

RIVERBANK PUBLIC SCHOOL

Learning to Live • Living to Learn SCHOOL NEWSLETTER • 15 November • TERM 4 WEEK 6

IMPORTANT DATES

Term 4 Week 6

17 November

Last day PSSA

KD, 2D, Year 4, Year 6 Assembly

Week 7

20 November

Kindy Sydney Zoo Excursion

21 November

Dance School Spec Rehearsal

22 November

Dance & Choir School Spec Rehearsal

23 November

School Spectacular Dress Rehearsal

24 November

Schools Spectacular

1C, Year 3, 5J Assembly

Week 8

27 November

Kindy Sydney Zoo Excursion

28 November

Year 7 High School Orientation Day

30 November

Inclusive Education Assembly

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It is hard to believe we are just over halfway through Term 4. Where has the year gone, let alone this term! The school has been a hive of activity and the children are working hard as the year draws to a close.

2023 Excellence Assemblies

Times for our Excellence Assemblies:

Monday 4 December Kindergarten - 9am Year 1 – 10am Year 2 – 11am Year 3 – 12pm

Wednesday 6 December Year 6 – 9:15am Year 5 – 10:30am Year 4 – 11:30am

All students K-6 are to wear full school summer uniform on Monday 4 December, Tuesday 5 December and Wednesday 6 December.

Remembrance Day Service



Our whole school community commemorated Remembrance Day, in honour of those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice in wars and conflicts. We also thank those defence personnel who served, and continue to serve, our country. Cadets from the Ponds HS joined our ceremony. Mr Richard Lawford, from Riverstone-Schofields RSL sub-Branch, reflected on the sacrifices that countless men and women have made through their service in the armed forces. Students observed a minute's silence in memory of those who died or suffered in all wars and armed conflicts. The Stage 2 Choir beautifully sang the 'Spirit of the Anzacs'. Wreaths were laid by leaders and members of the school community.

Students and staff had the pleasure of singing our school song for the first time. All 2200 voices sang with pride. Our school leaders accompanied Mrs Brown to the Riverstone-Schofields RSL sub-Branch on November 11 for their Remembrance Day Service.

Riverbank Public School Song

It is with great pleasure I share our school song.



Verse 1

Here within our walls Of Riverbank Public School We work with each other Leading the way

Our voices are so proud Showing our HIP Key Values We're learning to live And living to learn

Chorus

We expect the best We show respect We care for each other Friendships, diversity, in harmony

Let's share our dreams together At Riverbank Public School Let's share our dreams together Riverbank is our School

Verse 2

We are in The Ponds In our red and blue We have a student voice We stand strong

Opportunities Are here for everybody Believing in each other For you and me

Chorus

We expect the best We show respect We care for each other Friendships, diversity, in harmony

Let's share our dreams together At Riverbank Public School Let's share our dreams together Riverbank is our school I have had the pleasure of collaborating with senior students and dedicated teachers to create lyrics that deeply reflect our school values. My thanks to Mr Ross, Ms Pearson, Mr Chan, Mrs Molnar, Mrs Calabrese and Ms Waller for their collaboration over the last few months. A dynamic and very talented team!

Our students and teachers had the pleasure of launching our song during last week's Remembrance Day Service.

This link was recorded by our Senior Choir. https://youtu.be/G4tqc0E4AR0

Semester 2 Reports - Parent Portal – Online Reports

Student reports are published through the Parent Portal online as the only method to access reports. Parents who have already accessed previous reports via the Parent Portal remain set up. Information on how to access the Parent Portal will be sent out on Monday 20 November with access keys for new families. If you have any trouble accessing the Parent Portal, please contact the office for assistance. The Semester 2 reports will be published to The Parent Portal at 3:00pm on Monday 11 December.

2024 Kindergarten Transition to School

Last week, we welcomed 210 Kindergarten children and their families who will be joining our school community in 2024. Our 2024 Kindergarten students thoroughly enjoyed visiting their classrooms, singing songs, reading stories, playing together and forming new friendships. They even met our school mascot, Rory!



NSWPSSA Cricket Knockout Competition



As part of the NSWPSSA Knockout Cricket Competition, Riverbank competed in the state quarter-finals against Waitara. Riverbank was victorious with a score of 6/170 against Waitara's 6/135, with both sides demonstrating a superb batting display throughout the match. The game was played with outstanding sportsmanship. Our students consistently demonstrated a range of HIP key values through their teamwork and support for each other and their encouragement of their opposition throughout the match.

We now advance to the state semi-finals in Bathurst against Young Public School.

Student Goal Sharing Tuesday 5 December 8:15am to 8:45am

We look forward to welcoming parents into classrooms on Tuesday 5 December from 8:15 to 8:45am.

Visible Learning Open Classrooms K-6 Student Goal Sharing One parent or carer invited into their child's classroom where students will share their work and learning goals.



Students from our Stage 3 Choir and Dance Troupe have been dedicated to their rehearsals in preparation for 2023 Schools Spectacular at Sydney Olympic Park.

Tickets for the 2023 Schools Spectacular - Fabulous, at Qudos Bank Arena, Sydney Olympic Park, are now on sale. **40 years of Fabulous!**

There are **four shows**:

- Friday 24 November at 11am and 7pm
- Saturday 25 November at <u>1pm</u> and <u>7pm</u>

It is a wonderful event for the whole family. The atmosphere of Schools Spectacular must be seen to be believed! *Visit the official TICKETEK website for tickets -* <u>Ticketek website</u>

<u>Diwali</u>

Students were immersed in colourful creative activities to celebrate Diwali.



2025 Selective High School Information – Year 7 Entry in 2025

Selective High Schools provide a learning environment designed for academically gifted and high potential students.

For more information go to - <u>Selective High Schools and Opportunity Classes</u> Important dates:

9 October 2023 – Applications open

20 November 2023 – Applications close

4 May 2024 – Selective High School Placement Test

Boundary Change and Moving Outside the School Catchment Zone

Due to the continued and sustained growth in new housing, adjustments to some school intake areas are necessary to ensure the best placement of students and their families. Riverbank Public School's intake area (catchment) has been adjusted effective from Term 2 2023. Please refer to the School Finder <u>https://schoolfinder.education.nsw.gov.au</u> for these changes. If your child is already enrolled as a local student based on a previous intake area, they do not have to change schools. You have the choice to keep them at their existing school or move them to the school you are now allocated to.

If you relocate outside the Riverbank Public School catchment, unfortunately we are unable to enrol younger siblings.

Planning for 2024

I am busy planning in preparation for next year. To allow the school to plan as effectively as possible, we would like those families who know they will not be returning in 2024 to confirm these details as soon as possible. A form has been sent out via School Bytes. If you are aware that your child will return to school late next year, I ask that you confirm these details immediately. It is important for all students to return on day 1 of the new school year. Taking leave at this time of a new school year can have a significant impact on the formation of classes and the school's enrolment audit.

We are anticipating 2200 students, with 83 mainstream classes and 4 Inclusive Education classes.

The first day of the 2024 school year is Thursday 1 February for Years 1-6 and Monday 5 February for kindergarten.

2023 Annual Parent Survey

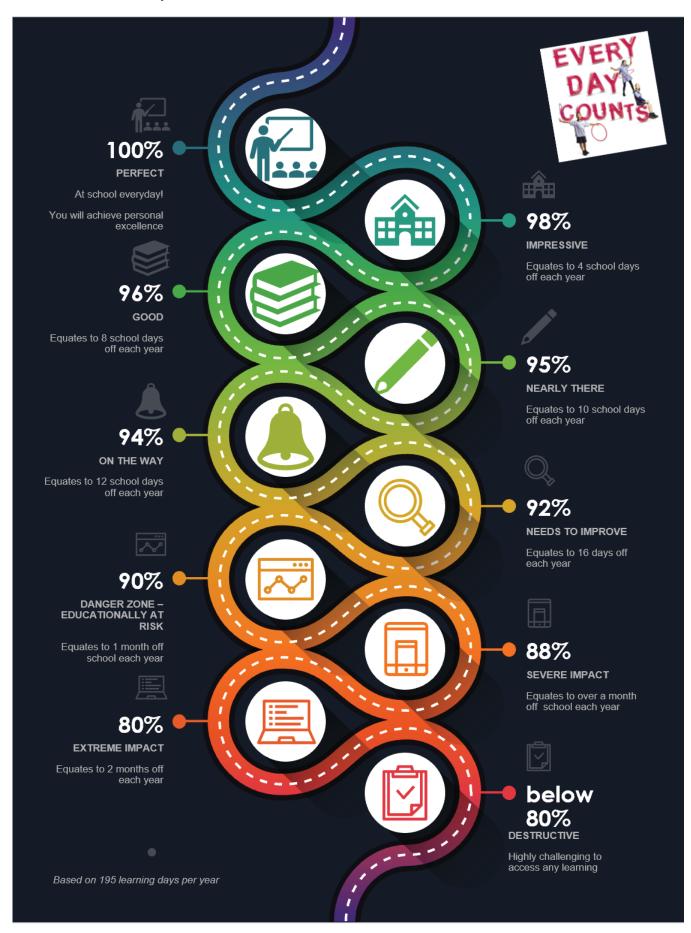
We kindly request parents complete our annual feedback survey.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScVHnWsenJPUOOSMRqcxb_n2_olmxC-Cs8IZsQH8TQ1a1gSsw/viewform

Have a wonderful fortnight.

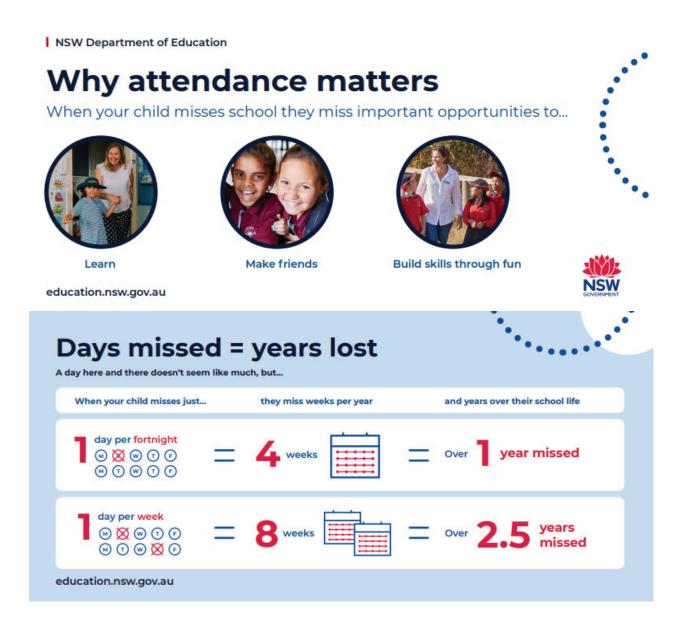
Mrs Jeanie Brown Principal

Attendance Road Map



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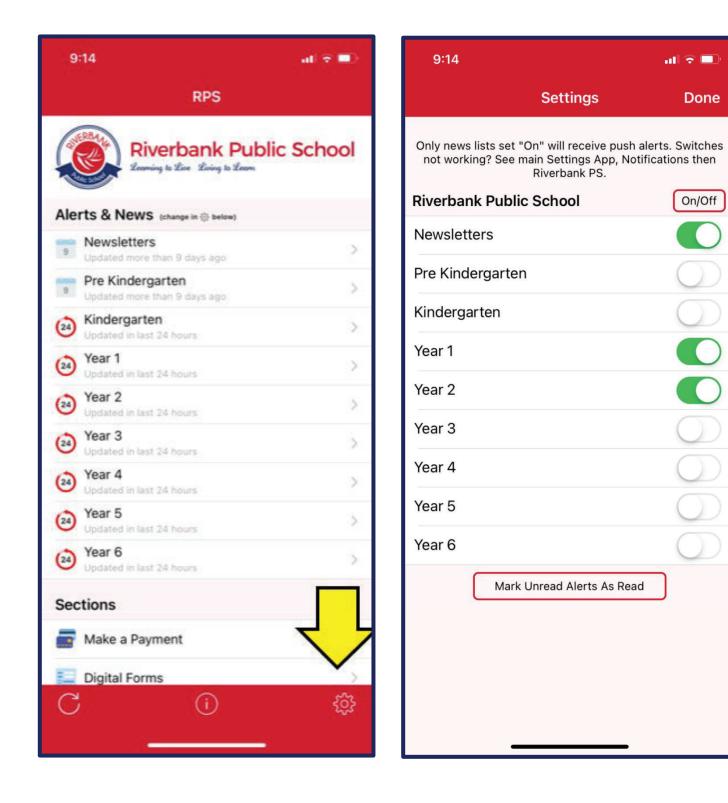
Parents, we are seeing over 100 students arrive late to school every day. Students are required to be at school before the morning bell and in their class lines by 8:45am. Thank you for your ongoing support.



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 4 Week 4 Merit Awards recipients.

Class	Class
KB – Esa, Ashaya	KC – Freya, Salin
KD – Heeva, Wania	KE – Dhyan, Jasreet
KJL – Mrida, Siftroop	KM – Milan, Shonelle
KME – Raaga, Hashim	KN – Samaira, Ellena
KP – Ishaan, Vivian	KR –Rocco, Kayra
KW – Elissa, Noah	

Congratulations to our Year 1 Term 4 Week 5 Merit Awards recipients

Class	Class	
1A – Sienna, Arjun	1C – Spencer, Deetya	
1E – Ellie, Kiana	1H – Arjun, Aarvi	
1J – Adrian, Farid	1K – Stuti, Viaan	
1L – Mwada, Aarav	1N – Saanvi, Dean	
1P – Krishva, Vanshika	1S – Ojas, Beau	
1T – Diya, Shaurya		

Congratulations to our Year 2 Term 4 Week 4 Merit Awards recipients

Class	Class	
2B – Shaarav, Nirvaan	2C – Harviraj, Nihira	
2D – Satakshi, Vishva	2J – Emaan, Avyaan	
2LS – Ariana, Inaaya	2M – Anish, Samrith	
2P – Jinisha, Ayansh	2R – Adam, Samreen	
2S – Diva. Sriyansh	2T – Jumana, Sri	
2V – Inaya, Aadvik	2W – Jivitej, Taylor	

Congratulations to our Year 3 Term 4 Week 5 Merit Awards recipients

Class	Class
3A – Rihanna, Tayler, Alsabelle	3B – Anika, Emily, Aajooni
3D – Ryana, Viraj, Purv	3E – Avni, Inaya, Tanvi
3H – Shafiya, Reyansh, Aarush	3J – Celestine, Mehasree, Sharva
3K – Reeva, Siya, Virat	3M – Fateh, Manha, Palash, Kai
3N – Savir, Janita, Manraj	3S – Oliver, Muthara, Mariam
3T – Tayeb, Praavi, Ayera	

Congratulations to our Year 4 Term 4 Week 4 Merit Awards recipients

Class	Class
4B – Subhi, Hamza	4C – Shlok, Adrian
4D – Aarav, Rithvik	4E – Juliet, Sid
4H – Aurora, Lucas	4I – Sai, Issy
4M – Aymaan, Krishiv	40 – Tanav, Sachin
4P – Shaarav, Yukti	4R – Ammar, Virash
4S – Rajeev, Jacinta	4W – Reon, Safwa

Congratulations to our Year 5 Term 4 Week 5 Merit Awards recipients

Class	Class
5A – Alisha, Veronica, Ali	5B – Tanveet, Jyanshu
5C – Aayan, Amay	5D – Affan, Dorothy
5E – Piper, Sienna, Samar	5G – Isha, Nabiha
5J – Preston, Vidula	5K – Angela, Zachary
5L – Tirth, Kiara	5M – Krrish, Mitansh
5R – Sara, Deeksha	5T – Adhika, Grihit
5W – Tanisha, Saanjh	

Congratulations to our Year 6 Term 4 Week 4 Merit Awards recipients

Class	Class
6A – Rayan, Salmaan, Rakshita	6B – Veer, Akshara, Namith
6C – Hayah, Srinika, Tanvi	6D – Areen, Anusuya, Muhammad
6F – Arsh, Simone	6G – Hassan, Maanvi
6J – Shivi, Kaavya, Nishal	6L – Bianca, Chelsey, Sheminith
6M – CJ, Sherleen	6N – Anderson, Rayyan
6S – Benjamin, Nimrat	

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 https://riverbank-p.schools.nsw.gov.au

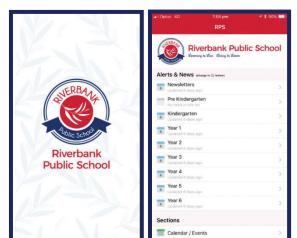
Facebook

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.





Riverbank Public School





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

<u>RED KEY</u> 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)

Sport Update

Round 9 Results 3.11.23

NRL Tag:	Jnrs W 7-4	Snrs L 7-8
Softball Teeball:	Jnrs L 15-26	Snrs L 12-27
Cricket:	Jnrs W 164-136	Snrs W 95-67
AFL	Jnrs W 4-1	Snrs W 34-27

Peter Lawrence Sports Coordinator

STEAM Update

In STEAM this term, Years 3 and 4 are studying Food and Fibre production. After studying the journey involved in the production of important and sustainable products, they embarked on a water irrigation system design and production task. Collaborating productively, sharing their problem-solving brains, students have built and tested out their working models.

This authentic learning together proved great results in the various facets of STEAM and the various thinking skills.







Library Update

At the Riverbank Library, we had students from 2R reading about Diwali and how it is celebrated. We also have a well-used display of books about Grandparents, after our open classrooms visit recently.

PRC: The Premieres Reading Challenge has been completed for 2023 and validated for all participating Riverbank students. Certificates will be sent home with the students by the end of this term.

End of Year borrowing: All student borrowing has now finished for the year. Students are still very welcome to come and read in our library open times before and after school.

Returning Library Books: 1061 Loans are overdue currently. Please check at home and send any Riverbank Library books back to school as soon as possible. We are looking forward to having all library books returned before the end of Week 7 (24 November) so that we can finalise any outstanding loans before the end of the school year.

Book Club- Issue 7: This issue has now closed, and orders have been distributed. Thank you to all the parents and carers that support our school library through Book Club.









Library opening times:



Kate Martin Teacher Librarian

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</u> <u>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.



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

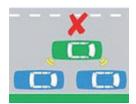


You must not stop on any footpath or nature strip, or even a driveway crossing a footpath or nature strip FOR ANY REASON.

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.

After School Language Class & Creativity Workshop Fun & creative way to master Chinese language and culture



CREATIVE KIDS

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LEARN CHINESE THROUGH CULTURE & ACTIVITIES

North Kellyville PS

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: Tues Time: 3.00-5.30pm

> \$25 Language Class \$ 32 Greativity 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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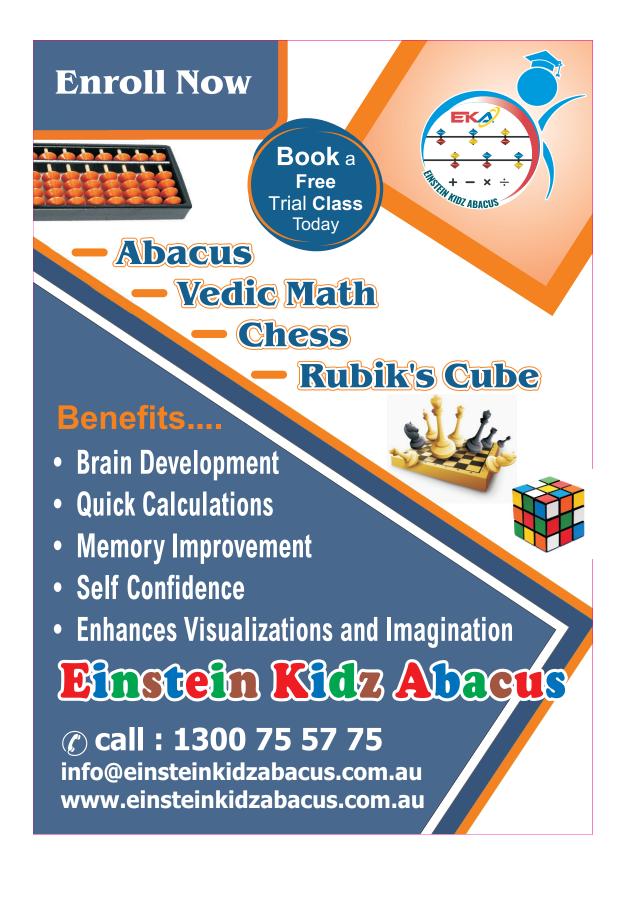


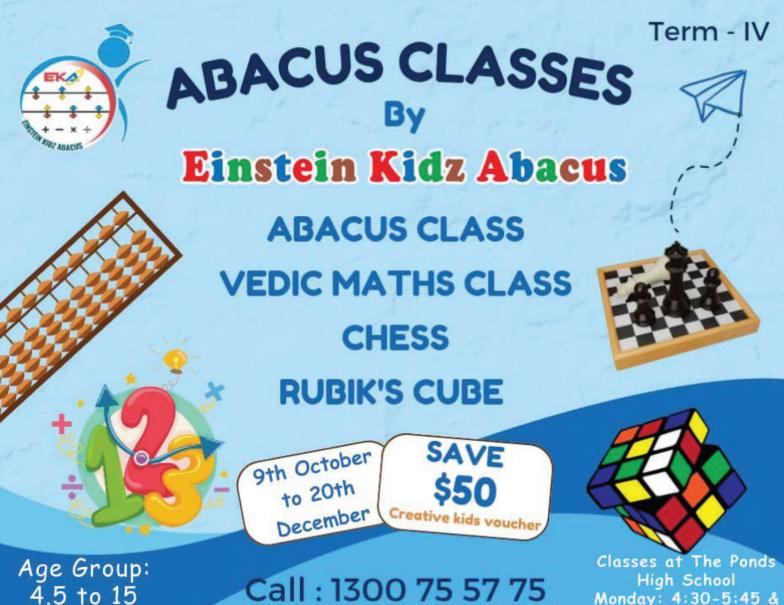
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K - Yr 8	The Ponds High School	08/01	\$110	www.trybooking.com/CNDWA
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