



RIVERBANK PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The Kindergarten Countdown Has Begun!

We trust 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. Please note that the Kindergarten Best Start Assessment will be conducted during class time within the first two weeks of school. There is no need to schedule an appointment.

YOUR CHILD'S FIRST WEEKS OF SCHOOL

<p>Monday 5 February</p>	<p><i>First Day of Kindergarten</i> Kindergarten students will have their first day of school on Monday 5 February from 9:15am until 2:35pm. Gates will open at 9:00am. On arrival, please collect your child's name tag from the front yellow gates and then walk your child to the outside area of the hall, where teachers will assist them to line up behind their 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> <p>Please do not bring in class requirements until Monday 12 February.</p>
<p>Tuesday 6 February – Friday 9 February</p>	<p><i>First Week of Kindergarten</i> On Tuesday 6 February and Wednesday 7 February, parents are permitted to drop their child to the classroom between 8:15am and 8:45am. Collection will be from classrooms at 2:35pm. We find most Kindergarten parents enter and exit from the OOSH gate (Gate 4) as it is closest to the Kindergarten rooms.</p> <p>On Thursday 8 February and Friday 9 February, parents will drop their child at the yellow gates or Gate 4 between 8:15am and 8:45am. Year 6 students will escort Kindergarten children to their classrooms for inside play. From this point, parents do not come onsite of a morning. Collection by parents will be from classrooms at 2:35pm.</p> <p>Please take note of the modified school times to support the transition of students on during their first week of school.</p>
<p>Monday 12 February – Friday 16 February</p>	<p><i>Second Week of Kindergarten</i> From Monday 12 February to Friday 16 February, parents will continue to drop their child at the yellow gates or Gate 4 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>
<p>Northwest Community Before School Care</p>	<p>If your child attends Northwest Community Before and After School Care, they will be walked to their classroom by one of the carers of a morning and from their classroom to the school hall in the afternoon.</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 14 February at 8:15am. 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. Welcome packs will be sent home on your child's class day that will include your teacher's name and email address.

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 a range of information, including observations 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.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Cathie Wing
Assistant Principal

Mrs Jeanie Brown
Principal