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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Stage 1 Update

Welcome back to our final term of 2018! This term will be another busy one with lots of learning across the six key learning areas, as well as preparation for our class performances at the Stage 1 end of year concert.

English

Reading, Writing, Speaking & Listening - Our students will continue to develop their reading, comprehension strategies and writing skills through modelled, guided and independent teaching and learning. They will learn about the structure and features of imaginative texts and will also explore figurative language in poetry. Literature circles will promote quality talk and develop students speaking and listening skills when involved in conversations. Handwriting, grammar, phonics and phonemic awareness are all elements of English that will also be integrated into students learning. Spelling will continue to be supported through the use of Sound Waves.

Mathematics

Number & Algebra - students will continue lessons to develop strategies with whole number, addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, fractions and decimals.

Measurement & Geography - lessons will be focussing on volume and capacity, 2D space, time, area, data and mass.

TEN - is a program that consolidates teaching from the Number and Algebra strand. It involves the delivery of explicit lessons to the whole class and small groups with a focus on developing mental strategies for whole number, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

PDHPE

Sport and Fitness - Students will be required to wear their sports uniform on Tuesdays and Thursdays. During Fitness on Tuesdays, students will be working on their dance and movement skills. Sport on Thursdays will continue to focus on developing fundamental movement skills such as catching, throwing, kicking and hitting a ball that can be used in team sports. Students will also be learning how to play a variety of team sports.

Health - Students will be learning how to keep themselves healthy through our drug education unit which includes lessons about making the right decisions, keeping safe around medicines and nutrition.

Geography - The topic 'Weather and Seasons of Places' will describe the daily weather and seasons in the local area and their influence on people and their activities. Students will investigate natural hazards caused by weather and compare weather in different places.

Music and Drama

This term's music focus is the 'Music: Count Us In' (MCUI) program culminating in the National Celebration Day when more than half a million students sing the same song, on the same day, at the same time. The 2018 Program Song is called 'One Song'. Drama activities this term encourage students to step into character roles from children's literature. Games, dress-ups and masks will give students various ways to use feelings and voice to respond to 'dramatic events' – all whilst having fun with friends.

Science and Technology

Science - Students will be learning about changes that occur to substances in the world around us every day. They will observe the colour, hardness, density, shape and size of objects as they change and learn about solids, liquids and gas. Students will learn changes that cannot be reversed are those that change the chemical characteristics or properties of a substance.

Technology – will continue to be integrated into all key learning areas through the use of iPads, laptops and interactive screens.

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 – extending their learning about imaginative texts with an Anthony Browne 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.

Annual Walk-a-Thon – Week 2

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. **Stage 1** students will be dressing up in an **'Upside down/Inside out'** 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!

Assemblies

Stage 1 assemblies are held fortnightly beginning Week 1 at 2pm in the school hall. All parents are welcome to attend to celebrate our learning and see our students develop their public speaking and performance skills.

Classroom Equipment

Could you please check with your child if they require any stationery items replenished, particularly lead pencils and glue sticks.

Excellence Assembly

Riverbank's Excellence Assembly will be on the 12 December in Week 9. The school will be celebrating the achievements of selected students in each class.

Stage 1 Christmas Concert

A concert will be held on the 17 December in Week 10 and parents are invited to attend. Classes will each be performing an item that will represent different countries from around the world.

Celebration of Learning

Our celebration of learning day will be on the 18 December in Week 10. Students will celebrate with a disco followed by class parties.

We are looking forward to another successful term. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

Kind regards,
Stage 1 Teachers