

### **RIVERBANK PUBLIC SCHOOL**

Learning to Live • Living to Learn

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER • 1 March • TERM 1 WEEK 6

#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

Term 1 Week 8

15 March

NAPLAN Week

17 March

Kindergarten, Year 2, Year 4, Year 6 Assembly Week 9

20 March

**NAPLAN** Week

21 March

**Harmony Day** 

24 March

National Ride 2 School Day Sydney West Swimming Year 1, Year 3, Year 5 Assembly House Team Shirt P&C Stall

Parents Submit Year 7 EOI by Today

Week 10

27 March

**NAPLAN Catch Ups** 

**K-6 Parent Teacher Student Interviews** 

28 March

K-6 Parent Teacher Student Interviews Constable Bollard Stage 3 Talk

29 March

K-6 Parent Teacher Student Interviews Constable Bollard Stage 2 Talk

30 March

K-6 Parent Teacher Student Interviews Parent Workshop – New Curriculum Parliament

31 March

K-6 Parent Teacher Student Interviews Kindergarten, Year 2, Year 4, Year 6 House Team Shirt P&C Stall PSSA

#### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

A warm welcome to Miss Brooke Mancey who has commenced teaching 5G this week.

#### **School Engagement Calendar**

I have included an updated Parent Engagement Calendar in our newsletter outlining all key events and religious celebrations we acknowledge each year. Our P&C have endorsed the calendar.

#### **HOLI 8 March**



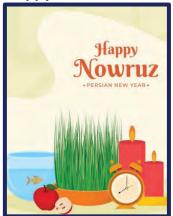
Our students and community thoroughly enjoyed acknowledging Holi last week.

#### Nanakshahi Sikh New Year 2023



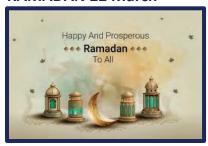
We acknowledge Nanakshahi Sikh New Year 2023. Wishing our Sikh community great health, happiness and success.

#### **Happy Nowruz 21 March**



We acknowledge and celebrate Persian New Year 2023 that falls on 21st March every year. It marks the first day of spring in the Northern Hemisphere and has been celebrated by our Persian community for over 3000 years dating back to the Persian Empire.

**RAMADAN 22 March** 



Wishing Happiness and Prosperity to our families.

May the Blessings of Ramadan be upon you during this holy month.

#### **School Leaders 2023**

Our School Leaders have been inducted into their Badges of Office for 2023. We are looking forward to the leadership our Year 6 students will contribute to the school throughout 2023.

**School Captains and Vice Captains** 



**School Prefects** 



**School Library Prefects** 



**Sport House and Vice Captains** 



#### **National Young Leaders Day**



Last Tuesday, our school leaders attended the National Young Leaders Day at the International Convention Centre. They had the privilege of listening to the wisdom of His Excellency Governor-General The Honourable David Hurley. He told many stories and was very inspirational – the highlight of the day! Other guest speakers included Nazeem Hussain (comedian and author), Dr Jordan Nguyen (biomedical engineer), Caitlin Bassett (former Australian Diamonds netball captain) and Chris Green (Sydney Thunder cricket captain). The leaders came away with many thoughts and ideas of leadership qualities.

**Open's Cricket Team** 



Our Open's Cricket Team participated in the second round of the NSWPSSA knockout competition against North Kellyville Public School. After a close game, Riverbank won by a final score of 4/111 to 3/110. The team played with strong sportsmanship and consistently demonstrated our school values through their play, teamwork, and encouragement of each other.

**Ridges Zone Swimming Carnival** 



Congratulations to the twenty-two students who represented Riverbank at the Ridges Zone Swimming Carnival. Everyone participated with great sportsmanship. Congratulations to Oneth, Piper, Estella, Arnav, Deron and Ace for making it through to Sydney West Swimming Carnival. They will be representing Ridges on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March at Sydney Olympic Park.

**Ridges Zone Trial** 



Congratulations to Isaac, Tamina, Hayah and Deron who were successful in being selected for the Basketball Ridges Zone team and will compete in the upcoming Sydney West championships.

### **Harmony Day**

Tuesday 21st March



# Celebrating Harmony at Riverbank Public School

In celebration of this day, you can wear something orange or your traditional, cultural clothing



Harmony Day is the celebration that recognises our diversity and brings together Australians from all different backgrounds. It is about inclusiveness, respect, and a sense of belonging for everyone. To participate, you can wear orange or traditional dress to show your support. Harmony Day is a

#### This year's theme is "Living in Harmony".

Riverbank celebrates Australia's cultural diversity on Harmony Day. Students will engage in discussions and activities that highlight the importance of inclusion, respect, and a sense of belonging for all Australians, from the traditional custodians of the land to those who have come from diverse countries all around the world.

#### **Easter Hat Parades**



All students in K-2 are invited to make a hat for our Easter Hat Parades which will be held on Thursday 6 April. These hats will be assembled by the students during class time with a primary buddy class. A note will be sent home with further details. We look forward to our parents attending the parades.

#### **Times for the Parades:**

Kindergarten: 9amYears 1 and 2: 9:45am

Year 6 students will be selling bags of chocolate eggs to raise funds for their end of year activities.

#### **Cross Country Carnivals**

Our Cross Country Carnivals for years 1-6 will be held at Peel Reserve on the following days. Details will be provided on the school app. Parents and carers are welcome to attend.

Monday 3 April 3-6 Time: 9:00am - 1.00pm
 Tuesday 4 April 1-2 Time: 9.30am - 10.30am

Our Kindergarten students will participate in their first Cross Country Carnival on the school grounds, not Peel Reserve, on Tuesday 4 April from 9am to 9.30am.

#### **Go Blue for Autism Awareness**

As part of the school's annual fundraising initiatives, RPS will be going Blue for Autism Awareness week on Tuesday 28 March. Students are encouraged to wear something blue and bring in a gold coin donation.

#### **2023 School Fundraising**



Each year Riverbank participates in a range of fundraising initiatives. The following activities are planned for this year and have been passed through our student parliament sessions:

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| Event  | Purpose                                     | Date                  |
| Earthquake   | Funds to support victims of the Syria and   | Term 1 – 22 Feb       |
|  | Turkiye Earthquake                          |                       |
| Go Blue for Autism   | Raise awareness of Autism                   | Term 1 – Tue 28 March |
| Year 6 Easter Egg Fundraiser   | Raise funds for Year 6 gift and events      | Term 1 – 6 April      |
| Box Car Rally  | Raise funds and awareness of kidney disease | Term 2 – 1 June       |
| Circus Berserkus   | Raise funds for Year 6 gift and events      | Term 2 - 15 June      |
| Jersey Day   | Raise awareness of organ donation           | Term 3 – 1 Sept       |
| Footy Colours Day  | Raise money to support kids with cancer     | Term 3 – 15 Sept      |
| Colour Fun Run   | Annual School fundraiser                    | Term 3 – 22 Sept      |
| Crazy Sock Day   | Raise awareness of Cerebral Palsy           | Term 4 – 11 Oct       |
| Halloween Disco  | P&C Fundraiser                              | Term 4 – 25 & 26 Oct  |
| Hoops Fundraiser   | Raise funds for Year 6 gift and events      | Term 4 – 29 & 30 Nov  |

#### National Ride2School Day - 24 March 2023

Did you know that RPS has 162 bike/scooter racks for our students! I am delighted with how many students are riding safely to school and wearing their helmet. Next Friday, we acknowledge National Ride2School Day. In preparation this week you may like to brush up on the rules when riding on the footpath or shared path:

https://www.nsw.gov.au/topics/roads-safety-and-rules/bicycle-safety-and-rules/cyclist-road-rules#toc-shared-paths-and-footpaths

Make sure your bike is "ride ready" beforehand!

#### **Parent-Student-Teacher Conferences**

Parent-Student-Teacher conferences will be held in Week 10 this term. Our students are ready to continue to take control of their learning goals. During these conferences students will spend time outlining their learning goals for the semester and have an opportunity to evaluate their own personal growth and progress, setting new learning goals and talking about how you can (both parent and teacher) assist in the next steps along their learning journey. Information regarding how to book your appointment time is available on our school app.

#### **School Bytes - Making a payment**

Our school has implemented a system called School Bytes to manage payments. Parents/carers can visit the School Bytes portal at any time to make a payment online, provide permission, view payment history, and apply credit.

All parents will be required to register using the following link: https://portal.schoolbytes.education/auth/login

This portal can also be accessed through our school website.

#### https://riverbank-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/payment-schoolbytes.html

A detailed how to guide regarding registration can be accessed via this link: <a href="https://support.schoolbytes.education/hc/en-us/articles/5184859634191-Parent-Portal-Set-up-your-parent-portal-account">https://support.schoolbytes.education/hc/en-us/articles/5184859634191-Parent-Portal-Set-up-your-parent-portal-account</a>

Parents can use their Service NSW School Vouchers to pay for the following items:

- Excursions/Incursions
- PSSA & Sport in Schools
- Camp
- Soundwaves Textbook, School Magazine & Year 1 Sound Book

#### There are 2 ways to redeem your voucher:

- 1. Take a screenshot of the voucher and email to <a href="mailto:riverbank-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au">riverbank-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au</a> (in your email please indicate the items you wish to pay) **OR**
- 2. Visit the school office to have your voucher scanned before midday each day.

#### **NAPLAN**

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is a point in time assessment of literacy and numeracy skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life. Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in the annual NAPLAN tests in writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar, and punctuation) and numeracy.

Our school will be participating in NAPLAN Online between 15 and 24 March 2023.

Excessive preparation for NAPLAN Online is not recommended. Students can use the <u>public demonstration site</u> (https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site) to familiarise themselves with the types of questions and tools available in the NAPLAN Online tests.

| Date                   | Test                            | Grade             |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| Wednesday 15 March     | Writing (Paper Test for Year 3) | Year 3 and Year 5 |
| Friday 17 March        | Reading                         | Year 3            |
| Monday 20 March        | Reading                         | Year 5            |
| Tuesday 21 March       | Conventions of Language         | Year 3            |
| Wednesday 22 March     | Conventions of Language         | Year 5            |
| Thursday 23 March      | Numeracy                        | Year 3            |
| Friday 24 and 27 March | Numeracy                        | Year 5            |

Please note that these dates are a guide only and may change slightly depending on school needs. Catch up tests will be provided for those students who are absent on their test date.

#### **Late Drop off and Early Pick Up**

If you are picking up your child early, you must go to the school office and sign them out before your child can leave. If a student is late arriving to school, you must sign them in at the front office before they go to class. Students cannot sign themselves in or out of school.

#### **Attendance**

Regular attendance at school is essential to assist students to maximise their potential.

If your child is absent from school an explanation is required promptly. Listed below are a few options for parents to inform the school of their child's absence:

- 1. Email your child's teacher on the day of absence (all parents have been provided with their child's teachers email address).
- 2. Send your child's absence through the school app on the day of absence.
- 3. Write a letter to your child's teacher that is received the following day (only for single day absences as an explanation is required promptly).
- 4. Email the school riverbank-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

All explanations are required within 2 days of your child being absent. An absence is unexplained if parents have failed to provide an appropriate explanation to the school within 7 days.

If you receive an absence letter this needs to be returned promptly to the classroom teacher.

**Late arrivals** – Any student who arrives after 8:45am must have an adult with them and be signed in at the office.

All students should be in the gate by half-past eight.

**Extended Leave** - 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 20 school days will not be approved.** Any documentation such as travel details, itinerary or flight bookings are needed to issue the extended leave certificate.

#### Bike and Scooter Safety - Always wear a helmet when you ride or skate.

All bicycle and scooter riders are required by law to wear an approved helmet that is securely fitted and fastened. We are observing an increased number of students now riding bikes and scooters with their helmets. Thank you to our school community for ensuring students are riding safely to and from school.

#### Traffic and parking near the school

As we have welcomed many new families to our school community in 2023, I remind you it is crucial that we all follow road rules and are patient and careful when driving around our school zone each morning and afternoon. The safety and wellbeing of our students is paramount. The school's Kiss and Drop area is within the "No Parking" zones and are located on Wentworth Street and Riverbank Drive. You are only allowed to stop your vehicle to set down or pick up passengers and must not stop for more than 2 minutes. The driver must not be more than 3 metres from the vehicle. Highway patrol will be regularly patrolling our perimeter. Thank you for ensuring the safety of all our students when entering and leaving the premises.

#### **Allergies**

Anaphylaxis is a potentially life threatening, severe allergic reaction which occurs after exposure to an allergen (usually to foods, insects, or medicines), to which a person is already extremely sensitive. We have several students at Riverbank Public School with anaphylaxis and similar allergic conditions and our staff undertake face-to-face and online training in providing an emergency response to this condition. The parents of our anaphylactic and allergic students work hard to educate their children about the risks of sharing food, as do our teachers. As this is a potentially life-threatening condition, we ask that you please consider these students before sending high-risk products such as peanut butter, Nutella, and seafood in school lunchboxes. Please talk to your child about the potential risks of sharing food and ask them to wash their hands after eating any nut-based or seafood products. Thank you for your understanding, our anaphylactic children and their families appreciate your support.

Practical help for parents and carers - Our new families may be interested in accessing the useful information for parents and carers provided for 2023 here:

https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/practical-help-for-parents-and-carers

#### **Year 6 Parents - 2024 High School Applications Online Forms**

2024 High School application forms are now online. To enrol your child in Year 7 for 2024, you will need to complete an Expression of Interest for Year 6 to Year 7 transition. The Expression of Interest (EOI) lets you indicate which school(s) you would like your child to attend in Year 7.

The EOI is now available on our school website. Go to the Enrolment tab (top right-hand corner) and then Moving to High School. After you submit an EOI and it has been assessed, your child will be offered a place at a high school.

If your child will not be attending a NSW Government high school next year, please complete the Placement Not Required section.

If you are unsure whether your child will be attending a NSW Government school (you've applied for a private school, or you are moving interstate), we ask that you still complete an EOI and follow up with your school once a decision has been made.

The online process will guide you through your options and collect the information required to make the process as smooth as possible.

For parents/carers who are not able to complete an application online, a paper EOI form can be collected from the school office.

#### **Term 1 Parent workshops**

Each term we hold multiple parent workshops. All workshops will begin at 9am in our school hall.

#### Term 1:

- 1. Our Restorative Wellbeing Framework Thursday 23 February
- 2. NAPLAN Wednesday 1 March
- 3. Information Technology Monday 6 March
- 4. Educational Support for EaLD students mandatory reporting Wednesday 8 March
- 5. What is Visible Learning and Student Learning Goals Tuesday 14 March
- 6. New Curriculum Thursday 30 March
- 7. Kindergarten Literacy and Numeracy Strategies Monday 3 April

A link to register your attendance will be provided via our school app closer to the date for each workshop.

#### **Stage 1 Visiting Chickens**

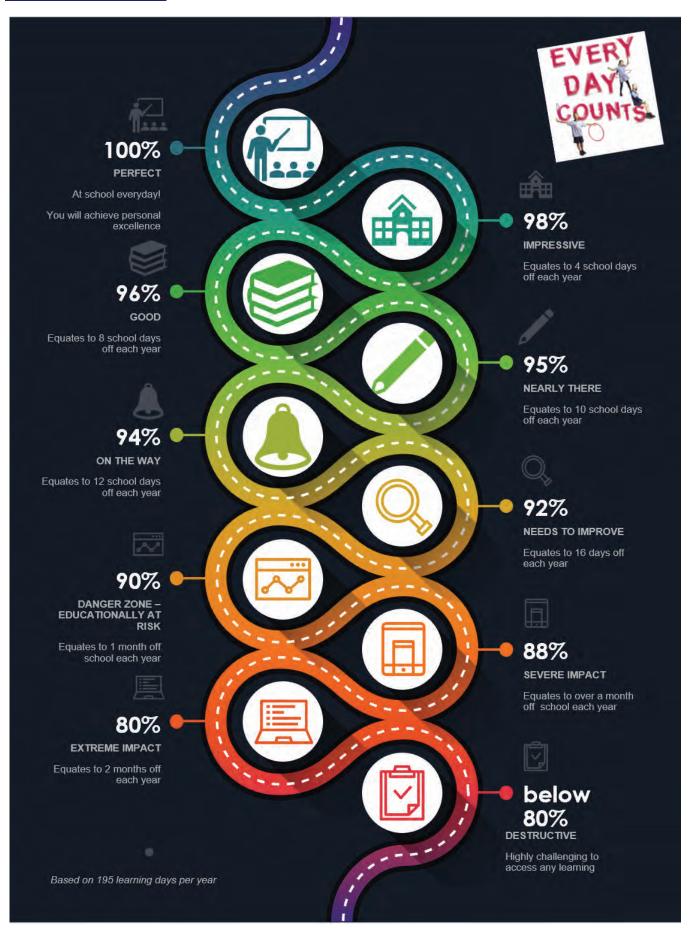


As part of the Science unit 'Living Things', Stage 1 had the opportunity to learn about the life cycle of a chicken by welcoming special visitors. Students were intrigued to observe the growth of the chicks and their feathers over the course of the last two weeks.

Have a wonderful fortnight.

Mrs Jeanie Brown Principal

#### **Attendance Road Map**



#### In the gate by half past 8

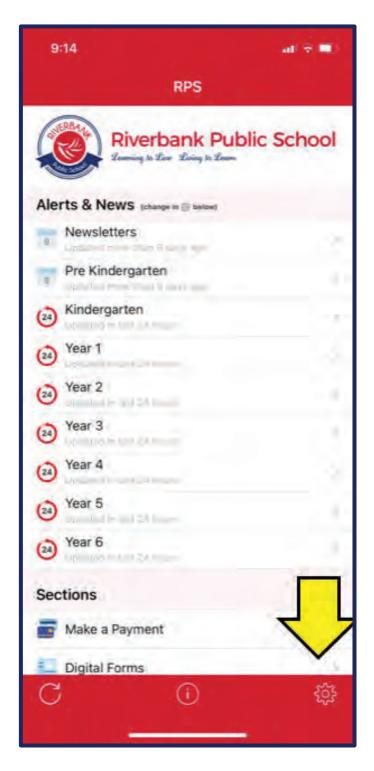
Parents, we are seeing over 100 students arrive late to school every day. Students are required to be at school before the morning bell and in their class lines by 8.45am. Thank you for your ongoing support.

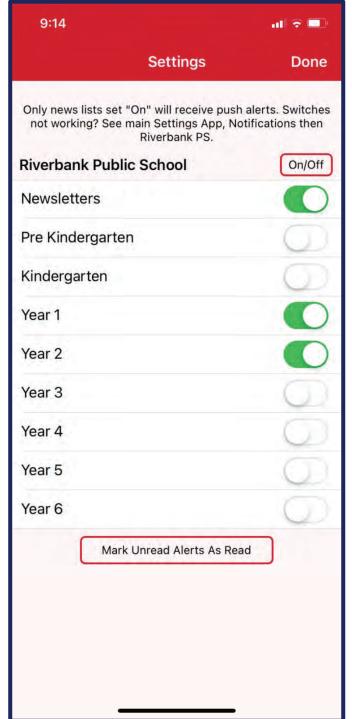


#### **School App Tip**

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 1 Week 6 Merit Awards recipients.

| Class                       | Class                      |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| KB – Ameya, Aarush          | KC – Daniel, Stuti         |
| KD – Rishan, Ahana          | <b>KE</b> – Reyansh, Kavya |
| KJL – Kamilla, Brody        | KM – Milan, Shonelle       |
| KME – Anishka, Connor       | KN – Sofia, Asher          |
| <b>KP</b> – Harriet, Brodie | KR – Michelle, Ivaan       |
| KW – Amara, Noah            |                            |

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

| Class                         | Class                      |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>1A</b> – Shanaya, Jayden   | 1C – Angelina, Shivaay     |
| <b>1E</b> – Kiana, Samaya     | <b>1H</b> – Anaisha, Arjun |
| <b>1J</b> – Avyukt, Mayra     | <b>1K</b> – Husna, Param   |
| 1L – Mason, Alana             | 1N – Dean, Angeleen        |
| <b>1P</b> – Anika, Vanshika   | <b>1S</b> – Krisha, Aaren  |
| <b>1T</b> – Angelina, Shaurya |                            |

#### **Congratulations to our Year 2 Term 1 Week 6 Merit Awards recipients**

| Class                        | Class                         |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 2B – Reyansh, Amreen         | <b>2C</b> – Udaijot, Shakti   |
| 2D – Chloe, Mahim            | 2J – Tanvi, Himesh            |
| <b>2LS</b> – Mashal, Harley  | <b>2M</b> – Jhaswin, Anika    |
| <b>2P</b> – Ayaan, Presha    | 2R – Ishika, Tegh             |
| <b>2S</b> – Pranshul, Kypher | <b>2T</b> – Aradhana, Shanaya |
| <b>2V</b> – Yuven, Sara      | 2W - Vansh, Will              |
| <b>1-5A</b> - Sarah          |                               |

#### **Congratulations to our Year 3 Term 1 Week 7 Merit Awards recipients**

| Class                       | Class                         |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>3A</b> – Zoha, Ray       | <b>3B</b> – Irene, Talhah     |
| <b>3D</b> – Ansh, Kathy     | <b>3E</b> - Nahla, Prarthan   |
| <b>3H</b> – Cleo, Terrell   | <b>3J</b> – Mackenzie, Zuhayr |
| <b>3K</b> – Aditi, Prehan   | <b>3M</b> – Leora, Surveen    |
| <b>3N</b> – Rihaan, Charvi  | <b>3S</b> – Scarlette, Dhvit  |
| <b>3T</b> - Hannah, Ibrahim |                               |

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

| Class                               | Class                              |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>4B</b> – Evren, Sejaldeep, Nayle | <b>4C</b> – Tanush, Diyaa, Zainab  |
| <b>4D</b> – Dilraj, Ariana, Suhani  | <b>4E</b> – Ayaan, Prisha, Omaira  |
| 4I – Musa, Enaya, Rayan             | 4M – Mannat, Nameer, Ria           |
| 40 – Raghav, Dristi, Rutvik         | <b>4P</b> – Neha, anna, Shaarav    |
| <b>4R</b> – Rishaan, Asser, Hasya   | <b>4S</b> – Jacinta, Yathin, Advik |
| <b>4W</b> – Jiya, Sargam, Ayush     |                                    |

#### **Congratulations to our Year 5 Term 1 Week 7 Merit Awards recipients**

| Class                        | Class                        |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>5C</b> – Danishan, Janeet | <b>5C</b> – Danishan, Janeet |
| <b>5D</b> – Vivaan, Tori     | <b>5E</b> – Byron, Smayan    |
| <b>5G</b> – Yash, Aryaman    | 5J – Mina, Thimath           |
| <b>5K</b> – Vedant, Aadhya   | <b>5K</b> – Vedant, Aadhya   |
| <b>5M</b> – Dhrish, Maliya   | <b>5R</b> – Jackson, Heidi   |
| <b>5T</b> – Aalok, Dhruti    | <b>5W</b> – Sehes, Faithlyn  |

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

| Class                     | Class                        |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>6A</b> – Elesh, Arav   | <b>6B</b> – Hrehaan, Indira  |
| 6C – Miguel, Pranshi      | <b>6D</b> – Sattva, Suhana   |
| <b>6F</b> – Kavya, Zaviar | <b>6G</b> – Jensarry, Dhyani |
| <b>6J</b> – Zack, Sia     | <b>6L</b> – Pranav, Romaeca  |
| <b>6M</b> – Shri, Hasan   | <b>6N</b> – Varena, Prisha   |
| <b>6S</b> - Zayan, Chloe  |                              |

#### **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 <a href="https://riverbank-p.schools.nsw.gov.au">https://riverbank-p.schools.nsw.gov.au</a>



#### **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.



#### **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

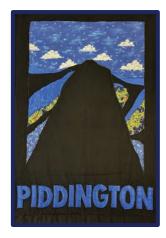
**RED KEY** Work Together for a Non-Violent Way

**BLACK KEY** Expect the Best



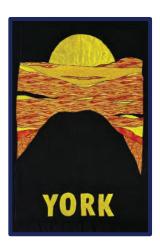
#### **Sport Houses**

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)             |
| ТОМАН      | 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 have begun rehearsals this week and students have already shown a strong interest and dedication to their group. Kindergarten Dance groups will commence in week 8.

If your child was successful in making it into a CAPA group, their note will be available on School Bytes within the next week. The CAPA levy will also need to be paid along with the permission.

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



#### **Year 3 Dance Group Blue**

Year 3 Dance Blue have jumped straight into rehearsing for the year with Miss Maher and Miss Matthews. We are excited to learn our new dance moves and perform them later in the year for the school community at our Captivate Concert.



#### **Year 4 Dance Group Pink**

Students in Year 4 Dance G Pink have enjoyed a fantastic start to the year with their first rehearsal with Miss Wade and Miss Hodgetts. The students will be dancing to a monster-themed song which will involve some spooky dance moves. We are very excited to continue to learn this dance and showcase it to an audience.



#### **3-6 Dance Troupe**

3-6 Dance Troupe have been keen to learn the lyrical jazz choreography to the quick tempo of 'I could get use to this' by Becky Hill. A buzz of excitement filled the air during weekly rehearsals as they refine their skills and challenge themselves with new techniques. The spectacular dancers can't wait to perform this year and display their awesome talent on stage.

Gemma Wade CAPA Coordinator

#### **Sport Update**

Congratulations to all the students who represented Riverbank at the Ridges Zone Swimming Carnival. All students participated with great sportsmanship and put forward their best efforts.

Congratulations to Oneth, Piper, Estella, Arnav, Deron and Ace for making it through to Sydney West Swimming Carnival. They will be representing Ridges on Friday 24th March at Sydney Olympic Park.

#### NSWPSSA Cricket Boys Knock Out Competition Round 2

On Thursday 9th March, as part of the NSWPSSA knockout cricket competition, Riverbank played North Kellyville Public School in the 2nd round. Our team was victorious in a well fought game. North Kellyville batted first and scored 4/110 off 25 overs while we followed by scoring 3-111 off 25 overs.

Anay led the batting attack by scoring 42 runs before retiring. He was supported by Aariz who scored 17 not out and Rayyan who scored 14. Arsh produced a strong bowling spell with figures of 1-14 off 5 overs and Aariz successfully closed out the first innings with his final over, conceding 0 runs and taking a wicket in an excellent display of bowling.

#### **Ridges Summer PSSA**

Summer PSSA continued last Friday 10th March.

#### **Round 2 Results 10.03.23**

NRL Tag: Jnrs L 8-9 Snrs L 2-9

Cricket: Jnrs L 74-81 Snrs L 65-115

T-Ball/Softball: Jnrs L 7- 8 Snrs L 4-20

Peter Lawrence Sports Coordinator

#### **Library Update**

#### **Library Prefects**

Our Library Prefects are doing a tremendous job helping classes with their borrowing. They are also required to come once a week for training. This week they were busy putting stickers on books which belong in tubs. This makes it easier for students to locate popular authors.





#### **Borrowing**

We have such an amazing collection and do our very best to provide multiple copies of most books. Graphic novels (comics) continue to be a much sought after collection, especially in Years 5 & 6 and we now have a range of Manga books available after lots of requests.

Good friends Twinkle and Aalya in 5G love to borrow the same books so they can talk to each other about the books they are reading! Twinkle especially loves to borrow books by Jess Black as Jess visited the school last year as part of our Book Week celebrations.

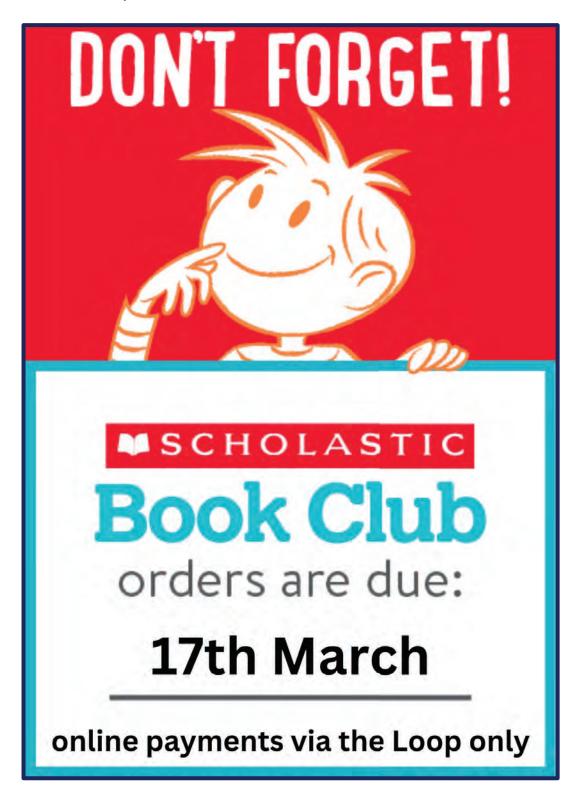




#### **Don't forget...Book Club**

The next issue of Book Club is out and you can access the catalogue here: <a href="https://issuu.com/scholastic\_australia/docs/bcn\_2-23\_issuu">https://issuu.com/scholastic\_australia/docs/bcn\_2-23\_issuu</a>
Early Bird Orders have been submitted.

All other orders are due by 17/3



**Library Staff** 

#### **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 <u>Action Plan for Anaphylaxis</u> 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 <u>Action Plan For Allergic Reactions</u> 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 <u>Asthma Action Plan</u> 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

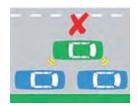


You must not stop on any footpath or nature strip, or even a driveway crossing a footpath or nature strip FOR ANY REASON.

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.

### **Riverbank Public School**

| Term<br>One   | MONDAY   | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY   | SAT<br>SUN  |
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| 1   |  |  |  |  | 27 January SDD   | 28 +29<br>Jan   |
| 2   | 30 January<br>SDD  | 31 January<br>Years 1-6 Students return<br>Kindergarten Best Start<br>(half day)   | 1 February<br>Kindergarten Best Start  | 2 February<br>Kindergarten Best Start  | 3 February<br>Kindergarten Best Start (half-<br>day)   | 4<br>5<br>Feb   |
| 3   | 6 February<br>Kindergarten First Day<br>NAPLAN Practice Week   | 7 February<br>RPS Swimming Carnival<br>Safer Internet Day  | 8 February   | 9 February   | 10 February<br>8 Ways PL<br>PSSA trials and School<br>Sport  | 11<br>12<br>Feb   |
| 4<br>CAPA<br>trials<br>After School<br>Activities<br>commence | 13 February My First Day Photos /New Students/Staff Portraits NAPLAN Practice Week Meet The Teacher Recordings | 14 February<br>Meet The Teacher 3-6<br>8:15-8:45am   | 15 February<br>Meet The Teacher 1-2<br>8:15-8:45am<br>First Day Scripture                      | 16 February<br>Year 6 Leaders Induction<br>Assembly <mark>9am</mark>                           | 17 February<br>8 Ways PL<br>PSSA trials and School<br>Sport  | 18<br>Shivrati<br>(Hindu)<br>19<br>Feb<br>Welcome<br>Picnic |
| 5<br>CAPA<br>trials   | 20 February<br>NAPLAN Practice Week  | 21 February  | 22 February<br>CPR PL 3-4pm<br>Ash Wednesday   | 23 February Parent Workshop - Restorative Practice Framework                                   | 24 February Year 1 Assembly 9:45am Year 3 Assembly 12pm Year 5 Assembly 1:45pm Summer PSSA commences   | 25<br>26<br>Feb   |
| 6   | 27 February<br>NAPLAN Practice Week  | 28 February  | 1 March Meet The Teacher Kindi 8:15-8:45am P & C Day P & C Meeting Parent Workshop - NAPLAN    | 2 March<br>Parliament<br>State – 11:15am<br>Federal – 12:30pm                                  | 3 March Clean Up Australia Day Zone Swimming Kindergarten Assembly 9am Year 2 Assembly 9:45am Year 4 Assembly 12pm Year 6 Assembly 1:45pm  | 4<br>5<br>Mar   |
| 7   | 6 March NAPLAN Practice Week Parent Workshop – IT Year 7 High School Digital Forms link sent to parents        | 7 March<br>National Young<br>Leaders Day   | 8 March Parent Workshop – Educational Support 9am Holi (Hindu)                                 | 9 March<br>High School Hall Booking<br>8:40-10:30  | 10 March PSSA Year 1 Assembly 9:45am Year 3 Assembly 12pm Year 5 Assembly 1:45pm   | 11<br>12<br>Mar   |
| 8   | 13 March<br>NAPLAN Week  | 14 March<br>Nanakshahi New Year<br>Day (Sikh)<br>Parent Workshop –<br>Visible Learning                                   | 15 March<br>NAPLAN DAY 1 -<br>WRITING  | 16 March   | 17 March No Sport (NAPLAN) Kindergarten Assembly 9am Year 2 Assembly 9:45am Year 4 Assembly 12pm Year 6 Assembly 1:45pm  | 18<br>19<br>Mar   |
| 9   | 20 March<br>NAPLAN Week<br>National Close the<br>Gap Day   | 21 March<br>Harmony Day<br>Persian New Year<br>(Nowruz)  | 22 March   | 23 March<br>Ramadan Starts   | 24 March National Ride 2 School Day Year 1 Assembly 9:45am Year 3 Assembly 1:45pm Sydney West Swimming Sydney Dream and Lead Conference House Shirt Stall Parents submit Year 7 EOI by today | 25<br>Earth<br>Hour<br>26<br>Mar                            |
| 10  | 27 March NAPLAN CATCH UPS K-6 Parent/Teacher/ Student Interviews Year 6 Leadership Camp                        | 28 March<br>K-6 Parent/Teacher/<br>Student Interviews<br>Constable Bollard Stage 3<br>talk 9am<br>Go Blue for Autism Day | 29 March<br>K-6 Parent/Teacher/<br>Student Interviews<br>Constable Bollard Stage 2<br>talk 9am | 30 March K-6 Parent/Teacher/ Student Interviews Parent Workshop – New Curriculum Parliament    | 31 March K-6 Parent/Teacher/ Student Interviews PSSA Kindergarten Assembly 9am Year 2 Assembly 9:45am Year 4 Assembly 12pm Year 6 Assembly 1:45pm House Shirt Stall                          | 1<br>2<br>Apri  |
| 11  | 3 April 3-6 Cross Country 9-1pm Parent Workshop – Kindergarten Literacy and Numeracy                           | 4 April K-Cross Country 9:00- 9:30am at School 1-2-Cross Country 9:30- 10:00am at Peel Reserve Stage 2 Incursion         | 5 April<br>ANZAC Service<br>9:15am<br>Stage 2 Incursion  | 6 April<br>Year 6 Easter Egg Fundraiser<br>K-2 Easter Hat Parade<br>K- 9am; Yrs 1 & 2 – 9:45am | 7 April<br>Good Friday   | 8<br>9<br>Apri  |
| Hols  | 10 April<br>Easter Monday  | 11 April   | 12 April   | 13 April   | 14 April   | 15<br>16  |
| Hols  | 17 April   | 18 April   | 19 April   | 20 April   | 21 April   | 22<br>Eid Al-<br>Fitr                                       |

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| Term<br>Two            | MONDAY  | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY  | SAT<br>SUN                    |
| Week 1                 | 24 April<br>SDD   | 25 April<br>Anzac Day  | 26 April   | 27 April<br>Exec – Growth<br>Coaching  | 28 April  | 29<br>30<br>April             |
| 2                      | 1 May<br>Year 5 Excursion –<br>Hyde Park Barracks   | 2 May<br>Year 5 Excursion –<br>Hyde Park Barracks                | 3 May  | 4 May<br>Selective High<br>Schools Test<br>Mother's Day Stall                          | 5 May Zone Cross Country Mother's Day Breakfast Aspiring Leaders – Intro to Growth Coaching | 6<br>7<br>May                 |
| 3                      | 8 May   | 9 May<br>Parent Workshop –<br>Stage 2/3 Literacy and<br>Numeracy | 10 May   | 11 May   | 12 May Winter PSSA Commences Aspiring Leaders – Intro to Growth Coaching                    | 13<br>14<br>May               |
| 4                      | 15 May<br>Check-In Assessment<br>Week (Years 4 & 6)   | 16 May<br>Parent Workshop<br>OC                                  | 17 May   | 18 May<br>Parliament   | 19 May Walk Safely To School Day Year 2 Longneck Lagoon Excursion PSSA                      | 20<br>21<br>May               |
| 5                      | 22 May Tell Them From Me Survey TBC Check-In Assessment Week (Years 4 & 6) Year 2 Longneck Lagoon Excursion | 23 May<br>Parent Workshop - K-6<br>Data Informed Practice        | 24 May National Simultaneous Storytime P & C Meeting 6pm Year 2 Longneck Lagoon Excursion        | 25 May<br>Australia's Biggest<br>Morning Tea<br>High School Hall Booking<br>8:40-10:30 | 26 May National Sorry Day PSSA Year 2 Longneck Lagoon Excursion                             | 27<br>28<br>May               |
| 6                      | 29 May<br>Check-In Assessment<br>Week (Years 4 & 6)<br>Reconciliation Week                                  | 30 May Parent Workshop – Collaborative Teaching Spaces           | 31 May   | 1 June<br>Box Car Rally  | 2 June<br>PSSA  | 3<br>Mabo<br>Day<br>4<br>June |
| 7                      | 5 June<br>Year 4 Excursion  | 6 June<br>Year 4 Excursion                                       | 7 June   | 8 June<br>Year 4 Excursion   | 9 June<br>PSSA  | 10<br>11<br>June              |
| 8                      | 12 June<br>King's Birthday<br>Holiday   | 13 June<br>Chess Challenge<br>TBC                                | 14 June<br>Sydney West Cross<br>Country<br>Kindergarten (2024) Parent<br>Information Session 6pm | 15 June<br>Circus Berserkus  | 16 June<br>PSSA   | 17<br>18<br>June              |
| 9                      | 19 June<br>3-6 Athletics Carnival<br>@ Peel Reserve   | 20 June<br>Year 1 Excursion                                      | 21 June VL Open Classrooms K-6 – student goal sharing 8:15- 8:45am Year 1 Excursion              | 22 June Parliament Kindergarten (2024) Parent Information Session 10am                 | 23 June<br>Last Round PSSA  | 24<br>25<br>June              |
| 10                     | 26 June<br>Reports Home   | 27 June<br>K-2 Athletics Carnival                                | 28 June<br>Year 6 Camp - Canberra  | 29 June<br>Year 6 Camp –Canberra<br>EV<br>Eid Al Adha                                  | 30 June<br>Year 6 Camp - Canberra   | 1<br>2<br>July                |
| Hols<br>NAIDOC<br>WEEK | 3 July  | 4 July   | 5 July   | 6 July   | 7 July  | 8<br>9<br>July                |
| Hols                   | 10 July   | 11 July  | 12 July  | 13 July  | 14 July   | 15<br>16<br>July              |

Year 2 Sports in Schools – Tuesdays; Scripture Stage 2

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### **Riverbank Public School**

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| Term<br>Three              | MONDAY  | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY  | SAT/S<br>UN  |
| Week 1<br>NAIDOC<br>WEEK   | 17 July<br>SDD  | 18 July   | 19 July Stage 2 Spelling Bee Finals TBC Al Hijri (first day of Muharram) – Islamic New Year | 20 July<br>Stage 3 Spelling Bee<br>Finals TBC             | 21 July<br>Winter PSSA re-<br>commences   | 22<br>23<br>July   |
| 2                          | 24 July<br>K-6 Class Photos,<br>Individual Portraits &<br>Leadership Photos       | 25 July   | 26 July   | 27 July<br>OC Test  | 28 July<br>100 Days of<br>Kindergarten<br>PSSA<br>National Tree Day                                   | 29<br>30<br>July   |
| 3<br>EDUCATION<br>WEEK     | 31 July<br>K-6 Class Photos,<br>Individual Portraits &<br>Leadership Photos       | 1 August<br>Education Week<br>K-2 Walking Art<br>Show         | 2 August  | 3 August<br>Education Week<br>Yrs 3-6 Walking<br>Art Show | 4 August National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day Winter Sport Group Photos PSSA | 5<br>6<br>Aug  |
| 4                          | 7 August<br>Year 1 Phonics<br>Screening Check                                     | 8 August  | 9 August<br>International Day of the<br>World's Indigenous Peoples                          | 10 August   | 11 August<br>Zone Athletics<br>Carnival   | 12<br>13<br>Aug  |
| 5<br>Science<br>Week       | 14 August<br>Year 1 Phonics<br>Screening Check                                    | 15 August   | 16 August<br>P & C Meeting 6pm  | 17 August<br>Parliament                                   | 18 August PSSA National Day of Action Against Bullying  | 19<br>20<br>Aug  |
| 6<br>BOOK<br>WEEK          | 21 August<br>Year 1 Phonics<br>Screening Check                                    | 22 August<br>K-2 Book Week<br>Incursion<br>Book Week Dress-Up | 23 August   | 24 August<br>High School Hall Booking<br>8:40-10:30       | 25 August<br>Last day Winter PSSA   | 26<br>27<br>Aug  |
| 7                          | 28 August<br>Year 4 Camp  | 29 August<br>Year 4 Camp                                      | 30 August<br>Year 4 Camp  | 31 August HPAF Father's Day Stall                         | 1 September Jersey Day Father's Day Breakfast Wattle Day  | 2<br>3<br>Sept   |
| 8<br>Lit & Num<br>Week TBC | 4 September<br>Year 6 Check-In<br>Assessment Week                                 | 5 September   | 6 September<br>Indigenous Literacy Day  | 7 September<br>Year 6 Field of Mars<br>Excursion          | 8 September<br>Summer PSSA re-<br>commences   | 9<br>10<br>Sept  |
| 9                          | 11 September<br>Year 6 Check-In<br>Assessment Week                                | 12 September<br>Year 6 Field of Mars<br>Excursion             | 13 September CAPTIVATE  | 14 September<br>Year 6 Field of Mars<br>Excursion         | 15 September Footy Colours Day Last day summer PSSA   | 16<br>17<br>Rosh<br>Hashanah<br>(Jewish<br>New Year)<br>Sept |
| 10                         | 18 September Year 5 Camp – Great Aussie Bush Camp Year 6 Check-In Assessment Week | 19 September<br>Year 5 Camp –<br>Great Aussie Bush<br>Camp    | 20 September<br>Year 5 Camp – Great<br>Aussie Bush Camp                                     | 21 September<br>Parliament                                | 22 September<br>Colour Fun Run  | 23<br>24<br>Sept   |
| Hols                       | 25 September  | 26 September  | 27 September  | 28 September  | 29 September  | 30<br>1<br>Oct   |
| Hols                       | 2 October<br>Public Holiday   | 3 October   | 4 October   | 5 October   | 6 October   | 7 8  |

Year 1 Sports in Schools – Tuesdays; Scripture Stage 1

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| Term<br>Four | MONDAY   | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY   | SAT/SUN  |
| Week<br>1    | 9 October<br>Check-In Assessment<br>Week (Years 3-5)   | 10 October  | 11 October<br>Crazy Sock Day  | 12 October<br>Sydney West<br>Athletics  | 13 October Summer Sport Group Photos Summer PSSA recommences | 14<br>15<br>Oct<br>Navratri<br>begins<br>(Hindu) |
| 2            | 16 October<br>Whole School Photos &<br>Year 6 Photo (Drone)<br>Check-in Assessment<br>Week (Years 3-5) | 17 October  | 18 October<br>SUDDOS<br>Information Session                                   | 19 October  | 20 October<br>PSSA   | 21<br>22<br>Oct                                  |
| 3            | 23 October<br>Check-In Assessment<br>Week (Years 3-5)  | 24 October  | 25 October<br>K-2 Halloween<br>Disco  | 26 October<br>3-6 Halloween<br>Disco  | 27 October<br>World Teacher's Day<br>PSSA                    | 28<br>29<br>Oct                                  |
| 4            | 30 October Grandparents and Friends Day TBC Kindergarten Parents' Document Submission                  | 31 October<br>Kindergarten Parents'<br>Document Submission                  | 1 November Kindergarten Parents' Document Submission                          | 2 November<br>Kindergarten Parents'<br>Document Submission  | 3 November Kindergarten Parents' Document Submission PSSA    | 4<br>5<br>Nov                                    |
| 5            | 6 November Kindergarten Parents' Document Submission National Recycling Week                           | 7 November Kindergarten Parents' Document Submission                        | 8 November Kindergarten Parents' Document Submission P & C Meeting 6pm        | 9 November<br>2024 Kindergarten<br>Transition (Parents<br>and students) 10-<br>11am<br>Parliament | 10 November<br>Remembrance Day<br>Assembly<br>PSSA           | 11<br>12<br>Nov<br>Diwali<br>(Hindu)             |
| 6            | 13 November<br>2024 Kindergarten<br>Transition (students<br>only) 10-11am                              | 14 November<br>2024 Kindergarten<br>Transition (students<br>only) 10-11am   | 15 November<br>2024 Kindergarten<br>Transition (students<br>only) 10-11am TBC | 16 November<br>2024 Kindergarten<br>Transition (students<br>only) 10-11am                         | 17 November<br>Last day PSSA                                 | 18<br>19<br>Nov                                  |
| 7            | 20 November<br>Year 6 Art on<br>Canvas   | 21 November<br>Year 6 Art on<br>Canvas                                      | 22 November<br>Year 6 Art on<br>Canvas  | 23 November   | 24 November<br>Schools Spectacular                           | 25 + 26<br>Nov<br>Schools<br>Spectacular         |
| 8            | 27 November  | 28 November<br>Year 7 High<br>School<br>Orientation Day                     | 29 November<br>Hoops Fundraiser   | 30 November<br>Hoops Fundraiser   | 1 December   | 2, 3<br>Dec<br>First Sunday of<br>Advent         |
| 9            | 4 December Excellence Assemblies After School Activities conclude this week                            | 5 December<br>Open Classrooms K- 6<br>- student goal sharing<br>8:15-8:45am | 6 December<br>Excellence Assemblies   | 7 December<br>Year 6 Dinner – Windsor<br>Function Centre  | 8 December   | 9<br>10<br>Dec                                   |
| 10           | 11 December<br>Reports Home  | 12 December   | 13 December   | 14 December Teacher Appreciation Breakfast (P & C)  | 15 December<br>Year 6 Graduation<br>Assembly 1:00pm          | 16<br>17<br>Dec                                  |
| 11           | 18 December<br>SDD   | 19 December<br>SDD  | 20 December   | 21 December   | 22 December  | 23<br>24<br>Dec                                  |
| Hols         | 25 December  | 26 December   | 27 December   | 28 December   | 29 December  | 30<br>31   |

Kindergarten Sports in Schools – Tuesdays;

# **HOUSE TEAM T SHIRTS**

SUPPORT YOUR TEAM BY WEARING YOUR HOUSE COLOURED T SHIRT TO THE UPCOMING CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

AVAILABLE FOR SALE IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL OFFICE

FRIDAY 24TH & FRIDAY 31ST MARCH 8.15-8.45AM & 2.45-3.30PM

\$20 PER SHIRT
CASH-EFTPOS ACCEPTED
HELP SUPPORT YOUR RIVERBANK P & C

HOUSE TEAM T SHIRTS CAN BE WORN AT SWIMMING CARNIVALS, ATHLETICS CARNIVALS, CROSS COUNTRY & OTHER FUNDRAISING HOUSE TEAM EVENTS













### Monday 10th April

**PUBLIC HOLIDAY** 

### Tuesday 11th April

### **EASTER EXTRAVAGANZA**

Hop-on-in as we celebrate Easter with lots of egg-citing activities, games, and experiences!

### Wednesday 12th April

RIVERBANK PUBLIC SCHOOL

### SPACE **ADVENTURES**

Join us on an intergalactic adventure as we lift off and explore space through out of this world activities and cosmic treats!

### Thursday 13th April

### A TRIP TO **SYDNEY ZOO**

**Excursion Location:** Sydney Zoo

Additional Cost: \$25 + **Permission Form** Required

**Alternative Incursion: GIANT MOVIE EXTRAVAGANZA** 

#### **Friday** 14th April

STEM **EXPLORATION DAY** 

Come explore the wonders of STEM as we whip up some wild experiments. tinker and create gadgets and unleash your inner Einstein!

- \*Services will be closed on all Public Holidays and Weekends
- \*School Returns on Wednesday 26th after ANZAC Day.

Email: bookings@nwcc.com.au

Visit: NWCC.COM.AU









### RIVERBANK PUBLIC SCHOOL

#### Monday 17th April

### COMIC-CON DAY

Dress us as your favourite superhero and join us for an epic adventure through action-packed games, activities, and experiences!

#### Tuesday 18th April

# PYJAMA/MOVIE DAY

Put on your comfiest PJ's and come along for a fun filled movie and pyjama day!

Don't hit snooze on all the activities, games and snacks we have in store!

#### Wednesday 19th April

# WACKY SPORTS DAY

This isn't your
typical sports day, get
ready to challenge
yourself with some
weird and wacky sports
activities, test your
skills and have a laugh!

#### Thursday 20th April

### WORLD HERITAGE DAY

Get ready for a global exploration as we celebrate the customs of different cultures from all around the world!

### Friday 21st April

### HEALTHY BODIES

Join us as we learn all about staying healthy with Camp Quality's Cancer Education experience!

Additional Cost: \$15 + Permission Form Required

#### Monday 24th April

### CARNIVAL DAY

Join the fun at our very own Carnival.

You're going to have a blast as we enjoy carnival games, activities and yummy treats!

**WEEK THREE** 

- \*Services will be closed on all Public Holidays and Weekends
- \*School Returns on Wednesday 26th after ANZAC Day.

To Book

Email: bookings@nwcc.com.au

Visit: NWCC.COM.AU





#### **Vacation Care Program 2023**



An Extension of NWCC

### RIVERBANK

### **DATES OF OPERATION**

11th April – 24th April

(Excluding all public holidays and weekends)

### **OPERATING HOURS**

7.00am to 6.00pm

### **SERVICE CONTACT**

0499 551 108

### LOCATION

25 Wentworth Street, The Ponds NSW 2769

#### MEALS

Breakfast, Morning Tea, and Afternoon Tea are provided.

#### **Please Note**

NWCC has a responsibility to prioritise the care of children from our current OSHC services.

However, where positions are available, children from other schools will be permitted to attend where:

- 1. Your child is enrolled, and all requested paperwork is supplied and complete.
- 2.Any medical information requested is supplied in advance and is current. (Including medication)
- 3.Our staff are respected, and the parent code of conduct is agreed to and adhered to (Refer to the Family Handbook)

#### How to Make a Booking:

- Vacation Care Bookings are casual and can be made through the My Family Lounge online portal or via the My Family Lounge App. The calendar will turn purple for the day you have made a booking.
- The online booking portal will be locked prior to the commencement of the holiday program at 9am Monday 27th March 2023. Bookings after this date need to be made via email to bookings@nwcc.com.au and are subject to availability.

#### **Cancellation Policy:**

 Requests to cancel or swap Vacation Care bookings are not permitted after 9am Monday 27th March 2023.

#### **Excursion:**

- Please refer to the daily programs for more details on our planned excursions. Excursion places are limited.
- Please complete the appropriate permission note before the excursion date, or they cannot attend.

#### Fees:

- •\$55 per day per child
- Late fees will apply to late pick up. The fee is \$10.00 for the first minute, and \$2.00 per minute thereafter.
- Some programmed days will also incur an additional incursion or excursion fee per child. Please refer to the program for these costs.
- Fees will be charged and are payable via Direct Debit from a nominated Bank Account (Fee Free) or Credit Card (plus applicable merchant fees).
- Please note that CCS will be applied to your bookings based upon your personal circumstances and is only applicable to a maximum of 100 hours of care per fortnight.

#### What to bring:

Lunch – the service is NUT AWARE.

Please ensure your child's lunch is nut free.

Drink bottles of water

A wide brimmed or legionnaires hat and suitable sun safe clothing Enclosed shoes

#### **Reminders:**

 Please ask your children not to bring any valuables or electronics to care unless it is a designated day.

NWCC are not responsible for damage to any valuables.



Juniors (6+) / Adults & Teens

Free Come and Try Sessions - Bring your mates! Beginners welcome - Gear supplied

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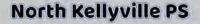












Language Class: Monday

Creativity Workshop: Wednesday

Time: 3.00-5.30pm

#### **Beaumont Hills PS**

Language Class: Wednesday Creativity Workshop: Friday

Time: 3.00-5.30pm

#### William Clarke College

Language Class: Monday &

Werdnesday

Time: 3.00-5.30pm

#### Riverbank PS

Language Class: Thursday Creativity Workshop: Monday

Time:2.45-5.15pm

#### Kings Langley PS

Language Class: Friday Creativity Workshop: Tuesday

Time: 3.00-5.30pm

\$25 Language Class \$ 32 Creativity Workshop

\$ 52 if enrol for both classes

#### Sydney Northwest Education Centre

Website: www.sydneychinese.org.au

Email: snwchinese@gmail.com

Contact: 0491-164-230





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# 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



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

The first **10 metres** from an intersection is a no stopping

Yellow kerb lines are also a No Stopping

PENALTIES FROM

\$ 349

+2 DEMERIT POINTS

### BUS ZONE

#### **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** 

#### SPEEDING OFFENCES

SCHOOL ZONE

8 - 9<sup>30</sup> 230- 4<sub>PM</sub> SCHOOL DAYS

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** 

#### 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** 

#### DRIVE WAYS & 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.





# 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



