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Term 1 2019

Important Calendar Dates

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| 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 |
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| Week 9 | |
| Friday 29 March | Kindergarten Assembly : KG 1.45pm Stage 1 Assembly : 2B |
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| Week 10 | PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS |
| Wednesday 3 April | Years 3-6 Cross Country – Peel Reserve |
| Thursday 4 April | Years K-2 Cross Country – school oval |
| Friday 5 April | 12.15pm Stage 3 Assembly: 6M 1.45pm Stage 2 Assembly : 4C |
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| Week 11 | |
| Thursday 11 April | ANZAC Day Service 9.15am |
| Friday 12 April | Easter Celebrations - Hat Parades 11.30am Kindergarten 1.30pm Stage 1 |
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| Week 1 | TERM 2 |
| Monday 29 April | Staff Development Day NO School |
| Tuesday 30 April | Students return |
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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Can you believe it is already Week 8! It has been an incredibly busy start to the year for the staff and students of Riverbank Public School. I must congratulate all the children for their hard work and thank our wonderful teachers for providing so many opportunities for the children to learn. Just looking at the calendar for the next three weeks shows the teachers commitment and efforts to ensure that the students participate in numerous and varied activities.



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

Our 2019 Captains, Vice-Captains and Prefects attended the annual National Young Leaders Day at the International Convention Centre, Darling Harbour last Monday 11 March. Students were inspired by stories from young Australians including Olympic swimmer Cate Campbell, Australian cricketer Holly Ferling, Tim Diamond from the Cotton on Foundation and children's author Tamsin Janu. All speakers told of how they embraced challenges and overcame setbacks to achieve their goals and aspirations. Our leaders had opportunities to meet students from other schools and share conversations about who has had a positive influence in their lives. They were encouraged to 'embrace the scary, but exciting'.. a message they have brought back to Riverbank as they continue to be fantastic role models.

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P&C Meeting

It was wonderful to welcome over 60 parents to our P&C meeting a fortnight ago. The P&C Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 29 May at 6.30pm followed by a general meeting at 7pm.

Riverbank PS ANZAC Day Service

Our ANZAC Day service will be held on **Thursday 11 April at 9.15am**. Everyone is welcome to attend. I look forward to also attending the Riverstone-Schofields RSL Sub-Branch ANZAC Day Dawn Service with our school leaders during the school holidays.

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. Please visit this website and enter the code **y4dtg**. Bookings opened 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.

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.



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Sydney West Swimming Carnival

Well done to Summer and Matin for representing Riverbank and the Ridges Zone at the Sydney West swimming carnival last week. This is a fantastic accomplishment and they should be very proud of their achievements.

Ridges Teams

Congratulations to Lachlan and James for being successful at the Ridges soccer trials. We wish them all the best at the upcoming Sydney West trials.

NSWPSSA Knockout Competition

Last Wednesday students in the Senior Boys' Cricket team participated in the first round of the NSWPSSA Knockout Competition at Jonas Bradley Oval. This was the first time a team from Riverbank has entered this state-wide competition. Our opponents, Pitt Town PS, were well-trained but our experience shone through in the end. In a fantastic match, Pitt Town made 81 runs off 25 overs and we scored 82 runs with three overs to go, without losing a wicket! Our next opponents are Jasper Road PS. Congratulations to the team!

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

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Riverbank's strong anti-bullying stance acknowledged on the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence

Last week we celebrated Bullying No Way day. Together with our student leaders and Rory our school mascot, I reminded the students how important our Restorative Practices are to building and maintaining strong relationships. The leaders showed their video explaining our H.I.P keys at the Kindergarten and Stage 1 assemblies as well as going to every classroom to talk about Bullying No Way and handing out our orange RPS Builds Relationships wrist bands.

Debating Camp

This week, Year 5 students from our Premier's Debating team had the opportunity to attend the 'Arguing with Style' Debating camp in Katoomba. There, they experienced some intense style debating workshops about rebuttal, team lines, big ideas and manner. They worked alongside students from all over Sydney in mock debates based on the topic "Australia has a bright future" and were able to learn from the many coaches in attendance. All of our students had a wonderful time putting into practice what they had been taught over the two day camp and cannot wait for our 2019 competition to start!



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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.

Twitter

Riverbank Public School has a Twitter account. Our handle is @RiverbankPublic. Events and highlights from our school will be posted here weekly.

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

Touch Typing

Today's future focused students are using Information Communication Technology (ICT) skills throughout many key learning areas and across curriculum teaching in our classrooms. This year sees Riverbank move to the online testing platform for NAPLAN assessments. The following are a few touch typing websites you may wish to explore with your child at home.

Dance Mat Typing: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/guides/z3c6tfr>

Typing Club: <https://www.typingclub.com/>

Kids Mat Typing: <http://www.kidztype.com/>

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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 an attachment which shows the order of when the different tests are undertaken.

Over the next two weeks, students in Years 3 and 5 will participate in a Practice Test. This will involve students sitting an omnibus test that includes reading, conventions of language and numeracy. Writing is not part of the Omnibus test. This test will provide students with a further opportunity to become familiar with the types of questions they will experience in NAPLAN Online in May. The results from the Omnibus test are not used by the school in any way.

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. To see the types of questions and interactive features of NAPLAN Online, visit: <https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site>

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

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

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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 7 Kindergarten Merit Awards recipients

| Class | Class |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| KA – Tyler, Leila | KS – Ira, Cedric |
| KG – Maddie, Vihaan | KT – Raya, Advik |
| KI – Jiyaan, Jackson | KTK – Emelia, Nicholas |
| KL – Pandhi, Saketh | KTM – Anna, Levi |
| KM – Rajeev, Eric | KW – Kitarna, Haidar |
| KR – Isaac, Tirthya | K-2F – Hanes |

Congratulations to our Term 1 Week 7 Stage 1 Merit Awards recipients

| Class | Class |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1A – Harnam, Evelyn | 2B – Maveen, Zach |
| 1D – Grhitha, Xavier | 2C – Piya, Kevin |
| 1F – Minahil, Mustafa | 2F – Debanshi, Stacey |
| 1HC – Nehal, Satvik | 2H – Anderson, Aisha |
| 1L – Aarav, Chenuli | 2M – Tamina, Atif |
| 1MD – Kiyansh and Anisha | 2S – Thea, Miguel |
| 1R – Ahaan, Aahana | 2W – Abraz, Rohan |
| 1S – Noha, Shiv | 1W – Yohaana, Julia |

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Congratulations to our Term 1 Week 6 Stage 2 Merit Awards recipients

| Class | Class |
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| 3B – Hashvith, Madeline, Aaryan | 3E – Georgie, Yana, Max |
| 3I – Krisha, Lennox, Moksh | 3J – Ansh, Dillan, Preet |
| 3KH – Somrita, Araav, Ela | 3M – Mahya, Elijah, Stephanie |
| 3W – Charizze, Avreen, Ishaan | 3/4C – Mahi, Ananya, Vivaan |
| 4B – Ansh, Advikaa, Shalomi | 4C – Aaron, Arin, Alexis |
| 4D – Tavasees, Saharsh, Acsah | 4J – Kirrilee, Shayan, Chenuth |
| 4L – Nishi, Deep, Jessica | 4N – Maryam, Hoorain, Benjamin |

Congratulations to our Term 1 Week 6 Stage 3 Merit Awards recipients

| Class | Class |
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| 5B – Ritavee, Shritha, Panaveer | 6B – Diya, Oscar, Gurshaan |
| 5C – Ridhwan, Krrish, Aarchi | 6L – Manav, Jayden, Milly |
| 5E – Maiata, Dylan, Arya | 6M – Jasmine, Ayman, Emily |
| 5G – Rishi, Kelvyn, Rubab | 6R – Adam, Deeya, Fatiha |
| 5M – Angadjit, Sarang, Mitali | 6V – Georgia, Rakshitha, Mifzal |
| 5R – Dilkeet, Ethan, Winnie | |

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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 |
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| 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! If your child has been successful in joining a CAPA group they are reminded to return their commitment note to their coordinating teacher.

Our CAPA groups 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

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RPS Sport Update

iPlay

How much physical activity do children need?

- Children and youth should participate in at least 60 minutes of moderate-to-vigorous ('huff and puff') physical activity every day.
- On at least three days per week, children should engage in activities that strengthen muscle and bone.

This activity doesn't all have to be done at once. It can be built up through the day. For example walking or riding to and from school, active play at home, and organised sport after school and on weekends.

Sedentary behaviour guidelines

As well as being active, it is important to minimise the time children spend being sedentary every day. To achieve this:

- Limit use of electronic media for entertainment (e.g. television, seated electronic games and computer use) to no more than two hours a day - particularly during daylight hours.
- Break up long periods of sitting as often as possible.

Ridges Summer PSSA

Round 3 Results

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| NRL Tag | Juniors L 4-7 | Seniors L 3-13 |
| AFL | Juniors L 14-18 | Seniors L 1-40 |
| Cricket | Juniors L 116-144 | Seniors W 108-31 |
| T Ball / Softball | Juniors W 16-14 | Seniors W 8-3 |

Round 4 Results

No PSSA due to rain

Ridges Winter PSSA

The Winter PSSA competition trials will be held during the last two weeks of this term. If your child is successful in making a team, a note will be sent home with all relevant information. During trial sessions, children will participate in a variety of drills relating to each particular sport. The teachers at Riverbank will demonstrate and encourage each child to have a go at all the tasks before any

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decisions are made. Your child doesn't necessarily have to be an expert in the sport to be chosen as they can develop these skills over the season.

The sports on offer for Winter PSSA are:

Boys Soccer - Junior and Senior

Girls Soccer - Junior and Senior

Newcombe Ball - Open Boys and Open Girls

Netball - Junior and Senior

Rugby League - Junior and Senior

Cross Country Carnival

Our school Cross Country Carnival is fast approaching. The 3-6 carnival will be held on Wednesday 3rd April and the K-2 carnival will be held on Thursday 4th April. The 3-6 carnival will take place at Peel Reserve and the K-2 carnival will take place within the primary school grounds. If your child is in 3-6, please ensure they have returned their Permission to Walk to Peel Reserve note so they are able to attend the carnival. A note was handed out this week.

AFL Auskick Program

The Auskick after school program commenced on Friday March 2 for the first of four sessions. There were plenty of Riverbank students from K-6 who enjoyed playing games and learning some new skills. There are still places available if your child would like to join. For any information on this program please contact Anika via email Anika.Ferrari@afl.com.au

Ridges PSSA

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/>

Mr Lonsdale

Sport Convenor

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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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FOOTBALL STAR ACADEMY

SKILLS ACQUISITION

Football Programs

Since 2002, we have been developing the future football stars of tomorrow.

Join us at our next program:

THE PONDS HIGH SCHOOL
180 Riverbank Drive
The Ponds NSW 2769

2 Week Trial only **\$55**

Sign up today on 1300 372 300 or sportstaracademy.com/football

CHAMPIONS ARE MADE, NOT BORN **SSA**

The advertisement features a young boy in a blue football kit with "Goals" on the front, kicking a blue and white soccer ball. The background is a dark blue banner with white and red text. A red banner on the right side highlights the trial offer.

PROGRAMS RUNNING ON THE HIGH SCHOOL OVAL
FOR ALL SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN ON TUESDAY
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Term 1

Riverbank Public School

2019

| 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 |

APRIL IS AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH



At Riverbank Public School

We are celebrating Autism Awareness Month by going
Blue for Autism!

Please show your support by wearing
BLUE on **Tuesday 9 April 2019**

Please bring a gold coin donation

All funds raised will go to the
Autism Advisory and Support Service.

*Learning to Live
Living to Learn*



Off the Shelf

LIBRARY
NEWSLETTER
T1W8/2019

WHAT'S NEWS?

The 2019 Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) is up and running! So far all of K-2 we have logged 2 books out of 30 (we do this at school) and 120 3-6 students have already logged at least one book! Students have until August to complete the challenge so they have plenty of time to complete the challenge. Here's a reminder of how many books students 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 |

PRC BOOK REVIEW

Yashika in 4D recently reviewed a 3-4 PRC book "Ella Diaries – Diary Disaster" by Meredith Costain. Here is what she thought...



I thought this book was amazing. This is finally when Ella and Peach become friends! You'll have to read it to find out more! I give this book 4 stars.



**You can find this book along with the entire Ella Diaries Series in the 3-4 PRC section of our Library.*

OVERDUE BOOKS

Unfortunately, if your child does not return their book, they cannot borrow a new book. Please help your child remember their book and bag on their Library day. We have some students who borrowed in Week 2 who have not returned their books and hence have not been able to borrow for the majority of this term.



Off the Shelf

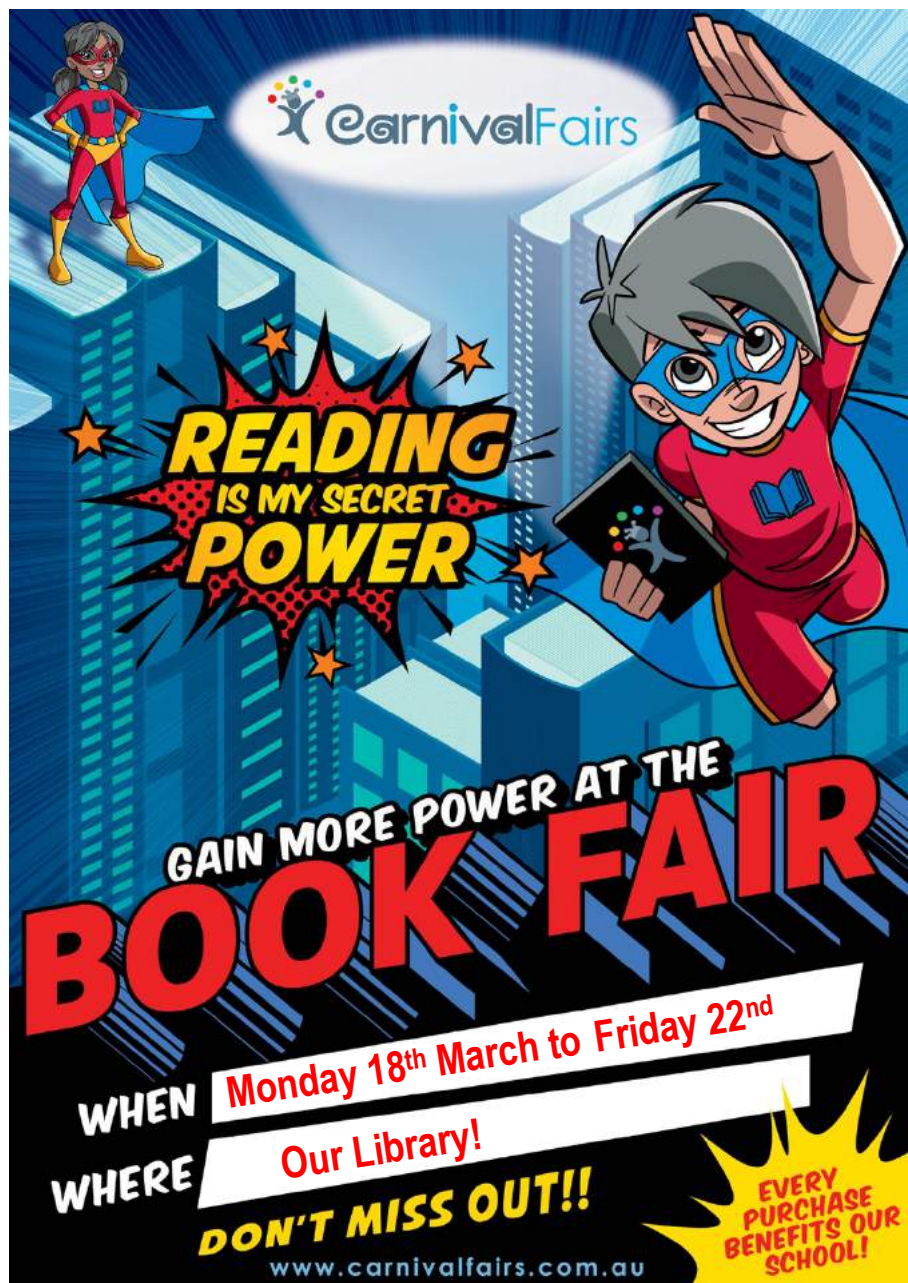
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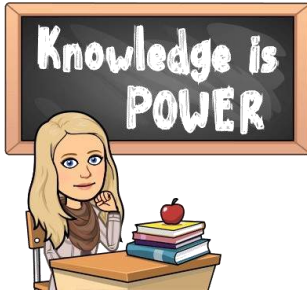
BOOK FAIR

We hope your child has come home and told you about our wonderful Book Fair! There is no catalogue to send home, however students can buy or browse books during their Library lesson and complete a 'Wish List' for parents to approve.

Students and/or parents are welcome to purchase books before and after school every day this week.

Library Team Ms Kennedy, Mrs Griffiths and Mrs Wolff.



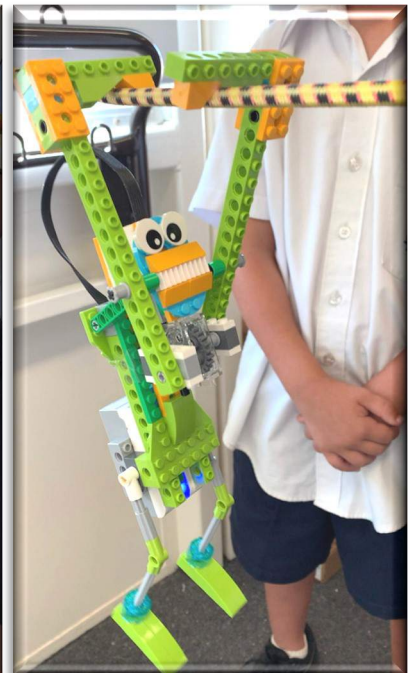
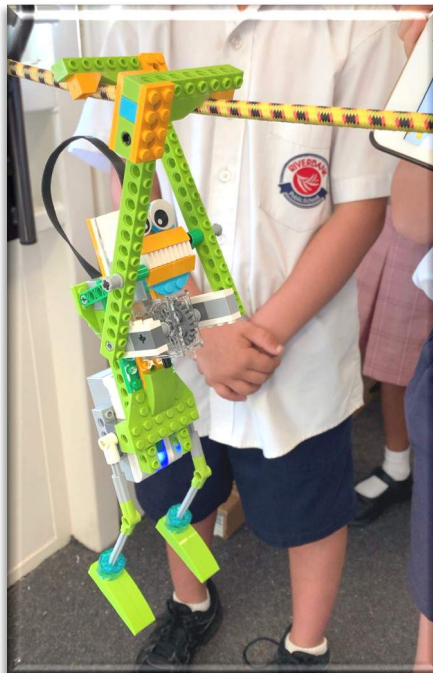
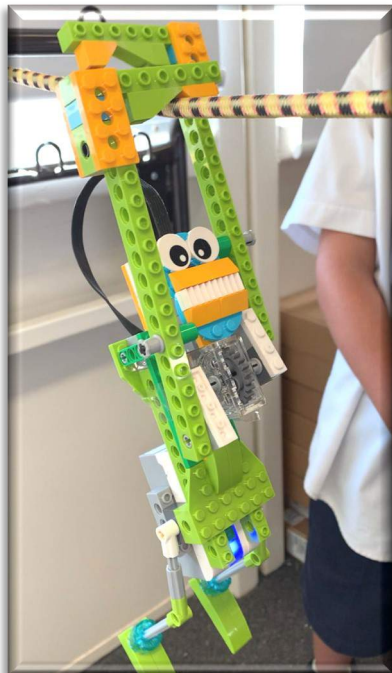


Robotics



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

NAPLAN Online

extended test window

The test window for NAPLAN Online is nine days, compared to three days for paper-based NAPLAN. This extended test window allows schools more flexibility in scheduling and accommodates schools that have fewer devices than students.

NAPLAN Online tests will need to be taken in a specific order. This increases the security of the writing prompt and is required for some test linkages. For instance, students must complete the reading test before accessing the conventions of language test, so that the results of the reading test can be used to determine the level of difficulty of the conventions of language test items (tailored test design).

All students in a school must complete one domain before moving onto the next (other than catch-ups).



MON. 13
Prep. day

MAY 2019

WEEK ONE

TUE. 14
Day 1

WED. 15
Day 2

THU. 16
Day 3

FRI. 17
Day 4

WEEK TWO

MON. 20
Day 5

TUE. 21
Day 6

WED. 22
Day 7

THU. 23
Day 8

FRI. 24
Day 9

WRITING TEST

The writing test must be completed any time within the first two days only of NAPLAN Online for Years 5, 7 and 9. Year 3 students do a paper-based writing test and this is to be completed on day 1 only.

READING TEST

The reading test can be completed any time AFTER the writing test, but must be completed BEFORE the conventions of language test.

CONVENTIONS OF LANGUAGE

The conventions of language test can be completed any time AFTER the reading test, but must be completed BEFORE the numeracy test.

NUMERACY TEST

The numeracy test can be completed any time AFTER the conventions of language test.

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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

JOIN NOW 2019 AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS PROGRAM @ Ponds High School

Sports Foundation Australia Pty Ltd and Footwork Sports Academy

Contact: 0433669334 Email: sportsfoundationaustralia@gmail.com; Web:


www.sportsfoundationaustralia.com.au, Days: Tuesday and Friday

IT'S A STRUCTURED SPORTS SKILL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.

Must give your child an opportunity to learn core skills of sports from a young age. Don't delay an age appropriate sports development. Help them enhance their self-worth and self-esteem. Kids engage in a curriculum based structured activity to improve fundamental movement skills of sports such as dribbling, ball control, passing, catching, throwing, hitting and continue to master these skills on an ongoing process they also improve their **ball judgment, balance, hand-to-eye coordination, footwork coordination and concentration**. Core skills of the following sports will be taught i.e. **SOCCER, BASKETBALL, and CRICKET** by Professionals (*this program runs throughout the Year*) Venue: **Ponds High School**

Cost: \$ 165/ for a Term for once a week (if joining mid-term credit will be given)

Timing: Pick up straight after school by staff 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Program starts 3:30 pm



LEARN CRICKET
FootWork Sports Academy

Contact : Sanjiv dubey M : 0433669334 visit : www.footworksports.com

ADVANCED CRICKET PROGRAM (BLACKTOWN)

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- Sessions tailored to the individual goals.
- Utilizing on-going feedback and Video Analysis and best Bowling Machine to train.
- Focus Areas: Batting, Bowling, Fielding, Wicket keeping, Match Awareness Skills

Venue: Kings Park Indoor Centre (Behind McDonalds) and Club Marconi

Days: Monday and Wednesday (5:00 PM to 9:30 PM).

Sunday: 7:00 am to 5:00 pm

If you wish to join any of the program kindly email on sportsfoundationaustralia@gmail.com with the following detail
Name of the child..... Program.....Contact number

..... If you have any questions call on **0433669334, 0433669333** for further details.



Register Now!

Riverbank PS (After School) Auskick Centre (School Oval)
Each Friday starting 8th March - 29th March from 3:15pm - 4:15pm



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Your child will enjoy a safe, fun, action-packed 4 week program of games and skill development, ideal for boys and girls aged 4-12 for only \$46!

Register Now!

To register, visit <https://play.afl> and enter your suburb then click on "Riverbank PS (After School) Auskick Centre" or register in person at the first session.

To receive FREE Tickets to GWS GIANTS home games be sure to choose the GIANTS as your team of support!

For more information contact: Taine Gilheany on 0436 002 826 or Email: Taine.Gilheany@afl.com.au



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Riverbank Public School

MONDAY 4TH FEBRUARY TO 8TH APRIL 2019

Book online at www.trybooking.com/ZSPM

| Eligibility | Program Name | Time | Fees |
|-------------|--------------|------------------|-------|
| K- Yr 1 | Build-Up | 2:55pm to 4:10pm | \$198 |
| Yr 2 - Yr 4 | Robotics | 2:55pm to 4:10pm | \$198 |
| Yr1 - Yr 4 | Electronics | 4:25pm to 5:25pm | \$198 |

TUESDAY 5TH FEBRUARY TO 9TH APRIL 2019

Book online at www.trybooking.com/ZSQH

| Eligibility | Program Name | Time | Fees |
|-------------|--------------|------------------|-------|
| Yr1 - Yr6 | Electronics | 2:55pm to 3:55pm | \$198 |

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Riverbank Public School Chess Classes, 2019

Thursdays 2:55PM - 3:55PM

| | | |
|--------|---------------|---------------------|
| Term 1 | Cost: \$95 | 7th Feb - 11th Apr |
| Term 2 | Cost: \$95 | 2nd May - 4th Jul |
| Term 3 | Cost: \$95 | 25th Jul - 26th Sep |
| Term 4 | Cost: \$85.50 | 17th Oct - 12th Dec |

To enrol please pay online with your credit card at

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Enter the code **2U3BANWFTP** and fill in the electronic form, with your child's details.

**Fees are due on the first day of term. A late fee of \$10 will be applied if payment is not received within 4 weeks of the start of the term. No refunds or credits for missed lessons during the term and trial lessons must be paid for. For pro-rata fees (ie. starting part way during the term) please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on 9745 1170.*

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|--|---|---|--|
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