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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It has been great to see our school embrace the new normal. Children have enjoyed returning to learning in classrooms and playing in the playground.

Opportunity Class Placement 2021

Placement in an opportunity class will be based on the results of the Opportunity Class Placement Test. The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held on Wednesday 16 September 2020. If you would like to have your child considered for Year 5 opportunity class entry in 2021, you need to apply via the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address). Detailed instructions on how to apply online are available at https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5. The application website has opened and closes on Friday 26 June 2020. 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.

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data

Our staff are in the process of preparing and collecting data to submit for the annual Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). The information collected covers information about Australian school students who receive an adjustment to address a disability. Nationally consistent information on students in Australian schools receiving adjustments for disability enables schools, education authorities, and governments to better understand the needs of students with a disability and how they can be best supported at school.

Annual School Report

The Annual Report for 2019 provides the community with an account of our achievements and operations throughout the year. It includes a detailed account of the progress the school has made to provide high quality educational opportunities for all students, as set out in the school plan. The report has now been finalised and can be found on our website in the 'About Our School' tab, under 'School Planning and Reporting'.

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Reports

We are currently adopting a revised approach to student assessment and reporting for Semester 1 reflecting the recent teaching and learning environment.

As such, we will be providing a simplified written report to parents/carers about student learning for Semester 1. This report will focus on the learning that has taken place so far this year. Encapsulating students' progress and achievement of the learning provided both at school and at home, as well as guidance moving into Semester 2. Reports will go home to parents and carers on Thursday 2 July.

Our parent-teacher interviews were held at the beginning of Term 2; however, parents may request a meeting with their child's teacher in Term 3 following the written reports.

Parents please keep a distance

Parents and carers are reminded to keep a safe distance from one another at drop off and pick up times. We also kindly request that as soon as parents or carers have collected students, that they leave the site immediately and do not linger having conversations. Teachers are unable to conduct interviews on site, however brief, in accordance with guidance from the NSW Department of Education.

No Birthday Cakes

Students who celebrate birthdays and would like to bring treats for classmates are asked not to bring cake products. In cases where cakes are brought to school, they will not be distributed to students. This is again a common sense approach to minimising risk. A small, individually wrapped and commercially produced alternative, such as a fun sized confectionary item is allowed.

Premier's Reading Challenge

We are 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 2020. For further information, please refer to our library newsletter. https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html

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2021 Kindergarten Information Sessions

Parents of students commencing Kindergarten in 2021 are invited to attend an Information Evening on Wednesday 22 2020 at either 9am or 6pm in the school hall.





Kindergarten 2021 Information Sessions

RIVERBANK PUBLIC SCHOOL

Wednesday 22 July 9:00am or Wednesday 22 July 6:00pm

These sessions are subject to restrictions under relevant Public Health Direction.

New Primary School for the Alex Avenue Community

There has been a revision of the catchment areas for primary schools in the area with the 2021 opening of a new school for the Alex Avenue community. Please find included in this newsletter communication from the Department of Education. Principal contact details are provided. The area affected for students currently enrolled at Riverbank Public School are those residing within and around Alex Avenue. Please use the School Finder link to confirm your child's local primary and high school for 2021.

https://my.education.nsw.gov.au/school-finder/index

Two information sessions regarding the new primary school will be held on Tuesday 21 July 2020 at 9:30am or 6:00pm at Riverbank Public School.

Parents with students currently enrolled at Riverbank PS who now reside outside our catchment and would like a sibling to be enrolled at Riverbank in 2021 are welcome to complete an Out of Area application form. Our Out of Area panel will meet in Term 3 and you will be advised of the outcome of your application by the end of August.

Have a lovely fortnight. Mrs Elisa Baker Relieving Principal

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Parent Communication

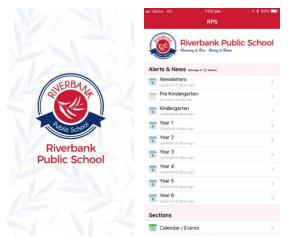
We use a variety of platforms to communicate information about upcoming events and highlight the great things that happen at Riverbank Public School.

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.



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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)

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



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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).

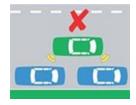
Footpaths, Driveways and Nature Strips



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)



Double Parking

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

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

Penalty \$330 Demerit points (School Zone)

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

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Congratulations to our Term 2 Week 7 Kindergarten Merit Awards recipients

Class	Class
KB – Aarika, Jayden	KM – Inara, Aliyan
KC – Jesleen, Dhruti	KN - Ryana, Sahib
KE – Hannah, Rehan	KP – Aiden, Zoha
KHM – Ira, Arnav	KS – Manha, Elisha
KK – Eknoor, Mason	KT – Prisha, Aaragan
KL – Wendy, Samarveer	KW – Shafiya, Khushaal

Congratulations to our Term 2 Week 7 Year 1 Merit Awards recipients

Class	Class
1A – Cody, Ira	1B – Ishaan, Raya
1D – Aryan, Taliah	1F – Palak, Risab
1L – Husain, Mehreen	1M – Terrence, Japneet
1MC – Anna, Raghav	1N – Axel, Amy
1T – Ana, Reewa	1W – Natalie, Supreeth

Congratulations to our Term 2 Week 6 Year 2 Merit Awards recipients

Class	Class
2A – Dylan, Janeet	2B – Eric, Ayat
2C – Sharvee, Aaryah	2D – Neil, Elyse
2FN – Vyaan, Harrison	2G – Aalok, Nethara
2H – Ayssa, Jai	2J – Samaira, Adharv
2K – Jodh, Gagana	2M – Twinkle, Deron
2S – Aaron, Danica	2W – Aneesh, Angel

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Congratulations to our Term 2 Week 7 Year 3 Merit Awards recipients

Class	Class
3D – Amaani, Aliza, Isaiah	3I – Anderson, Cavalli, Ali
3J – Rayan, Sienna, Labh	3K – Tanishka, Cohen, Haniya
3M – Angelena, Tajrian, Vedanth	30 – Anaya, Arav, Isaiah
3R – Jaineil. Ahana, Grace	3W – Anika-Klara, Oliver, Keira

Congratulations to our Term 2 Week 6 Year 4 Merit Awards recipients

Class	Class
4B – Wilson, Tanmayee, Snigdha	4C – Pratham, Ekansh, Aneesah
4D – Maddie B, Lennox	4J – BJ, Kangna, Siddhanth
4L – Ishayu, Eli, Jiya	4M – Kaashvi, Angelina, Navanesh
40 – Naren, Eva, Marcus	4R – Jiya, Pratyush, Sophia
4W – Aditi, Gowrie, Sophia	

Congratulations to our Term 2 Week 7 Year 5 Merit Awards recipients

Class	Class
5B – Jessica, Dylan, Shreeman	5D – Aayan, Anvi, Qi
5G – Kaitlyn, Finn, Arshman	5L – Shawn, Riva, Sanjog
5N – Pranshu, Bisath, Mylee	5R – Ali, Desh, Danaisha
5S – Isabella, Iman, Arel	5V – Ronak, Vani, Aarushi

Congratulations to our Term 2 Week 6 Year 6 Merit Awards recipients

Class	Class
6B – Gideon, Aarini, Zulkfil	6C – Amal, Sura, Parham
6K – Mehak, Chelsea, Karan	6L – Dilkeet, Lachlan, Krrish
6M – Lachlan, Madison, Vivaan	6R – Ojas, Acacia, Jaydis

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Creative and Practical Arts (CAPA)

We are excited to be recommencing our Creative and Performing Arts groups in Term 3. Teachers will be meeting with their groups over the next couple of weeks to reissue commitment notes for students who are yet to retur theirs and follow up on outstanding payments.

An updated timetable for rehearsals will be issued at the beginning of Term 3.

CAPA teachers are looking forward to a great Semester 2 of creative learning.

Danielle Green CAPA coordinator

Sports Update

2020 Primary Athletics Carnival

The Primary Athletics Carnival scheduled to be held Blacktown International Sports Park in early Term 3 is now cancelled due to COVID-19 health restrictions.

The Ridges Athletics carnival is also cancelled.

The health and safety of students and staff is most important and at the centre of these decisions.

NSW Premiers Sporting Challenge

In Term 3 students of Riverbank will commence the 10 week NSW Premiers Sporting Challenge. Students have the opportunity to record their weekly physical activity in a log book that will then be recorded online by the class teacher.

At the end of the 10 weeks each class's overall progress will be logged onto the NSW Premiers Sporting Challenge website and then in Term 4 each student will receive a certificate showing their overall level of physical activity.

This challenge is a great way to encourage students to enjoy sport and physical movement.

Jarad Lonsdale Sports Coordinator

WHAT'S NEWS?

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE UPDATE

How do I record the books I've read?

- K-2 we do all of this for you at school! No need to do anything but read and be read to!
- 3-4 & 5-6 log books on the PRC site via your student portal. We will be reminding students how to do this during Library lessons.

Other Information

- K-2 books will be read to them at school during Library and class time and these are recorded as their challenge books. Parents, no need to do anything.
- 3-4 & 5-6 you can read books on your own or record books that have been read to you. This is different from previous years due to COVID19. You can also include books read in your home language as your personal choice books.
- Challenge ends 28th August and students will receive certificates at the end of the year.

Some of our 3-6 students have already logged in and completed the challenge!

YEAR 3: Tamina, Yuvvraaj, Amal, Muhammad, Tanishi, Bhavmeet, Pritham, Thea, Tajrian, Cooper, Puneet, Tanishaa

YEAR 4: Aayush, Veda, Aarav, Hil Ting, Ayush, Dehara, Suraj, Hirun, Akshith, Tegan, Aiza, Vihaan, Saisha, Riyaanvi, Gabriel, Mishti, Jinal, David, Snigdha, Danya, Naren, Devnath, Abhinoor, Rayyan, Pratham, Ruheen, Tasleen, Prisha, Arya, Delienaa, Mahi, Holly, Leila

YEAR 5: Talha, Dhrish, Kayra, Dhanya, Shubh, Vani, Yashika, Diya

YEAR 6: Shua, Tanvi, Raja, Mahima, Srivastava, Ishanvi

BOOK CLUB!

Thank you to all the families who have purchased from Book Club. Your purchase is great for your child and great for our school! Orders close on 19th June but early bird orders have already been processed and handed out! The remaining orders should arrive after 26th June.



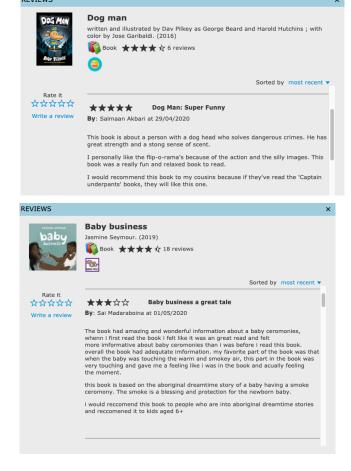
ONLINE LEARNING

During Home Learning, Stage 2 students were shown how to write a book review and post it in our Library system, known as "Oliver". The student's participated in this activity with such enthusiasm, we moderated hundreds of reviews and to this day, the reviews still come in! There were several factors you needed to include in your review to get it approved.

- 1. Title
- 2. Brief synopsis of story (no spoilers)
- 3. Your opinion of the book
- 4. Who would like this book
- 5. Star rating

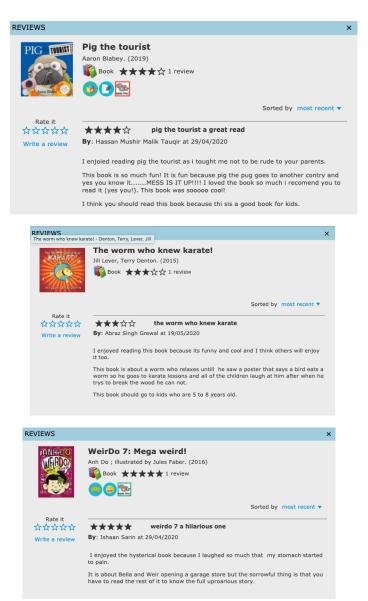
Fantastic work from Stage 2!

Do any of these reviews make you want to pick up a book???



Happy Reading!

Library Team Ms Kennedy, Mrs Beazley, Mrs Sousou and Mrs Byrnes.





Kindy and Stage 1 STEAM

Kindergarten had fun reading the book Rosie's Walk, written and illustrated by Pat Hutchins. In the story the children learnt to make instructions clear by using position words. Position words include under, above, around, in, over, in front, behind, on, beneath, forwards, backwards, left and right.

They made wonderful farm animal masks to follow and give clear instructions. Clear instructions are extremely important for robots.

Kindergarten are now writing the instructions for Farmer Blue Bot to move around the farm they created and feed the animals.





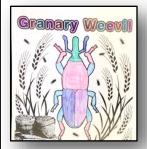




Olivia Wolff K/1 STEAM teacher

Stage 1 have been looking at insects using **augmented reality (AR)** using the Quiver Vision app. This is a concept which adds a few things to our real world to make it better and more interesting. The extra things added to the real world is the information from the internet like 3D animations.

Basically, Augmented Reality can take images off a page and bring them to life. So Stage 1 students have been able to bring a Granary Weevil to life and identify it's main parts in an interactive animated AR quiz! They were so fascinated by this!





















Stage 2 STEAM

The students have been extra creative this week as they have completed their story-boards and have made props and backgrounds ready to create their animations! We are so excited to see these stories come to life!

This project has taken us on quite the learning journey as one idea has led us to investigate something else and so on! The students have been able to make connections with the convicts by learning more about the way they lived and why they were convicted. Some students have added a touch of humour to tell their stories about an explorer or convict so I think we are in for quite a treat come sharing day!



Jodi Seward
ICT Coordinator/year 2-4 STEAM teacher





WINTER VACATION CARE PROGRAM 2020



Monday 6th July

Winter Olympics

A day full of actionpacked activities, sports, games & races...

Fun & excitement is guaranteed. Be sure to bring your energy!

Monday 13th July

Everyday Heroes

Participate in basic

First Aid for Kids & learn

valuable life saving skills;

The skills that make our

everyday heroes such an

important part of our

community.

Tuesday 7th July

Around The World

Explore activities, art, craft & cultural experiences from around the world.

Take home your very own Indigenous Tea Towel Art work.

Wednesday 8th July

Virtual Reality

From 3D art to exploring Indigenous history via a VR Headset.

You will inspire your inner artist by exploring a variety of 3D art.

Incursion Fee \$15

Wednesday 15th July

Ocean Life

Tuesday 14th July

Embark on an Ocean Life journey full of experiments, experiences and activities with a focus on Ocean Pollution & what you can do to help!

Origami Day

With a multitude of origami activities for you to create & take home, its sure to be a day of creative fun.

Design & create your very own Paper Plane & enter our Paper Plane races!

Thursday 9th July

Discover & Explore

Step back in time to when dinosaurs roamed the land. Learn how they lived, what they ate & so much more from our "Life Long Ago" incursion.

Incursion Fee \$15

Thursday 16th July **African Drumming**

Experience the world of African Drumming and feel the beat in your soul. It's an energetic, engaging opportunity you will never forget.

Incursion Fee \$15

Friday 10th July

Food - WOW Moments

Back by popular demand but with a twist...

A hands on cooking experience to tantalise the tastebuds, ignite the senses & develop knowledge and skills in the kitchen.

Friday 17th July

Winter Wonderland

Make your own snowman!

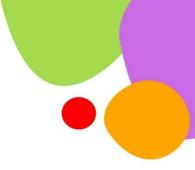
A day full on winter wonderland fun making your own snowman to take home, a candy cane hunt and so many more activities.

Incursion Fee \$15





WINTER VACATION CARE PROGRAM 2020



Monday 20th July

Go Green Day!

Explore the world of sustainability by making your own sundial from recycled materials, make your own paint from natural ingredients and join us in a scavenger hunt.

Monday 20th July

BACK TO TERM 3

John Palmer & Richard Johnson Anglican School!

