



# RIVERBANK PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to school for Term 4! This will be another busy term of learning activities and we look forward to seeing the children again.

## **Annual Walk-a-Thon – Week 1**

Due to the large amount of rain we have received our Walk-a-Thon to raise money for technology has been postponed until Friday 26 October. Sponsor cards were sent home at the end of Term 3. **Kindergarten** students will be dressing up in a **rainbow theme** and will participate in this fun event with their peers, whilst also raising money for our wonderful school. Last year it was very successful, raising over \$13,000 for school technology resources. Parents are always welcome to come along and walk with their children on hopefully, a beautiful and sunny day! There are some fabulous prizes that could be won by getting out there, being active and receiving donations from friends or family! Prizes will be showcased during assemblies and handed out in Term 4 after the Walk-a-Thon. We really appreciate active participation and thank you for supporting our school to raise money for technology. Students are encouraged to start bringing in their donations at the beginning of Term 4, to be in the running to win fabulous prizes!

## **School Photos – Week 2**

School photos will be taken Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday Term 4 Week 2 for class, portrait, sport and extracurricular activities. An envelope with your child's name was sent home at the end of Term 3. Please do not return these envelopes to the office; they are to be presented on the day of the photos to the photographers. Children **MUST** wear full school uniform on the day of their photographs. Sibling photographs are also being taken. The envelopes for these are available in the office upon request.

## **Grandparents Day – Week 3**

We will be inviting the Grandparents of all the Kindergarten children to come into our classrooms on the Tuesday 30 October to share the afternoon with us. More information will be sent home shortly.

## **Fire Truck Visit – Week 4**

We will welcome a visit from our local Fire Station to keep us informed about fire safety in and around the home. This visit will occur on Tuesday 6 November to coincide with our Health and Personal Development lessons.

This term students will be further developing their **Literacy** skills as they continue to work with short vowel sounds and consonant blends. Please continue practising reading and writing each new list of sight words for the fortnight. We will be exploring the perspective of characters and how a characters point of view is presented in quality narratives such as Dear Dinosaur, Harry the Tarantula, Memoirs of a Goldfish, Spoon, A Monster Wrote me a Letter, The Ugliest Dog in the World, Fearless, The Fabulous Friend Machine, Ish and Wanted – the Perfect Pet. Teachers use many strategies to engage children including modelling of high level thinking, asking thoughtful questions which call for in depth class **discussion** and rereading a text several times to enhance comprehension and vocabulary. We also look forward to creating some fabulous **artworks** linked to our texts and using our **acting** skills to represent the many characters we meet. In literacy sessions, students will be learning to read simple texts with teacher guidance in 'the engine', a much enjoyed part of our daily literacy routine.

During **mathematics**, we will continue to develop early arithmetical strategies to count, combine and separate numbers as we learn basic addition and subtraction strategies. We will also be exploring concepts of position, length, multiplication, division, 3D objects, area, 2D shapes, time, mass and statistics and probability.

All around us are things made from interesting materials that have observable properties. In our **Science** unit "What's it made of?" we will discover and explore, through hands-on activities, what things are made of in the school environment and the properties of the materials used to make them.

During our **Health and Personal Development** lessons we will discuss the choices we make to keep ourselves and others safe and healthy. We will discuss the consequences of making these choices and which people in our lives are there to assist us.

**Geography** lessons will continue with our People Live in Places unit, exploring our local area and how we can protect and care for places of significance.

This term's **music** focus is the 'Music: Count Us In' (MCUI) program - Australia's largest school music initiative. It is the education program of [Music Australia](#), working with partners around the country to support music in schools. The program culminates in the National Celebration Day when more than half a million students sing the same song, on the same day, at the same time. It is a song written by students, for students. The 2018 Program Song is called '*One Song*'. Drama activities this term will encourage students to use movement, objects and costumes to assist in portraying roles and characters from children's screen drama.

### Keeping Informed

It is extremely important that you keep in touch with the school via the **Riverbank Public School website, App** and **check the newsletter regularly**. School updates, notes that have been sent home and changes to routines are all posted on these sites and will provide you with ample information to stay aware of what is happening at school so that your child doesn't miss out on anything.

### Homework

Homework will continue to be sent home each Friday and returned on Thursdays. The activities that are sent home for homework are to revise the English and Mathematics skills taught in class. It is expected that students complete the written worksheet provided and have practised their fortnightly list of sight words. We ask that all homework be completed by the student and supervised by a parent. If you have concerns regarding homework please do not hesitate to meet with your classroom teacher to discuss it. **Reading Eggs** and **Mathletics** are also for home revision.

### Home Readers

Home readers are specifically chosen for your child by their teacher and are levelled to match their independent ability. Often texts may be a level or two lower than what a child is capable of reading at school, this is to build confidence. We ask that you have the reader at school in a plastic protective folder clearly marked with your child's name every **Monday, Wednesday and Friday**. Continued nightly reading with your child supports their reading skills in the classroom.

### Sport

Children are required to wear their sports uniform on **Tuesday** and **Thursday**.

### Assemblies

Our assemblies will be held every alternate Friday after recess at 11.30am. Your child will be informed by their class teacher when they will run the assembly and notice will be given to invite parents to these events.

### Library

This term in the library students will have the opportunity to visit and make purchases at our **Book Fair in Week 3**. All purchases earn rewards for the library to acquire more resources.

Library lessons will include aspects relating to their class programs in English – learning about imaginative texts with an author study. They will also develop their knowledge and understanding of significant events such as Grandparents' Day, Diwali and Remembrance Day.

Library borrowing will continue as it has in previous terms but will finish in Week 6. **ALL books will need to be returned by Week 8**, as the library will be closed throughout Weeks 9 & 10 for an end of year stocktake. Please encourage your child to be responsible and care for items borrowed from the school library when they are at home.

<b>KTM</b>	<b>KG</b>	<b>KJ</b>	<b>KM</b>	<b>KCH</b>	<b>KH</b>	<b>KR</b>	<b>KS</b>	<b>KW</b>	<b>KL</b>
Fri	Thur	Mon	Thur	Mon	Wed	Fri	Mon	Tue	Mon

### Classroom supplies

Thank you for all the classroom supplies that have been provided previously! All children need a top up of glue sticks at the beginning of Term 4. Thank you for restocking over the holidays.

### Kindergarten Excellence Assembly and Concert – Week 9

The Kindergarten Excellence Assembly and Concert will be held on 11 December, starting at 9:15am and concluding by 11.00am. All Kindergarten children will be performing during the concert.

### Celebration of Learning – Week 10

The Kindergarten children will all be participating in a day of celebration at school, on Tuesday 18 December. Students will celebrate with a disco and class party.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's progress, please do not hesitate to contact the school to arrange a time for a meeting with your classroom teacher. Thank you in anticipation of your continued support. We are looking forward to another great term together.

Kind regards,  
Kindergarten Teachers