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Term 3 2019 Important Calendar Dates

Term 3 Week 4	Science Week
Wednesday 14-16 August	Year 4 ZooSnooz Year 5 Camp Canberra
Friday 16 August	PSSA 12.15pm Stage 3 No Assembly 1.45pm Stage 2 Assembly: 3KR
Term 3 Week 5	Book Week
Monday 19 August	Kindergarten Bedtime Stories
Tuesday 20 August	BOOK WEEK Character Dress Up & Andrew Daddo Author Visit
Wednesday 21 August	Mick Elliot Author Visit
Thursday 22 August	Ridges Athletics Carnival & Sally Murphy Author Visit
Friday 23 August	PSSA 11.30am ES1 Assembly: KT 1.45pm ST1 Assembly: 2M
Term 3 Week 6	
Tuesday 27 August	P & C Father's Day Stall
Friday 30 August	Jersey Day PSSA 12.15pm Stage 3 Assembly: 5B 1.45pm Stage 2 Assembly: 3I
Term 3 Week 7	Literacy and Numeracy Week
Monday 2 September	Yr 5 Geography Excursion
Tuesday 3 September	Yr 6 Geography Excursion
Thursday 5 September	Hills Performing Arts Festival
Friday 6 September	PSSA 11.30am ES1 Assembly: KTM 1.45pm ST1 Assembly: 1S

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Education Week CAPA Performances Castle Towers

Wow, what a wonderful week of celebrations! It was lovely to see so many parents and family members join in our open classroom activities. I thoroughly enjoyed visiting the classrooms and observing the students proudly showing off their school and work to their families. We are all continually amazed to see how the school has evolved over a short period. It is hard to believe that we have only been open four and half years! Riverbank is a wonderful supportive community. We value working in partnership with parents, families and the community to plan and support strategies to ensure every child experiences success across all domains.

Education Week - Every Student, Every Voice. Riverbank celebrated student empowerment with the skills they need in order to have and express a voice during their own educational journey and as engaged global citizens. Thank you to our parents and community for attending our inspiring open classrooms sessions, our performances at Castle Towers and it was especially wonderful to showcase our first STEAM expo – our students are future game changers!



Annual School Colour Fun Run Fundraiser Friday 27 September

Each year we have held a walk-a-thon to raise money for RPS. This year, I have decided to hold a School Colour Fun-Run to raise money so that classes will have a ratio of 1:2 iPads in all K-4 classrooms. We have set a fundraising target of \$20,000 and need everyone to participate if we are going to smash our goal! Sponsorship forms and letters have been sent home. Anyone who raises at least \$10 will earn a prize. In addition, the more money you raise, the better the prizes! So work hard and you might be able to earn yourself a karaoke machine, Xbox One or even a hover board!

44 DAYS TO GO

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FNlb_ZHiygl

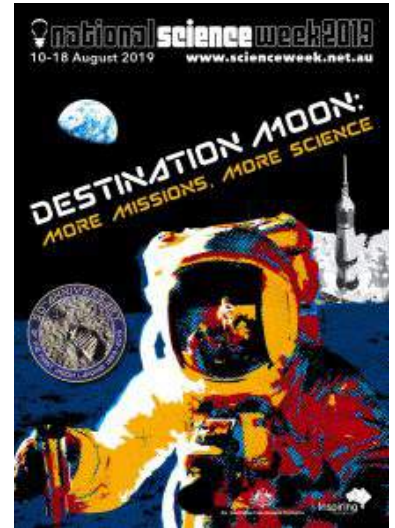
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Happy Science Week 12 August - 16 August

Destination Moon: more missions, more science, is the school theme for National Science Week. This theme is a way for teachers and their students to discover past missions to the Moon and space programs that have solved some of the seemingly unsolvable problems, together with current and future space programs, operations and missions. Many of these use big picture thinking in science to solve problems, and technology, engineering and mathematics to design new solutions. This will help forge our future paths in the areas of space operations, space science, Earth observations, positioning systems and communications. Exactly 50 years ago on July 20, the world heard these famous words as Neil Armstrong lowered onto the surface of the Moon: "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind!" Classes will enjoy experiments throughout the week based on this year's theme.



Premier's Spelling Bee

Our Stage Spelling Bees were held recently in the hall. Congratulations to the following students who will represent Riverbank at the Regional Spelling Bee on Tuesday 10 September: Ayman (6M), Paarth (5G), Matthew (4C) and Guillermo (4D).

Debating

On Monday 12 August the Premier's Debating Riverbank Rhinos and Ravens came head to head in a fantastic debate on the topic "Sport programs should be compulsory at all schools during recess and lunch." The negative Rhinos won this debate with some strong rebuttals. Both teams have had an amazing season and should be proud of their efforts.

The Hills Public Speaking Semi Finals

On Tuesday 28 August, Riverbank will be hosting The Hills Public Speaking Semi Finals. Congratulations to Mariam, Mahi, Risha, Nethra, Cameron and Dhyana on representing RPS! We wish you all the very best.

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Book Week 19 August – 23 August 2019

READING IS MY SECRET POWER

CBCA BOOK WEEK
17-23 AUGUST 2019

Each year across Australia, the Children's Book Council of Australia brings children and books together celebrating CBCA Book Week. During this time schools, libraries, booksellers, authors, illustrators and children celebrate Australian children's literature. This year's theme is **Reading is My Secret Power!** Throughout the week, we have exciting visits from authors Andrew Daddo, Mick Elliot and Sally Murphy. Kindergarten Bedtime Stories will be held next Monday 19 August. Notes have been sent home informing parents on how they can register their child for an evening of fun Bedtime Stories. We are also dressing up as our favourite book character on **Tuesday 20 August**.

Restorative Practice Parent Workshop

On Friday 23 August, Mrs Rozanc and I will be holding a parent workshop on our school's Restorative Practice Philosophy directly after 8.45am morning lines. The workshop will be held in our school hall and will conclude by 9.45am. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to discover more about our H.I.P Keys and participate in circle time activities. Save the date, come along, and join in the fun that our children experience every day at RPS!

P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday 21 August in the school staffroom, beginning at 6:00pm. We encourage all community members to attend and contribute their thoughts and ideas in an open forum.

Year 5 Camp

Our Year 5 students have left for Canberra for 3 days. They will be staying at the Australian Institute of Sport and visiting the Australian War Memorial, Parliament House, Old Parliament house, Museum of Australian Democracy, Embassy driving tour, Questacon and the Snow (Selwyn Snow Resort). Year 5 will certainly be in for a memorable experience.

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ZooSnooz Year 4 Camp

What a memorable experience for our Year 4 students who attended the unique overnight ZooSnooz camp this week and opportunity to learn about animals, the environment and what we can all do to help make a difference for wildlife. The students enjoyed a close encounter with some iconic Australian animals with a special night tour; this is my favourite part of the camp, an early morning walking tour, followed by a day roaming the Zoo with their classmates. They will have some wonderful memories!



STARTING KINDERGARTEN or New to RIVERBANK IN 2020

We are now accepting enrolments for 2020. If you know of any future students who have not yet enrolled, it would assist our organisation greatly if you could please prompt them to enrol. Being able to accurately predict student numbers ahead of time enables recruitment and procurement processes to be more streamlined and effective. When students enrol late, we are less prepared. Please contact the office staff if you have not yet completed an enrolment application or if you require assistance.

For families wishing to check their local intake area, please follow the link below to the NSW Public School Finder and enter your address. <https://education.nsw.gov.au/school-finder>

Have a lovely fortnight.

Mrs Jeanie Brown

Principal

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Parent Communication

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

School Enews App

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



School Website

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



Facebook

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



Twitter

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



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Restorative Practices

Restorative Practices form the relational basis for Quality Teaching and Learning at Riverbank Public School. Our Restorative Practice Framework, because of its explicit nature, offers a common language and practice capable of fostering healthy relationships.

Student achievement is enhanced through Restorative values being embedded as a way of being and learning together. Our approach fosters individual responsibility and helps develop empathy. Inappropriate behaviour or choices and mistakes can be viewed as an opportunity for insight, learning and development in both the academic and social domains.

The explicit framework is inextricably linked to the Quality Teaching Framework and includes the following sets of questions to be asked by children, teachers and parents.

When Things Go Wrong.....When Someone Has Been Hurt

- What happened?
- What were you thinking of at the time?
- What have you thought about since?
- Who has been affected by what you have done? In what way?
- What do you think you may do to make things right?
- What did you think when you realised what happened?
- What impact has this incident had on you and others?
- What has been the hardest thing for you?
- What do you think needs to happen to make things right?

The process is empowering as it takes students from the past to the present and gives them hope for the future. It empowers them to make things right and heal any harm that has been done.

A restorative classroom setting is one that values dialogue through an inclusive approach where everyone expects to be heard and through this participatory process, students develop the capacity to learn that emotions are an important and legitimate expression of healthy dialogue. This process helps students to deal with conflict, tensions and difference in respectful ways that engender trust and foster healthy relationships.

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School Motto

The school's motto, 'Learning to Live, Living to Learn', reinforces a broad and enriching curriculum, which not only focuses on the development of literacy and numeracy skills but also on the social and emotional wellbeing of the students whilst respecting a culturally diverse community.

Riverbank Public School Code of Behaviour

- We share the voice space by listening actively to others and expressing ourselves confidently.
- We follow instructions by being in the right place, at the right time, doing the right thing.
- We use build-ups by saying encouraging, affirming things to others.
- We keep our hands, feet and objects to ourselves so that everyone is safe.
- We own our own behaviour because we choose how we behave.

Our Help Increase the Peace (HIP) Keys – School Values:

Our school values will incorporate the 'Help Increase the Peace Keys' to promote a harmonious, nurturing and challenging living and learning environment.

The HIP program offers a whole school approach to building relationships through communication, co-operation, trust building and conflict resolution.

YELLOW KEY

Care for Others

GREEN KEY

Think Before Reacting

BLUE KEY

Respect Yourself

RED KEY

Work Together for a Non Violent Way

BLACK KEY

Expect the Best



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Congratulations to our Term 3 Week 3 Kindergarten Merit Awards recipients

Class	Class
KA – Nehara, Ninad	KS – Jaymie, Cooper
KG – Diyaa, Prabhjan	KT – Maree, Haseeb
KI – Reon, Fatimah	KTK – Mahi, Naturelle
KL – Saketh, Balamurali	KTM – Aadyanth, Evan
KM – Eric, Scarlett	KW – Faith, Thavanesh
KR – Rivan, Ayaan	

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

Class	Class
1A – Asmi, Harman	1T - Maya, Dia
1D – Amelia, Riley	1W – Ava, Viraaj
1F – Vihaan, Tanvi	2B – Thea, Zach
1HC - Angela, Zara, Faithlyn, Aarav	2C – Jemilia, Kavan
1L – Sabrina, Zuizz	2F – Kairav, Kiarah
1MD – Ishani, Kailani-Blue	2H – Indy, Verena
1M – Nabiha, Aaron	2M – Kawanreet, Myra
1R – Ashmi, Kiara	2S – Summer, James
1S – Tanisa, Anay	2W – Siona, Mantra

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Congratulations to our Term 3 Week 2 Stage 2 Merit Awards recipients

Class	Class
3B – Mishti, Shafin, Jacelyn	3E – Tanish, Nishad, Zohra
3I – Anchal, Riya, Easa	3J – Luca, Sophia, Farida
3KH – Aksh Vesna Riya	3/4C – Rebecca, Manaal, Mihir
3W – Tej, Vihaan, Ryan	4C – Miguel, Laya, Arshman
4B – Meliya, Kian, Dev	4J – Owen, Sathvick, Dhrish
4D – Ariana, Abhi, Siddh	4N - Soumya, Sriram, Jamie
4L – Samuel, Arunav, Jhaanavi	

Congratulations to our Term 3 Week 2 Stage 3 Merit Awards recipients

Class	Class
5B – Kylan, Lachlan, Yasemina	6B – Aidan, Tiroj, Zainab
5C – Baljot, Tristan, Manraj	6L – Ryan, Tiara, Bailey
5G – Hoda, Rehan, Mohib	6M – Krish, Simran, Raghav
5M – Alissa, Dhairya, Matin	6R – Hamza Beheshta Renny
5R - Desmand, Isabelle, Sarayu	6V – Everlyn, Zach, Jayda

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Sport Houses

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



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

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Creative and Practical Arts (CAPA)

HPAF (Hills Performing Arts Festival)

Tickets for this year's HPAF are **now on sale**. Tickets are **\$27.25** (No concession of children's prices. Babies 12 months and under are free).

Tickets can be purchased from the box office or by phone and internet.

Ticketek Website

www.ticketek.com.au (*booking fees will apply*)

Ticketek Call Centre

Phone bookings **132 849** (*booking fees will apply*)

Penrith Panthers Reception Desk

In person only - 10am to 10pm daily

Art Club

Students in Year 1 art club have started the term with a mountain artwork. They have been working with oil pastels and focusing on elements of line and ensuring there are no white gaps when colouring. Vihaan of 1F and Tavleen from 1W are the artists of our featured pieces.



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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 structured 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

More information can be found at <https://www.primarymusicinstitute.com.au/> We continue to offer guitar tuition through Mitchell Grace. If you are interested in guitar tuition please see the staff in our office.

Parents in NSW can now use their \$100 Creative Kids voucher with PMI each year! The NSW Government is helping kids get creative with the new Creative Kids program.

Parents, guardians and carers can apply for a voucher with a value of up to \$100 per calendar year for each student aged 4.5 to 18 years old enrolled in school.

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The voucher may be used with a registered activity provider for registration, participation and tuition costs for creative arts, speech, drama, dance, digital design, coding, and music lessons and activities. The voucher can be used at any time during the calendar year it was issued. More information can be found at <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-creative-kids-voucher>

Schools Spectacular



Our students have been busy rehearsing for Schools Spectacular as they form part of the combined Primary Concourse Choir. Tickets for the 2019 Schools Spectacular- STARS, at Qudos Bank Arena, Sydney Olympic Park are now on sale. There are four shows: Friday 22 November at 11am and 7:30pm, and Saturday 23 November at 1pm and 7pm. Ticket order forms can be found on the Schools Spectacular website www.schoolsspectacular.com.au.

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RPS Sport Update

Joining a community sporting team or physical activity is a great way to:

- Keep active
- Practice fundamental movement skills
- Make friends and
- Feel good!

Did you know?

Joining a sporting team or activity can reduce children's screen-time

It's now time to register for lots of different sports or physical activities. Register NOW for:

- **Cross Country and Athletics** - <https://lansw.com.au/>
- **Dance** Funk Jazz, Street Tap, Contemporary Dance, Zumba, Cheerleading, Hip Hop or Breakdancing, Bollywood.
- **Football (soccer)** – Castle Hill United, Ponds F.C., Hawkesbury City F.C.
- **Gymnastics** – Evolve at Rouse Hill, YMCA
- **Netball** – Riverstone Netball Club, Castle Hill Netball Club, Rouse Hill Rams
- **Taekwondo/ Martial Arts** – Eye of the Tiger at Castle Hill, Hapkido at Blacktown
- **Tennis** – *Tennis club at Jonas Bradley Tennis Courts*

Ridges Winter PSSA

Round 10 Results 2 August 2019

Rugby League:	Jnrs L 16-48	Snrs L 0-40
Netball:	Jnrs L 5-14	Snrs L 4-40
Boys Soccer:	Jnrs L 0-1	Snrs L 0-1
Girls Soccer:	Jnrs W 1-0	Snrs L 0-5
Newcombe Ball:	Boys W 2-1	Girls L 0-2

Round 11 Results 9 August 2019

Rugby League:	Jnrs D 30-30	Snrs L 0-48
Netball:	Jnrs W 9-1	Snrs L 4-36

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Boys Soccer:	Jnrs W 1-0	Snrs L 1-2
Girls Soccer:	Jnrs L 0-1	Snrs L 0-5
Newcombe Ball:	Boys BYE	Girls BYE

2019 Ridges Athletics Carnival

Good luck to our 59 students who will be representing Riverbank PS at the Ridges Zone Athletics Carnival on Thursday 22nd August. We wish them the best of luck and look forward to hearing about their results.

Year 2: Oneth R, Rayan M, Sienna C

Year 3: Tanay M, Holly W, Snigdha P, Zara S, Rayyan S, Eva B.

Year 4: Mihir M, Shreeman K, Jack M, Carrington S, Lochie M, Sahil B, Koby B, Indiana C, Jessica M, Luke W, Chris B.

Year 5: Rhea T, Tyrell M, Ashton M, Roop S, Ireen W, Elif L, Max D, Zander N, Sanah W, Evie R, Prisha S, Angelica S, Sarayu P, Kai W, Madeline P.

Year 6: Ali Z, Zeba A, Aidan P, Zainab Z, Chaahat S, Dhairya P, Ayaan F, Jayme I, Samuel J, Simran B, Orika R, Emily Q, Ayman M, Mikaela S, Michael B, Jorja W, Lachlan S, Aneeq A, Rajvir V, Rupali W, Yogesh C, Amaarah M, James B, Zayna O.

Jarad Lonsdale
Sports Organiser

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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.

General parking rules

You must not stop your vehicle (that is, bring it to a stop and either stay with the vehicle or leave it parked) in the following circumstances:

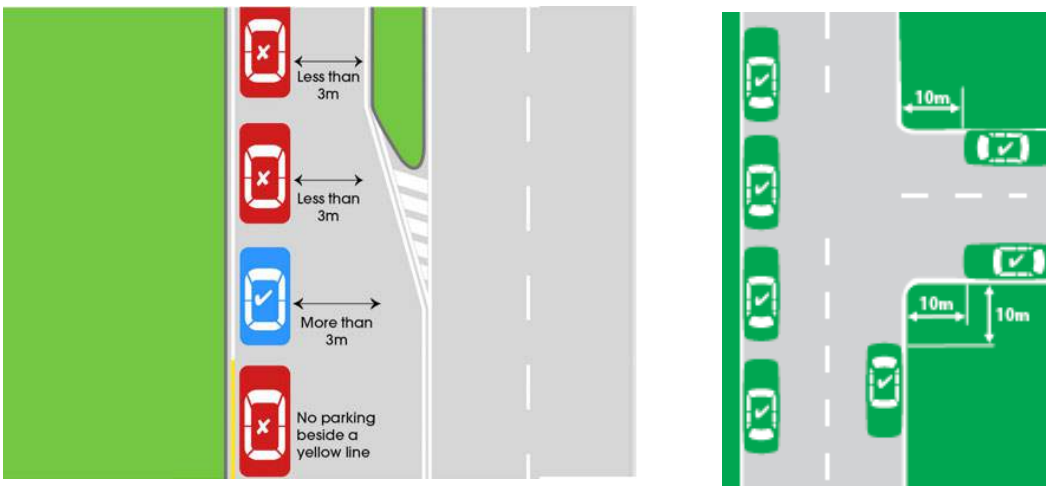
- Double parked (that is in the road alongside a car that is parked)
- On or across a driveway or footpath
- On footpaths and nature strips
- In a safety zone or within 10 metres before or after a safety zone

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- Within an intersection
- Within 1 metre of another vehicle parked in front or behind
- Within 10 metres of an intersecting road at an intersection without traffic
- Within 3 metres of any double centre lines
- On or within 20 metres before and 10 metres after a children's crossing or pedestrian crossing



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

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)

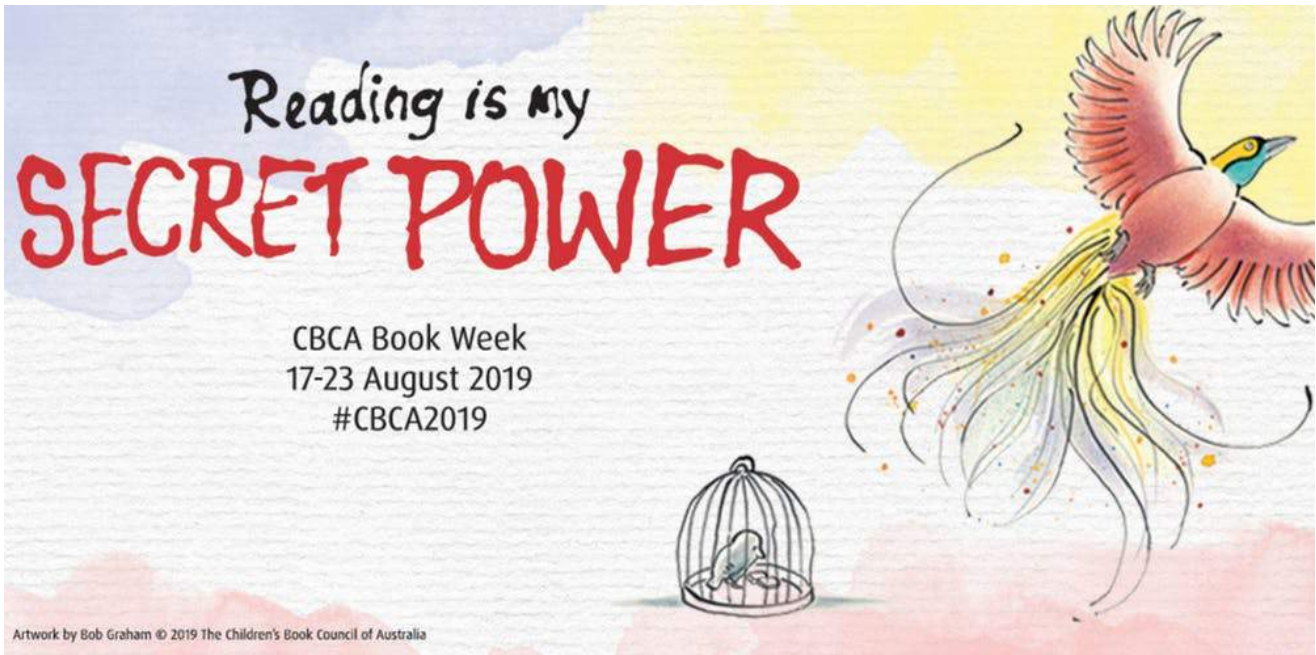


Double Parking

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



WHAT'S NEWS?



Artwork by Bob Graham © 2019 The Children's Book Council of Australia

Students in Kindergarten haven enjoyed sharing their secret power of reading with us in the Library! Can you guess who they are?





Off the Shelf

LIBRARY
NEWSLETTER
T3W4/2019

Key Dates:

Monday 19th August – Bedtime Stories for Kindy (spaces filling up quickly!)

Tuesday 20th August – Book Character Dress up

K-2 Author Visit Andrew Daddo. Students in 3-6 will have the option to listen to Andrew talk during their recess if they wish.

Wednesday 21st August – 5-6 Author Visit Mick Elliott

Thursday 22nd August – 3-4 Author Visit Sally Murphy

NEW LIBRARY OPENING TIME

Just a reminder that the Library will be open from 8:15am-8:40am on Thursday mornings for parents to come and enjoy reading with their children. We will also be showing stories from Story Box Library, if you prefer to sit back, relax and enjoy these together. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

PRC REMINDERS

Students have until 30 August to complete the Premier's Reading Challenge. All students in Years 3-6 have been shown how to independently log in and record the books they have read.

At the time of writing, 860 RPS students have completed the challenge! Amazing effort!

Library Team Ms Kennedy, Mrs Griffiths and Mrs Wolff.

CELEBRATE BOOK WEEK 2019 @RPS!

Guessing Competitions
Voting
Book Quizzes
and lots more fun in the Library!

MYSTERY READERS VISITING EVERY CLASS!

AUTHOR VISITS!
ANDREW DADDO 20/8 K-2
SALLY MURPHY 22/8 3-4
MICK ELLIOTT 21/8 5-6

Bedtime Stories for Kindy Mon 19th

BOOK CHARACTER DRESS UP TUES 20TH AUGUST

"Reading is my Secret Power!"

Learning to Live
Living to Learn

Stacks of books at the bottom include titles like 'POM POM the Champion', 'ELEANOR'S EYEBROWS', and 'TIMOTHY KNAPMAN AND THE...'

STEAM NEWS

Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Maths

Education Week STEAM Expo.

Last week we held our very first, and very successful, STEAM expo during our open classrooms for Education Week. We showcased a lot of the wonderful technology and engineering opportunities available to our students at Riverbank. Through participating in STEAM clubs, coding clubs and STEAM classes weekly, our students have many opportunities to be game changers and change makers.

One question that was asked often was *“what actually is STEAM?”*

STEAM is an educational approach to learning that uses Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics as access points for guiding student inquiry, dialogue, and critical thinking. The end results are students who take thoughtful risks, engage in experiential learning, persist in problem-solving, embrace collaboration, and work through the creative process. These are the innovators, educators, leaders, and learners of the 21st century!

We were so pleased to see around 500 parents visit our hall for the STEAM expo. It was wonderful to see so many have a go at playing the fruit and banana pianos, checking out the 3D printers, and engaging in races with motion sensing Lego robotic race cars. Parents were able to scan the QR codes to view the stage 1 student's videos of the houses they engineered and recorded themselves describing the materials they used and why. Many a funny photo was created using the green screen seeing some of our parents standing on the moon, in the mouths of sharks even floating in bubbles! It allows creativity to run free! We hope you enjoyed our expo as much we all did.



GREEN Screen



Minecraft Education Edition



Ready, Set Go



Ozobots



Stage I novel engineering

**GET EXCITED
CAUSE THINGS
ARE ABOUT TO
GET MESSY!**

**27TH
SEPTEMBER**

SCHOOL FUNRUN

The logo for Riverbank Public School is circular with a red center containing a white stylized leaf or flame. The words "RIVERBANK" are written in a blue arc above the center, and "Public School" is written in a blue arc below it. The entire logo is set against a white background with a blue border.

**LET'S
ACHIEVE
OUR GOAL OF
\$20,000!**

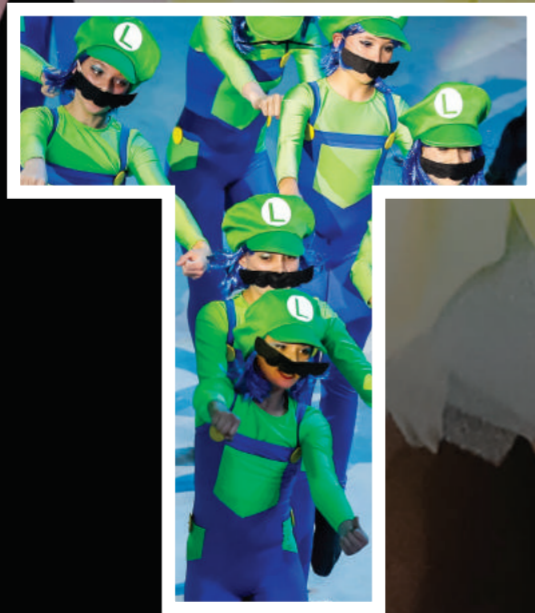
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QUDOS BANK ARENA
22 & 23 NOVEMBER 2019

JERSEY DAY

We would like to let you know about Jersey Day. Jersey Day has been inspired by the story of 13 year old Nathan Gremmo, who was tragically lost in an accident in 2015. Nathan's family chose to give the gift of life to others to honour the legacy of Nathan's generous personality.

Each Jersey Day many schools and workplaces across Australia allow students and employees to wear their favourite sporting jersey to show their support for the DonateLife Network, and begin the conversation with their friends and families about organ and tissue donation.

Jersey Day is not about raising funds – it is about raising awareness for The Organ and Tissue Authority and the DonateLife Network.



We look forward to the
Riverbank School Community supporting
Jersey Day on Friday 30 August, 2019.

Footy Colours Day will be on Friday 13 September, 2019



Southern Highlands
Orienteers



Illawarra Kareelah
Orienteers

2019 NSW SCHOOLS ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIPS INVITATION September 7-8, Southern Highlands

The 2019 NSW Schools Orienteering Championships are a **two-day event**. You may enter **Sat or Sun or both days**.

Description of the events

Saturday: consists of 2 'sprint' races with lots of twists and turns. Courses are short (1.5-3km depending on the age class) and are held mainly in urban environments with clear boundaries. Schools will be used for both races. The winning time in each age class will be approximately 15-20 minutes. The results are cumulative across both sprints.

Venues: **Oxley College – Burradoo, and Tudor House School - Moss Vale**

Sunday: one 'middle distance' race. Held in a bush environment and designed to test cross-country navigation. Courses are of medium length (1.5-6km depending on the age class). The winning time in each age class will be approximately 40 minutes. All participants must carry a whistle – if you do not have one, we will supply one.

Venue: **Mt Alexandra Reserve - Mittagong**

Explanation of age classes for bush events on Sunday:

Men's	Women's	
M10A	W10A	'Very easy' courses: about 1.5 km, navigable without a compass, and following 'handrails', which are linear features such as tracks, fences, well-defined watercourses and vegetation boundaries.
M9A	W9A	
M11-12B	W11-12B	
M12A	W12A	'Easy' courses: 2-2.5 km, they encourage simple distance estimation and basic corner cutting without a compass. Control sites should be on large visible features within 10m of the handrail.
M11A	W11A	
M13-14B	W13-14B	
M14A	W14A	'Moderate' courses: 3-4km, requiring a compass to take cross-country routes. There may be a choice of tracks on some legs. Control sites are near obvious 'catching features' or 'attack points'.
M13A	W13A	
M15+B	W15+B	
M17+A	W17+A	'Hard' courses: 3-6km, requiring accurate compass work. They test all types of orienteering skills: map reading and navigational skill, the ability to assess route choice. Features are often small (boulders etc). These courses will challenge all students.
M16A	W16A	
M15A	W15A	

Entry Fees (* means the fee covers both races):

	Saturday	Sunday
Primary School Students	\$15*	\$15
Secondary School Students	\$20*	\$20

Electronic timing hire is free for schools competitors. Please tick the box in Trybooking to indicate you require a stick.

Entries: Online entries **close August 28**. You must enter **individually**. It is **not the responsibility of the school to enter on your behalf**. Payment is by **credit card**. If you do not have a credit card or want further information, please contact **Sue Davis** on 0414 703 204 or davii@bigpond.net.au

Students are to enter via <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=488661>

For further information and for parents entry - <https://eventor.orienteering.asn.au/Events/Show/8664>,
<https://eventor.orienteering.asn.au/Events/Show/8133>