



# RIVERBANK PUBLIC SCHOOL

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## IMPORTANT DATES

### TERM 4 Week 9

25 November

Stage 2 and 3 - Free throw basketball shooting comp

29 November – 3 December

Kindergarten 2022 transition sessions

30 November - 1 December

Year 6 Art Day

### Week 10

6 December

9.30am Kindergarten, Year 1 & Year 2 Excellence Assembly (virtual)

7 December

9.30am Year 3, Year 4 & Year 5 Excellence Assembly (virtual)

8 December

9.30am Year 6 Excellence & Farewell Graduation Assembly (combined, virtual)

9 December

Year 6 Farewell – School Hall - 5.30pm – 8pm

### Week 11

13 December

Years 3-6, 4-6R, 4-6F Celebration of Learning – Peel Reserve

3.00pm Reports published on Parent Portal

14 December

Years K-2, 1-4J Celebration of Learning - Peel Reserve  
Year 6 Fun Day

15 December

Year 6 Fun Day

16 December

Students Last Day of School

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It is hard to believe we only have 3 weeks of the school year remaining! I look forward to sharing in my Week 10 newsletter new staffing appointments for 2022 and staff who will be leaving RPS at the end of the year due to being appointed to either an executive or permanent teaching position.

However, it gives me great pleasure to announce that Mr Lamont has been appointed to relieve as Principal of Pitt Town Public School for 2022.

### Parent Portal – Online Reports

Student reports are published through the Parent Portal online as the only method to access reports. Parents who have already accessed previous reports via the Parent Portal remain set up. Information on how to access the Parent Portal was sent out on Monday 15 November with access keys for new families. If you have any trouble accessing the Parent Portal, please contact the office for assistance. The Semester 2 reports will be published to The Parent Portal at 3.00pm on Monday 13 December.

## Celebration of Learning

This term marks the end of another unique year. To celebrate many wonderful achievements, students will be participating in a sporting fun day at Peel Reserve. Physical education staff from Sport in Schools Australia, as well as Riverbank teachers, will provide a fun session of modified games and activities. Cost is \$10.

Monday 13 December (Years 3-6, 4-6R, 4-6F)

Tuesday 14 December (Years K-2, 1-4J)

## Online permission notes

We are moving to digital permission notes and will no longer be printing hard copies. An email providing information regarding our Celebration of Learning excursion to Peel Reserve in Week 11 was sent out this week. The email came from the same email address you receive your school invoices. The digital permission requires consent and a signature. After signing, click on the link to make payment.

Below is a step-by-step guide to submit your consent and make payment or use unallocated funds.

1. Open email sent from Riverbank Public School.
2. Click view online form box.
3. Read and complete note. Tick yes if you would like to use unallocated credit as payment.
4. Submit - Once submitted, a green box will appear at the bottom. **Only** click 'An online payment for this activity can be made by clicking here' if you need to make payment. If you have given permission to use your unallocated credit, our office staff will process your payment.

## Speeches for Captains 2022

The 2022 School Captain speeches will be presented tomorrow. Ten boys and ten girls will deliver speeches in front of their peers. We look forward to the announcement of our 2022 leadership team on December 8 during our Year 6 Excellence Assembly.

## School Banking Deposits

The last School Banking Day will be **Friday 10th December 2021**. We ask that any monies outstanding relating to deposits accepted to the program be processed on or prior to this date and paid into your school's clearing account by no later than **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021**. This will ensure there is no delay in the accurate processing of deposits to children's accounts.

## Year 6 Farewell

Our Farewell events are booked two years in advance. Unfortunately, our booking for our 2021 Year 6 Farewell at Castle Hill RSL is unable to go ahead as planned on 25 November, due to current guidelines in the Department of Education and NSW Public Health orders restricting inside spaces to a minimum of 2 squares metres per person. There is no availability at the RSL or other function centres for when the restrictions ease. In response to this, we have made the following plans. Under the Department of Education guidelines, the Year 6 Farewell will be held on the school site from 5:30pm until 8:00pm on Thursday 9 December. Plans are in place to make this a very special and memorable event for our Year 6 students.

## Kindergarten Transition 2022

We are very excited to be welcoming our 2022 Kindergarten students onsite for a transition to school session. Session day and time have been emailed to families.

## Closure during the School holidays

We wish to advise that due to oval and permanent demountable work being undertaken during the school vacation period, there will be no vacation care operating out of our grounds during this time. Vacation care will be provided either at John Palmer PS or Schofields PS.

## WriteOn Congratulations Shreya (4E)

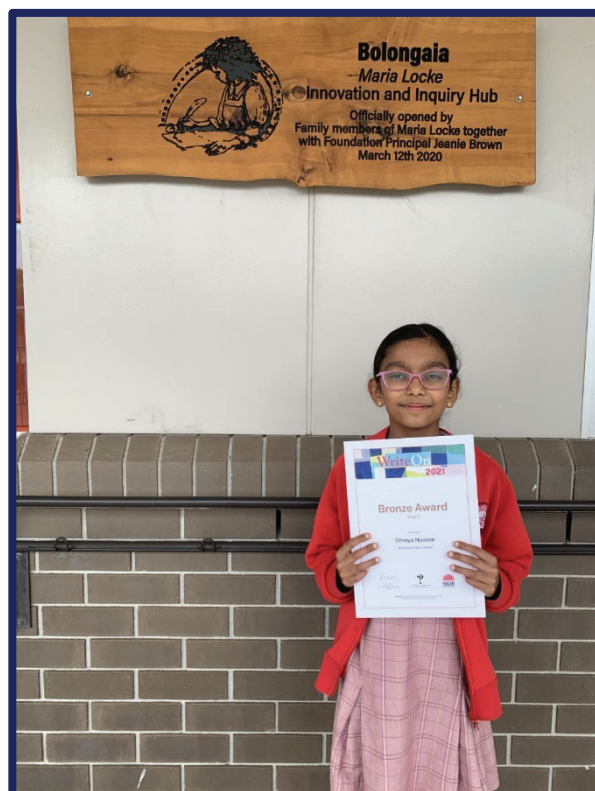
WriteOn is an annual writing competition organised by the NSW Education Standards Authority and is open to all NSW primary students in Years 1 to 6, including home-schooled students. This competition provides students with the opportunity to become published authors and showcase their incredible creativity and talent.

Students were provided with a photograph for inspiration. They submitted a short, imaginative piece of up to 500 words.

Each school submitted one typed entry from each stage. This year there were over 600 entries.

An enormous congratulations to Shreya Naveen 4E on her exceptional submission and being selected as a Bronze Award Winner.

I had the pleasure of presenting Shreya her award during home learning, however, was only able to announce the award recently.





## Debating

They may have had a lengthy break but Riverbank's two Premier's Debating Teams hit full throttle in The World's Biggest Debate run by the DoE's The Arts Unit recently. Once unleashed from the Zoom waiting room, The Hip Key Hounds, represented by speaker Tirtha, paraded some technical prowess, affirming that homework should be banned. While the Raging Rivers, with Janya at the helm went to negative depths, making students everywhere plead for homework and delving deep enough to catch a raft ride to the quarter finals.

In the quarter finals, a raging debate battled on whether kids under the age of 18 should be allowed to buy junk food. In the arena were our Raging Rivers against Hay Public School. The battle delved into the depths and we were able to seize a spot in the semi-final! Congratulations to our Stage 3 debating team for their dedicated teamwork and outstanding achievement. We are looking for to the semi final debate next Monday 29 November.



## Back to Basics Uniform Shop

We are pleased to announce that our school uniform provider, Cowan and Lewis, have opened a new retail outlet in Blacktown. Uniforms can be purchased directly from the retail outlet which is located at 156 Main Street, Blacktown. Please make your booking through their website [www.corwanlewis.com.au](http://www.corwanlewis.com.au)

**Last Day for students this term – Thursday 16 December.**

**The Administration Office will be closed from 3:00pm on Thursday 16 December and will be open on Friday 28 January from 8:15am to 3.15pm.**

**The office will be CLOSED during the school holidays.**

**Students in Years 1 - 6 return on Tuesday 1 February at 8:45am and  
Kindergarten students commence on  
Monday 7 February at 9:30am.**

**Students will return to their 2021 classes on the first day of school and  
2022 classes will be formed from 11:00am.**

## **2021 Excellence Assembly Awards**

**Assemblies will be virtual**

**K-5 Assemblies will be recorded and sent on the day by 1pm**

**Year 6 Assembly will be livestreamed**

**6 December – Kindergarten, Year 1 & Year 2 Excellence Assembly**

**7 December – Year 3, Year 4 & Year 5 Excellence Assembly**

**8 December – Year 6 Excellence & Farewell Graduation Assembly**

**Have a wonderful fortnight**

**Mrs Jeanie Brown  
Principal**

## **COVID-19 School Attendance**

Students must not attend school if unwell, even with mild symptoms of COVID-19. Any student with any COVID-19 symptoms must be sent home and not return to school unless:

- they have a negative COVID-19 test result and are symptom free
- they have isolated for 10 days, when no medical certificate is available or
- they have previously tested positive for COVID-19, and NSW Health provides them with a medical clearance that allows them to return to school

In circumstances where students have other medical reasons for recurrent symptoms, a letter from their GP is sufficient to negate the requirement for a negative test. If a student becomes a close contact, then self-isolation periods and testing requirements differ based on their exposure and vaccination status. If a student is identified as a close contact, an authorised contact tracer from NSW Health or from the department's Health and Safety directorate will make contact and provide guidance. If parents or carers believe that their child has a condition that means it's not safe for them to return to school, they will need to provide a medical certificate. In this instance, it is encouraged that these families speak with their doctor or health care provider to develop a COVID-19 Action Plan to support decision-making about their activities, including attendance at school. If a student is absent for more than three days without a medical certificate, this will be recorded as unauthorised absence and followed up by the school. If you require any clarification about returning to school, please contact the office to discuss with a Deputy Principal.

## **Masks**

Current NSW Health advice requires that all staff must wear a face mask when indoors.

### **Masks are strongly recommended for primary students.**

We ask that students bring their own masks to school and have a clearly named zip lock bag in their school bag for masks to be safely stored while students eat their lunch and recess or undertake physical activity.

## **Drop-offs and pick-ups**

Pick-ups will be staggered by cohorts and use a variety of exits on Wentworth Street.

Parents and carers must follow their school's advice regarding changes to student drop-off and pick-up. Parents and carers should:

- follow the physical distancing advice for their local area and avoid gathering outside school gates
- remain outside school grounds (some exceptions may exist for vulnerable students or students with disability)
- adhere to mask-wearing requirements in accordance with the Public Health Order
- sign in using the Service NSW QR code if entering the school

### **Morning Drop-Off**

Normal start times will continue for the remainder of the year. This is 8:45am, with supervision provided from 8:15am.

All students must enter through the main yellow gates on Wentworth Street or Riverbank Drive. As we have a natural stagger of students entering the school from 8:15 – 8:45am we can ensure safe social distancing practices between students.

Gates will not open before 8.15am and no supervision will be available before 8:15am. Students will go directly to their classrooms when they arrive at school. Teachers will be present in classrooms from 8:15am to provide supervision.

### **Afternoon Pick-Up**

To support a safe pick-up, a staggered finish time will be in place for the remainder of the year. Classroom teachers made contact with parents earlier in the term to discuss the pick-up arrangements for each child. If there are any changes to these arrangements, please email your child's teacher with the updated information.

All students who are picked up at a staggered time (2:00pm, 2:15pm or 2:30pm) must be picked up by one parent/carer. This must be done so via the designated gate. Parents must wait in their designated class/grade sections and wait for an executive staff member to call parents to the gate to pick up their child. There will be clear signage along Wentworth Street either on the school fence or on A Frames.

Sibling families will be dismissed at 2:45pm. The eldest children from each family will collect their younger siblings from classrooms before exiting the school through the gate of the eldest child.

Children who travel home by themselves will be dismissed at 2:45pm.

## Designated Gates

Kindergarten	Yellow Front Gate	GATE 5
Year 1	Top Carpark Gate	GATE 3
Year 2	Back High School Gate on Wentworth Street	GATE 6
Year 3	Top Carpark Gate	GATE 3
Year 4	Back High School Gate on Wentworth Street	GATE 6
Year 5	Yellow Front Gate	GATE 5
Year 6	Yellow Front Gate	GATE 5

## Activities that are not permitted or on hold

Schools must cease the following activities during school hours or within school grounds:

- singing, chanting, group repetition and choirs (except for HSC preparation and assessment)
- sport (except for sport within existing PDHPE classes, provided this limits student mixing)
- bands and ensembles, emergency drills
- interschool activities and events including interschool sport, gala days, trials, knock outs and carnivals
- SRE/SEE/VSA
- community language schools
- assemblies
- school performances, productions, concerts, speech nights and award presentations
- excursions, camps, field trips and principal-endorsed activities for students, international excursions
- student visits to aged care facilities
- community events (fetes, grandparents' days etc.)
- P&C activities, including meetings (unless held online only)
- all external providers and specialist programs not directly related to educational outcomes and support, including community use of school facilities (such as markets and all after school activities)





## Canteen News

Our Canteen has a new Term 4 menu and ordering systems. Online orders are preferred for recess and lunch, Birthday Buckets are available and students can purchase limited items at recess and lunch.

Please visit the [Spriggy Schools app](#) to make an order.

# 2021 - Term 4 CANTEEN MENU

### Hot Food

Chicken Nuggets	4 for	\$3.20
	6 for	\$4.80
Corn on the Cob		\$1.20
Hot Cheese Roll		\$3.00
Hot Dog w/ Sauce		\$3.50
Sausage Roll		\$3.60
Hot Chicken Roll		\$4.00
Traveller Pie		\$4.20

### Burgers

Chicken Burger	\$4.60
Lettuce & Mayo	
Veggie Burger	\$4.80
Lettuce & Mayo	
Cheese Burger	\$5.00
Meat, Cheese & BBQ Sauce	

### Pasta & Rice

Macaroni & Cheese	\$4.60
Beef Lasagne	\$4.60
Vegetable Lasagne	\$4.60

### Hot Wraps

Chicken Tender w/ Lettuce & Mayo	\$5.00
Toasted Ham/Cheese	\$5.00
Chicken Caesar	\$5.00

### Bento Box \$5.00

Chicken Breast Slice,  
1/2 Sandwich, Mini Muffins,  
Sliced Fruit, Popcorn

### Sandwiches, Rolls & Wraps

All sandwiches made on wholemeal bread

Upgrade to Roll or Wrap	\$0.50
Vegemite or Jam	\$2.00
Tomato or Cheese	\$2.50
Tuna or Egg	\$3.20
Ham, Chicken or Salmon	\$3.60
Salad Sandwich	\$3.50
Lettuce, Tomato, Cucumber, Beetroot & Carrot	
Salad w/ Cheese	\$4.00
Salad w/ Tuna or Ham	\$4.20
Salad w/ Chicken or Salmon	\$4.50
Extras (including Toasting)	\$0.60
Cheese, Avocado, Sprouts	

### Salads

Garden Salad	\$4.20
Lettuce, Tomato, Cucumber, Beetroot & Carrot	
w/ Ham or Tuna	\$4.80
w/ Salmon or Chicken	\$5.00
Extras	\$0.60
Cheese, Avocado, Sprouts, Egg or Capsicum	

### Drinks

Bottled Water 600ml	\$2.00
Plain Milk 300ml	\$2.00
Juice Popper	\$2.20
Flavoured Milk 300ml (3 Flavours)	\$2.50
Juice Bomb Sparkling Juice	\$2.60
Up 'n' Go	\$2.70

Gluten Free and Halal menus are available  
online (see details below)

### Cold Treats

Frozen Lite Cordial Cup	\$0.50
Quelch Fruit Stick	\$1.00
Frozen Juice Cup	\$1.30
Snap Stix Ice Block	\$1.30
Icy Mony	\$1.30
Moosie Pouch	\$1.30
Juicee Tube	\$1.50

All cold treats are to be collected from  
the canteen by returning brown lunch bag

### Snacks

Laughing Cow Cheese	\$1.00
Carrot Sticks	\$1.00
Piece of Fruit	\$1.20
Boiled Egg	\$1.00
Popcorn	\$1.50
Fruit Salad	Small \$2.50 Large \$4.00
Banana Bread Slice	\$2.50
Red Rock Crisps	\$1.60
Grainwaves	\$1.60

Classroom Catering is fully compliant  
with the NSW Healthy School  
Canteen food & drink benchmarks

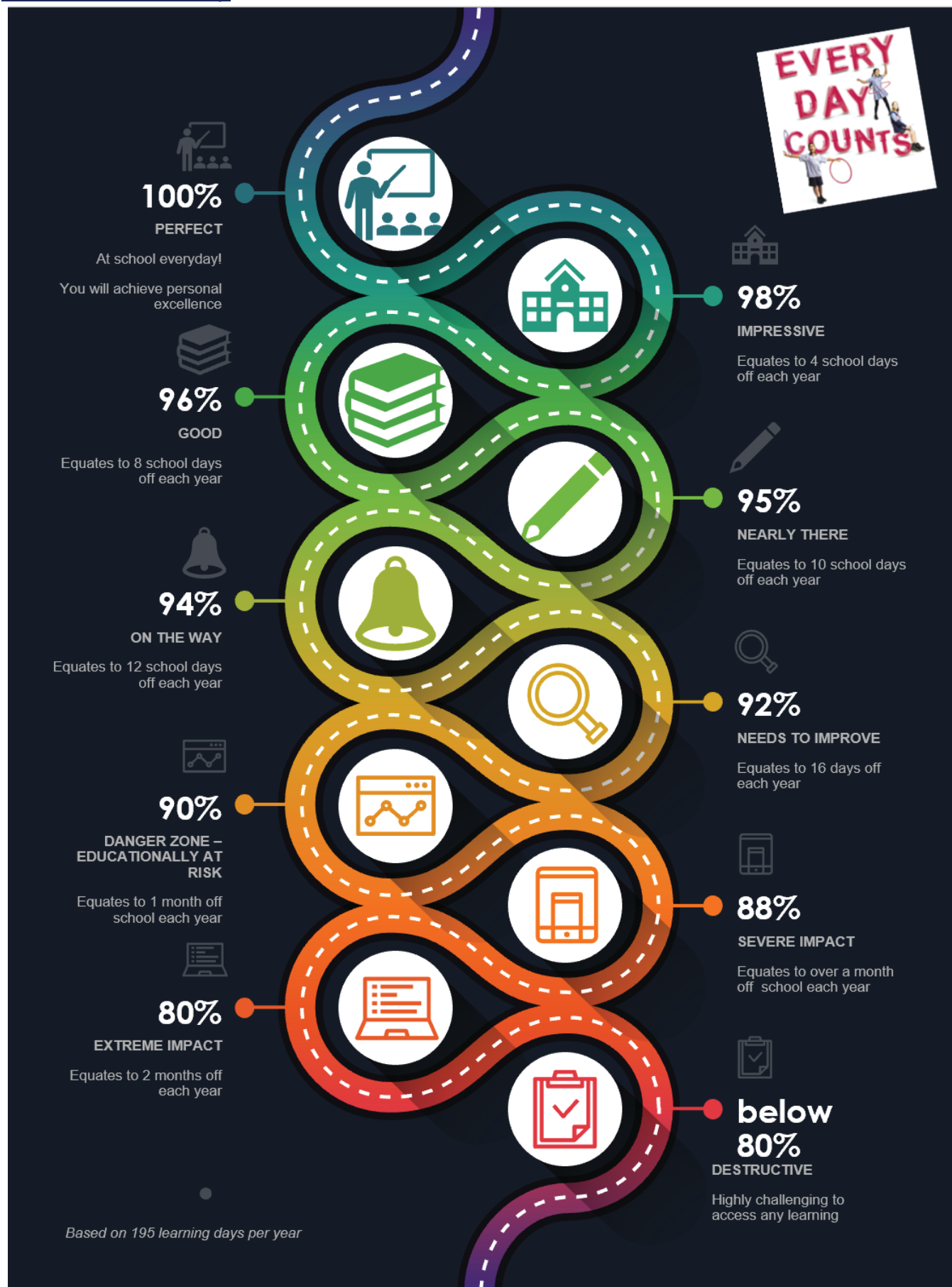


Classroom Catering supports a  
focus on everyday healthy  
food & drink options

Lunch order cut off is 9am  
For a more detailed menu and to order  
online, please visit [spriggyschools.com.au](https://spriggyschools.com.au)



## Attendance Road Map



## In the gate by half past 8

Parents, we are seeing over 100 students arrive late to school every day. Students are required to be at school before the morning bell and in their class lines by 8.45am. Thank you for your ongoing support.

NSW Department of Education

### Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

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### Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

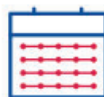
and years over their school life

**1** day per fortnight



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**4** weeks



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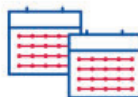
Over **1** year missed

**1** day per week



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**8** weeks



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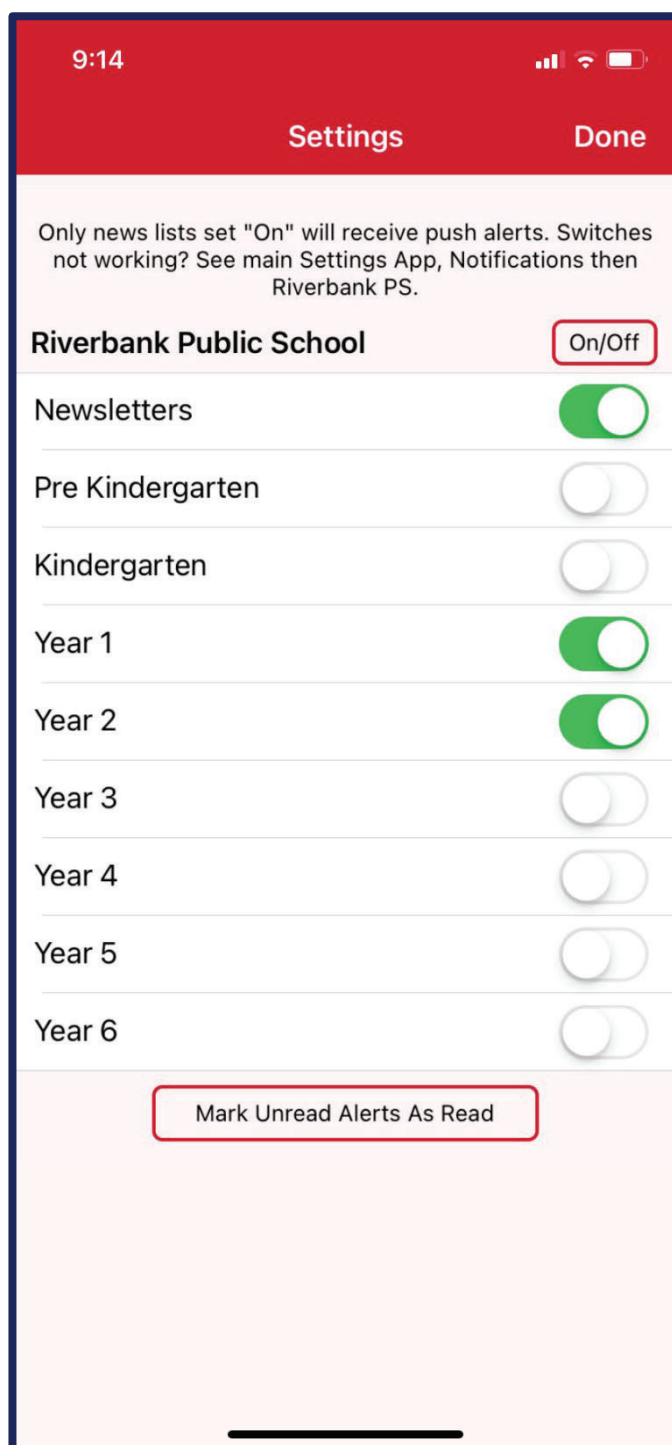
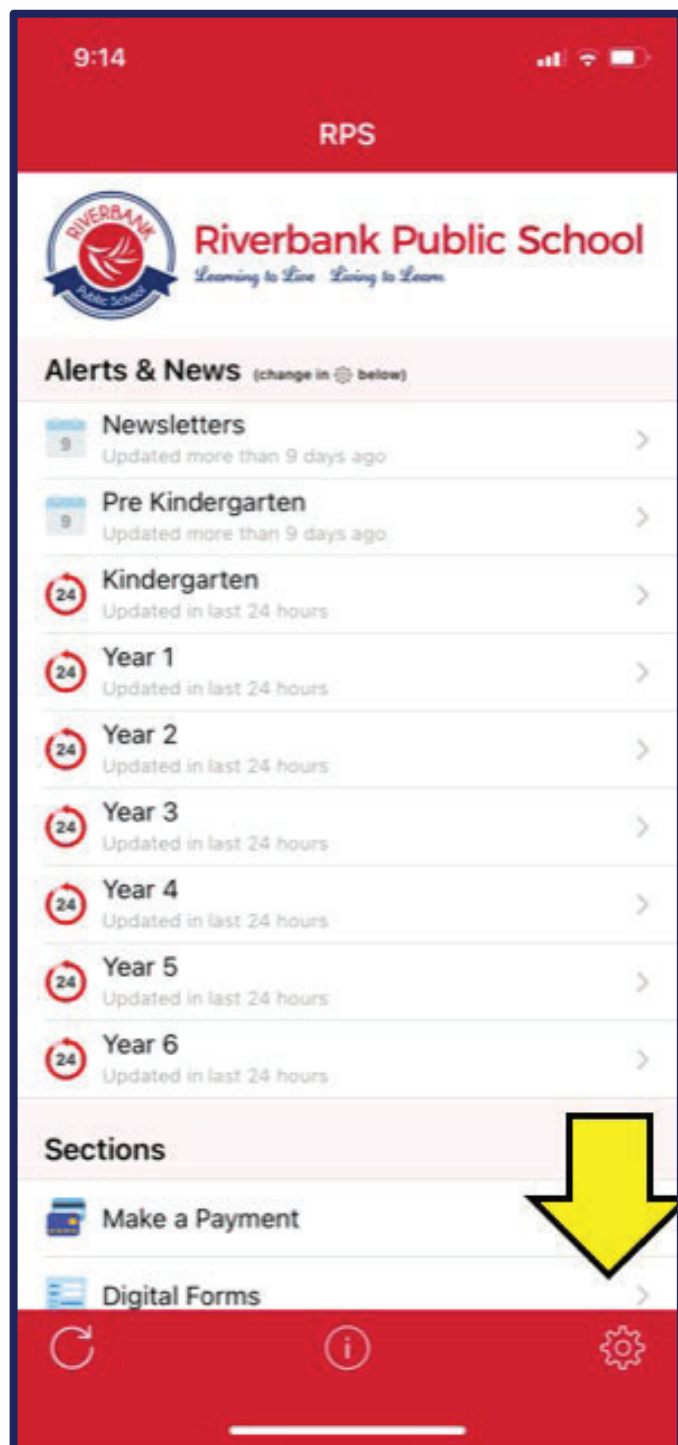
Over **2.5** years missed

[education.nsw.gov.au](http://education.nsw.gov.au)

### School App Tip

Did you know that you can tailor the push alerts that you receive from our school app to the grade/stage your child is in?

Select the cog wheel on the bottom right hand corner and select Newsletters and the grade/stage your child is in to ensure that all relevant communication is received.





## Merit Awards

### Congratulations to our **Kindergarten** Term 4 Week 6/7 Merit Awards recipients

Class	Week 6 Recipients	Week 7 Recipients
<b>KA</b>	Spencer Sm, Hazel, Aanya	Hezekiah, Sai Ananya, Spencer Sa
<b>KB</b>	Meike, Drishti, Dev	Jack, Siyana, Emre
<b>KC</b>	Aaron, Halle, Presha, Taylor	Ellah, Deniz, Ian
<b>KE</b>	Rehan, Eleanor, Grace	Dilawar, Reet, Dasha
<b>KM</b>	Ria, Mujib, Vivaan	Nivedya, Adam, Yasir
<b>KME</b>	Bhavishya, Aariv, Udaijot	Nihal, Annabella, Frederick
<b>KJM</b>	Anika, Manya, Sri	Walee, Dayna, Tvisha
<b>KL</b>	Hawwa, Mahim, Aarish	Medha, Ritisha, Gurfateh
<b>KN</b>	Zachary, Siddharth, Shastra	Taliyah, Olivia, Aarav
<b>KS</b>	Zain, Jerome, Ishika	Shanaya K, Kailas, Mahira
<b>KW</b>	Melina, Shakti, Sehaj	Agam, Chris, Tanvi
<b>1-4J</b>		Nave

### Congratulations to our **Year 1** Term 4 Week 6/7 Merit Awards recipients

Class	Week 6 Recipients	Week 7 Recipients
<b>1A</b>	Lachlan, Kaia, Ayra, Neil	Anagh, Maddie, Amina, Pranidhi
<b>1C</b>	Jayden, Vaishvi, Kimara	Maan, Annika, Sneha, Teddy
<b>1D</b>	Aadi, Reya Mary, Ash	Dia, Surveen, Krishna, Fateh
<b>1E</b>	Aishaani, Dia, Arnav	Chasmitha, Aryan, Avantika, Shivansh
<b>1H</b>	Kairav, Jiya, Aavya	Ira, Ryana, Oliver, Perun
<b>1J</b>	Ann, Aditi, Talhah	Aritri, Dhruv, Prisha, Atlas
<b>1K</b>	Ethan, Imogen, Manha	Aryan, Wendy, Zuhayr
<b>1M</b>	Amy, Celestine, Dylan, Kaira	Dhriti, Katie, Oliver, Shreshta
<b>1R</b>	Cleo, Audhav, Depesh, Talira	Sanjay, Ivy, Ayera, Isa
<b>1S</b>	Upasana, Ayaan, Khadija	Mason, Praavi, Sahib, Aadrika
<b>1T</b>	Melody, Mackenzie, Brandon	Mya, Khushaal, Yasmin, Olivia
<b>1W</b>	Ayush, Zoha, Aric	Jamond, Medhaa, Aarika, Chelsea

**Congratulations to our Year 2 Term 4 Week 6/7 Merit Awards recipients**

<b>Class</b>	<b>Week 6 Recipients</b>	<b>Week 7 Recipients</b>
<b>2A</b>	Raya, Sachin, Abrianna	Shrika, Tanvi, Mahi, Aravind, Adhrit
<b>2C</b>	Prabhjan, Addison, Sriya	Louis, Nischay, Nevaeh
<b>2D</b>	Jashvi, Shaarav, Saket	Yogan, Dristi, Anshika
<b>2F</b>	Chloe Wan, Mila, Yojit, Madhav, Advait	Olivia, Arjan, Mannat, Ninad, Skylar
<b>2G</b>	Hallie, Flynn, Johan	Nayle, Daniel, Kashvi, Maanya
<b>2J</b>	Kerem, Rannfateh, Amaya	Soufiya, Arshman, Annika, Jake
<b>2K</b>	Sid, Jujhar, Chloe, Kashvi,	Swara, Shree, Shanvi, Musawwir
<b>2L</b>	Haris, Kayhaan, Reewa, Emalina	Tyler, Aditya, Levi
<b>2M</b>	Haidar, Samarbir, Meslina, Reon	Akshara, Shi Nee, Nathaniel, Loukya, Enaya
<b>2S</b>	Sienna, Divi, Neev, Lemar	Fiza, Ayaan, Pranav, Samaran
<b>2V</b>	Vihaan, Khushi, Yathin	Arjun, Haniya, Srikar, Rayan
<b>2W</b>	Jackson, Chinmay, Maddie, Imaan	Jacob, Irith, Shlok
<b>1-4J</b>		Chris

**Congratulations to our Year 3 Term 4 Week 6/7 Merit Awards recipients**

<b>Class</b>	<b>Week 6 Recipients</b>	<b>Week 7 Recipients</b>
<b>3CW</b>	Isha, Madhav, Thimath	Shikhar, Vanishika, Sharvee
<b>3D</b>	Georgia, James, Sabrina	Saradha, Anay, Dhruti
<b>3E</b>	Maxwell, Tanvi, Thehan	Vihaan, Harmanjot, Imaya
<b>3G</b>	Aayan, Jaime, Ainsley, Isa	Zohaib, Faithlyn, Esha
<b>3I</b>	Piper, Hareem, Nihaal	Jai, Soumik, Suryal
<b>3K</b>	Ayaan, Varshana, Tanisa, Abby	Ishani, Anisha, Sushanth
<b>3L</b>	Ella, Kaiden, Tanvi	Yashika, Yu Hin, Aarav
<b>3M</b>	Claire, Aarya, Alisa	Gagan, Ifza, Zainab
<b>3O</b>	Shanvitha, Maaya, Krimish	Maaya, Ahaan, Nyasa
<b>3P</b>	Dorothy Pan, Amay, Maliya,	Aarav, Danica, Rishi
<b>3R</b>	Ayat, Agam, Angela	Viraaj, Devin, Ryan
<b>3W</b>	Tanishka, Tyson	Neer, Archer, Yan Xiang

**Congratulations to our Year 4 Term 4 Week 6/7 Merit Awards recipients**

<b>Class</b>	<b>Week 6 Recipients</b>	<b>Week 7 Recipients</b>
<b>4A</b>	Arav, Anwitha, Thea	Aanya, Sarina, Rayan
<b>4B</b>	Avni, Sahib, Nethra	Vedanth, Oneth, Mohammad
<b>4C</b>	Aadya, Anderson, Aarush	Verena, Maanvi, Tarun
<b>4D</b>	Zayan, Aleesha, Ariana, Rehatveer	Tanish, Haniya, Ariv, Faith
<b>4E</b>	Joseph, Hassan, Zayan	Farhaan, Abrasz, Catherine
<b>4J</b>	Thea, Affan, Jiya	Gadin, Skyla, Luke
<b>4L</b>	Sudhith, Prisha, Tanishi	Cohen, Tia, Rohan
<b>4M</b>	Nedal, Ryshee, Juliana	Cruz, Lavanya, Miguel
<b>4S</b>	Advaith, Kavya, Kiarah	Daniel, Lamha, Parshwa
<b>4-6F</b>	Rana	

**Congratulations to our Year 5 Term 4 Week 6/7 Merit Awards recipients**

<b>Class</b>	<b>Week 6 Recipients</b>	<b>Week 7 Recipients</b>
<b>5S</b>	Jiya, David, Arnav	David, Jansi, Bikram
<b>5E</b>	Uttej, Keziah, Ved	Atharv, Netra, Kaashvi
<b>5K</b>	Charizze, Sina, Shardae	Samprit, Sanvi, Angad
<b>5V</b>	Vraj, Dhoon, Shafin	Sophia, Aaryan, Alishba
<b>5G</b>	Najah, Brody, Dhanushma	Roshni, Aahan, Hirun
<b>5H</b>	Aouj, Charlotte, Zack	Christa, Ibrahim, Jinal
<b>5J</b>	Netra, Kyra, Arsh	Aleesha, Izdian, Gowrie
<b>5R</b>	Hitansh, Parnavi, Edin	Ali, Shanaya, Nishad
<b>5N</b>	Vihaan, Kanak, Mishti	Tylah, Casey, Mehar
<b>5D</b>	Abhinoor, Jaskaran, Trisha	Maniya, Harleen, Jeremy
<b>4-6R</b>	Cosmo	Jarvis
<b>4-6F</b>		Ryan

**Congratulations to our Year 6 Term 4 Week 6/7 Merit Awards recipients**

<b>Class</b>	<b>Week 6 Recipients</b>	<b>Week 7 Recipients</b>
<b>6G</b>	Arya, Jasmeet, Tirtha	Jiya, Deep, Angel
<b>6D</b>	Anvita, Prarthana, Heswin	Aaron, Aaina, Sheryl
<b>6P</b>	Jaskaran, Aaditya, Jessica	Niyati, Kareena, Arel
<b>6L</b>	Yuan, Ishan, Tamar	Yuvraj, Adi, Diya S
<b>6B</b>	Karunapha, Emma, Iman	Sam, Dhruv, Asna
<b>6M</b>	Dev, Advikaa, Sanchith	Dylan, Jhaanavi, Yansh
<b>6R</b>	Diya, Ansh, Prateek	Zaina, Oscar, Niah
<b>6C</b>	Mikael, Koby, Soumya U.	Jack, Soumya S, Elizaane
<b>6A</b>	Adon, Alwin, Patricia	Noah, Sujay, Risha
<b>4-6F</b>		Nicholas

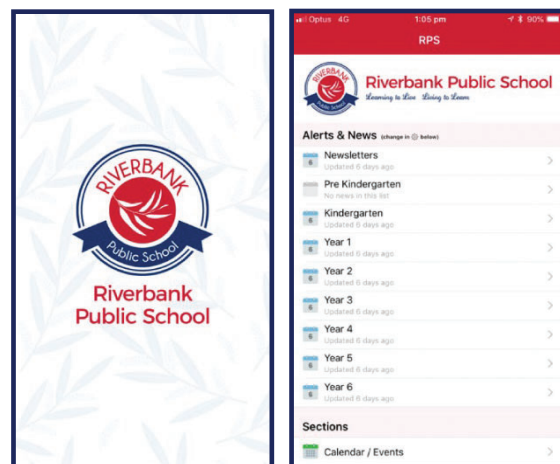


## Parent Communication

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

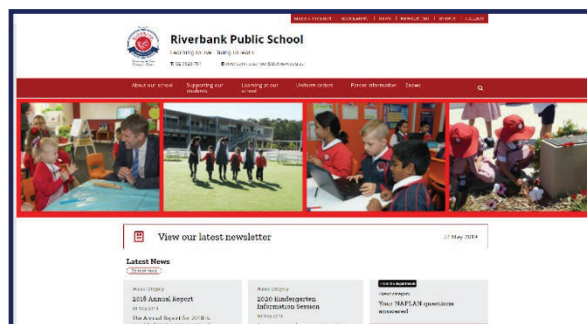
### School Enews App

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).



## **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.

## **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 Rules:**

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

## 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)



## **RPS Medical Procedures**

### **Prescribed Medication:**

When a medical practitioner has prescribed medication that must be administered during the school day, parents/carers must:

- notify the school
- provide up to date information as required
- supply the medication and any 'consumables' necessary for its administration in a timely way
- complete the Riverbank Public School Medical Permission Note (please see the office for a copy of this note).

The administration of prescribed medication in schools is carried out by staff who volunteer and who are trained. Students must not carry medication unless there is a written agreement between the school and the student's parents/carers.

### **Individual Health Care Plans:**

An individual health care plan must be developed for:

- severe asthma, type 1 diabetes, epilepsy and anaphylaxis
- any student who is diagnosed as having a condition that may require an emergency response
- any student who requires the administration of health care procedures

**If your child has any health conditions and does not already have an existing individual health care plan, please contact the office to collect the required forms.**

If your child has an adrenaline auto injector (EpiPen) prescribed by a medical practitioner, an [Action Plan for Anaphylaxis](#) must be completed. If the school does not have a current, Action Plan for Anaphylaxis please have your child's doctor complete one immediately.

If your child has allergic reactions where no adrenaline autoinjector is prescribed by a medical practitioner, an [Action Plan For Allergic Reactions](#) must be completed. If the school does not have a current Action Plan for Allergic Reactions please have your child's doctor complete one immediately.

If your child has been prescribed by a medical practitioner as having asthma, an [Asthma Action Plan](#) is required. If the school does not have a current Asthma Action Plan please have your child's doctor complete one immediately.

# Lost Property

Our lost property tubs are located outside the staffroom and are checked daily by staff. Lost property which is labelled will be returned to students the following day.

Please ensure that all uniforms, lunchboxes and water bottles are labelled with your child's name.



## 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 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

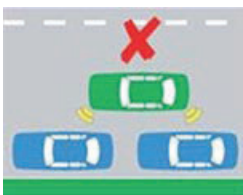


You must not stop on any footpath or nature strip, or even a driveway crossing a footpath or nature strip FOR ANY REASON.

**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.



# MISSING BOOKS

A CRY FOR HELP FROM YOUR SCHOOL LIBRARY



Don't try to  
blame me  
this time!

## WHERE ARE THEY HIDING?

**Genre:** Various

**Colour:** Multicoloured

**Tags:** Clearly labelled

WE HAVE  
MISSED  
YOU ALL  
SO MUCH!

ALL BOOKS TO THE LIBRARY RETURNS

# AS SOON AS YOU CAN

# SCHOOL ZONE OFFENCES

## WHAT ARE YOU RISKING? \*



Children are small, harder to see, behave unpredictably and are extremely vulnerable. They need **YOU** to take extra care when driving and parking around school zones.



### NO PARKING

**No waiting.** You have **2 minutes** to drop-off or pick-up.

You must stay within **3 metres** of your vehicle.

PENALTIES FROM  
**\$ 194**  
+2 DEMERIT POINTS



### NO STOPPING

You must **not stop** on a length of road with a **no stopping** sign.

The first **10 metres** from an **intersection** is a no stopping zone.  
**Yellow kerb lines** are also a No Stopping zone.

PENALTIES FROM  
**\$ 349**  
+2 DEMERIT POINTS



### BUS ZONE

Only a public bus can stop in a bus zone.

PENALTIES FROM  
**\$ 349**  
+2 DEMERIT POINTS



### MOBILE PHONES

Extra fines apply for using a mobile phone in a school zone.

PENALTIES FROM  
**\$ 464**  
+5 DEMERIT POINTS

May be subject to Double Demerits

### PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

1. In a queue of traffic, **no part of your vehicle can stop** on a pedestrian crossing.
2. Do not let **your child in or out of a vehicle** at a pedestrian crossing as this is a No Stopping zone.

PENALTIES FROM  
**\$ 464**  
+2 DEMERIT POINTS

### DRIVEWAYS & FOOTPATHS

Do not park on or across a driveway or footpath.

PENALTIES FROM  
**\$ 344**  
+2 DEMERIT POINTS

### U TURNS

U turns are **illegal** on or near a **pedestrian crossing** and across a **double white line**.

PENALTIES FROM  
**\$ 349**  
+3 DEMERIT POINTS

### DOUBLE PARKING

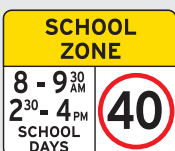
Double parking is illegal and is very dangerous in a school zone.

PENALTIES FROM  
**\$ 349**  
+2 DEMERIT POINTS

\*Fines current as of 11 November 2020.

Fines and demerit points are subject to change. For more information check out the NSW Centre for Road Safety website.

### SPEEDING OFFENCES



**40km/h** is the limit.

Children are vulnerable, so slow down in school zones.

PENALTIES FROM  
**\$ 200**  
+2 DEMERIT POINTS

May be subject to Double Demerits



**PENRITH**  
CITY COUNCIL



**Blacktown**  
City Council

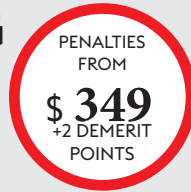
# SCHOOL ZONE OFFENCES

## WHAT ARE YOU RISKING?



### NO STOPPING

You must **not stop** on a length of road with a **no stopping** sign.



### NO PARKING

**2 minutes** to drop-off or pick-up, stay within **3 metres** of vehicle.



### BUS ZONE

Only a public bus can stop in a designated bus zone.



Help keep our children **safe**



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# ENGINEERING & ROBOTICS CAMP

## WONDER KIDZ



## The Ponds High School

Eligibility	Date	Time	Enrolment Link	No. of Days	Fees
Yr 1 - 6	17/01/2022	9:00am to 3:00pm	<a href="http://www.trybooking.com/BVVAf">www.trybooking.com/BVVAf</a>	1	\$105
Yr 1 - 6	18/01/2022	9:00am to 3:00pm	<a href="http://www.trybooking.com/BVVAf">www.trybooking.com/BVVAf</a>	1	\$105
Yr 1 - 6	17/01 & 18/01	9:00am to 3:00pm	<a href="http://www.trybooking.com/BVVAf">www.trybooking.com/BVVAf</a>	2	\$195

**Engineering and Robotics Workshop:** These workshops provide theoretical knowledge in software and mechanical engineering combined with Mathematics and Science. These are hands-on workshops where the students will follow a design process and build a working machine using Lego®. They will also be able to program the machine to perform certain tasks.



“ Elliot has continued to talk about how fun Engineering Camp was. A wonderful camp and he will be attending again in the future.”  
- Larissa (Parent in NSW)

“ Fantastic experience for young minds. Nate had an absolute blast and cannot wait to do it again next year. He is still talking about it nearly 2 weeks later. Thank you”  
- Anon (Family in NSW)

### If you're a wonderer, these workshops are for you!

Parents are requested to provide crunch & sip and lunch clearly labelled with the child's name.

The students may also go through an outdoor activity. Please ensure the child has a hat and sunscreen. We have a strict policy of **"No hat no outdoor play"**.

For more information please call 0416 100 089

[inonwsydney@young-engineers.com.au](mailto:inonwsydney@young-engineers.com.au)  
[www.young-engineers.com.au](http://www.young-engineers.com.au)



## DEC/JAN HOLIDAY SPORTS CAMP



### The Ponds

HALF DAY 8: 30-12 pm \$35 a day or  
200 for 6 days or 12 days \$380

Sports: Soccer, Cricket, and Basketball



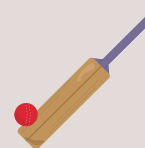
## ADVANCED CRICKET COACHING @ THE PONDS

**Venue:** The Ponds, SCHOFIELDS, PENDLE HILL

**What:** Intermediate to Advanced cricket lessons. Ongoing feedback, video analysis & most advanced cricket ball machine used.

**Focus Areas:** Batting, bowling, fielding, wicket keeping, building overall skills  
Head Coach SANJIV DUBEY

ICC LEVEL 3 COACH , ASSIST HEAD COACH IN PREMIER CRICKET



## RPS and QHP School Afterschool Sports

**When:** Every Monday, TUESDAY AND FRIDAY

**Where:** The Ponds

**What:** Soccer, Basketball, Cricket core skills

**Skills Taught:** catching, throwing, kicking, hitting, bowling, batting, dribbling, ball judgment, balance, dodging, sprinting, skipping, coordination and concentration.

**Timings:** 3:45 to 5:15 pm .....

**Term Fee for :** \$175

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# After School Language Class & Creativity Workshop

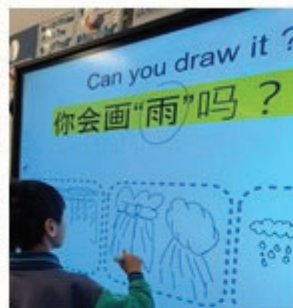
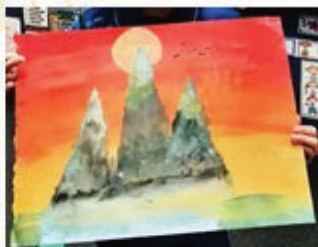
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**\$22 Language Class**  
**\$28 Creativity Workshop**  
(\$45 if enrol for both classes)

*Learn Chinese through culture and activities*

*Creativity workshop*



## North Kellyville Public School

Language Class: Monday

Creativity Workshop: Wednesday

Time: 3:00-5:30pm

## Beaumont Hills Public School

Language Class: Wednesday

Creativity Workshop: Friday

Time: 3:00-5:30pm

## William Clarke College

Language Class: Monday & Wednesday

Time: 3:00-5:30pm

## Riverbank Public School

Language Class: Thursday

Time: 2:45-5:15pm

## Kings Langley Public School

Language Class: Friday

Creativity Workshop: Tuesday

Time: 3:00-5:30pm

## Saturday Chinese Classes

North Kellyville Public School

1:00-3:00pm for Native Speaker

3:15-5:15pm for Non-native Speaker

## Online 1-on-2 Chinese Program

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Website: [www.sydneychinese.org.au/](http://www.sydneychinese.org.au/)

Email: [snwchinese@gmail.com](mailto:snwchinese@gmail.com)

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