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## Term 1 2019

### Important Calendar Dates

<b>Week 10</b>	<b>PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS</b>
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
<b>Week 11</b>	
Tuesday 9 April	Gold Coin Autism Awareness Day - wear blue
Thursday 11 April	ANZAC Day Service 9.15am
Friday 12 April	Easter Celebrations – Kindergarten & Stage 1 Hat Parades Mufti Day for all grades
<b>Week 1</b>	<b>TERM 2</b>
Monday 29 April	Staff Development Day NO School
Tuesday 30 April	Students return
Friday 3 May	Kindergarten Assembly : KR 1.45pm Stage 1 Assembly : 1HC
<b>Week 2</b>	
Friday 10 May	12.15pm Stage 3 Assembly : 5C 1.45pm Stage 2 Assembly : 3E
<b>Week 3</b>	<b>NAPLAN (Years 3 and 5 only)</b>
Friday 17 May	Kindergarten Assembly : KB 1.45pm Stage 1 Assembly : 2S

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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

We are approaching the last few weeks of Term 1 and I am amazed every day at the skills, talents and abilities of each one of our students. Congratulations to our Kindergarten students on completing their first term at school. Their academic and social progress over the last ten weeks has been amazing. They have discovered the many routines of school life, become more independent, are enjoying their weekly visits to the library and forming many new friendships. Most importantly, I enjoy seeing their happy smiling faces every day.

I would also like to congratulate our students who have seamlessly transitioned into their new school environment or new class with positive and inclusive attitudes. I would like to extend my thanks to the teaching and administration staff for their dedication and hard work. The staff have worked tirelessly this term to support the growth of 300 new students, and continue to ensure all opportunities are available for our students.

### Autism Awareness Day

World Autism Awareness Day is an internationally recognised day on 2 April each year. Due to our Cross Country Carnivals, we will be celebrating World Autism Day next Tuesday 9 April. At RPS, we celebrate our differences and want to increase understanding by helping our students to learn more about Autism and the many tremendous strengths that students with Autism can bring to our school and community. Students can wear a blue shirt, blue ribbon, blue socks or anything blue! Our teachers will also talk sensitively and compassionately about Autism Spectrum Disorder with our classes, with carefully constructed, age-appropriate discussion points. It will be a general discussion with no reference to individual students.



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## Harmony Day

On Thursday 21 March, Riverbank Public School celebrated the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Harmony Day. Students and teachers had the opportunity to participate in some wonderful activities with a buddy class, creating a Harmony Day display and bunting, which was displayed on our upstairs balcony. An opportunity was also provided to students to create a poster reflecting the slogan 'It's up to us'. Well done to all the students who entered this competition. The grade winners will be entered into a statewide competition. It was wonderful to see the whole school community continue to embrace our cultural diversity and respect for everyone.

Congratulations to the following Harmony Day Poster Competition winners:

### **Kindergarten**

Nehara D (KA)

Anisha P (KM)

### **Year 1**

Devin P (1M)

Anya R (1F)

### **Year 2**

Tanishaa (2B)

Shreya N (2F)

### **Year 3**

Hiya S (3J)

Ekansh S (3W)

### **Year 4**

Tavasees K (4D)

Indiana C (4J)

### **Year 5**

Natalie W (5C)

Ahalya S (5C)

### **Year 6**

William M (6V)

Jasmin B (6L)

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## **Opportunity Class Placement 2020**

Opportunity classes cater for academically gifted and talented students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic and social level. These schools help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level.

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 opens 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 for assistance after 30 April 2019. You must submit only ONE application for each student. A note will be sent home to all year 4 students next week.

## **K-2 Easter Hat Parade and Year 6 Fundraiser**

We are looking forward to our K-2 Easter Hat Parade on Friday 12 April. This year, Kindergarten and Stage 1 will have separate Easter Hat Parades. Both parades will be held in **The Ponds High School Hall**.

- **Kindergarten Easter Hat Parade will be held at 1:00pm.**
- **Stage 1 Easter Hat Parade will be held at 1:45pm.**

Students will be assembling hats next week in preparation for the parade. It is asked that you kindly supply an undecorated hat and any Easter craft materials to assist in decorating their hats. You can purchase many of these baubles and decorative items quite cheaply at one of the various '2 dollar shops' located in local shopping centres. We would appreciate the supply of sticky tape, ties and/or ribbon for attaching the items to the hats. **Our Year 6 children will be selling Easter eggs, \$2 for a small bag, at the conclusion of the Easter Hat Parade.**

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## 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. Apart from the physical benefits, regular walking also has a favourable impact on their cognitive and academic performance.



## Premier's Reading Challenge

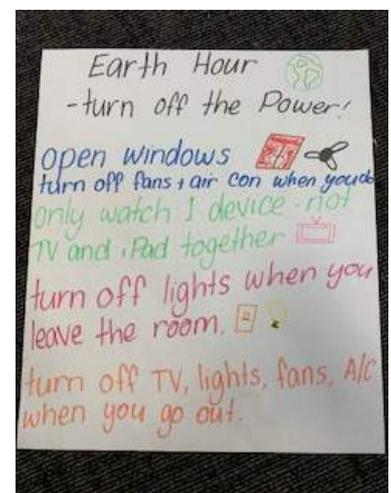
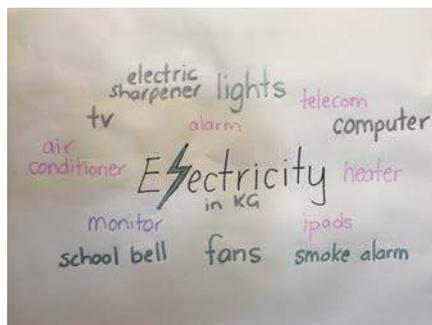
Riverbank Public School will be encouraging all students to participate in the Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC). This is a wonderful opportunity for you to interact with your child in a meaningful way and for them to experience a variety of quality literature throughout the year. The challenge is now 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>

## 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.

## Earth Hour

Riverbank Public School students participated in Earth Hour last Monday between 9 -10 am. We turned the power off within the school and used as few appliances as possible. Students also surveyed the ways we use power within the school and how we can save power at home.



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## Friendly Debating Competition Training Day at North Kellyville Public School

Our stage 3 students new to debating attended a Learning Community training day at North Kellyville Public School. Students from The Ponds HS delivered the workshops.



## 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 provided 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 weekly.

**Students will return to school on Tuesday 30 April.**

**Students can wear either summer or winter uniform, with all students transitioning to the winter uniform by Monday 13 May.**

Students are to wear mufti day on the last day of term.

Wishing our community a wonderful vacation.

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.

Over the last two weeks, students in Years 3 and 5 participated in a Practice Test. This involved students sitting an omnibus test that included reading, conventions of language and numeracy. 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 in May. 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. 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 9 Kindergarten Merit Awards recipients

Class	Class
KA – Cyprus, Ahan	KS – Sunniva, Andre
KG – Hallie, Aviman	KT – Jackson, Devanshi
KI – Chris, Jacinta	KTK – Arleen, Mukt
KL – Soufiya, Lucas	KTM – Amani, Chloe
KM – Rayan, Anisha	KW – Zakariah, Athena
KR – Taleen, Srikar	K-2F – Oscar, Rishi

## Congratulations to our Term 1 Week 9 Stage 1 Merit Awards recipients

Class	Class
1A – Jaime, Tyler	2B – Ethan, Neil
1D – Sibel, Dylan	2C - Tia, Rayan
1F – Georgia, Izaan	2F – Rehatveer, Arnav
1HC – Nehal, Satvik	2H – Tarun, Faith
1L – Kaicee, Hridayjot	2M – Sophia T, Daksh
1MD – Archer, Estella	2S – Anaya, Puneet
1R – Justin, Evleen	2W – Ayan, Daniel
1S – Alyssa, Ziad	1W - Zaina, Aalok

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## Congratulations to our Term 1 Week 8 Stage 2 Merit Awards recipients

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

## Congratulations to our Term 1 Week 8 Stage 3 Merit Awards recipients

Class	Class
<b>5B</b> – Agnes, Tyrell, Kingii-Ray	<b>6B</b> – Ephram, Jackson, Hadia
<b>5C</b> – Joshua, Natalie, Subhasri	<b>6L</b> – Jake, Angenaa, Dhvani
<b>5E</b> – Aryan, Harman, Ojas	<b>6M</b> – Ryan, Zuha, Zaheer
<b>5G</b> – Mia, Pranav, Jaydis	<b>6R</b> – Aneeq, Ria, Amelia
<b>5M</b> – Tanvi, Suhanee, Kabeer	<b>6V</b> – Zayna, Gabriella, Luca
<b>5R</b> – Lachlan, Arya, Maania	

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## Sport Houses

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



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

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## 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.

<b>Synergy</b>	Year 1 Dance – Miss McDonald & Miss Wu Year 2 Dance – Miss MacMasters & Mrs Khaliqi
<b>School Spectacular</b>	Stage 3 Choir – Mrs Green
<b>Hills Performing Arts Festival</b>	All Dance Groups
<b>Operation Art</b>	Visual Arts Groups

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

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

**Students in CAPA groups are reminded to return their permission notes and payment of CAPA levy by Wednesday 10 April.**

## 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.

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

## RPS Sport Update

### Sports Update Week 10

#### iPlay

Ways you can help your child be active.

- Be an active role model and have a positive attitude to being active.
- Encourage active play in the backyard, going for a fast walk, dancing to music, riding a bike or more vigorous activities like running and swimming.
- Make time to be active as a family – walk with your children to the local park and kick a ball, play chase or tag games, or walk the dog.
- Plan ahead and schedule a regular time for physical activity with your children.
- Help your kids 'play active' by buying presents that encourage physical activity such as balls, bats, skipping ropes, trampoline or other active equipment.
- Make sure your children have the opportunity to be active after school and on the weekends – either through active play or organised sport. Talk to your child about what activities they would prefer to do. Encourage your child to try a variety of activities so that they can find one or more they enjoy and want to continue with.
- Park further away from your destination (such as school, sport or the shops) and walk the rest of the way.

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- Keep a football, frisbee, jump rope, scooters or bat and ball in your car at all times.
- Limit the amount of time your children are allowed to spend watching TV, using the internet and playing consoles.
- Plan family holidays or weekends with a view to being active, e.g. somewhere near the beach or where there are good walks to do. Remember to take bikes, tennis rackets, balls and other equipment.

## Ridges Summer PSSA

- **Round 5 Results**  
No PSSA due to rain
- **Round 6 Results**  
No PSSA due to rain

## Ridges Winter PSSA

The Winter PSSA competition trials will be held this upcoming Friday. 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 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 first round of the Winter PSSA competition will commence Friday morning, Week 1, Term 2.

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**

## Sydney West Basketball Championships

Congratulations again to Cael and Zeba for being successful at the Ridges basketball trials.

On Tuesday 26th March, Cael and Zeba represented Ridges at the Sydney West Basketball Championships held at Penrith Valley Regional Sports Centre. Both players showcased excellent basketball skills to help their teams win 2 out of 4 games during the competition.

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I had the privilege of coaching the Ridges boys' team, which I thoroughly enjoyed due to each boy's positive attitude, determination and focus towards teamwork.

## **NSWPSSA Knockout Competition**

Last Wednesday, the Senior Boys' Cricket team participated in the second round of the NSWPSSA Knockout Cricket Competition. Even though Riverbank put in top effort, they were unfortunately defeated by an in form Jasper Road PS. Jasper Road made 104 runs, losing 7 wickets while Riverbank made 47 runs after losing 8 wickets. Congratulations to the boys who stayed positive and drew on Riverbank's HIP keys to do their best.

## **Cross Country Carnival**

What a wonderful time we had at the Riverbank 3-6 Cross Country Carnival today! Congratulations to all of the 3-6 students that participated in the Carnival. Everyone showed our Riverbank values by trying their best, cheering on their teammates and displaying our Riverbank spirit towards others. We look forward to announcing the winning House at the next assembly.

## **AFL Auskick Program**

The Auskick after school program continues after a week off due to the rain. There has been an exceptional turn out of Riverbank students from K-6 who have been enthusiastically playing games and learning new AFL skills. The program will finish this upcoming Friday. For any information on this program, please contact Anika via email [Anika.Ferrari@afl.com.au](mailto:Anika.Ferrari@afl.com.au).

**Mr Lonsdale**

**Sport Convenor**

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## Woolworths Earn and Learn

This year Riverbank will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. 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 lots of items ideal for our students – including resources for Maths, English, Science, Arts & Craft, Sport and Robotics products.

## 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.

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## 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)



## 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)



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## 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)

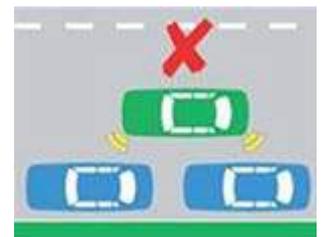


## Double Parking

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)



## 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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CHAMPIONS ARE MADE, NOT BORN **SSA**

The advertisement features a young boy in a blue football kit kicking a blue and white soccer ball. The background is a dark blue gradient with a white brushstroke effect.

PROGRAMS RUNNING ON THE HIGH SCHOOL OVAL  
FOR ALL SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN ON TUESDAY  
AFTERNOON AND SATURDAY MORNING. BOOK  
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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



# 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](http://www.nwsydney.young-engineers.com.au) or email: [infonwsydney@young-engineers.com.au](mailto:infonwsydney@young-engineers.com.au) (Years K-4) in 4J and 4N classrooms

### **Tuesday**

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

Sports Program - [www.sportsfoundationaustralia.com.au](http://www.sportsfoundationaustralia.com.au) or [sportsfoundationaustralia@gmail.com](mailto:sportsfoundationaustralia@gmail.com) 0433669334 (Years K-6) in Ponds HS

### **Thursday**

Chess – Enrol at: [sydneyacademyofchess.com.au](http://sydneyacademyofchess.com.au) or email: [enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au](mailto: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](http://www.sportsfoundationaustralia.com.au) or [sportsfoundationaustralia@gmail.com](mailto:sportsfoundationaustralia@gmail.com) 0433669334 (Years K-6) in Ponds High School



# 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!



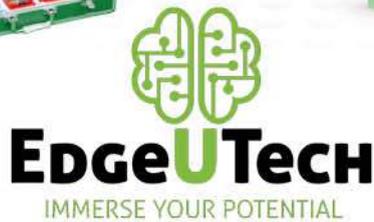
Watch this (Maker) space for more fantastic STEAM and robotics news!

Jodi Seward

LEARN MATH  
AND LAWS  
OF PHYSICS



DEVELOPS  
MOTOR  
SKILLS



# Riverbank Public School

MONDAY 4TH FEBRUARY TO 8TH APRIL 2019

Book online at [www.trybooking.com/ZSPM](http://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](http://www.trybooking.com/ZSQH)

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

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Claim creative kids voucher of \$100. Please go to [service.nsw.gov.au](http://service.nsw.gov.au) for more details.

**COMBO DISCOUNT** When you enrol in Build-up/Robotics & Electronics on the same day you are entitled to a refund of 15%

**Build-Up Program** is designed for little children where they start from learning the basics of building Lego Models including improving them and end up building models independently with a friend and enjoying group game.

**Robotics Program** provides theoretical knowledge in software and mechanical engineering combined with mathematics and physics.

**Electronics Program** workshops with over 70+ easy electronics assembly electronics kit has everything you need to explore the electronics world with over 80 tailored lesson plans & 2000+ possible experiments.

For more information please call 0416 100 089  
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APRIL IS AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH



## At Riverbank Public School

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

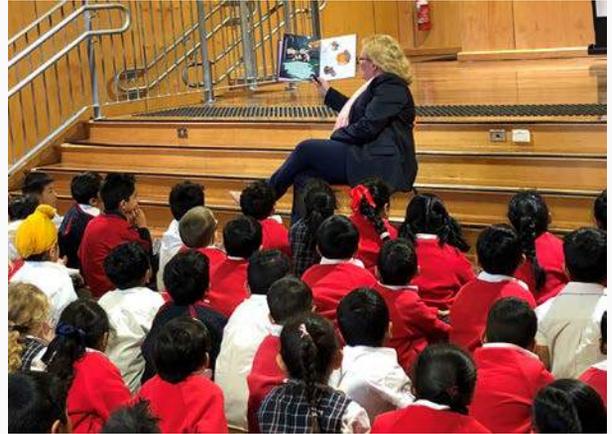
Please show your support by wearing

**BLUE** on **Tuesday 9 April 2019**

Please bring a gold coin donation

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

*Living to Learn*



# Reading with your Child Parent Workshop

Wednesday, 1 May 2019

9:00am

Riverbank Public School Hall

In the workshop you will learn

- How children develop literacy skills;
- Strategies and activities to do at home which assist your child learning to read;
- How talk with children after reading to support comprehension

# Why Chess?

- Create Brighter Thinkers
- Improve Student Focus
- Achieve Academic Success

**Combines learning with fun!**



## Educational Benefits:

- Improves concentration and focus
- Develops logical thinking and problem solving skills
- Enhances memory
- Encourages creative and lateral thinking
- Promotes discipline
- Accelerates emotional development
- Expands visualisation and spatial awareness
- Demonstrates actions and consequences
- 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](http://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>			
<b>Workbook 1 – Cost: \$30</b> [For Beginner/Rookie Players]	<b>Workbook 2 – Cost: \$30</b> [For Intermediate Players]	<b>Workbook 1 &amp; 2 – Cost: \$45</b> [SPECIAL OFFER]	
<b>Exploration in Chess Beauty – Cost: \$41</b> [For Advanced Players]	<b>Chess Set &amp; Roll-up Board – Cost: \$33</b> [Recommended for All Ages]	<b>Chess Clock – Cost: \$76</b> [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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# K-2 Cross Country Carnival

Come along and cheer the students on as they run the course!

**Date:** Thursday 4 April

**Venue:** Riverbank Public School Oval

**Cost:** No cost

**Time:** Kindergarten - 9am

Stage 1 - 11:15am

**Uniform:** Students must wear full sports uniform (including school hat), or a shirt in their house colour.

# 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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Each Friday starting 8th March - 29th March from 3:15pm - 4:15pm



Each child will receive: Auskick Bluetooth Speaker, Footy Cards, Footy Pump AND an AFL Auskick Football!

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!



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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](mailto:Taine.Gilheany@afl.com.au)

Visit [play.afl/auskick](https://play.afl/auskick)





## Wesley Vision Valley School holiday adventure camp

Enjoy a day of adventure at Wesley Vision Valley!

Activities may include:

- canoeing
- waterslide
- archery
- giant crate stack
- rock climbing
- vertical playpen
- mountain biking.

**Date:** Monday 29 April 2019

**Age:** 8–12 years

**Cost:** \$75 p.p.

Ask about family discount!

**Inclusions:** lunch, snacks and activities

With over 40 years of experience in outdoor recreation programs, Wesley Vision Valley is an industry leader in the provision of quality, safe and authentic outdoor experiences. All guides are qualified outdoor recreation professionals and have a current Working With Children Check. Your child's safety is our highest priority on camp.

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