



# RIVERBANK PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## **The Kindergarten Countdown Has Begun!**

We hope your child is looking forward to the new adventures that await them in their first year of school. Below you will find details of the key dates and events related to your child's commencement at Riverbank.

### **YOUR CHILD'S FIRST WEEKS OF SCHOOL**

Tuesday 31 January – Friday 3 February	<p><b><i>Kindergarten Best Start Assessments</i></b></p> <p>Students will attend their scheduled appointment time for Best Start interviews between Tuesday 31 January and Friday 3 February 2023. Details are attached.</p> <p><b>If you have not yet made a booking, it is crucial you do so prior to 2pm on Thursday 20 January.</b></p>
Monday 6 February	<p><b><i>First Day of Kindergarten</i></b></p> <p>Kindergarten students will have their first day of school on Monday 6 February from 9:15am until 2:30pm. On arrival, please collect your child's name tag from the front yellow gates and then walk your child to the basketball court where teachers will assist them to line up behind their assigned class / animal name. Student collection will be from classrooms using the map provided on the day.</p> <p>Students are required to wear their full summer school uniform (including school hat and school bag) and bring food for recess, lunch and a fruit break.</p>
Tuesday 7 February – Friday 10 February	<p><b><i>First Week of Kindergarten</i></b></p> <p>On Tuesday 7 February and Wednesday 8 February, parents are permitted to drop their child to the classroom between 8:15am and 8:45am. Collection will be from classrooms at 2:30pm.</p> <p>On Thursday 9 February and Friday 10 February, parents will drop their child at the front yellow gates between 8:15am and 8:45am. Year 6 students will then escort them to their classrooms for inside play. Collection will be from classrooms at 2:30pm.</p> <p>Please take note of the modified school times to support the transition of students on during their first week of school.</p>
Monday 13 February – Friday 17 February	<p><b><i>Second Week of Kindergarten</i></b></p> <p>From Monday 13 February to Friday 16 February, parents will continue to drop their child at the front yellow gates between 8:15am and 8:45am. Year 6 students will then escort students to their classrooms for inside play.</p> <p>Collection will be at 2:45pm in line with the rest of the school.</p>
Northwest Community Before School Care	<p>If your child attends Northwest Community Before School Care, they will be walked from their classroom by one of the carers to the school hall.</p>

## **MEET THE TEACHER**

Our Kindergarten teachers are looking forward to getting to know the students in their class and meeting each child's family. A 'Meet the Teacher' information session will be held on Wednesday 15 February. This is a great opportunity for you to find out more about our routines and the fabulous programs we are offering our students. A letter will be sent home with more information closer to the date.

## **CLASSES**

At Riverbank Public School, we aim to provide a settled start to school and quickly foster a sense of belonging in our new Kindergarten students. On your child's first day, they will become a member of a class group and get to know their Kindergarten teacher. To form classes, we will use information gathered during Kindergarten Transition and Best Start assessments. Please understand that the first couple of weeks of school will be viewed as a 'holding time' to allow your child to settle into school routines. If we see the need to make any changes to student class placement, we will contact parents to discuss the reasons for doing so. All decisions are based on providing the best learning environment for each student.

Your child's first year at school is a significant milestone and we look forward to officially welcoming you and your child to Riverbank Public School. Please contact the school office if you require any further information.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Kind Regards,

Miss Cathie Wing  
Assistant Principal

Mrs Jeanie Brown  
Principal