to ensure that traffic flows as smoothly as possible during the peak times. The school has no legal powers to enforce any parking or traffic rules and regulations. In fact, the executive staff who supervise the bus lines and oversee “Kiss and Drop” do so of their own accord. This is not part of a teacher’s duty, but done to ensure the safety of students at Riverbank Public School.

I ask that if you do pick up or drop off your children at the school that you obey all traffic rules. I have included them later in the newsletter. Please, do not park in front of driveways or double park whilst waiting for “Kiss and Drop”. If the queue is too long, you should drive around the block and wait until the queue allows you to wait safely.

Every week we have been in contact with the local council and police to assist with the matter. We also educate our students through road safety programs.

I have been informed of motorists conducting 3 point turns while children are still exiting the school. I implore all motorists who drop off or pick up their children to consider the consequences of their actions; the safety of ALL students is paramount.

The good news is that the change in school hours has certainly eased the congestion.

School Invoices and payments

Thank you for paying your Term 1 school fees. Please ensure payment is made by the end of term. **This year we will not be able to take late payments for any excursions or events.** Please remember to pay on time, as schools pay in advance for buses and venues prior to an event. It is important parents do not miss deadlines.

2020 High School Applications Forms

2020 High School application forms will be sent home next Monday 11 March. All forms are due back to school by Monday 18 March. Failure to return these forms may result in loss of placement at a preferred school.

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P&C Meeting

Our first P&C meeting for the year will be held this evening at 7pm in the staffroom. Come along and be part of the decision making process of our school. The topic for discussion at the March meeting will be NAPLAN online in 2019 for students in Years 3 and 5 and ICAS.

Premier's Reading Challenge

Riverbank Public School will be encouraging all students to participate in the Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC). This is a wonderful opportunity for you to interact with your child in a meaningful way and for them to experience a variety of quality literature throughout the year. The challenge is now open and runs until 30 August 2018. For further information, please refer to our library newsletter. <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

Parent Teacher Interviews

Interviews with your child's classroom teacher will be held in Week 10 (week beginning April 1). This year, we are moving towards a new booking system via schoolinterviews.com.au. A note will be going home next week with specific details of how to enter your details, selecting teachers and appointment times. Bookings will open in Week 7 and will close at the end of Week 9. Interviews will be 10 minutes and it is especially important that parents and carers arrive on time for their interview. Unfortunately, if you are late, teachers are unable to extend the time of your interview, as it creates a flow on effect for other appointments.

School Banking

School banking day is a Tuesday. We would love more volunteers so please contact Kate McPherson via the Riverbank Public School Parents Group Facebook page if you can assist on Tuesdays or for any other banking queries.



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National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence

RPS will be joining schools across Australia and taking action on the ninth National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence (NDA) on Friday 15 March 2019. Our school leaders will be addressing our assemblies on Friday 15 and 22 March. The theme for the 2019 NDA is [Bullying. No Way! Take action every day.](#)

Healthy School Canteen

Riverbank PS canteen has been officially recognised as operating a 'Great Choice, Healthy School Canteen' which supports the health and wellbeing of our students. The NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy is a key initiative to support the Premier's Priority to tackle childhood obesity. Having a healthy canteen means that your students are more likely to develop healthy eating habits that will have a long-term impact on improving their lives.



Mobile Phones

At Riverbank Public School, students may only bring mobile phones to school if there is a need for them to be able to contact their parents either before arriving at school or in the afternoon after leaving school. Upon arrival at school, the phone is to be checked in at the office if the student is in Year 3 or 4, and placed in the mobile phone box for Years 5 and 6, where it will be turned off and kept securely for the day. It is the student's responsibility to collect the phone at the end of the day. In the event that a student has a mobile phone at school that has not been checked in, the phone will be taken from the child and the parent/caregiver contacted.

English as an Additional Language/Dialect (EALD)

The Riverbank PS English as an Additional Language/Dialect (EALD) team will be running an information session on Wednesday 20 March at 9am, in the school hall. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn about how our EALD teachers provide support to students at Riverbank PS. Parents and caregivers will develop an understanding of how students are identified for support, and the impact EALD teachers have on student learning in meeting curriculum outcomes.

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Cyber Safety Talks for Stage 2 & Stage 3

This term all students from 3-6 will be visited by Senior Constable John Bollard the Youth Liaison officer for our area. John ran a comprehensive parent session at the Stage 3 Meet the Teacher evening and his Cyber Safety talk came from the Australian Government eSafety Commissioner iParent site. The iParent site is a place where you can learn about the digital environment and how to help your child have safe and enjoyable online experiences.

Some of the topics John discussed with the parents included:

- Cyberbullying
- Inappropriate, offensive or illegal content
- Balancing time online
- Photos, videos and social media
- Protecting personal information
- Privacy

John will address the Cyber Safety talks at the appropriate age level of the students. If you require further information, please email the school. We are looking at holding another session next term for 3-6 parents.

At Riverbank, we value open communication channels in our school. You are more than welcome to make an appointment to meet with me by contacting the School Administration Staff at the front office. Alternatively, I am in the playground most mornings and afternoons and I always welcome feedback.

Have a lovely fortnight.

Jeanie Brown
Principal

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NAPLAN Online

In 2019, Riverbank PS will be participating in NAPLAN Online Testing. For the last two years, our school has trialled this system very successfully and based on feedback that we have provided to the NAPLAN Online Transition Team, our school will join hundreds of other schools using this format. In Term 1's newsletters, we will be placing some important information for our school community that will answer many of your questions. Later in this newsletter, you will find some great information about online testing and the types of tests that students will undertake.

NAPLAN Online will provide better assessment, results that are more precise and faster turnaround of information. The assessments can run through a real-time internet connection or onscreen without an internet connection. NAPLAN Online features 'tailored testing' which gives students questions that are more suited to their ability – resulting in better assessment and more precise results.

Significant planning, development, research and trialling has been carried out to make sure we are all ready to move to NAPLAN online.

The NAPLAN Online assessment platform (under Education Services Australia's direction) has state-of-the-art security protections. The online platform is designed and has been extensively tested to be compliant with government and industry standards for security, interoperability, privacy and accessibility.

NAPLAN Online Dates

The test window for NAPLAN Online is nine days, compared to three days for paper-based NAPLAN. This means it is highly unlikely that your child will undertake four tests in three days; rather it will be spread over nine days. The dates are:

Tuesday 14 May – Friday 24 May

More information will come throughout the term and at the next P & C Meeting tonight at 7pm.

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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

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Congratulations to our Term 1 Week 5 Kindergarten Merit Awards recipients

Class	Class
KA – Jashvi, Ninad	KS – Zyana, Nathaniel
KG – Emalina, Risab	KT – Kashvi, Nikshep
KI – Asher, Reon	KTK – Aryan, Mahi
KL – Makenzie, Levi	KTM – Dhriti, Evren
KM – Cody, Scarlett	KW – Rayan, Palak
KR – Johan, Marley-Jade	K-2F – Rishaan

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

Class	Class
1A – Alexis, Aradhak	2B – Aidan, Jasgeet
1D – Harrison, Ayat	2C – Sujot, Arsh
1F – Rithika, Shyam	2F – Harlen, Heidi
1HC – Rian, Sienna	2H – Divit, Sienna
1L – Edison, Sienna	2M – Christian, Naija
1MD – Vyaan, Maliya	2S – Farhaan, Saifan
1R – Ashmi, Vikyath	2W – Maiya, Hassan
1S – Amitoj, Layla	K-2F – Ruvin
1W – Jia, Rushil	

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Early Student Pickup

If you are collecting a student prior to the end of the school day (2.45pm) photo identification must be provided. Please visit the school's office to show your photo identification and receive an Early Leavers slip. This Early Leavers slip needs to be given to the teacher when collecting the student from the classroom.

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)

It will be a very busy year for our creative and performing arts groups! Sign-ups and auditions are now complete for our 2019 CAPA groups. If your child has been successful in joining a CAPA group they will receive a commitment note in the coming days.

Our CAPA groups on offer this year include;

DANCE:

- Kinder Dance (Miss Walsh & Mrs Slater)
- Kinder Dance (Miss McAlister)
- Year 1 Dance (Miss McDonald & Miss Wu)
- Year 1 Dance (Miss Campbell)
- Year 2 Dance (Miss MacMasters & Mrs Khaliqi)
- Year 3 Dance (Miss Ignjatovic & Miss Barraga)
- Year 4 Dance (Miss Dennis & Miss Jones)
- Stage 3 Dance (Ms Meakins)
- Year 3 - 6 Bollywood (Mrs Tahir & Mrs Govender)

DRAMA:

- Kinder Drama Group (Mrs Lie & Mrs Ignacz)
- Stage 2 Drama Group (Mrs Worrall & Mr Lawrence)
- Stage 3 Drama Group (Mrs Redman & Mr Vincent)

MUSIC / Instrumental Group:

- Kinder Choir (Mrs Cooper & Mrs Matthews)
- Year 1 Choir (Mrs Kement & Mrs Bray)
- Year 2 Choir (Mrs Brown)
- Year 3 - 6 Choir (Mrs Green & Mr Chan)
- Year 4 - 6 Recorder Group (Mrs Rozanc & Mrs George)

VISUAL ARTS:

- Year 1 Art (Miss Harvey & Mrs Brace)
- Year 2 Art (Mrs Fisher & Miss Campbell)
- Stage 3 Art (Miss Jones & Mrs Griffiths)

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Music Tuition

Music is a wonderful means of developing learning and concentration skills in children, benefiting all areas of their education. They become more centered within themselves, regaining some of the things TV and video games take out. Music helps children develop the ability to work independently, increases self-discipline, improves self-esteem and confidence and gives them a life-long skill. Group lessons / rehearsals also give children the opportunity to enjoy learning and playing together.

At Riverbank Public School, we are employing the services of Primary Music Institute (PMI) to deliver high quality music tuition to our students. PMI have developed a continually innovative curriculum – incorporating technology, modern music and structure learning plans. They offer exceptional parent support through an online parent portal and phone/email support team who ensure all information is available for parents.

Students can choose from a keyboard program or strings program which includes violin, viola, cello and double bass. The keyboard introduces children of all ages to reading both treble and bass clefs, which is of enormous benefit if a child wants to try learning a second instrument or singing in a choir.

Keyboard allows the easiest and most direct access to a real understanding of music theory i.e. how composers, thereby opening the doorway to composing and arranging, put music together. Beginning on a keyboard is a very affordable way for parents to let their children try 'piano lessons' without committing themselves to investing in a piano before they are sure the child is going to continue.

Lesson Structure	Price per week
Private Lessons	\$32.95
Shared Lessons (2 students)	\$23.95
Small Groups (3 students)	\$18.95

Program enrolment forms were distributed to students today. Additional copies are also available at the office. More information can be found at <https://www.primarymusicinstitute.com.au/>

We will continue to offer guitar tuition through Mitchell Grace. Notes are available from the office if you are interested in guitar tuition.

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Scripture Volunteers

We are seeking volunteers who can commit to instructing K-2 and 3-6 students in Hindu Scripture, under supervision of a Classroom Teacher. All lessons are previously planned by our dedicated Scripture Team and you will only be required to follow the lesson. As a volunteer, you would be required to teach the students each Wednesday, either K-2 from 1.15pm - 1.45pm or 3-6 from 1.45pm to 2.15pm. Many volunteers do both sessions and that helps us immensely.

Volunteers also need to be registered with a recognised organisation as well as obtaining a Working with Children's Check number (WWCC). We can help you with both of these as they are simple steps. Volunteers' WWCC is free. The Department of Education recognises the following organisations:

- Vishva Hindu Parishad of Australia (Kellyville)
- Chinmaya Mission Australia (Castle Hill)
- The Saiva Manram (May's Hill)

For any further information please contact Mrs Banerji at school on 9626 7511.

Alternatively, your child can provide me with your phone number or email and I will be in contact.

Sanjukta Banerji

Scripture Volunteer Coordinator

Secondhand Winter Uniform Sale

Thursday 14 March 1.45 – 3.00pm

Outside the office building

Items will be half price or less with CASH payments only.

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RPS Sport Update

iPlay – Importance of physical activity

Get Active!

Regular physical activity is an important part of a healthy lifestyle. Making physical activity a priority and encouraging good habits in children from an early age is important and can help them to develop the skills they need to be active throughout their lives.

Why is being active important?

Children benefit greatly from being active as it can:

- Promote healthy growth and development
- Build strong bones and muscles
- Improve movement skills
- Improve cardiovascular fitness
- Help achieve and maintain a healthy weight
- Improve academic achievement
- Help relaxation
- Provide opportunities to make friends
- Improve self-esteem and self-confidence

Children who are not physically active enough will not have the opportunity to gain these benefits and are at an increased risk of becoming overweight or obese. Being overweight or obese long term can contribute to conditions such as Type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure and cholesterol, and heart disease.

Ridges PSSA

Round 1 of the Ridges PSSA competition commenced on Friday morning of Week 4. All the students were excited to compete in their first game of the year. The coaches from each sport shared nothing but praise for the positive attitude and persistent effort that Riverbank students displayed whilst competing.

The draw for the various PSSA teams can be found on our website under Parent Information. Alternatively, please find them here:

- Cricket: https://ridgespssa.com.au/cricket/cricket_draw/
- Softball/T-Ball: <https://ridgespssa.com.au/softball/softball-draw/>
- NRL Tag: <https://ridgespssa.com.au/oz-tag/oz-tag-draw/>
- AFL: <https://ridgespssa.com.au/afl/afl-draw/>

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Round 1 Results

NRL Tag –	Juniors L 4-6	Seniors W 10-4
AFL –	Juniors L 6-65	Seniors L 1-85
Cricket –	Juniors L 72-82	Seniors L 42-75
T Ball / Softball –	Juniors W 12-11	Seniors D 6-6

Round 2 Results

NRL Tag –	Juniors W 6-5	Seniors D 6-6
AFL –	Juniors L 0-48	Seniors L 0-43
Cricket –	Juniors L 56-61	Seniors L 71-79
T Ball / Softball –	Juniors L 12-18	Seniors W 5-0

Auskick AFL after school program

The Auskick after school program will commence after school on Friday March 8th and will run for 4 weeks. We are hoping there will be plenty of Riverbank students from K-6 who can come along to have fun, and learning some sporting new skills. Flyers were handed out to students last week and have all the information to register online. For any information on this program please contact Anika via email Anika.Ferrari@afl.com.au.

NSWPSSA Cricket

This year, our Senior Cricket team has an exciting opportunity to participate in the NSWPSSA Cricket Knockout Competition. Hundreds of public schools across NSW enter the competition and experience playing matches against teams from beyond our region. This is the first time a school from Riverbank has entered a NSWPSSA competition and we are also the only school in the Ridges Zone competing.

Good luck to our Senior cricketers who will take on Pitt Town Public School on Wednesday 13 March at Jonas Bradley Oval. I look forward to reporting the outcome of this match in the next newsletter.

Sydney West Baseball

We would like to congratulate Zeba on her selection in to the Sydney West Basketball team. We are sure she will do an outstanding job.

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Riverbank Swimming Carnival

Our School's Swimming Carnival was a huge success on Monday, Week 4. The heat was blistering but this didn't stop our students from giving it their absolute all whilst swimming. The atmosphere at the carnival was electric with students cheering for their houses and peers throughout the whole event. A huge thank you to all of the staff for their efforts with running the day. We also had many parents offering to help and who turned up to cheer on the competitors.

Swimming Carnival Ribbons

The top 3 fastest heat times determined the place ribbons that were handed out at an assembly earlier this year.

Congratulations to all competitors and supporting students. Not all students appearing on this list progressed through to the Ridges carnival as there are very strict qualifying times stipulated by the Ridges Zone.

<i>GIRLS</i>	<i>BOYS</i>
Open 200m Medley	
1 st Summer D	1 st Lachlan D
2 nd Natalie W	
3 rd Elif L	
Open 100m Freestyle	
1 st Emily Q	1 st Cameron M
2 nd Summer D	2 nd Diesel N
3 rd Mylee S	3 rd Lachlan D
Junior 50m Backstroke	
1 st Evie R	1 st Bailey B
2 nd Kyra F	2 nd Arel Y
3 rd Sophie S	3 rd Jordan S
11 Years 50m Backstroke	
1 st Emily Q	1 st Matin K
2 nd Rupali W	2 nd Aneeq A
3 rd Summer D	3 rd Aiden P
Senior 50m Backstroke	
1 st Mia S	1 st Cameron M
2 nd Zayna O	2 nd Debaraun D
3 rd Jasmine K	3 rd Oscar C
8 Years 50m Freestyle	
1 st Shardae W	1 st Mufaddal C
2 nd Sienna G	2 nd Lennox T
3 rd Dehara D	3 rd

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9 Years 50m Freestyle	
1 st Jessica M	1 st Jayden E
2 nd Grace Q	2 nd Jordan S
3 rd Eira P	3 rd Jett G
10 Years 50m Freestyle	
1 st Evie R	1 st Diesel N
2 nd Kaitlyn L	2 nd Parham R
3 rd Mackenzie K	3 rd Luke W
11 Years 50m Freestyle	
1 st Emily Q	1 st Aneeq A
2 nd Summer D	2 nd Lachlan D
3 rd Lily M	3 rd Jaden M
12 Years 50m Freestyle	
1 st Milly C	1 st Cameron M
2 nd Zayna O	2 nd Ayman M
3 rd Mia S	3 rd Javier R
Junior 50m Breaststroke	
1 st Evie R	1 st Diesel N
2 nd Jessica M	2 nd Ansh L
3 rd Grace Q	3 rd Luca W
11 Years 50m Breaststroke	
1 st Emily Q	1 st Matin K
2 nd Lily M	2 nd Hunter B
3 rd Summer D	3 rd Lachlan D
Senior 50m Breaststroke	
1 st Jasmine K	1 st Cameron M
2 nd Mia S	2 nd Ayman M
3 rd Baani K	3 rd Yogesh C
Junior 50m Butterfly	
1 st Evie R	1 st Arel Y
2 nd Aaina M	2 nd Bailey B
3 rd Kyra F	3 rd Sriram D
11 Years 50m Butterfly	
1 st Emily Q	1 st Lachlan D
2 nd Summer D	2 nd Hunter B
3 rd Natalie W	
Senior 50m Butterfly	
	1 st Cameron M
	2 nd Krish C

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Ridges Swimming Carnival

34 eager Riverbank students turned up to Blacktown Aquatic Centre for the Ridges Zone Swimming Carnival. It was great to see all swimmers put in maximum effort during their races and showcase a positive and supportive attitude whilst cheering from the sidelines. Congratulations to Matin 5M and Summer 5G for qualifying to compete at the Sydney West Swimming Carnival on Tuesday 12 March.

Matin and Summer will be awarded their ribbons at the Stage 3 assembly, Friday of Week 6.

Mr Lonsdale

Sport Convenor

Medication

We have had instances of children bringing medication to school without the school's knowledge. ALL medication MUST be taken to the Front Office for safety reasons. This includes all pain medications such as Panadol and Aspirin. Any medication must be accompanied by a written request from the parent together with doctors' advice regarding the dosage and frequency of administration. Any type of medication found with students will be taken and stored at the front office. This is a very important matter as other children have access to bags and may take medication not prescribed for them. In addition, certain medications need to be stored in a cool, shady location and may become less potent or dangerous when exposed to high temperatures or direct sunlight. Please ensure all medication is clearly labelled with your child's name, dosage and frequency and handed to the Front Office before school begins.



Dropping Off and Picking Up students

A 'Kiss and Ride Zone' or 'Drop-off and Pick-up' area utilises existing 'No Parking' zones around schools. In these areas, drivers may stop to drop off or pick up children, however **No Parking** rules apply:

- Maximum stop time is 2 minutes
- Driver must remain in or within 3 metres of the vehicle
- Vehicle must not be left unattended

Additional safety tips for school zones:

- Always drop-off or pick-up your child from the designated area, following the school's procedures
- Make sure children use the footpath-side door when getting in and out of a car
- Make sure the hand brake is applied when the vehicle is stationary
- Never double park
- Never park across a pedestrian crossing
- Never undertake a U-turn in close proximity to the school.

Safety Tips for Students:

- Stay buckled up until the vehicle has stopped in the 'Drop-off and Pick-up' area
- Make sure your school bag and other items are in a safe position, e.g. on the floor
- Be ready to get out of the car with your belongings when the car has stopped and you have unbuckled your seatbelt
- Always get in and out of the backseat of the vehicle through the safety door - the rear footpath-side door.

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No Stopping

What does it mean? You cannot stop in this area FOR ANY REASON (including queuing or waiting for space).

Why is it there? Keeps clear sight lines between drivers and children/pedestrians.

Penalty \$330 + 2 Demerit Points (School Zone)



No Parking

What does it mean? You can stop in a NO PARKING zone for a maximum of two minutes to drop off and pick up passengers. If no spaces are available, you cannot queue on the road way or in any other zones while waiting for a space. You will need to drive away and park elsewhere, only returning when there is space to pull up. You must stay within three metres of your vehicle at all times.

Why is it there? To provide a safe place for children/pedestrian set down and pick up.

Penalty \$183 + 2 Demerit points (School Zone)

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Bus Zone

What does it mean? You must not stop or park in a bus zone for any reason (including queuing or waiting for a space) unless you are driving a bus.

Why is it there? To provide a safe place for large buses to set down and pick up school children.

Penalty \$330 + 2 Demerit Points (School Zone)

Pedestrian Crossings



You must not stop within 20 metres before a pedestrian crossing or 10 metres after a crossing unless there is a control sign permitting parking.

Why is it there? To ensure that children can be clearly seen by vehicles approaching the crossing.

Penalty \$439 + 2 Demerit Points (School Zone)

Footpaths, Driveways and Nature Strips

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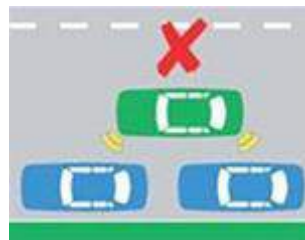


You must not stop on any footpath or nature strip, or even a driveway crossing a footpath or nature strip FOR ANY REASON.

Why is it there? You could easily run over a child or force pedestrians onto the road to get around you.

Penalty \$183 + 2 Demerit points (School Zone)

Double Parking



You must not stop on the road adjacent to another vehicle at any time even to drop off or pick up passengers.

Why is it there? Double parking forces other cars to go around you causing traffic congestion and reduces the view of drivers and children crossing the road.

Penalty \$330 Demerit points (School Zone)

The school is very fortunate to have dedicated volunteers who assist in the safe pick-up of students in this area. Please follow any instruction given to you by these volunteers in order to keep the children safe.

Lost Property

How you seen our new lost property tubs?

These tubs are located outside the staffroom and will be checked daily.

Lost property that is labelled will be returned to students.

Please ensure that all uniforms, lunchboxes and water bottles are

CLEARLY labelled with your child's name.



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Term One	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT SUN
1	28 Jan Australia Day Holiday	29 Jan Staff Development Day	30 Jan Students Return 1-6 Kindy Best Start	31 Jan Kindy Best Start	1 Feb Kindy Best Start	2 3 Feb
2	4 Feb Kindergarten commence	5 Feb	6 Feb Student Leadership Camp	7 Feb Student Leadership Camp	8 Feb Student Leadership Camp	9 10 Feb
3	11 Feb Meet The Teacher Stage 3 6pm - 8:30pm	12 Feb Meet The Teacher Kindy 6pm – 7pm Stage 1 7pm - 8pm	13 Feb Meet The Teacher Stage 2 6pm – 7pm	14 Feb	15 Feb	16 17 Feb WELCOME PICNIC 9AM SUNDAY
4	18 Feb Swimming Carnival	19 Feb	20 Feb	21 Feb	22 Feb PSSA Leaders Induction Assembly	23 24 Feb
5	25 Feb	26 Feb	27 Feb Parliament	28 Feb	1 March PSSA Assembly Kindy & Stage 1	2 3 Mar
6	4 March	5 March	6 March P&C 7pm	7 March	8 March PSSA Assembly Stage 2 & 3	9 10 Mar
7	11 March National Young Leaders Conference	12 March	13 March	14 March Selective HS Test	15 March PSSA Assembly Kindy & Stage 1	16 17 Mar
8	18 March Book Fair 	19 March	20 March	21 March Harmony Day	22 March PSSA Assembly Stage 2 & 3	23 24 Mar
9	25 March	26 March	27 March	28 March	29 March PSSA Assembly Kindy & Stage 1	30 31 Mar
10	1 April Years 1 – 6 Parent Teacher Interviews	2 April Years 1 – 6 Parent Teacher Interviews	3 April Cross Country 3-6 Years 1 – 6 Parent Teacher Interviews	4 April Cross Country K-2	5 April Assembly Stage 2 & 3	6 7 Apr
11	8 April	9 April	10 April Parliament	11 April ANZAC Service	12 April Easter Hat Parade	13 14 Apr
	15 April	16 April	17 April	18 April	19 April Good Friday	20 21 Apr
	22 April Easter Monday	23 April	24 April	25 April ANZAC Day 	26 April	27 28 April



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WHAT'S NEWS?

The 2019 Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) has officially started! All Riverbank students will be participating! In the 2018 PRC over 8 MILLION books were read by NSW school students!!! #readingrocks #nswprc #StudentsNeedSchoolLibraries

What is the PRC?

The PRC aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. Just like our Library! It is not a competition but a **challenge** to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.

What books can I read?

All books in our Library from the PRC list are indicated with the challenge level sticker (K-2 3-4 & 5-6) so students can easily see if the book is for their challenge level. Here is a handy website where students can browse titles to read.

<https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/studentExperience.html#/>

Students can read books above their challenge level. Any books they read below their challenge level will need to be recorded as Personal Choice Books.

How many books do I need to read?

Challenge	Number of books you must read	Minimum number of PRC books	Maximum number of Personal Choice books	PRC booklists you can read from
K-2	30	25	5	K-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-9
3-4	20	15	5	3-4, 5-6, 7-9
5-6	20	15	5	5-6, 7-9
7-9	20	15	5	5-6, 7-9

A huge range of books have been carefully selected to be a part of this challenge. Students can opt to read a maximum of 5 books that are not on the list. These are called Personal Choice Books. Naturally you can read as many as you like but this is the requirement to complete the challenge. Another rule is that students can only record two titles from the same series. This is to encourage the students to branch out and read a variety of books.



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How do I record the books I've read?

K-2 – we do all of this for you at school! No need to do anything but read and be read to!

3-4 & 5-6 – log books on the PRC site via your student portal. We will be reminding students how to do this during library lessons this week. Students can log their books at home or at school. Now let's get reading!

OVERDUE BOOKS

Thank you for returning your books from last year. We are now down to 53 books left to be returned! Please search everywhere including under beds, in cars and cupboards!



BORROWING DAYS

There have been a few changes to the borrowing roster so please check your child's class carefully.

Library Borrowing Days									
Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
1W	2B	KL	1F	1A	2H	KTM	KI	KG	1R
1L	2M	KS	1M	1HC	3J	KW	2W	KR	1D
2C	2S	KM	2F	4C	4B	KTK	4N	KA	1S
3I	3/4C	K-2F	3-4G	6L	6M	5C	3KH	KT	1MD
3B	4D	3-5J	4J			6V	6R		
3E	3W	4L	3M						
5B	5R	5M	5G						
5E		6B							

SPOTLIGHT ON BORROWERS.....KTK!

We asked the students of KTK how did they choose their book for borrowing? They have made wonderful real world connections!

- Nicholas "I got this book because I really like cars."
- Pranav "I love this Lego book."
- Natalie "This book was so pretty so I borrowed it."
- Arleen "I liked the bird and I wanted to read it."
- Aryan "I borrowed this book because it is funny."
- Avreet "I liked it and it looked nice. I like polar bears."
- Aariv "I like it because it is the rainbow fish and he is good."
- Anona "I like spooky things so I borrowed this book."
- Naturelle "I liked the bat and I like to read. That is why I borrowed this book."
- Mahi "I borrowed this book because the caterpillar eats too much food and it is funny."
- Siyona "I borrowed this because I liked the book and wanted to show my family."
- Mukt "I got this book because I love this and wanted to read it with my family."
- Harveer "I used to watch Lego with my family so I borrowed this book."
- Emelia "I borrowed this book because I used to make gumnut people with my family."




Library Team Ms Kennedy, Mrs Griffiths and Mrs Wolff.



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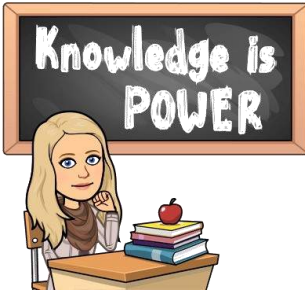
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Robotics



This term, stage 2 students have learned many different aspects of computer coding/programming. So this week, instead of building the robot, they had to use everything they have learned so far to program a monkey that I built, to swing forwards and backwards across a rope all by themselves. They did incredibly well! Check out the Facebook group for a video of our monkey friend in action!

There were many different ways this monkey could be programmed, and I saw many different successful programs move the monkey beautifully. Amazing efforts Stage 2!!



STEAM clubs

Soon we will commence STEAM clubs at lunch where students will be presented with a problem or will identify a problem of their own and will engineer a solution to the problem, build it test it and make necessary changes etc until they have a polished product/solution. This requires a lot of 'stuff' to make with though! [So, I am asking for donations of the following items if you can part with them:](#)

- Plastic bottles and lids
- Paper towel rolls
- Cereal/tissue boxes etc
- Any old/unwanted Lego/Duplo/building blocks of any type
- Any unwanted Blu-Tak or rolls of tape—masking, cellotape, double sided etc
- Any craft materials
- Fabric/zippers/wool//fasteners
- PVC piping
- ANYTHING that can be used to make things!

**** One man's trash is another man's treasure!****
Well...mine, anyway...!

I will happily take your unwanted 'trash' in or outside my classroom Monday to Friday. I am in the classroom up on the hilly part of the oval—a big grey building with the STEAM display in the window.

A huge thank you in advance!

I have made very colourful signage for the Maker Space in my classroom and I cannot wait to start filling up the trays with the making goodies and have this space looking amazing, and putting our steam-geneers to work!



Watch this (Maker) space for more fantastic STEAM and robotics news!

Jodi Seward



AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AT RIVERBANK

TERM 1, 2019

The following activities are run by outside providers after school:

Monday

Lego Robotics – www.nwsydney.young-engineers.com.au or email: infonwsydney@young-engineers.com.au (Years K-4) in 4J and 4N classrooms

Tuesday

Young Engineers Electronics - www.nwsydney.young-engineers.com.au or email: infonwsydney@young-engineers.com.au (Years 1-6) in 4B classrooms

Sports Program - www.sportsfoundationaustralia.com.au or sportsfoundationaustralia@gmail.com 0433669334 (Years K-6) in Ponds HS

Thursday

Chess – Enrol at: sydneyacademyofchess.com.au or email: enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au (Years 2-6) in 3M and 3W classrooms

Friday

AFL – Weeks 6-9 (Years 3-6) Information will be available soon

Sports Program - www.sportsfoundationaustralia.com.au or sportsfoundationaustralia@gmail.com 0433669334 (Years K-6) in Ponds High School

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Yr1 - Yr 4	Electronics	4:25pm to 5:25pm	\$198

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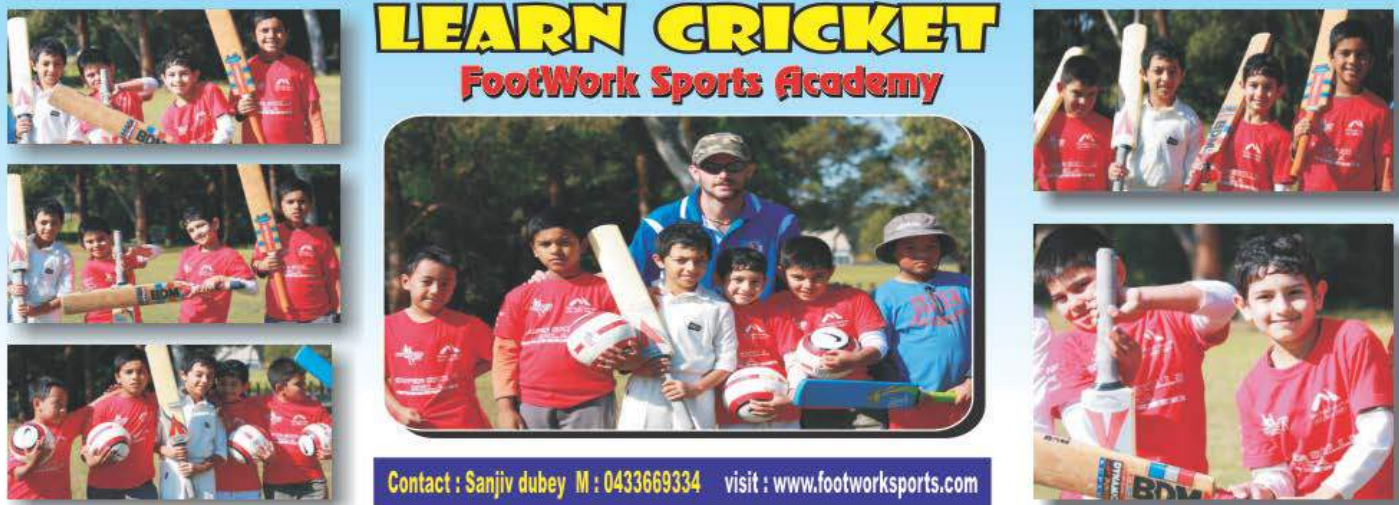
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Name of the child..... Program.....Contact number

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