



RIVERBANK PUBLIC SCHOOL

Learning to Live • Living to Learn

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER • 24 August • TERM 3 WEEK 6

IMPORTANT DATES

Term 3

Week 6

25 August

Book Week Dress Up

Stage 3 Author Visit

26 August

K-2 Book Week Incursion

PSSA

Week 7

29 August

Year 4 ZooSnooz (4R, 4D)

30 August

Year 4 ZooSnooz (4B, 4J, Incl Ed)

31 August

HPAF Concert at Panthers

1 September

Father's Day Stall

2 September

Jersey Day

Year 1, Year 3 & Year 5 Assemblies

Week 8

5 September

Hills Public Speaking Competition Semi Finals

7 September

Indigenous Literacy Day

8 September

Stage 2 Book Week Author Incursion

9 September

Kindergarten, Year 2, Year 4 & Year 6 Assemblies

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

SAS Staff Recognition Week

Next week, we celebrate School Administrative and Support (SAS) Staff Recognition Week. This is an opportunity for our school community to recognise and thank our amazing SAS staff for the important work they do for our students and community. SAS staff includes front office staff, General Assistants, and Student Learning Support Officers. Our SAS staff play an important role in the school community. They are often the first people you see when you enter a school and are essential to maintaining positive relationships with students, parents and the community. SAS staff work in school offices, in classrooms and libraries and maintaining and caring for school grounds and buildings. They are often the ones to tend to students when they are unwell and they ensure the efficient management of school financial and administration functions.

2023 Kindergarten Enrolment

If you have a child commencing Kindergarten in 2023 please enrol online by 31 August 2022.

<https://riverbank-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/enrolment.html>

Camps

A shout out to years 4, 5 & 6 students for their exemplary manners and teamwork during our recent camp adventures. Thank you to our dedicated teachers.



Happy Book Week

I am looking forward to our students dressing up as their favourite book character tomorrow. Each year since 1945 the CBCA has brought children and books together across Australia through CBCA Book Week. During this time schools and public libraries spend one glorious week celebrating books and Australian children's authors and illustrators. Classroom teachers, teacher librarians and public librarians create colourful displays, develop activities, run competitions and tell stories relating to a theme to highlight the importance of reading. You will often see parades with students dressed as their favourite book character. K-2 classes will enjoy a drama performance incursion and 3-6 students are looking forward to author visits.



Debating

Our Hip Key Hounds Premier's Debating Team competed in their knockout final against Dundas Public School this week. The team argued for the affirmative "voting to decide which books and films they study". The contest was close with positive adjudicator feedback to both sides; however, we were defeated this time. With the willingness to act on the feedback of expert adjudicators, our students will continue to polish their art of arguing. Their respect for their own learning is highly commended.



Education Week Open Classrooms Week 8

Education Week 2022 will be held from 5-7 September (Week 8, Term 3). This year's theme is 'creating futures – education changes lives' and celebrates the quality education we provide and the opportunities available to everyone in NSW public education.

We will be hosting a **STEAM EXPO** and invite parents to visit their child's classroom on the following dates:

Monday 5 September 1.30pm to 2.30pm : Years K, 3, 5 & 6

Tuesday 6 September 1.30pm to 2.30pm: Year 1 and Inclusive Education

Wednesday 7 September 1.30pm to 2.30pm: Years 2 and 4



School Spectacular - Senior Choir

Congratulations to our Senior Choir who were successful in their audition and will perform in the Combined Choir for the 2022 Schools Spectacular. This is a wonderful opportunity for the students to showcase their performing arts skills and take part in a concert with over 5000 students. This performance will also be televised nationally on Channel 7.

Creative and Performing Arts Spectacular

Our Creative and Performing Arts groups are rehearsing for our CAPA Spectacular evening to be held on Wednesday 21 September at the Hillsong Convention Centre.

Tickets are now on sale. Please return the payment/order form to your child's teacher and tickets will be sent home in envelopes with your child.

No payments or allocation of tickets will take place from the school office.

Tickets may take a week to be sent home.



20 SCHOOL DAYS TO GO

**Riverbank Public School Presents
CAPTIVATE**

The CAPA Spectacular 2022

Wednesday 21 September 6pm Hillsong Convention Centre.

Hills Performing Arts Festival

All the very best to our five dance groups who will be performing at the Hills Performing Arts Festival next Wednesday evening. Hills Performing Arts Festival has been running for over 30 years for schools in the Hills and surrounding areas. This festival is an opportunity for schools to showcase the wonderful achievements and gains their students are making in the Performing Arts.

The following groups have been selected:

- Year 2 Blue – This is Me
- Year 3 Pink – Wild Child
- Year 4 Pink – Keep it Undercover
- Year 6 – Sweet Dreams
- 3-6 Troupe – Unstoppable

Annual School Colour Fun Run Fundraiser **Friday 23 September**

Each year we hold a colour fun run to raise money for RPS. We encourage all students to participate. Sponsorship forms and letters will be sent home next week.



22 SCHOOL DAYS TO GO

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

Absences and Extended Leave

If your child is absent for any reason from school, could you please ensure that a note, phone call or email to your child's teacher or to the school email is provided stating the date and reason for the absence. This is a legal responsibility and is closely monitored by the Department. An explanation of absence is required within 7 days. If the school has not received an explanation outlining a reason for the absence, a reminder letter will be sent home after 7 days.

If you are taking a long term of absence (5 days or more), for example a holiday during the school term, you must inform the school's front office and complete a Certificate of Extended Leave.

Leave greater than four weeks will not be approved. Any documentation such as travel details, itinerary or flight bookings are needed to issue the extended leave certificate.

Ridges Zone Athletics Carnival

The Ridges Zone Athletics Carnival took place on Friday 12 August at Alfred Henry Whaling Memorial Reserve. Riverbank's competing students displayed tenacity and teamwork throughout the day. Congratulations to Naturelle, Avani, Mina, Evelyn, Ciara, Sienna and Dazzline who have progressed to the Sydney West PSSA Athletics Championship on Friday 23 September. We wish these competitors all the best.



Multicultural Public Speaking Competition Acknowledgments

We would like to acknowledge the achievements of the Stage 2 and 3 grade finalists who represented Riverbank Public School in the Multicultural Public Speaking Competition in the Interschool final. Congratulations on your achievements.

Krishna P – Participation Award

Puneet S – Participation Award

Madhav G – Participation Award

Prisha J – Highly Commended

Upcoming Fundraising or awareness events as elected by our School Parliament:

Jersey Day

On Friday September 2, we are encouraging students to wear their favourite sporting jersey to school to raise awareness for organ donation. Riverbank Public School is participating in Jersey Day to show our support for the Donate Life network and begin the conversation with friends and family about Organ Donation. Please note that no gold coin donation is required. Each Jersey Day we ask schools and workplaces across Australia to allow students and employees to wear their favourite sporting jersey to school or work and begin the conversation with their family and friends about the importance of becoming an organ and tissue donor.

Jersey Day is all about raising awareness – it is not a fundraiser



Footy Colours Day

Footy Colours Day is a national community fundraising campaign that helps kids with cancer keep up with school. Students are encouraged to wear their favourite mufti footy colours to school on Friday 16 September and **bring a gold coin donation** to support the fight against cancer. Footy Colours Day is a community fundraising campaign observed for the entire month of September. Established by the Fight Cancer Foundation, the event raises funds to support children in their fight against cancer. From hospital bills to recovery, the challenges of living with a cancer diagnosis cannot be overstated. Footy Colours Day is a reminder that we must come together in our fight against this fatal disease. Ever since its inception in 1995, the fun and sporty events held under Footy Colours Day have raised millions of dollars and supported hundreds of cancer patients and survivors.

Happy Father's Day

Wishing our Fathers, a wonderful day on Sunday 4 September.

Mrs Jeanie Brown
Principal



Term 3 COVID Smart Measures

As we continue to prioritise student and staff learning and wellbeing while at school, our layered COVID-smart measures will continue for Term 3. These 'baseline measures' are aligned to the NSW Government's general community settings and include:

- staying home and getting tested if unwell, and only attending school when symptom free
- strongly encouraging mask-wearing for all staff and students, particularly in the first 4 weeks of term
- rapid antigen testing for symptomatic students and staff, and close contacts attending school to learn and work
- strongly encouraging COVID-19 vaccinations for students, staff and their families, including a booster shot (when eligible)
- strongly encouraging students, staff and their families to get a flu vaccination
- strict requirements for close contacts attending school
- good hygiene practices
- maximising natural ventilation
- boosted cleaning during the day, with particular attention given to high touch surface areas
- responding to local COVID-19 conditions when necessary, by working with the department's Health, Safety and Staff Wellbeing team.

Continuing these baseline COVID-smart measures allows us to prioritise student and staff wellbeing while providing our learners a consistent and productive learning environment this term.

What is new in Term 3?

As winter continues, our COVID-smart measures have been updated in consultation with NSW Health to provide appropriate protection to our school community.

- **Vaccinations.** The department has updated its policy regarding COVID-19 vaccination for employees following an independent risk assessment of school (and corporate) settings and consultation with unions and relevant stakeholders. While vaccination will no longer be a requirement for our staff from 1 August 2022, it is pleasing to see that a recent survey highlighted that more than 99% of the department's active school-based workforce have had at least two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine. We will continue to strongly encourage all our staff to keep up to date with their COVID-19 vaccinations as a way of protecting themselves, students, and our school community.
- **Boosted day cleaning.** The department has made a slight change to its cleaning process. Cleaning of school sites will now be more concentrated during the day, with an increase in cleaning in school hours, and a subsequent reduction out of hours. Boosted day cleaning will continue to focus on high-touch areas and other hard surfaces, door handles, lockers, light switches and handrails in stairways and movement areas.

What is continuing for Term 3?

- **Close contacts.** Students identified as close contacts remain able to attend school providing they are symptom free, notify the school and return a negative COVID-19 test result daily for 5 consecutive school days. Primary students, while not required, are strongly encouraged to wear a mask for 5 consecutive school days (except when eating/drinking or exercising). Please note that students identified as close contacts are still unable to attend overnight excursions, including camps.
- **Masks.** Masks are an effective way of minimising the transmission of respiratory viruses and infections, and protecting our community, especially those who are at higher risk of severe illness

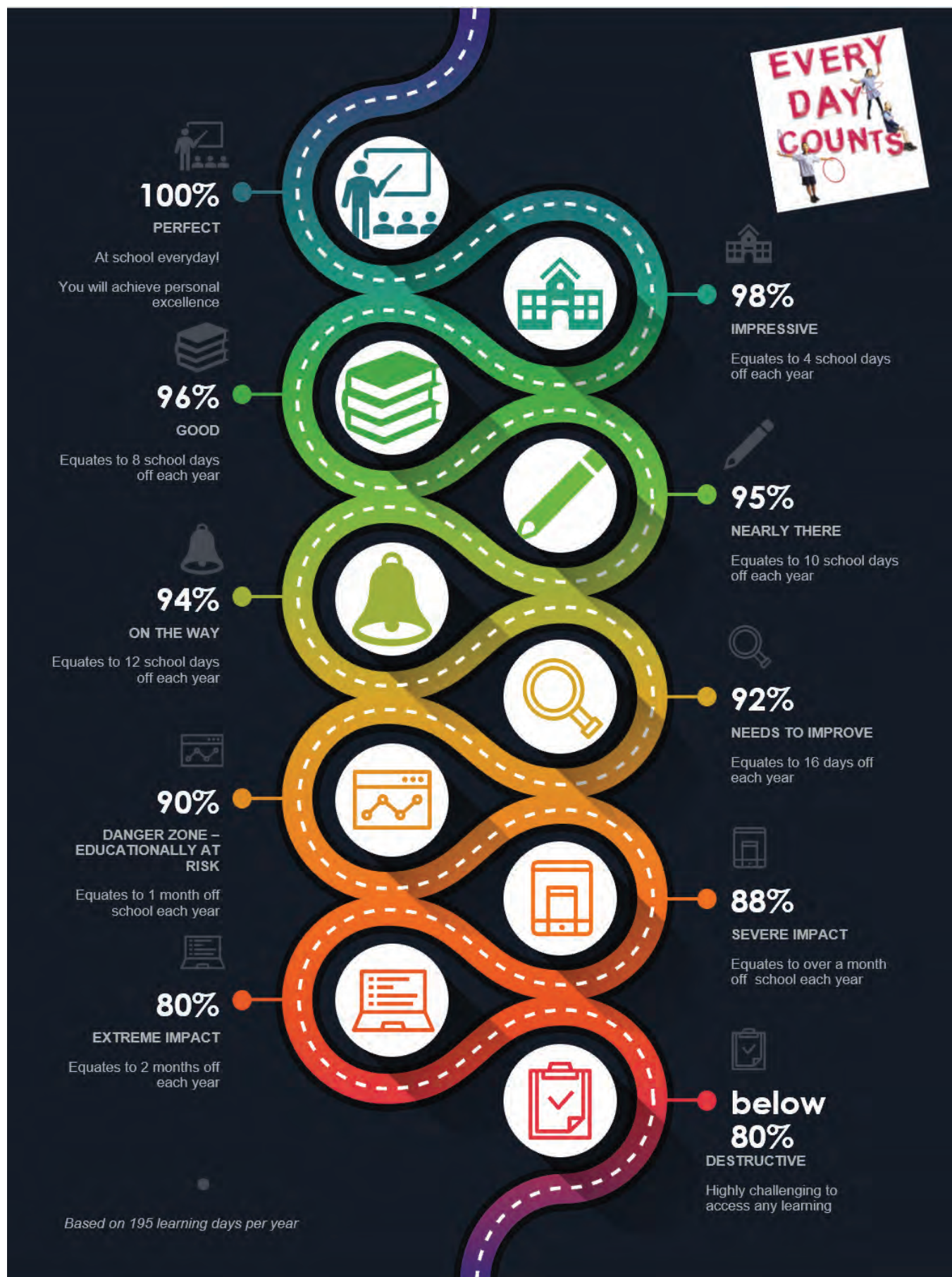
from COVID-19 and flu. We strongly encourage all students and staff to wear a mask for the first 4 weeks of Term 3, particularly in indoor settings or when distancing is not possible. The latest NSW Health advice also recommends wearing a mask for people who have recovered from COVID-19 and recently completed their 7-day isolation period for an additional 3 days (from days 8 to 10 after receiving a positive COVID-19 result). Additionally, as outlined in the below section on close contacts, mask wearing is mandatory for staff and strongly recommended for primary school students returning to school as close contacts for 5 school days.

- Rapid antigen tests (RATs). The department will send another round of RATs to our school early this term, which we will provide to you in the form of 1 multipack of 5 RAT kits per student. These RATs can be used as required for symptomatic testing, such as if your child is displaying even mild symptoms, and daily testing for close contacts returning to school. Once these department-supplied RATs are exhausted, please continue to access store-purchased RATs which are now readily available in the community or PCR tests. Please also remember that positive RAT results must be registered with ServiceNSW, and students who test positive to COVID-19 must not attend school until their isolation period ends and they are symptom free.
- Responding to our local situation. We will continue to liaise with NSW Health and the department's Health, Safety and Staff Wellbeing Case Management team to ensure our COVID-smart settings keep up with the latest developments. If local conditions require it, this may mean reintroducing temporary additional COVID-smart measures to act as a 'circuit breaker', including:
 - mandating mask wearing for all staff (primary school settings)
 - postponing or limiting non-essential activities like excursions, indoor assemblies and visitors to the school
 - directing cohorts to learn remotely for short periods of time.
- Maximising natural ventilation. The department has reviewed environmental differences across NSW as part of their winter ventilation planning to ensure that local climatic conditions at each school are considered. The department will continue to provide local guidance to schools, including advice on maximising natural ventilation while balancing thermal comfort and the use of indoor and outdoor learning areas for school activities to support schools to adapt to local climate conditions throughout the winter months.
- Reducing the risk of illness this winter. Finally, it is important to note NSW Health's advice to reduce our risk of not only COVID-19, but other illnesses that may affect our school at this time of year such as the flu and [respiratory syncytial virus \(RSV\)](#), both of which can be serious in younger people. We can all protect our loved ones and our community by:
 - staying home and getting tested if unwell or displaying any symptoms
 - keeping up to date with our vaccinations – including the flu vaccine, which is available from your local GP or pharmacy now
- flu vaccines are free for all children aged 6 months to under 5 years, or for a small charge for those aged 5 years and older
 - getting tested immediately for COVID-19 if you become symptomatic and isolating until you receive a negative result and are symptom free
 - practicing good hand hygiene by washing regularly with soap and water
 - taking a RAT before visiting vulnerable loved ones or going to large gatherings and events.

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/stay-safe/testing/self-isolation-rules>

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/inside-the-department/covid-19/vaccinations>

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...

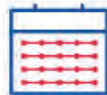
they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight
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M T W T F

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4 weeks



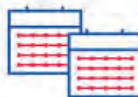
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Over **1** year missed

1 day per week
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8 weeks



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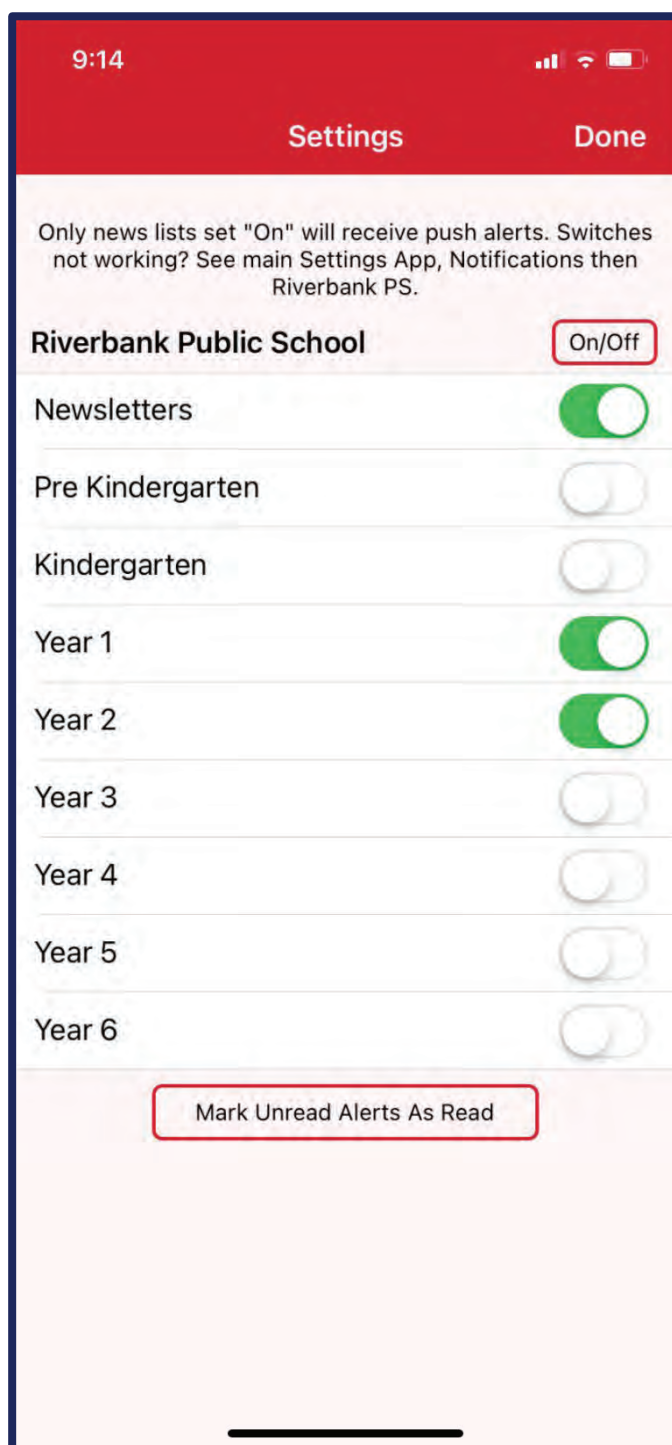
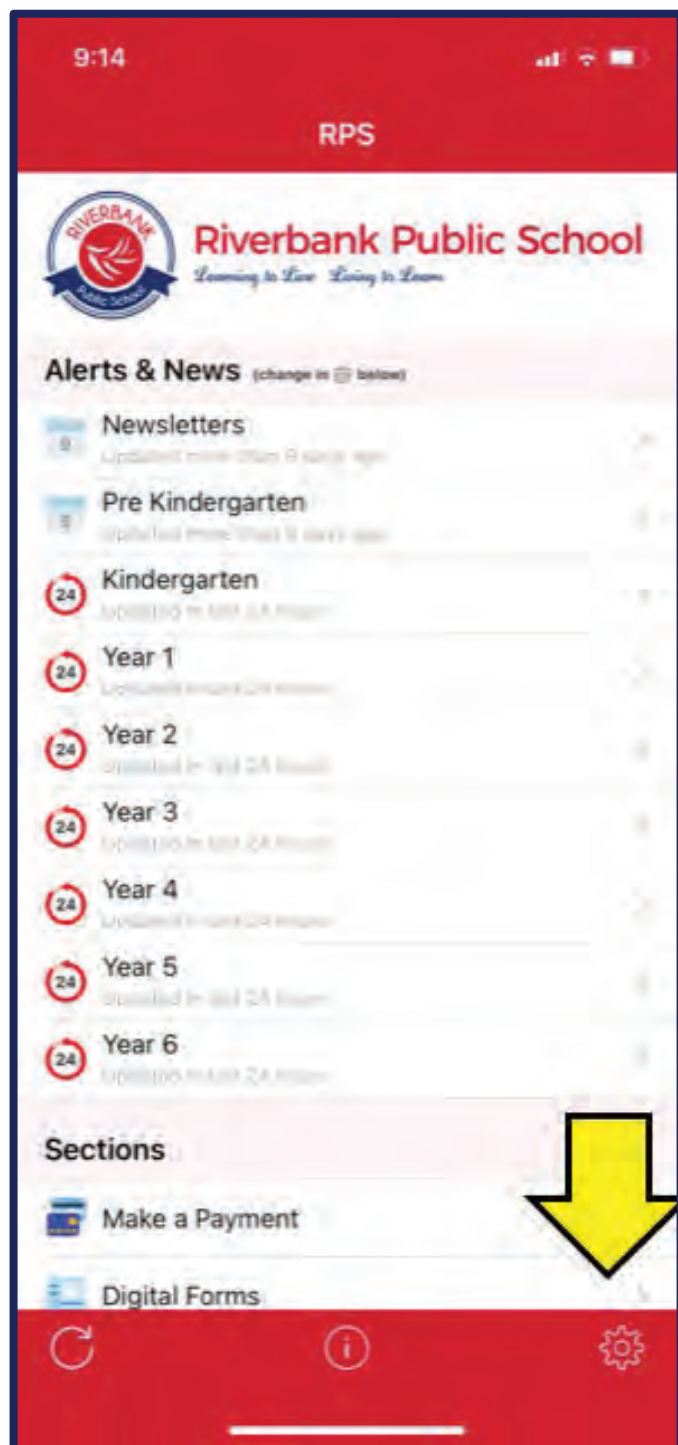
Over **2.5** years missed

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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 3 Week 4 Merit Awards recipients

Class	Class
KA – Shaurya, Gautham	KB – Arjun, Melek
KD – Aarav, Aleena	KE – Felicity, Laksath
KF – Demira, Armaan	KJA – Arjun, Raghav
KM – Alia, Myra	KMH – Jeeshya, Niyamat
KP – Maira, Sindhu	KS – Gurnoor, Aarav
KW – Olivia, Anaisha	

Congratulations to our **Year 1** Term 3 Week 5 Merit Awards recipients

Class	Class
1A – Akira, Manan	1D – Abhiraj, Reet
1E – Hezekiah, Olivia	1G – Zachary, Keiyona
1H – Prashi, Diva	1J – Prisha, Riyansh
1K – Pranshul, Ira	1L – Bhavishya, Charith
1M – Yuvraj, Kesar	1N – Ridham, Medha
1T – Tim, Georgina	

Congratulations to our **Year 2** Term 3 Week 4 Merit Awards recipients

Class	Class
2BL – Anthony, Yahya	2C – Kaira, Manha
2D – Kiaan, Ayat	2J – Gurmehar, Ryan
2K – Ayush, Aditi	2L – Jayden Khushaal
2M – Ayan, Raakhi	2N – Nitya, Neeraj
2P – Sienna, Shivansh	2R – Irene, Reyansh J
2S – Isabel, Ryana	2V – Aisha, Pranidhi
2W – Dhruvi, Depesh	

Congratulations to our Year 3 Term 3 Week 5 Merit Awards recipients

Class	Class
3B – Anona, Omaria, Aditya	3C – Upneet, Nandu, Meera
3D – Aksha, Sargun, Prabhjan	3G – Nick, Saanvi, Sahana
3H – Oliva, Ahan, Sienna	3I – Owen, Ahaan, Annika
3M – Karteek, Samarbir, Vaanya	3N – Isobella, Krishi, Ekroop
3S – Shejadeep, Enaya, Ikey	3T – Kerem, Vedanshi, Kiaan
3W – Myra, Reon, Raghav	K-3J – Chris

Congratulations to our Year 4 Term 3 Week 4 Merit Awards recipients

Class	Class
4A – Vedanth, Nimrat, Shruti	4B – Adhika, Garry, Daliah
4BW – Ashmi, Ismai, Kieran	4C – Milla, Mason, Saesha
4D – Angel, Khadija	4E – Shikar, Bhavya, Nethara
4J – Ashmi, Madeleine, Declan	4L – Mina, Virraj, Ethan
4O – Zara, Naufel, Aaron	4R – Vivaan, Diyon, Tanisha
4S – Aarya, Kyle, Zohaib	4V – Avyukt, Varshana, Isaac
4W – Jaime, Biliv, Rizwan	K-4R – Marcello

Congratulations to our Year 5 Term 3 Week 5 Merit Awards recipients

Class	Class
5D – Shreoshi, Vedanth, Chelsey	5E – Pranav, Angelena, Jensarry
5G – Bernard, Seerat, Shivi	5H – Lamha, Cruz, Advait
5J – Poppy, Tia, Aanya	5K – Momina, Asher, Maveen
5L – Hassan, Rakshita, Aariz	5R – Tanishka, Michael, Jas
5S – Hiya, Siona, Aryan	5W – Aliza, Bibek, Kavya R
5/6C – Namith	5-6F – Oscar

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

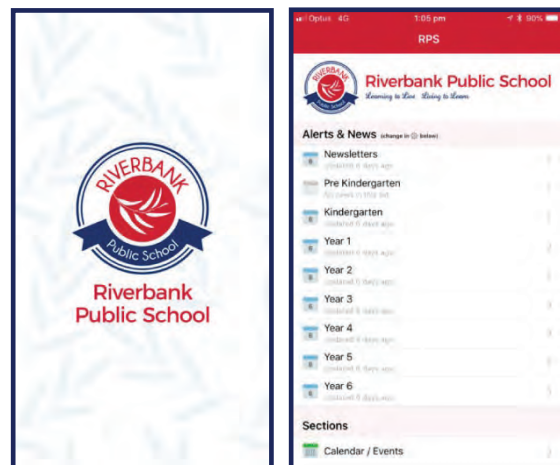
Class	Class
6B – Dhanushma, Arya, Akshith	6D – Sahara, Akash, Mahi
6F – Siddhanth, Tegan, Grace	6G – Rishabh, Jiya, Elizabeth
6H – Ananya, Sophia, Vivek	6K – Sina, Josh, Daksh
6M – Jack, Prisha, Netra	6N – Ashish, Shiali, Admad
6S – Jasmita, Ekansh, Thalia	6T – Najah, Elijah, Kaashvi
5/6C – Moksh, Aarav	

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

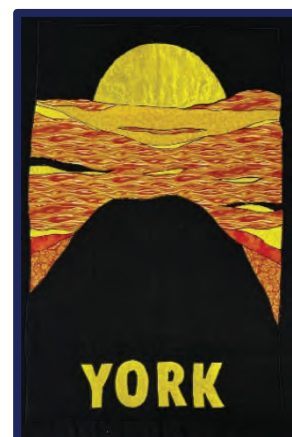
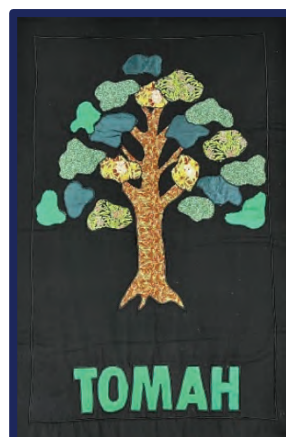
BLUE KEY Respect Yourself

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
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)

Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA)

Our Riverbank CAPA Groups are working hard to prepare for Captivate CAPA Spectacular and all groups will perform at Hillsong Convention Centre on Wednesday 21 September. Students will also attend a rehearsal on the same day at the venue. More information regarding the rehearsal and the evening performance will go home in the next few weeks.

Tickets are available now for purchase via the front office. They are \$15 each. In order for this event to be successful, we require families to purchase a minimum of 3 tickets each, however, this is not mandatory. We encourage all family and friends to purchase a ticket to support our students.

We are excited to showcase three of our Creative and Performing Art groups below.

Year 1 Choir

Students in the Year 1 Choir have been diligently attending weekly rehearsals with Miss Michelutti and Ms Nagle to prepare for the upcoming CAPA Spectacular! They have memorised their lyrics and are working on refining their harmonies for the big night. We are so excited to perform for you all!



Year 2 Dance Group Pink

Year 2 Pink Dance Group can't stop the music! The students have been working hard in their weekly rehearsals with Miss Wehrmann in preparation for the upcoming CAPA concert. We are so excited to showcase our performance with you all!



Year 5 Dance Group

Year 5 dance group have been working extremely hard on their dance this year with Miss Evans and Miss Dowsing. They have all demonstrated wonderful teamwork and commitment to dance group and having lots of fun learning new moves. Keep up the fantastic work boys and girls!



Regards,

Gemma Wade
CAPA Coordinator

Sports Update

Winter PSSA

Round 12 Results

Rugby League: Jnrs L 20-14 Snrs L 26-18

Netball: Jnrs L 5-6 Snrs L 10-12

Boys Soccer: Jnrs W 12-0 Snrs W 7-0

Girls Soccer: Jnrs W 4-0 Snrs W 2-0

Newcombe Ball: Boys W 2-1 Girls L 0-2

Winter PSSA Jerseys

The Winter PSSA season will end this Friday. The students who play Winter PSSA will need to bring their Riverbank sports shirt to change into after their game. All Winter PSSA jerseys will need to be handed back to their coaches once they have returned to school after the game.

Summer PSSA Trials

The Summer PSSA competition trials will be held over weeks 7 and 8 of this term. If your child is successful in making a team, a note will be sent home with all relevant information. During trial sessions, children will participate in a variety of drills relating to each sport. The teachers at Riverbank will demonstrate skills and encourage each child to have a go at all the skills before any decisions are made.

The sports on offer for Summer PSSA are:

Cricket- Mixed girls and boys Junior and Senior

NRL Tag- Mixed girls and boys Junior and Senior

AFL – Mixed girls and boys Junior and Senior

Teeball/Softball – Girls only Junior and Senior

Jarad Lonsdale
Sports Coordinator

Library Update

Book Week

It's that time of year again, the time when we celebrate the best of Australian literature for children. Classes have been looking at the CBCA shortlisted books during Library time.

Kindergarten have enjoyed all the shortlisted books and will be for voting for their favourite in the coming weeks.

The shortlisted books for Early Childhood are below with some comments from Kindy students.

Winston and the Indoor Cat "This is my favourite book because it reminds me of my dog Winnie" Grace

Jetty Jumping "This my favourite because I jumped with my Dad and held my hand" Anabiya

Amira's Suitcase "I like this book because it reminds me of learning about plants and they need sunshine, water, space and dirt" Sam

What do you call your Grandma? "This is my favourite because it reminds me of my Grandma and she loves me so much and plays with me" Zorowar

Walk of the Whales "I like how the whales came out of the water" Kiara

When the Waterhole Dries Up (currently reading)



Book Club

The final Book Club for this term is out now. Online orders are due in by 2nd September.

https://issuu.com/scholastic_australia/docs/bc_6-22_web_issuu?fr=sMGRkZTM0NDU5MDI

Next term we will be having our annual Book Fair so Term 4 Book Club will only be sent home online, no paper catalogues.

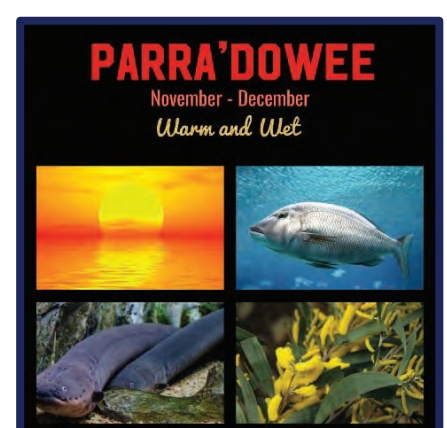
Photos - Students in KJA love reading and love the Library. Here are some candid photos of them in action!



Ms Jennifer Kennedy
Teacher Librarian

STEAM Update

Recently, as part of our Stage 2 STEAM unit, 'Earth & Space', the students examined the Dharawal Indigenous seasonal calendar. In doing so, they identified how the Dharawal people used a vast range of observations of their Country's natural environment to determine what season it was. The Dharawal people observed 6 distinct seasons throughout the year. With this knowledge, Stage 2 students used the app, Pic EDU to create 'grid' based posters for each of the seasons. The images chosen for each season directly reflected the natural changes that the Dharawal people observed during that period.



Mr Anthony Dewhurst
STEAM Coordinator

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 near 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 roadway 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 always stay within three metres of your vehicle.

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 cause 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.



Proudly Presents

2022

Captivate

CAPA Spectacular!

Wednesday 21st September

**Hillsong Convention Centre
Solent Cct, Norwest**

**Doors Open 5:30pm
Show Starts 6pm sharp**

Tickets

Adult \$20

Children 2 years+ \$10

Tickets will be sold via the school office

**Note: Seats are not numbered.
Please arrive early to get the best seats.**





P & C FATHER'S DAY STALL 2022

19.08.22

Dearest Parents & Carers,

To celebrate the special Father's and Grandfather's in our lives, the P&C of Riverbank Public School will be holding a Father's Day Stall on:

Thursday 1st September

Cost of gifts = All gifts are \$5

What to bring = Plastic Bag to carry gifts home in

Please send your child's money in a labelled envelope or snap lock bag with the exact amount of money for gifts.

This can be given to the class teacher for safe keeping.

Our P&C goal for this event is to raise funds that will go towards the purchase of additional sports equipment for student use at recess and lunch playtimes.

We look forward to your support.

Kindest regards,

Your

The P&C of RPS



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Riverbank Public School

Eligibility	Program Name	Time	Fee	Dates	Book online at
Yr K - 1	Build-Up	3:00 to 4:30pm	\$225	25/7-19/9 - Mon	www.trybooking.com/CADRO
Yr 2 - 4	Engineering & Robotics	3:00 to 4:30pm	\$225	25/7-19/9 - Mon	www.trybooking.com/CADRO
Yr 5 - 6	Advanced Eng Robotics	3:00 to 4:30pm	\$255	25/7-19/9 - Mon	www.trybooking.com/CADRO
Yr K - 1	Build-Up	3:00 to 4:30pm	\$225	29/7-23/9 - Fri	www.trybooking.com/CAMWL
Yr 2 - 4	Engineering & Robotics	3:00 to 4:30pm	\$225	29/7-23/9 - Fri	www.trybooking.com/CAMWL



**For more information
please call 0416 100 089**

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www.nwsydney.youngengineers.com.au

From Sustainable farming to self-driving cars, **Advanced Engineering & Robotics** model a range of real-world situations that teach students a complete understanding of how the technology works and used to solve the issue at hand. The engineering lessons engage kids with a hands-on learning environment and immerse them in the applications and possibilities of modern technologies. Through PBL (Project-based learning), students combine hardware, Lego® compatible building blocks, and coding to create a prototype and solve real-world problems. The projects are designed to encourage students to invent other viable solutions to these real-world issues and explore ways to utilize existing technology. The completion of these projects will boost confidence and create problem solving ability in students to overcome any challenge from working in their future jobs to solving our world's current or future problems.

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

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

AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS PROGRAM

THE PONDS HIGH SCHOOL FOR RPS STUDENTS
SPORTS FOUNDATION AUSTRALIA



(All year program)

every TUESDAY and FRIDAY

Time: 2:45- 5:pm

Program starts 3:30

Sports: Cricket, Soccer & Basketball

Fee per term: \$180 (for once a
week per term)

Venue: THE PONDS HIGH SCHOOL GROUND AND
Hall

pickup by our staff at 2;45

NO Wet weather cancellations

ADVANCED CRICKET ACADEMY PROGRAM

Schofields , Pendle Hill

COACH SANJIV DUBEY

ICC Level 3 qualified and senior
assistant head coach in premier
cricket Nsw

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USE \$100 ACTIVE
KIDS VOUCHER
OR
CREATIVE
VOUCHER
(CREATIVE CAMP)

JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS SPORTS AND CREATIVE CAMPS

FEE -HALF DAY(9 -11:30)

CASUAL-\$30

SHORT FULL DAY(8 -3)

casual \$49

VENUE - JONAS BRADLEY OVAL
AND SPORTS FACILITIES THE
PONDS

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Enrolling Soon for Term 4! After-school Art Program

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Register your interest today!

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BOOK NOW 2-DAY OLYMPICS

HAVE YOU GOT WHAT IT TAKES
TO WIN GOLD
IN THE ULTIMATE 2-DAY
MULTI-SPORTS CHALLENGE

Duration: 2-days Age: Kindy - Yr 6 Time: 8.30am - 3.30pm daily
EXPERIENCE: 12 AMAZING SPORTS | 12 INDIVIDUAL EVENTS | 6 OLYMPIC FACE OFFS
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EXPERIENCE THE AMAZING 2-DAY MOTIV8SPORTS OLYMPICS THIS JULY.

OUR MOTIV8SPORTS MULTI-SPORTS CAMP IS DESIGNED PURELY FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN WHO WANT TO EXPERIENCE 2 x AMAZING DAYS OF SPORTS ENTERTAINMENT DURING THE NEXT SCHOOL HOLIDAYS INCLUDING 12 x HYBRID TEAM SPORTS, 8 x OLYMPIC CHALLENGES & THE LEGENDARY MOTIV8 FACE OFF

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**WE ARE EXPERTS IN SPORTS
EDUCATION AND ENTERTAINMENT. WE WOULD
LOVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MOTIV8 YOUR CHILD
DURING THE JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS.**

WHAT IS MOTIV8SPORTS?

Our company started in 2001 and over the past 21 years we have performed hundreds of CAMPS, CLINICS, PARTIES and IN-SCHOOL events for Primary school children. Basically we perform the best sports events on the planet for kids of all abilities. When a child attends a Motiv8sports event they receive our members jersey for free and a commitment from our team to provide them with amazing safety and supervision.



OUR COACHING TEAM ARE AMAZING!

Our coaching team led by Coach Jimmy are first aid trained, have completed their working with children clearance and most importantly... they are amazing role models. Our coaching staff are energetic, happy, fun and inspiring humans who love to motiv8 children. When a child attends Motiv8sports we are committed to building their confidence, resilience, and determination.



WHAT HAPPENS AT A MOTIV8SPORTS CAMP?

At a 2-day Motiv8sports camp your child will receive their jersey and be placed in a group of 16 to 22 children the same age. If your child has friends going then we can even place them in the same group. The Motiv8sports Olympics as a legendary event we hold only once every calendar year. Campers are assigned a country they represent and earn points for in a quest to WIN the Motiv8sports Gold Medal and be crowned Olympic Champions. Camper will experience our hybrid team sports including: Super Soccer, Flagball, Big Dog Cricket, Ultimate League, Street Hockey, Ballers, Sector-8 and a long list of other cool sports. Each afternoon campers will enter our Olympic Colosseum and take part in 8 different Olympic individual events. The Motiv8sports Colosseum has to be seen to be believed with a D.J pumping music, medal presentations on the Motiv8 podium & a truck load of prizes up for grabs.

WE HAVE 4 EVENTS TO CHOOSE FROM THESE HOLIDAYS. TO MAKE A BOOKING PLEASE FOLLOW THE STEPS BELOW or FEEL FREE TO CALL US DIRECT on 0402 200 479

*** TIME: 8.30am to 3.30pm daily * COST: \$110 AGE: Kindy to YR6**

CAMP 1: MON 4th - TUES 5th JULY
Ponds High School

CAMP 2: THURS 6th - FRI 7th JULY
Tyndale Christian School

CAMP 3: MON 11th - TUES 12th JULY
Rooty Hill Public School

CAMP 4: THURS 14th - FRI 15 JULY
Ponds High School



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MEMORABILIA ~ COMMEMORATIVE MERCHANDISE
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SPRING 2022

VACATION CARE PROGRAM

WEEK 1

MONDAY
26th September

PREHISTORIC ADVENTURES

Wear your best Khaki and Dinosaur shirts today!

- Today you will be Digging for Dino's!
- Hatching Dino Eggs
- Prehistoric Rock Art and Cave Paintings
- Go on a Prehistoric Scavenger Hunt!

+ more

TUESDAY
27th September

POWERHOUSE MUSEUM EXCURSION

Excursion: 9:30am – 3:30pm

PLEASE DROP YOUR CHILD TO CARE NO LATER THAN 8:30AM

- We will check out the limited Charkha and Kargha Exhibits featuring over 100 rare items that date back to the 1400's to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of India's Independence

+ more

ADDITIONAL COST: \$15

WEDNESDAY
28th September

WHAT A GAME!

Giant Games Incursion: 10am to 3pm

- Play your Favourite Games – GIANT SIZED!
- Make your own Recyclable Game Console and Controllers!
- Jenga Competition

+ more

ADDITIONAL COST: \$15

THURSDAY
29th September

NWCC TRAVELLERS

Wear your traditional cultural dress today!

- Fill up your Passports as International Travellers
- Learn International Greetings
- Eat Delicious, Worldly Food
- Play Indigenous Games

+ more

FRIDAY
30th September

WONDERFUL WEATHER

Wear something bright and colourful today!

- Let's do some Rainbow Tie Dye!
- Balloon Lightning
- Water Cycle in a Bag Experiment
- DIY Wind Charms

+ more

WEEK 2

MONDAY
3rd October

CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAY

TUESDAY
4th October

EAT IT UP!

Bike N Blend Incursion: 9am to 3pm

- Power the Blenders by Bike to make your own Smoothies!
- Blindfolded Taste and Feel Challenge
- Fruit Loops Bracelet and Rainbow Making

+ more

ADDITIONAL COST: \$15

WEDNESDAY
5th October

PEACE, LOVE AND HARMONY

Wear anything orange or tie dye today!

- Yoga Spin Game – see which Yoga Pose Challenges you get!
- Jam Out with your Friends in your own Band!
- Make Sweets for the Local Retirement Village

+ more

THURSDAY
6th October

DREAMING OF A TROPICAL HOLIDAY

Come dressed as if you were going on a holiday!

- Make a Hula Skirt and Learn How to Hula
- Enjoy some Tropical Fruit Skewers
- Flower Lei Making
- Beach Volleyball

+ more

FRIDAY
7th October

INTER-DIMENSIONAL WONDERS

Do you think you can solve the Virtual Escape Room?

- Make Illusion Art
- DIY Time Machine
- Mystery Box
- Make some Origami

+ more

To Book Email: bookings@nwcc.com.au or visit: nwccm.com.au/childcare

Program subject to change without notice.

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

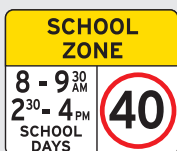
Double parking is illegal and is very dangerous in a school zone.

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



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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**

