



Term 2 2019

Important Calendar Dates

Week 2	
Friday 10 May	12.15pm Stage 3 Assembly: 6B 1.45pm Stage 2 Assembly: 4B
Week 3	NAPLAN (Years 3 and 5 only)
Tuesday 14 May	Year 1 Pioneer Village Excursion (1F, 1D, 1M, 1MD, 1S)
Wednesday 15 May	Year 1 Pioneer Village Excursion (1A, 1HC, 1L, 1R, 1W)
Friday 17 May	Walk Safely To School Day 12.30pm Kindergarten Assembly: KM 1.45pm Stage 1 Assembly: 2S
Week 4	NAPLAN (Years 3 and 5 only) Kindergarten Parent Teacher Interviews
Wednesday 22 May	National Simultaneous Storytime
Friday 24 May	Zone (Ridges) Cross Country – NO PSSA 12.15pm Stage 3 Assembly: 6R 1.45pm Stage 2 Assembly: 4D
Week 5	
Wednesday 29 May	P & C AGM 6:30pm Hall
Friday 31 May	12.30pm Kindergarten Assembly: KL 1.45pm Stage 1 Assembly: 1A

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome back to another term of wonderful learning. The students have all settled in well and we have many exciting events coming up. I would like to extend a warm welcome to 19 new students and their families who joined our school community this term.

Principal leadership Term 2

I would like to inform the community that Mrs Elisa Baker will be relieving in my principal leadership role for the remainder of Term 2. I have been requested by the Department of Education to assist with the establishment of two new schools opening in Schofields and Marsden Park. I will only be in this role for the remainder of term, as new principals will be appointed from Term 3. I am still based at Riverbank and will attend P&C meetings and all school events. I am always available to meet with parents.

Staff News

I would like to welcome Mrs Carly Waller to Year 1, Miss Emily Sewerle to Year 2 and Miss Emily Nagle to our EAL/D Team. Mrs Leslee Bartle joins our administration team.

P&C Mother's Day Stall

A HUGE THANK YOU to our P&C Mother's Day stall volunteers. Thank you Carolyn and team.



Construction of our new COLA and Pedestrian Crossing

The construction of our new COLA is well under way and we are looking forward to having the basketball court resurfaced and functioning by Tuesday 11 June. Great news, Council have finally approved our additional pedestrian crossing on Wentworth Street, to be installed within the month.

National Walk Safely to School Day – Friday 17 May 2019

National Walk Safely to School Day is a community initiative that aims to raise awareness of the health, road safety, transport and environmental benefits that regular walking (especially to and from school) can provide for the long-term well-being of our children. We are acknowledging the day next Friday 17 May, so please **WALK TO SCHOOL**.



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School Invoices and payments

Thank you for paying your Term 1 fees. Term 2 fees will be sent home next week. 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.

Opportunity Class Placement 2020

Applications for opportunity class placement are considered mainly on the combined results of the Opportunity Class Placement Test and school assessments. The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held on Wednesday 31 July 2019. If you would like to have your child considered for Year 5 opportunity class entry in 2020, you need to apply soon via the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address). Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from Tuesday 30 April 2019 at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>. The application website opened on Tuesday 30 April 2019 and closes on Friday 17 May 2019. You must apply by the due date. There are no paper application forms. If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Team (ssu@det.nsw.edu.au). You must submit only ONE application for each student.

P&C

Our next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday 29 May with the Annual General Meeting commencing at 6.30pm, followed by a general meeting.

Students will transition to our full winter uniform, including ties for boys in Stage 3, from next Monday 13 May.

Wishing all our Mothers a wonderful day this Sunday.

Wishing our families who are celebrating Ramadan Peace, Health and Happiness.

Have a wonderful fortnight.

Jeanie Brown

Principal

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NAPLAN Online

Commencing Tuesday 14 May, Riverbank PS's Year 3 and Year 5 students will undertake NAPLAN testing. In Term 1, the school participated in online practice testing sessions with all students completing an omnibus test – a test made up of a combination of questions from the reading, conventions of language components and numeracy components. Writing was not part of the omnibus test. This test provided students with a further opportunity to become familiar with the types of questions they will experience in NAPLAN Online. The results from the Omnibus test are not used by the school in any way. The tests were very successful with different devices being used in the practice sessions, including desktops and iPads.

NAPLAN Online will provide better assessment, results that are more precise and faster turnaround of information. 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.

NAPLAN Online Dates

The test window for NAPLAN Online is nine days, compared to three days for paper-based NAPLAN. The table below provides an indication of when we anticipate each grade will undertake the tests. Please note that these dates are a guide only and may change slightly depending on school needs.

Date	Test	Grade
Tuesday 14 May	Writing (Paper test for Year 3)	Year 3 and Year 5
Wednesday 15 May	Reading	Year 3
Thursday 16 May	Reading	Year 5
Monday 20 May	Conventions of Language	Year 3
Tuesday 21 May	Conventions of Language	Year 5
Wednesday 22 May	Numeracy	Year 3
Thursday 23 May	Numeracy	Year 5

Catch up tests will be provided for those students who are absent on their test date.

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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 2 Week 1 Kindergarten Merit Awards recipients

Class	Class
KA – Reyansh, Sienna	KS – Addison, Cooper
KG – Shaarav, Emily	KT – Senul, Isabel
KI – Anna, Ruby	KTK – Naturelle, Aariv
KL – Isobella, Viaan	KTM – Simoune, Braxton
KM – Shaheer, Amy	KW – Isabelle, Hussain
KR – Rana, Bhakti	K-2F – Rishaan

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

Class	Class
1A – Sheniz, Aziz	1S – Amroop, Aus
1D – Byron, Ifza	1W - Rafa, Diyon
1F – Zohaib, Claire	2C - Agam, Peyton
1HC – Marcello, Om	2F – Hemali, Bhavmeet
1L – Krimish, Sarah	2H – Arav, Zara
1MD – Ranvir, Rose	2S – Chloe, Taqee
1M – Ritika, Tyson	2W – Maanvi, Partik
1R – Jai, Tanishka	

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Congratulations to our Term 1 Week 10 Stage 2 Merit Awards recipients

Class	Class
3B – Mehar, Daksh, Amelia	3E – Priscilla, Aayush, Ali
3I – Harleen, Dazzline, Jasleen	3J – Deakin, Keziah, Jay
3KH – Maniya, Lily-Rose, Tegan	3M – Sriona, Norhan, Angelina
3W – Olympia, Sunny, Himani	3/4C –Naren, Kayra, Hil-Ting
4B – Paulina, Zayan, Ria	4C – Dhanya, Sanchith, Joshua
4D – Aaditya, Diesel, Kyra	4J – Talha, Agam, Anna
4L – Deep, Jessica, Tayla	4N – Ali, Harshavardhan, Kaitlyn

Congratulations to our Term 1 Week 10 Stage 3 Merit Awards recipients

Class	Class
5B – Faiz, Sehaj, Rhea	6B – Chaahat, Ray, Ali
5C – Aditya, Elif, Ahalya	6L – Sinethma, Jayme, Krish
5E – Arya, Karan, Harman	6M – Mikaela, Tanish, Aanya
5G – Ruhab, Hamza, Alyssa	6R – Michael, Ciana, Lachlan
5M – Jaden, Acacia, Hassan	6V – James, William, Natalie
5R – Kai	

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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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Kindergarten Parent Teacher Interviews

Interviews with your child's Kindergarten classroom teacher will be held in Week 4 (week beginning May 20). Please visit schoolinterviews.com.au and enter the code **appr7**. Bookings will close on Thursday 16 May. 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.

Creative and Practical Arts (CAPA)

Our CAPA students have been busy rehearsing as we prepare for many exciting events throughout 2019. This year we will be auditioning for the following performances.

Hills Performing Arts Festival	All Dance Groups
Operation Art	Visual Arts Groups

Our Stage 3 Choir have auditioned for School Spectular and we will have the results of their auditioned in the coming weeks.

Students will also have an opportunity to perform at the following events.

Hills Performing Arts Festival	Stage 2 Choir – Mr Chan
Education Week at Castle Towers	Kindergarten Choir – Mrs Matthews & Mrs Cooper Year 1 Choir – Mrs Kement & Mrs Bray Year 2 Choir – Mrs Brown 2 Selected Dance Groups
End of Year CAPA Night	All CAPA Groups

Hills Performing Arts Festival

Rehearsals for the Hills Performing Arts Festival have started and the choir is sounding wonderful. The date for our big performance is the evening of Thursday, 5 September at Evan Theatre - Penrith Panthers.

As we are part of a massed choir with four other schools, we have scheduled three rehearsals (during school hours) for all schools to attend and rehearse together.

This term the massed choir will rehearse together at Jasper Road Public School on Wednesday 29 May.

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We are thrilled that Aarchi, Lily and Prisha (Year 5) have also been selected to be part of the Hills Schools Dance Ensemble which will perform on the night.

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.

Keyboard allows the easiest and most direct access to a real understanding of music theory i.e. how composers 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 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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RPS Sport Update

iPlay

Get active - Try this at home!

Sock Tails

Equipment: 2 long socks per person

Area: Large open space such as the backyard or the park

How to play:

1. Everyone tucks 2 socks into their pants so that they hang out like tails.
2. Everyone is in, and has to try and steal other's 'tails'. If you steal a 'tail', tuck it into your pants and keep trying to steal more. If all your 'tails' have been stolen you are NOT out, just keep trying to steal more.
3. HAVE FUN!

Ridges Winter PSSA

The Ridges Winter PSSA competition commenced last Friday. We had 140 excited and eager students ready to represent Riverbank in Netball, Rugby League, Soccer and Newcombe Ball. Even though it was forecasted to rain heavily in the morning our teams still competed in games due to the rain luckily holding off.

All coaches were proud of the Riverbank students and the way they displayed positivity and sportsmanship during the games.

Round 1 Results

Rugby League:	Jnrs L 16-18	Snrs L 4-52
Netball:	Jnrs W 11-3	Snrs L 5-15
Boys Soccer:	Jnrs L 0-3	Snrs D 1-1
Girls Soccer:	Jnrs L 0-1	Snrs L 1-5
Newcombe Ball:	Boys D 1-1	Girls L 0-2

Primary Cross Country Carnival

The Primary Cross Country Carnival was held on Wednesday April 3 for 8-13 year old students. After a very foggy morning the sun came out to reveal a brilliant day for running a cross country race. Over 500 students competed in the cross country from Years 2-6. All students put in a fantastic effort to complete a new challenging course around Peel Reserve.

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	Girls 8/9 years	Boys 8/9 years	Girls 10 years	Boys 10 years
1st	Eva B 3W	Casey G 3W	Carrington S 4D	Koby B 4J
2nd	Ashlynn W 4J	Mihir M 3/4C	Mitali G 5M	Joshua P 4C
3rd	Holly W 3I	Jayden E 4N	Isabelle S 5R	Jack M 4C
4th	Coraleigh B 3W	Lachlan M 4D	Indiana C 4J	Chris B 4L
5th	Sniggha P 3I	Jordan S 3M	Dhanya P 4C	Bailey B 5G
6th	Isha M 3E	Marcus K 3J	Makenzie K 5G	Jaidev M 3/4C
7th	Sienna C 2H	Oscar L 4C	Yasemina T 5B	Panaveer M 5B
8th	Zara S 3J	Zack T 3J	Evie R 5G	Harsahavardhan G 4N
9th	Mereana S 2H	Vivaan M 3/4C	Sanah W 5G	Oliver D 4L
10th	Tavasees K 4D	Norhan N 3M	Amal Q 5M	Ansh L 4B
	Girls 11 years	Boys 11 years	Girls 12/13 years	Boys 12/13 years
1st	Emily Q 6M	Kai W 5R	Jayme I 6L	Lachlan S 6R
2nd	Elif L 5C	Aidan P 6B	Zainab Z 6B	James B 6V
3rd	Angelica S 5R	David M 5C	Zeba A 6B	Ayman M 6M
4th	Arya N 5R	Aneeq A 6R	Milly C 6L	Yogesh C 6V
5th	Mikaela S 6M	Josh M 5C	Hadia M 6B	Shibat U 6B
6th	Sarayu P 5R	Samuel J 6L	Orika R 6M	Jai A 6M
7th	Lagan N 6M	Lachlan D 5R	Zayna O 6V	Gurshaan D 6B
8th	Rupali W 6V	Dirok A 6V	Deeya B 6R	Bailey G 6R
9th	Harshaa S 6L	Hunter B 6V	Tvisha P 6L	Gabriel F 6B
10th	Angelina S 5G	Ayan M 6R	Chaahat S 6B	Kelvin Z 6V

The winning house for the carnival was decided by participation points, placings and house points for team spirit on the day. The winning house for our 2019 Primary Cross Country Carnival was Boyce!

- 1st Boyce
- 2nd Tomah
- 3rd Piddington
- 4th York

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Congratulations to all our students. The top 8 students from each race will represent our school at the Ridges Cross Country Carnival which will be held on Friday 24 May. We wish these students the very best and we know they will make our Riverbank community very proud.

Ridges Touch Football Trials

Congratulations to Carrington for being successful at the Ridges touch football trials held in Week 11, last term. Carrington represented Ridges at the Sydney West Touch Football Championship Carnival held at St Marys on Monday 6 May.

AFL Auskick Program

The Auskick AFL After School Program is running again this term.

Fridays, starting 17 May – 5 July from 4:00pm - 5:00pm

FREE COME & TRY WEEK – Friday 17 May!

(Location: The Ponds High School, The Ponds)

Your child is invited to join our Auskick Centre back for 2019! Our program is a safe, fun, action-packed 8 weeks of games and skill development, ideal for boys and girls aged 4-12 for only \$85, which includes an awesome Auskick pack (pictured)!

Each child receives: Auskick Backpack, Footy Card Album + Cards, Footy Pump, AFL Club of support Personalised Door Sign + Shoe Tag AND an AFL Auskick Football!

REGISTER NOW!

To register, visit play.afl/auskick and enter 'The Ponds', then click on **"The Ponds Auskick Centre"** or register in person at the first session. To receive a FREE GWS GIANTS junior membership, be sure to choose the GIANTS as your team of support!

For more information, please contact: Erin Doyle on 0412 011 634 or Email:

Erin.Doyle@afl.com.au

Mr Lonsdale

Sport Convenor

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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.

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)



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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)



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

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)



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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 + 2 Demerit points (School Zone)



Woolworths Earn and Learn

This year Riverbank will be participating in Woolworths Earn & Learn. Through this program, we will be able to get new educational resources for our school and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths.



From 1 May until 25 June 2019, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every \$10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and when it's complete, the Sticker Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box outside the staffroom at school. At the end of the promotion, we will be able to get some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers a variety of items ideal for our students – including resources for Maths, English, Science, Arts & Craft, Sport and Robotics products.

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.



Term Two	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT SUN
Week 1	29 April SDD	30 April Students Return	1 May Reading with your Child Parent Session 9am	2 May Cross Country Back up	3 May Assembly Kindy & Stage 1 PSSA	4 5 May
2	6 May	7 May	8 May	9 May	10 May Assembly Stage 2 & 3 PSSA	11 12 May
3	13 May	14 May NAPLAN Commences Year 1 Pioneer Village Excursion	15 May Year 1 Pioneer Village Excursion	16 May	17 May Assembly Kindy & Stage 1 Walk Safely to School Day PSSA	18 19 May
4	20 May Kindy Parent Teacher Interviews	21 May	22 May National Simultaneous Story time	23 May	24 May NAPLAN Concludes Assembly Stage 2 & 3 PSSA	25 26 May
5	27 May	28 May	29 May Hills Choir Rehearsal Parliament	30 May	31 May Assembly Kindy & Stage 1 PSSA	1 2 June
6	3 June	4 June	5 June	6 June	7 June Assembly Stage 2 & 3 PSSA	8 9 June
7	10 June Queen's Birthday	11 June	12 June Musica Viva	13 June Musica Viva	14 June Assembly Kindy & Stage 1 PSSA	15 16 June
8	17 June School Photos	18 June School Photos	19 June School Photos Kindy 2020 Information Session 6pm	20 June	21 June Assembly Stage 2 & 3 PSSA	22 23 June
9	24 June	25 June	26 June Parliament Kindy 2020 Information Session 9:30am	27 June	28 June Assembly Kindy & Stage 1 PSSA	29 30 June
10	1 July Reports Home Year 6 Camp	2 July Year 6 Camp Year 2 Field of Mars Excursion	3 July Year 6 Camp Year 2 Field of Mars Excursion	4 July Year 2 Field of Mars Excursion	5 July Assembly Stage 2 & 3	6 7 July
Hols	8 July NAIDOC WEEK	9 July	10 July	11 July	12 July	13 14 July
	15 July	16 July	17 July	18 July	19 July	20 21 July



Off the Shelf

LIBRARY
NEWSLETTER
T2W2/2019

WHAT'S NEWS?

Continuing to develop a love of reading, Library lessons this term will also have a focus on DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP. Digital citizenship lessons help students navigate the internet effectively. Good digital citizenship is a set of responsibilities all internet users should practice. For RPS students, we will focus our lessons on how to stay safe online and develop an understanding that the online world is connected to the real world.

If you are keen to read more, visit this website where you will find lots of information for parents on all things 'screen' related. <https://www.common sense media.org/>

PRC REMINDERS

Students have until AUGUST to complete the Premier's Reading Challenge. All students in 3-6 will be shown how to independently log in and record the books they have read.

*****Students in K-2 do not need to do anything – the PRC is completed at school.*****

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.

LESSONS IN WEEKS 3 and 4

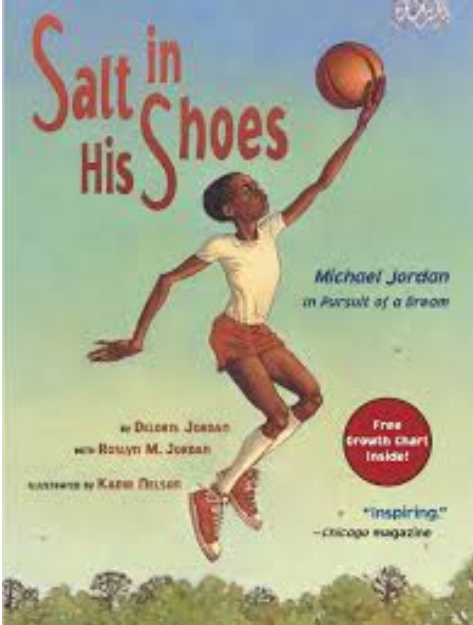
Due to Naplan online testing, Library lessons will take place in the classrooms for Weeks 3 and 4. Students will not be able to borrow in their usual lesson time. The Library will continue to be **open before and after school for borrowing**. Students in K-2 need to be accompanied by an adult to borrow before or after school.

NEW BOOKS – AND MORE EXCITING THINGS COMING SOON!

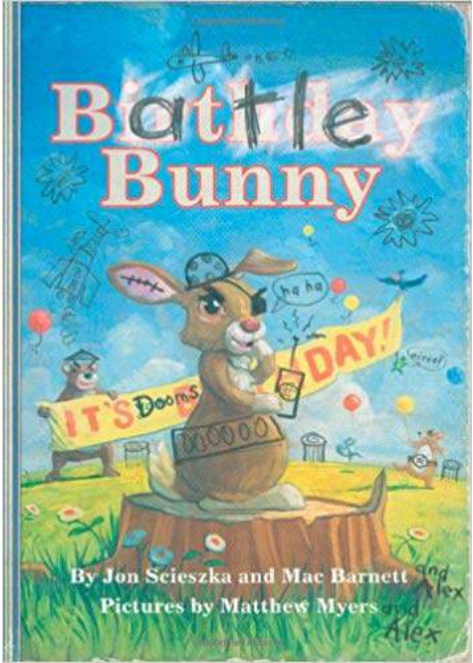
We are so thankful to Mrs Brown for her passion for RPS students to be avid readers by continuing to support and provide a generous Library budget. Over the holidays an abundance of new quality literature arrived, and we aim to get this out to teachers and students as quickly as possible. If you are interested in helping contact/cover these books please email jennifer.l.kennedy@det.nsw.edu.au

Library Team Ms Kennedy, Mrs Griffiths and Mrs Wolff.

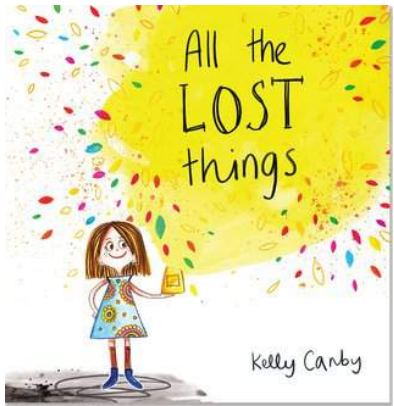
So hard to choose but here are some of our new picture book highlights



A great story about Michael Jordan, who is smaller than the other kids he plays with. He learns that determination and hard work are more important than size when playing the game of basketball. A wonderful story about choosing the right attitude and never giving up.



This is one of my most favourite books and I cannot wait to read it to the students. It looks like someone has drawn on the book doesn't it? Well, it was made that way! This story is about a young boy who gets a sweet book called "Birthday Bunny" from his Grandma. He decides he is going to change the story into something much more exciting and changes the text and drawings throughout the book and renames it "Battle Bunny".



A very clever take on perspective. What is small and big to one person is not necessarily the same for someone else. Engaging illustrations and funny! An excellent way to look at someone else's point of view.

A beautifully told story about a girl named Olive as she walks through the city. This city is full of people yelling at each other and no one being kind anymore. While on her walk she finds a hole in the street and goes down it. When she gets down to the bottom she finds an old woman who has boxes of all the lost things from the city. What Olive finds in these boxes changes the whole city above!

STEAM NEWS

Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Maths



This term, stage 1 students have STEAM as a part of their weekly learning schedule! They are already super excited for the learning activities they will participate in this term and we very much look forward to showcasing their amazing work over the coming weeks as the students embrace their inner engineers, scientists and tech experts!

A unique opportunity has become available for a number of stage 3 students to participate in an exciting and highly engaging competition. The Liverpool City Council and the NSW Department of Education have joined forces to organise an exciting curriculum-aligned learning challenge to help design the Western Sydney International (Nancy-Bird Walton) Airport and its Aerotropolis in the wildly popular electronic building blocks game of Minecraft. Students will have their work cut out for them over the coming months and we cannot wait to see what innovative and highly creative ideas they bring to their designs!



STEAM Clubs

STEAM clubs are underway and the students and teachers alike are busily designing, planning, building, creating, problem solving and even creating 3D experiences in virtual reality!! We have already heard some very excited little makers talking about wanting to be an engineer when they're older! It's lovely to see such enthusiasm for learning experiences that make those real world connections! The STEAM team will show some of the fantastic creations that come from these clubs over the coming weeks!

In the meantime, please keep the recycling donations coming. Thank you so very much to all who have been collecting their recyclable goodies and bringing them to the STEAM classroom or dropping off at the office. It is truly appreciated and allows us to use these materials for our little makers to make! Donations of the following items are much needed still:



- Plastic bottles and lids
- Paper towel rolls
- Cereal/tissue boxes etc
- Any old/unwanted Lego/Duplo/building blocks of any type
- Old electronic toys/devices no longer working—cameras,toys/remote controls/games 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...ours, anyway...!

We will happily take your unwanted 'trash' in or outside the STEAM classroom up on the hilly part of the oval—a big grey building behind the music room Monday to Friday.

A huge thank you in advance!

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

Jodi Seward

It Coordinator





AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AT RIVERBANK

TERM 2, 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 3-10 (Years 3-6) Contact Erin Doyle 0412011634 or erin.doyle@afl.com.au

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



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JUICE POPPER,
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#3

SAUSAGES & GRAVY,
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FLAVOURED MILK (300ML)

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#4

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- Rewards correct decision making
- Increases self-confidence
- Provides opportunities to make new friends from diverse backgrounds

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

www.sydneyacademyofchess.com.au/payment

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.*

OPTIONAL EXTRAS (prices include delivery)			
<i>To enhance your child's learning experience these items are available for purchase online at the time of enrolment</i>			
Workbook 1 – Cost: \$30 [For Beginner/Rookie Players]	Workbook 2 – Cost: \$30 [For Intermediate Players]	Workbook 1 & 2 – Cost: \$45 [SPECIAL OFFER]	
Exploration in Chess Beauty – Cost: \$41 [For Advanced Players]	Chess Set & Roll-up Board – Cost: \$33 [Recommended for All Ages]	Chess Clock – Cost: \$76 [Recommended for All Ages]	

Pay for four terms in advance and receive a **free chess set or workbook 2** valued at up to \$33. Offer expires 31st March, 2019.



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The Ponds Auskick Centre!

(Location: The Ponds High School, The Ponds)
Fridays, starting 17th May – 5th July from 4:00pm - 5:00pm
FREE COME & TRY WEEK – Friday 17th May!

Your child is invited to join our Auskick Centre back for 2019! Our program is a safe, fun, action-packed 8 weeks of games and skill development, ideal for boys and girls aged 4-12 for only \$85, which includes an awesome Auskick pack (pictured)!

Each child receives: Auskick Backpack, Footy Card Album + Cards, Footy Pump, AFL Club of support Personalised Door Sign + Shoe Tag AND an AFL Auskick Football!



REGISTER NOW!

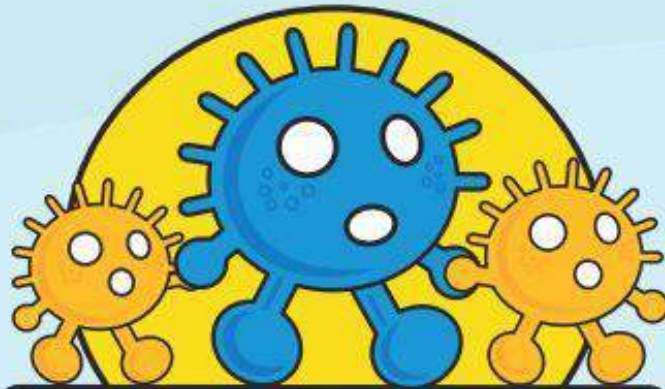
To register, visit play.afl/auskick and enter 'The Ponds', then click on "The Ponds Auskick Centre" or register in person at the first session. To receive a FREE GWS GIANTS junior membership, be sure to choose the GIANTS as your team of support!

For more information, please contact: Erin Doyle on 0412 011 634 or Email: Erin.Doyle@afl.com.au

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