



RIVERBANK PUBLIC SCHOOL

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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER • 15 March • TERM 1 WEEK 8

IMPORTANT DATES

Term 1
Week 8
15 March
NAPLAN Week
17 March
Kindergarten, Year 2, Year 4, Year 6 Assembly
Week 9
20 March
NAPLAN Week
21 March
Harmony Day
24 March
National Ride 2 School Day
Sydney West Swimming
Year 1, Year 3, Year 5 Assembly
House Team Shirt P&C Stall
Parents Submit Year 7 EOI by Today
Week 10
27 March
NAPLAN Catch Ups
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28 March
K-6 Parent Teacher Student Interviews
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29 March
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Parliament
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Kindergarten, Year 2, Year 4, Year 6
House Team Shirt P&C Stall
PSSA

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

A warm welcome to Miss Brooke Mancey who has commenced teaching 5G this week.

School Engagement Calendar

I have included an updated Parent Engagement Calendar in our newsletter outlining all key events and religious celebrations we acknowledge each year. Our P&C have endorsed the calendar.

HOLI 8 March



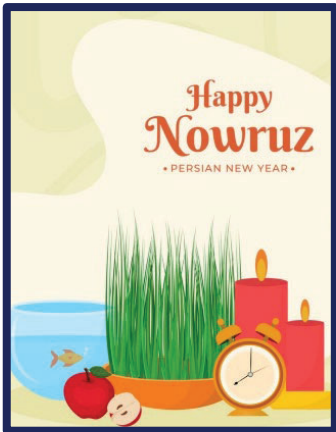
Our students and community thoroughly enjoyed acknowledging Holi last week.

Nanakshahi Sikh New Year 2023



We acknowledge Nanakshahi Sikh New Year 2023. Wishing our Sikh community great health, happiness and success.

Happy Nowruz 21 March



We acknowledge and celebrate Persian New Year 2023 that falls on 21st March every year. It marks the first day of spring in the Northern Hemisphere and has been celebrated by our Persian community for over 3000 years dating back to the Persian Empire.

RAMADAN 22 March



Wishing Happiness and Prosperity to our families.
May the Blessings of Ramadan be upon you during this holy month.

School Leaders 2023

Our School Leaders have been inducted into their Badges of Office for 2023. We are looking forward to the leadership our Year 6 students will contribute to the school throughout 2023.

School Captains and Vice Captains



School Prefects



School Library Prefects



Sport House and Vice Captains



National Young Leaders Day



Last Tuesday, our school leaders attended the National Young Leaders Day at the International Convention Centre. They had the privilege of listening to the wisdom of His Excellency Governor-General The Honourable David Hurley. He told many stories and was very inspirational – the highlight of the day! Other guest speakers included Nazeem Hussain (comedian and author), Dr Jordan Nguyen (biomedical engineer), Caitlin Bassett (former Australian Diamonds netball captain) and Chris Green (Sydney Thunder cricket captain). The leaders came away with many thoughts and ideas of leadership qualities.

Open's Cricket Team



Our Open's Cricket Team participated in the second round of the NSWPSA knockout competition against North Kellyville Public School. After a close game, Riverbank won by a final score of 4/111 to 3/110. The team played with strong sportsmanship and consistently demonstrated our school values through their play, teamwork, and encouragement of each other.

Ridges Zone Swimming Carnival



Congratulations to the twenty-two students who represented Riverbank at the Ridges Zone Swimming Carnival. Everyone participated with great sportsmanship. Congratulations to Oneth, Piper, Estella, Arnav, Deron and Ace for making it through to Sydney West Swimming Carnival. They will be representing Ridges on Friday 24th March at Sydney Olympic Park.

Ridges Zone Trial



Congratulations to Isaac, Tamina, Hayah and Deron who were successful in being selected for the Basketball Ridges Zone team and will compete in the upcoming Sydney West championships.

Harmony Day

Tuesday 21st March



Celebrating Harmony at Riverbank Public School

In celebration of this day, you can wear something orange or your traditional, cultural clothing



Harmony Day is the celebration that recognises our diversity and brings together Australians from all different backgrounds. It is about inclusiveness, respect, and a sense of belonging for everyone. To participate, you can wear orange or traditional dress to show your support. Harmony Day is a

This year's theme is "Living in Harmony".

Riverbank celebrates Australia's cultural diversity on Harmony Day. Students will engage in discussions and activities that highlight the importance of inclusion, respect, and a sense of belonging for all Australians, from the traditional custodians of the land to those who have come from diverse countries all around the world.

Easter Hat Parades



All students in K-2 are invited to make a hat for our Easter Hat Parades which will be held on Thursday 6 April. These hats will be assembled by the students during class time with a primary buddy class. A note will be sent home with further details. We look forward to our parents attending the parades.

Times for the Parades:

- **Kindergarten: 9am**
- **Years 1 and 2: 9:45am**

Year 6 students will be selling bags of chocolate eggs to raise funds for their end of year activities.

Cross Country Carnivals

Our Cross Country Carnivals for years 1-6 will be held at Peel Reserve on the following days. Details will be provided on the school app. Parents and carers are welcome to attend.

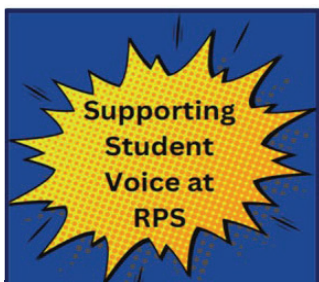
- **Monday 3 April 3-6 Time: 9:00am - 1.00pm**
- **Tuesday 4 April 1-2 Time: 9.30am – 10.30am**

Our Kindergarten students will participate in their first Cross Country Carnival on the school grounds, not Peel Reserve, on Tuesday 4 April from 9am to 9.30am.

Go Blue for Autism Awareness

As part of the school's annual fundraising initiatives, RPS will be going Blue for Autism Awareness week on Tuesday 28 March. Students are encouraged to wear something blue and bring in a gold coin donation.

2023 School Fundraising



Each year Riverbank participates in a range of fundraising initiatives. The following activities are planned for this year and have been passed through our student parliament sessions:

Event	Purpose	Date
Earthquake	Funds to support victims of the Syria and Turkiye Earthquake	Term 1 – 22 Feb
Go Blue for Autism	Raise awareness of Autism	Term 1 – Tue 28 March
Year 6 Easter Egg Fundraiser	Raise funds for Year 6 gift and events	Term 1 – 6 April
Box Car Rally	Raise funds and awareness of kidney disease	Term 2 – 1 June
Circus Berserkus	Raise funds for Year 6 gift and events	Term 2 - 15 June
Jersey Day	Raise awareness of organ donation	Term 3 – 1 Sept
Footy Colours Day	Raise money to support kids with cancer	Term 3 – 15 Sept
Colour Fun Run	Annual School fundraiser	Term 3 – 22 Sept
Crazy Sock Day	Raise awareness of Cerebral Palsy	Term 4 – 11 Oct
Halloween Disco	P&C Fundraiser	Term 4 – 25 & 26 Oct
Hoops Fundraiser	Raise funds for Year 6 gift and events	Term 4 – 29 & 30 Nov

National Ride2School Day – 24 March 2023

Did you know that RPS has 162 bike/scooter racks for our students! I am delighted with how many students are riding safely to school and wearing their helmet. Next Friday, we acknowledge National Ride2School Day. In preparation this week you may like to brush up on the rules when riding on the footpath or shared path:

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/topics/roads-safety-and-rules/bicycle-safety-and-rules/cyclist-road-rules#toc-shared-paths-and-footpaths>

Make sure your bike is “ride ready” beforehand!

Parent-Student-Teacher Conferences

Parent-Student-Teacher conferences will be held in Week 10 this term. Our students are ready to continue to take control of their learning goals. During these conferences students will spend time outlining their learning goals for the semester and have an opportunity to evaluate their own personal growth and progress, setting new learning goals and talking about how you can (both parent and teacher) assist in the next steps along their learning journey. Information regarding how to book your appointment time is available on our school app.

School Bytes - Making a payment

Our school has implemented a system called School Bytes to manage payments. Parents/carers can visit the School Bytes portal at any time to make a payment online, provide permission, view payment history, and apply credit.

All parents will be required to register using the following link:

<https://portal.schoolbytes.education/auth/login>

This portal can also be accessed through our school website.

<https://riverbank-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/payment-schoolbytes.html>

A detailed how to guide regarding registration can be accessed via this link:

<https://support.schoolbytes.education/hc/en-us/articles/5184859634191-Parent-Portal-Set-up-your-parent-portal-account>

Parents can use their Service NSW School Vouchers to pay for the following items:

- Excursions/Incursions
- PSSA & Sport in Schools
- Camp
- Soundwaves Textbook, School Magazine & Year 1 Sound Book

There are 2 ways to redeem your voucher:

1. Take a screenshot of the voucher and email to riverbank-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au (in your email please indicate the items you wish to pay) **OR**
2. Visit the school office to have your voucher scanned – before midday each day.

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is a point in time assessment of literacy and numeracy skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life. Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in the annual NAPLAN tests in writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar, and punctuation) and numeracy.

Our school will be participating in NAPLAN Online between **15 and 24 March 2023**.

Excessive preparation for NAPLAN Online is not recommended. Students can use the [public demonstration site](https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site) (<https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site>) to familiarise themselves with the types of questions and tools available in the NAPLAN Online tests.

Date	Test	Grade
Wednesday 15 March	Writing (Paper Test for Year 3)	Year 3 and Year 5
Friday 17 March	Reading	Year 3
Monday 20 March	Reading	Year 5
Tuesday 21 March	Conventions of Language	Year 3
Wednesday 22 March	Conventions of Language	Year 5
Thursday 23 March	Numeracy	Year 3
Friday 24 and 27 March	Numeracy	Year 5

Please note that these dates are a guide only and may change slightly depending on school needs. **Catch up tests will be provided for those students who are absent on their test date.**

Late Drop off and Early Pick Up

If you are picking up your child early, you must go to the school office and sign them out before your child can leave. If a student is late arriving to school, you must sign them in at the front office before they go to class. Students cannot sign themselves in or out of school.

Attendance

Regular attendance at school is essential to assist students to maximise their potential.

If your child is absent from school an explanation is required promptly. Listed below are a few options for parents to inform the school of their child's absence:

1. Email your child's teacher on the day of absence (all parents have been provided with their child's teachers email address).
2. Send your child's absence through the school app on the day of absence.
3. Write a letter to your child's teacher that is received the following day (only for single day absences as an explanation is required promptly).
4. Email the school - **riverbank-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au**

All explanations are required within 2 days of your child being absent. An absence is unexplained if parents have failed to provide an appropriate explanation to the school within 7 days.

If you receive an absence letter this needs to be returned promptly to the classroom teacher.

Late arrivals – Any student who arrives after 8:45am must have an adult with them and be signed in at the office.

All students should be in the gate by half-past eight.

Extended Leave - If you are taking a long term of absence (5 days or more), for example a holiday during the school term, you must inform the school's front office and complete a Certificate of Extended Leave. **Leave greater than 20 school days will not be approved.** Any documentation such as travel details, itinerary or flight bookings are needed to issue the extended leave certificate.

Bike and Scooter Safety - Always wear a helmet when you ride or skate.

All bicycle and scooter riders are required by law to wear an approved helmet that is securely fitted and fastened. We are observing an increased number of students now riding bikes and scooters with their helmets. Thank you to our school community for ensuring students are riding safely to and from school.

Traffic and parking near the school

As we have welcomed many new families to our school community in 2023, I remind you it is crucial that we all follow road rules and are patient and careful when driving around our school zone each morning and afternoon. The safety and wellbeing of our students is paramount. The school's Kiss and Drop area is within the "No Parking" zones and are located on Wentworth Street and Riverbank Drive. You are only allowed to stop your vehicle to set down or pick up passengers and must not stop for more than 2 minutes. The driver must not be more than 3 metres from the vehicle. Highway patrol will be regularly patrolling our perimeter. Thank you for ensuring the safety of all our students when entering and leaving the premises.

Allergies

Anaphylaxis is a potentially life threatening, severe allergic reaction which occurs after exposure to an allergen (usually to foods, insects, or medicines), to which a person is already extremely sensitive. We have several students at Riverbank Public School with anaphylaxis and similar allergic conditions and our staff undertake face-to-face and online training in providing an emergency response to this condition. The parents of our anaphylactic and allergic students work hard to educate their children about the risks of sharing food, as do our teachers. As this is a potentially life-threatening condition, we ask that you please consider these students before sending high-risk products such as peanut butter, Nutella, and seafood in school lunchboxes. Please talk to your child about the potential risks of sharing food and ask them to wash their hands after eating any nut-based or seafood products. Thank you for your understanding, our anaphylactic children and their families appreciate your support.

Practical help for parents and carers - Our new families may be interested in accessing the useful information for parents and carers provided for 2023 here:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/practical-help-for-parents-and-carers>

Year 6 Parents - 2024 High School Applications Online Forms

2024 High School application forms are now online. To enrol your child in Year 7 for 2024, you will need to complete an Expression of Interest for Year 6 to Year 7 transition. The Expression of Interest (EOI) lets you indicate which school(s) you would like your child to attend in Year 7.

The EOI is now available on our school website. Go to the Enrolment tab (top right-hand corner) and then Moving to High School. After you submit an EOI and it has been assessed, your child will be offered a place at a high school.

If your child will not be attending a NSW Government high school next year, please complete the Placement Not Required section.

If you are unsure whether your child will be attending a NSW Government school (you've applied for a private school, or you are moving interstate), we ask that you still complete an EOI and follow up with your school once a decision has been made.

The online process will guide you through your options and collect the information required to make the process as smooth as possible.

For parents/carers who are not able to complete an application online, a paper EOI form can be collected from the school office.

Term 1 Parent workshops

Each term we hold multiple parent workshops. All workshops will begin at 9am in our school hall.

Term 1:

1. Our Restorative Wellbeing Framework - Thursday 23 February
2. NAPLAN - Wednesday 1 March
3. Information Technology - Monday 6 March
4. Educational Support for EaLD students mandatory reporting – Wednesday 8 March
5. What is Visible Learning and Student Learning Goals - Tuesday 14 March
6. New Curriculum - Thursday 30 March
7. Kindergarten Literacy and Numeracy Strategies – Monday 3 April

A link to register your attendance will be provided via our school app closer to the date for each workshop.

Stage 1 Visiting Chickens

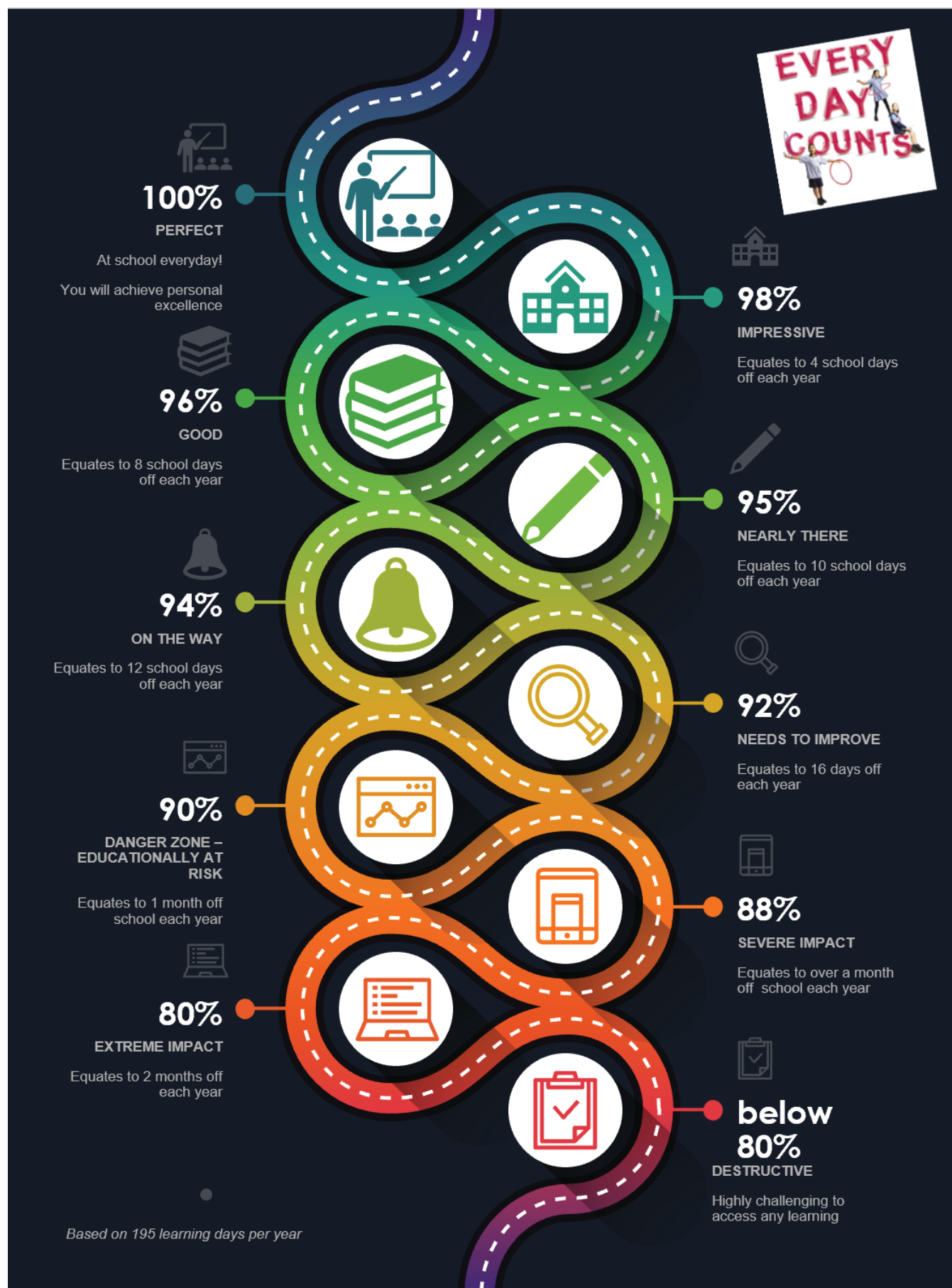


As part of the Science unit 'Living Things', Stage 1 had the opportunity to learn about the life cycle of a chicken by welcoming special visitors. Students were intrigued to observe the growth of the chicks and their feathers over the course of the last two weeks.

Have a wonderful fortnight.

Mrs Jeanie Brown
Principal

Attendance Road Map



In the gate by half past 8

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.

NSW Department of Education

Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

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Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

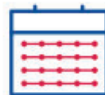
they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight
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4 weeks



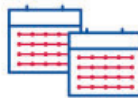
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Over **1** year missed

1 day per week
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8 weeks



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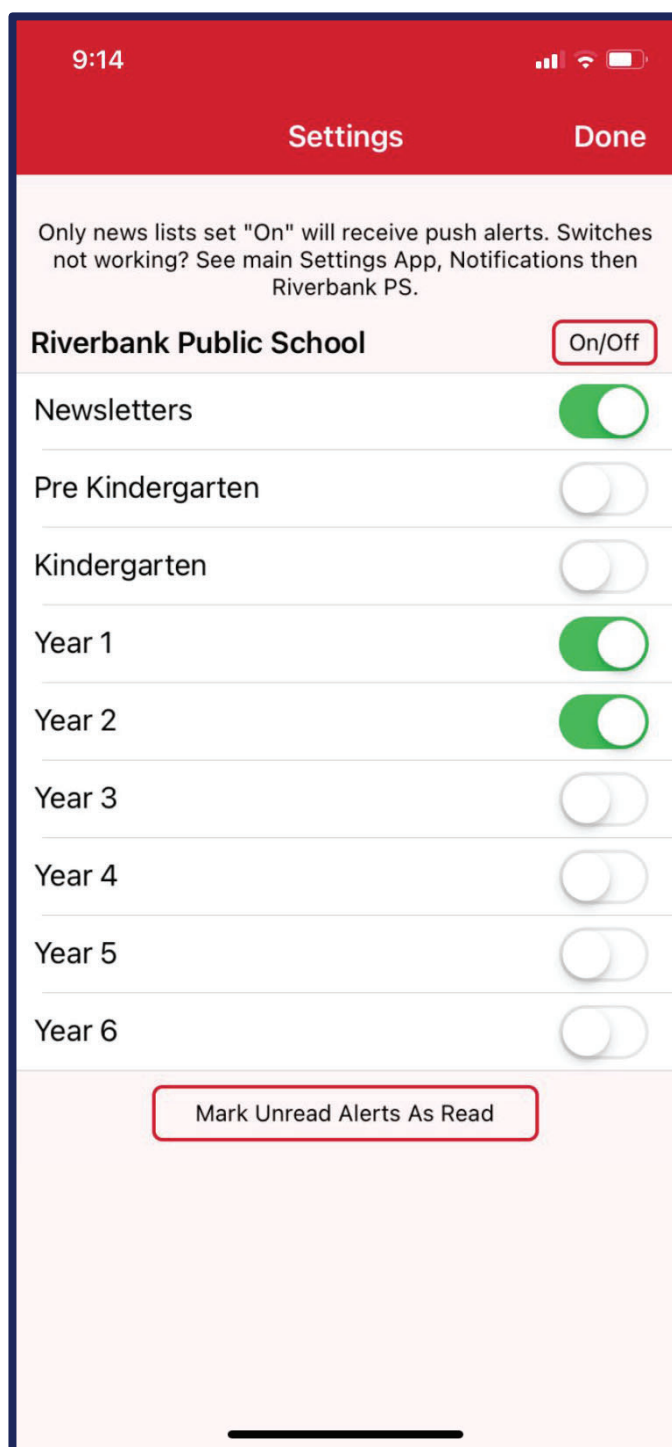
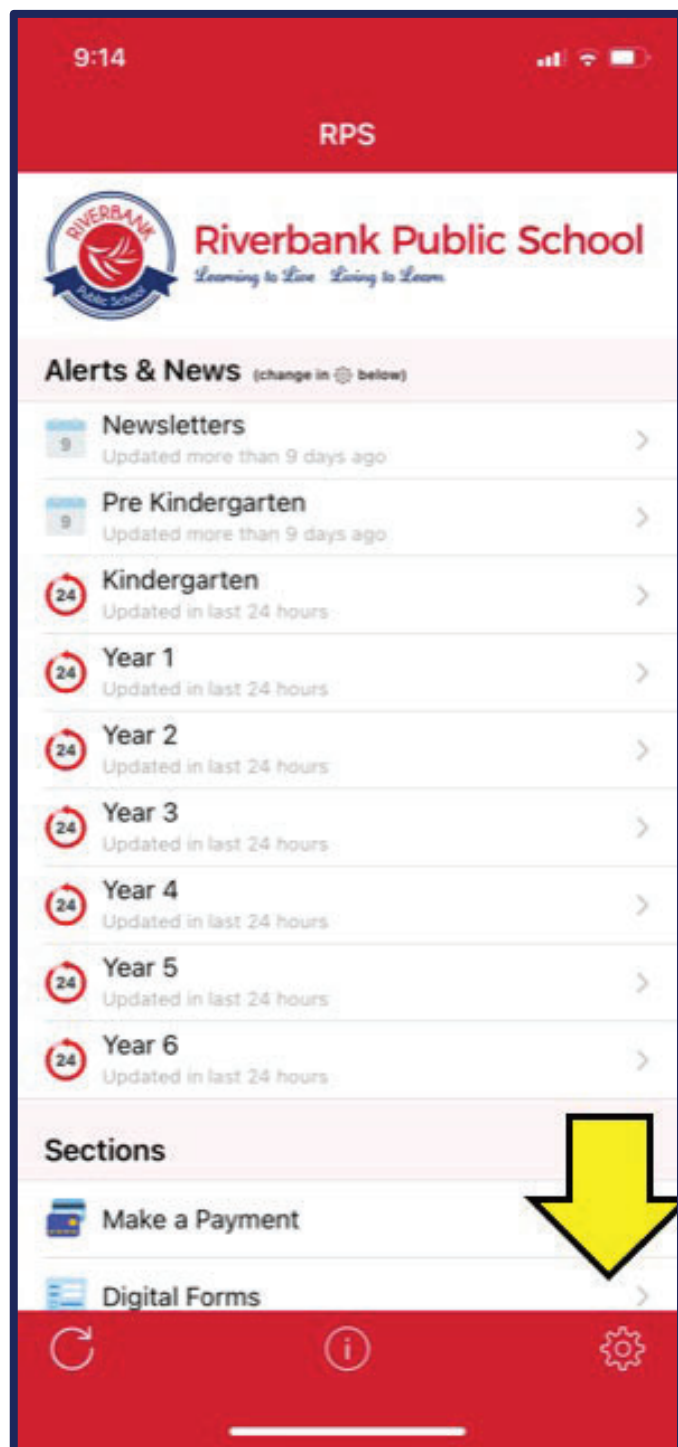
Over **2.5** years missed

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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 1 Week 6 Merit Awards recipients.

Class	Class
KB – Ameya, Aarush	KC – Daniel, Stuti
KD – Rishan, Ahana	KE – Reyansh, Kavya
KJL – Kamilla, Brody	KM – Milan, Shonelle
KME – Anishka, Connor	KN – Sofia, Asher
KP – Harriet, Brodie	KR – Michelle, Ivaan
KW – Amara, Noah	

Congratulations to our **Year 1** Term 1 Week 7 Merit Awards recipients

Class	Class
1A – Shanaya, Jayden	1C – Angelina, Shivaay
1E – Kiana, Samaya	1H – Anaisha, Arjun
1J – Avyukt, Mayra	1K – Husna, Param
1L – Mason, Alana	1N – Dean, Angeleen
1P – Anika, Vanshika	1S – Krisha, Aaren
1T – Angelina, Shaurya	

Congratulations to our **Year 2** Term 1 Week 6 Merit Awards recipients

Class	Class
2B – Reyansh, Amreen	2C – Udaijot, Shakti
2D – Chloe, Mahim	2J – Tanvi, Himesh
2LS – Mashal, Harley	2M – Jhaswin, Anika
2P – Ayaan, Presha	2R – Ishika, Tegh
2S – Pranshul, Kypher	2T – Aradhana, Shanaya
2V – Yuven, Sara	2W – Vansh, Will
1-5A – Sarah	

Congratulations to our Year 3 Term 1 Week 7 Merit Awards recipients

Class	Class
3A – Zoha, Ray	3B – Irene, Talhah
3D – Ansh, Kathy	3E - Nahla, Prarthan
3H – Cleo, Terrell	3J – Mackenzie, Zuhayr
3K – Aditi, Prehan	3M – Leora, Surveen
3N – Rihaan, Charvi	3S – Scarlett, Dhvit
3T - Hannah, Ibrahim	

Congratulations to our Year 4 Term 1 Week 6 Merit Awards recipients

Class	Class
4B – Evren, Sejaldeep, Nayle	4C – Tanush, Diyaa, Zainab
4D – Dilraj, Ariana, Suhani	4E – Ayaan, Prisha, Omaira
4I – Musa, Enaya, Rayan	4M – Mannat, Nameer, Ria
4O – Raghav, Dristi, Rutvik	4P – Neha, anna, Shaarav
4R – Rishaan, Asser, Hasya	4S – Jacinta, Yathin, Advik
4W – Jiya, Sargam, Ayush	

Congratulations to our Year 5 Term 1 Week 7 Merit Awards recipients

Class	Class
5C – Danishan, Janeet	5C – Danishan, Janeet
5D – Vivaan, Tori	5E – Byron, Smayan
5G – Yash, Aryaman	5J – Mina, Thimath
5K – Vedant, Aadhya	5K – Vedant, Aadhya
5M – Dhrish, Maliya	5R – Jackson, Heidi
5T – Aalok, Dhruti	5W – Sehes, Faithlyn

Congratulations to our Year 6 Term 1 Week 6 Merit Awards recipients

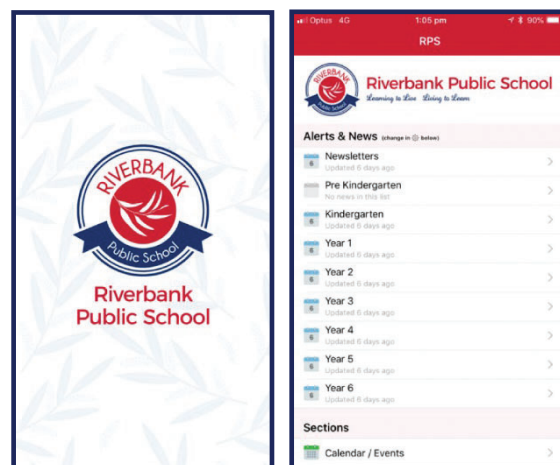
Class	Class
6A – Elesh, Arav	6B – Hrehaan, Indira
6C – Miguel, Pranshi	6D – Sattva, Suhana
6F – Kavya, Zaviar	6G – Jensarry, Dhyani
6J – Zack, Sia	6L – Pranav, Romaeca
6M – Shri, Hasan	6N – Varena, Prisha
6S - Zayan, Chloe	

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.

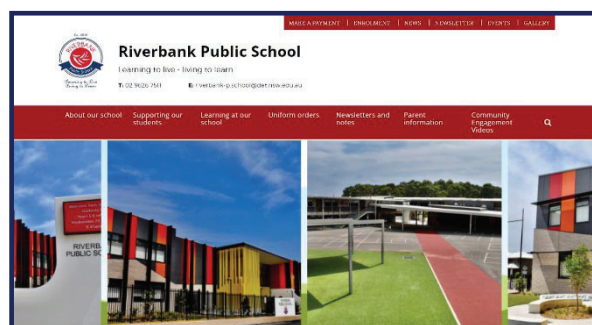
School Enews App

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.



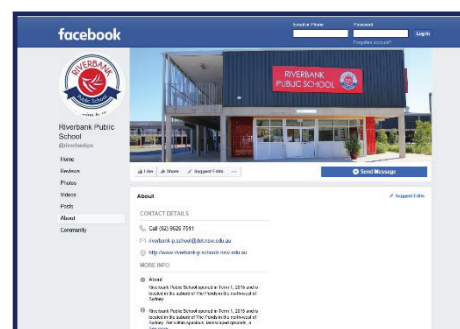
School Website

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](https://twitter.com/RiverbankPublic).



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.

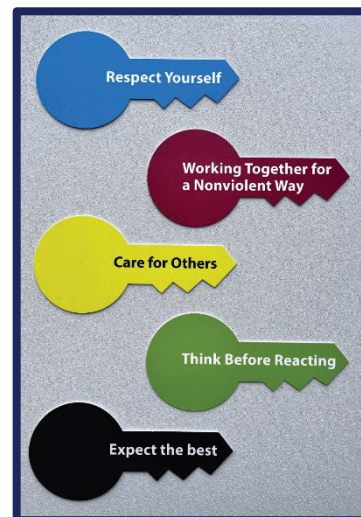
YELLOW KEY Care for Others

GREEN KEY Think Before Reacting

BLUE KEY Respect Yourself

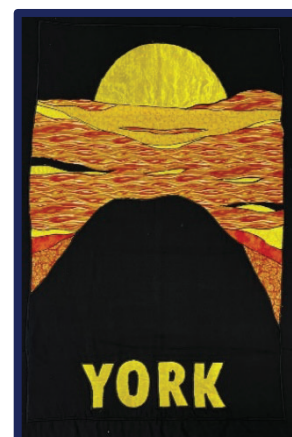
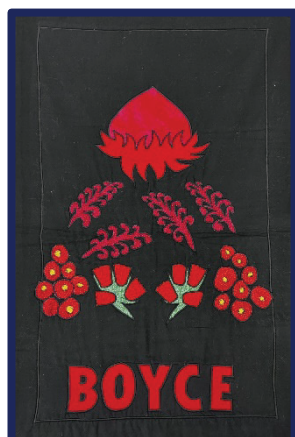
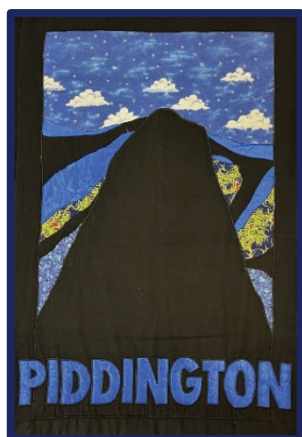
RED KEY Work Together for a Non-Violent Way

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)
TOMAH	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)

Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA)

Our Riverbank CAPA Groups have begun rehearsals this week and students have already shown a strong interest and dedication to their group. Kindergarten Dance groups will commence in week 8.

If your child was successful in making it into a CAPA group, their note will be available on School Bytes within the next week. The CAPA levy will also need to be paid along with the permission.

We are excited to showcase three of our Creative and Performing Art groups below.



Year 3 Dance Group Blue

Year 3 Dance Blue have jumped straight into rehearsing for the year with Miss Maher and Miss Matthews. We are excited to learn our new dance moves and perform them later in the year for the school community at our Captivate Concert.



Year 4 Dance Group Pink

Students in Year 4 Dance G Pink have enjoyed a fantastic start to the year with their first rehearsal with Miss Wade and Miss Hodgetts. The students will be dancing to a monster-themed song which will involve some spooky dance moves. We are very excited to continue to learn this dance and showcase it to an audience.



3-6 Dance Troupe

3-6 Dance Troupe have been keen to learn the lyrical jazz choreography to the quick tempo of 'I could get use to this' by Becky Hill. A buzz of excitement filled the air during weekly rehearsals as they refine their skills and challenge themselves with new techniques. The spectacular dancers can't wait to perform this year and display their awesome talent on stage.

Gemma Wade
CAPA Coordinator

Sport Update

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Congratulations to Oneth, Piper, Estella, Arnav, Deron and Ace for making it through to Sydney West Swimming Carnival. They will be representing Ridges on Friday 24th March at Sydney Olympic Park.

NSWPSSA Cricket Boys Knock Out Competition Round 2

On Thursday 9th March, as part of the NSWPSSA knockout cricket competition, Riverbank played North Kellyville Public School in the 2nd round. Our team was victorious in a well fought game. North Kellyville batted first and scored 4/110 off 25 overs while we followed by scoring 3-111 off 25 overs.

Anay led the batting attack by scoring 42 runs before retiring. He was supported by Aariz who scored 17 not out and Rayyan who scored 14. Arsh produced a strong bowling spell with figures of 1-14 off 5 overs and Aariz successfully closed out the first innings with his final over, conceding 0 runs and taking a wicket in an excellent display of bowling.

Ridges Summer PSSA

Summer PSSA continued last Friday 10th March.

Round 2 Results 10.03.23

NRL Tag: Jnrs L 8-9 Snrs L 2-9

Cricket: Jnrs L 74-81 Snrs L 65-115

T-Ball/Softball: Jnrs L 7- 8 Snrs L 4-20

Peter Lawrence
Sports Coordinator

Library Update

Library Prefects

Our Library Prefects are doing a tremendous job helping classes with their borrowing. They are also required to come once a week for training. This week they were busy putting stickers on books which belong in tubs. This makes it easier for students to locate popular authors.



Borrowing

We have such an amazing collection and do our very best to provide multiple copies of most books. Graphic novels (comics) continue to be a much sought after collection, especially in Years 5 & 6 and we now have a range of Manga books available after lots of requests.

Good friends Twinkle and Aalya in 5G love to borrow the same books so they can talk to each other about the books they are reading! Twinkle especially loves to borrow books by Jess Black as Jess visited the school last year as part of our Book Week celebrations.




Don't forget...Book Club

The next issue of Book Club is out and you can access the catalogue here: https://issuu.com/scholastic_australia/docs/bcn_2-23_issuu

Early Bird Orders have been submitted.

All other orders are due by 17/3



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Book Club

orders are due:

17th March

online payments via the Loop only

Library Staff

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 [Action Plan for Anaphylaxis](#) 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 [Action Plan For Allergic Reactions](#) 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 [Asthma Action Plan](#) is required. If the school does not have a current Asthma Action Plan, please have your child's doctor complete one immediately.

Lost Property

Our lost property tubs are located outside the staffroom and are checked daily by staff. Lost property which is labelled will be returned to students the following day.

Please ensure that all uniforms, lunchboxes, and water bottles are labelled with your child's name.



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

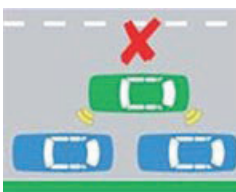


You must not stop on any footpath or nature strip, or even a driveway crossing a footpath or nature strip FOR ANY REASON.

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.

Term One	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT SUN
1					27 January SDD	28 +29 Jan
2	30 January SDD	31 January Years 1-6 Students return Kindergarten Best Start (half day)	1 February Kindergarten Best Start	2 February Kindergarten Best Start	3 February Kindergarten Best Start (half-day)	4 5 Feb
3	6 February Kindergarten First Day NAPLAN Practice Week	7 February RPS Swimming Carnival Safer Internet Day	8 February	9 February	10 February 8 Ways PL PSSA trials and School Sport	11 12 Feb
4 CAPA trials After School Activities commence	13 February My First Day Photos /New Students/Staff Portraits NAPLAN Practice Week Meet The Teacher Recordings	14 February Meet The Teacher 3-6 8:15-8:45am	15 February Meet The Teacher 1-2 8:15-8:45am First Day Scripture	16 February Year 6 Leaders Induction Assembly 9am	17 February 8 Ways PL PSSA trials and School Sport	18 Shivratri (Hindu) 19 Feb Welcome Picnic
5 CAPA trials	20 February NAPLAN Practice Week	21 February	22 February CPR PL 3-4pm Ash Wednesday	23 February Parent Workshop - Restorative Practice Framework	24 February Year 1 Assembly 9:45am Year 3 Assembly 12pm Year 5 Assembly 1:45pm Summer PSSA commences	25 26 Feb
6	27 February NAPLAN Practice Week	28 February	1 March Meet The Teacher Kindi 8:15-8:45am P & C Day P & C Meeting Parent Workshop - NAPLAN	2 March Parliament State – 11:15am Federal – 12:30pm	3 March Clean Up Australia Day Zone Swimming Kindergarten Assembly 9am Year 2 Assembly 9:45am Year 4 Assembly 12pm Year 6 Assembly 1:45pm	4 5 Mar
7	6 March NAPLAN Practice Week Parent Workshop – IT Year 7 High School Digital Forms link sent to parents	7 March National Young Leaders Day	8 March Parent Workshop – Educational Support 9am Holi (Hindu)	9 March High School Hall Booking 8:40-10:30	10 March PSSA Year 1 Assembly 9:45am Year 3 Assembly 12pm Year 5 Assembly 1:45pm	11 12 Mar
8	13 March NAPLAN Week	14 March Nanakshahi New Year Day (Sikh) Parent Workshop – Visible Learning	15 March NAPLAN DAY 1 - WRITING	16 March	17 March No Sport (NAPLAN) Kindergarten Assembly 9am Year 2 Assembly 9:45am Year 4 Assembly 12pm Year 6 Assembly 1:45pm	18 19 Mar
9	20 March NAPLAN Week National Close the Gap Day	21 March Harmony Day Persian New Year (Nowruz)	22 March	23 March Ramadan Starts	24 March National Ride 2 School Day Year 1 Assembly 9:45am Year 3 Assembly 12pm Year 5 Assembly 1:45pm Sydney West Swimming Sydney Dream and Lead Conference House Shirt Stall Parents submit Year 7 EOI by today	25 Earth Hour 26 Mar
10	27 March NAPLAN CATCH UPS K-6 Parent/Teacher/ Student Interviews Year 6 Leadership Camp	28 March K-6 Parent/Teacher/ Student Interviews Constable Bollard Stage 3 talk 9am Go Blue for Autism Day	29 March K-6 Parent/Teacher/ Student Interviews Constable Bollard Stage 2 talk 9am	30 March K-6 Parent/Teacher/ Student Interviews Parent Workshop – New Curriculum Parliament	31 March K-6 Parent/Teacher/ Student Interviews PSSA Kindergarten Assembly 9am Year 2 Assembly 9:45am Year 4 Assembly 12pm Year 6 Assembly 1:45pm House Shirt Stall	1 2 April
11	3 April 3-6 Cross Country 9-1pm Parent Workshop – Kindergarten Literacy and Numeracy	4 April K-Cross Country 9:00-9:30am at School 1-2-Cross Country 9:30-10:00am at Peel Reserve Stage 2 Incursion	5 April ANZAC Service 9:15am Stage 2 Incursion	6 April Year 6 Easter Egg Fundraiser K-2 Easter Hat Parade K- 9am; Yrs 1 & 2 – 9:45am	7 April Good Friday	8 9 April
Hols	10 April Easter Monday	11 April	12 April	13 April	14 April	15 16
Hols	17 April	18 April	19 April	20 April	21 April	22 Eid Al-Fitr

Scripture Stage 3

Term 2

Riverbank Public School

2023

Term Two	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT SUN
Week 1	24 April SDD	25 April Anzac Day	26 April	27 April Exec – Growth Coaching	28 April	29 30 Anril
2	1 May Year 5 Excursion – Hyde Park Barracks	2 May Year 5 Excursion – Hyde Park Barracks	3 May	4 May Selective High Schools Test Mother’s Day Stall	5 May Zone Cross Country Mother’s Day Breakfast Aspiring Leaders – Intro to Growth Coaching	6 7 May
3	8 May	9 May Parent Workshop – Stage 2/3 Literacy and Numeracy	10 May	11 May	12 May Winter PSSA Commences Aspiring Leaders – Intro to Growth Coaching	13 14 May
4	15 May Check-In Assessment Week (Years 4 & 6)	16 May Parent Workshop OC	17 May	18 May Parliament	19 May Walk Safely To School Day Year 2 Longneck Lagoon Excursion PSSA	20 21 May
5	22 May Tell Them From Me Survey TBC Check-In Assessment Week (Years 4 & 6) Year 2 Longneck Lagoon Excursion	23 May Parent Workshop - K-6 Data Informed Practice	24 May National Simultaneous Storytime P & C Meeting 6pm Year 2 Longneck Lagoon Excursion	25 May Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea High School Hall Booking 8:40-10:30	26 May National Sorry Day PSSA Year 2 Longneck Lagoon Excursion	27 28 May
6	29 May Check-In Assessment Week (Years 4 & 6) Reconciliation Week	30 May Parent Workshop – Collaborative Teaching Spaces	31 May	1 June Box Car Rally	2 June PSSA	3 Mabo Day 4 June
7	5 June Year 4 Excursion	6 June Year 4 Excursion	7 June	8 June Year 4 Excursion	9 June PSSA	10 11 June
8	12 June King’s Birthday Holiday	13 June Chess Challenge TBC	14 June Sydney West Cross Country Kindergarten (2024) Parent Information Session 6pm	15 June Circus Berserkus	16 June PSSA	17 18 June
9	19 June 3-6 Athletics Carnival @ Peel Reserve	20 June Year 1 Excursion	21 June VL Open Classrooms K- 6 – student goal sharing 8:15-8:45am Year 1 Excursion	22 June Parliament Kindergarten (2024) Parent Information Session 10am	23 June Last Round PSSA	24 25 June
10	26 June Reports Home	27 June K-2 Athletics Carnival	28 June Year 6 Camp - Canberra	29 June Year 6 Camp –Canberra EV Eid Al Adha	30 June Year 6 Camp - Canberra	1 2 July
Hols NAIDOC WEEK	3 July	4 July	5 July	6 July	7 July	8 9 July
Hols	10 July	11 July	12 July	13 July	14 July	15 16 July
Year 2 Sports in Schools – Tuesdays; Scripture Stage 2						

Term 3

Riverbank Public School

2023

Term Three	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/S UN
Week 1 NAIDOC WEEK	17 July SDD	18 July	19 July Stage 2 Spelling Bee Finals TBC Al Hijri (first day of Muharram) – Islamic New Year	20 July Stage 3 Spelling Bee Finals TBC	21 July Winter PSSA re-commences	22 23 July
2	24 July K-6 Class Photos, Individual Portraits & Leadership Photos	25 July	26 July	27 July OC Test	28 July 100 Days of Kindergarten PSSA National Tree Day	29 30 July
3 EDUCATION WEEK	31 July K-6 Class Photos, Individual Portraits & Leadership Photos	1 August Education Week K-2 Walking Art Show	2 August	3 August Education Week Yrs 3-6 Walking Art Show	4 August National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day Winter Sport Group Photos PSSA	5 6 Aug
4	7 August Year 1 Phonics Screening Check	8 August	9 August International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples	10 August	11 August Zone Athletics Carnival	12 13 Aug
5 Science Week	14 August Year 1 Phonics Screening Check	15 August	16 August P & C Meeting 6pm	17 August Parliament	18 August PSSA National Day of Action Against Bullying	19 20 Aug
6 BOOK WEEK	21 August Year 1 Phonics Screening Check	22 August K-2 Book Week Incursion Book Week Dress-Up	23 August	24 August High School Hall Booking 8:40-10:30	25 August Last day Winter PSSA	26 27 Aug
7	28 August Year 4 Camp	29 August Year 4 Camp	30 August Year 4 Camp	31 August HPAF Father's Day Stall	1 September Jersey Day Father's Day Breakfast Wattle Day	2 3 Sept
8 Lit & Num Week TBC	4 September Year 6 Check-In Assessment Week	5 September	6 September Indigenous Literacy Day	7 September Year 6 Field of Mars Excursion	8 September Summer PSSA re-commences	9 10 Sept
9	11 September Year 6 Check-In Assessment Week	12 September Year 6 Field of Mars Excursion	13 September CAPTIVATE	14 September Year 6 Field of Mars Excursion	15 September Footy Colours Day Last day summer PSSA	16 17 Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year) Sept
10	18 September Year 5 Camp – Great Aussie Bush Camp Year 6 Check-In Assessment Week	19 September Year 5 Camp – Great Aussie Bush Camp	20 September Year 5 Camp – Great Aussie Bush Camp	21 September Parliament	22 September Colour Fun Run	23 24 Sept
Hols	25 September	26 September	27 September	28 September	29 September	30 1 Oct
Hols	2 October Public Holiday	3 October	4 October	5 October	6 October	7 8 Oct

Year 1 Sports in Schools – Tuesdays; Scripture Stage 1

Term Four	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
Week 1	9 October Check-In Assessment Week (Years 3-5)	10 October	11 October Crazy Sock Day	12 October Sydney West Athletics	13 October Summer Sport Group Photos Summer PSSA recommences	14 15 Oct Navratri begins (Hindu)
2	16 October Whole School Photos & Year 6 Photo (Drone) Check-In Assessment Week (Years 3-5)	17 October	18 October SUDDOS Information Session	19 October	20 October PSSA	21 22 Oct
3	23 October Check-In Assessment Week (Years 3-5)	24 October	25 October K-2 Halloween Disco	26 October 3-6 Halloween Disco	27 October World Teacher's Day PSSA	28 29 Oct
4	30 October Grandparents and Friends Day TBC Kindergarten Parents' Document Submission	31 October Kindergarten Parents' Document Submission	1 November Kindergarten Parents' Document Submission	2 November Kindergarten Parents' Document Submission	3 November Kindergarten Parents' Document Submission PSSA	4 5 Nov
5	6 November Kindergarten Parents' Document Submission National Recycling Week	7 November Kindergarten Parents' Document Submission	8 November Kindergarten Parents' Document Submission P & C Meeting 6pm	9 November 2024 Kindergarten Transition (Parents and students) 10-11am Parliament	10 November Remembrance Day Assembly PSSA	11 12 Nov Diwali (Hindu)
6	13 November 2024 Kindergarten Transition (students only) 10-11am	14 November 2024 Kindergarten Transition (students only) 10-11am	15 November 2024 Kindergarten Transition (students only) 10-11am TBC	16 November 2024 Kindergarten Transition (students only) 10-11am	17 November Last day PSSA	18 19 Nov
7	20 November Year 6 Art on Canvas	21 November Year 6 Art on Canvas	22 November Year 6 Art on Canvas	23 November	24 November Schools Spectacular	25 + 26 Nov Schools Spectacular
8	27 November	28 November Year 7 High School Orientation Day	29 November Hoops Fundraiser	30 November Hoops Fundraiser	1 December	2, 3 Dec First Sunday of Advent
9	4 December Excellence Assemblies After School Activities conclude this week	5 December Open Classrooms K- 6 – student goal sharing 8:15-8:45am	6 December Excellence Assemblies	7 December Year 6 Dinner – Windsor Function Centre	8 December	9 10 Dec
10	11 December Reports Home	12 December	13 December	14 December Teacher Appreciation Breakfast (P & C)	15 December Year 6 Graduation Assembly 1:00pm	16 17 Dec
11	18 December SDD	19 December SDD	20 December	21 December	22 December	23 24 Dec
Hols	25 December	26 December	27 December	28 December	29 December	30 31

Kindergarten Sports in Schools – Tuesdays;

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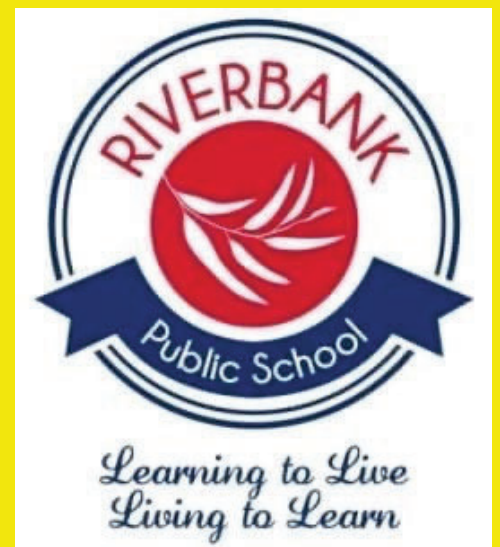
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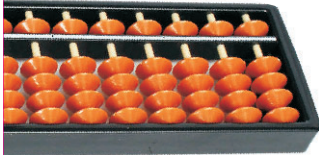
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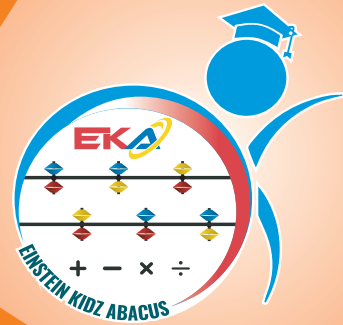
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William Clarke College

Language Class: Monday &

Wednesday

Time: 3.00-5.30pm

Riverbank PS

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Language Class: Friday

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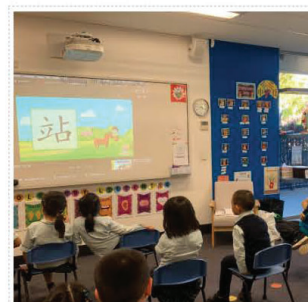
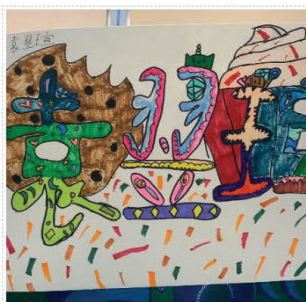
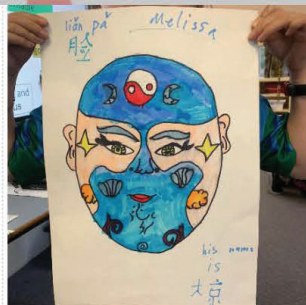
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Autumn

Vacation Care Program 2023

RIVERBANK PUBLIC SCHOOL

WEEK ONE

Monday
10th April

**PUBLIC
HOLIDAY**

Tuesday
11th April

**EASTER
EXTRAVAGANZA**

Hop-on-in
as we celebrate
Easter with lots of
egg-citing
activities, games,
and experiences!

Wednesday
12th April

**SPACE
ADVENTURES**

Join us on an
intergalactic
adventure as we lift
off and explore space
through out of this
world activities
and cosmic treats!

Thursday
13th April

**A TRIP TO
SYDNEY ZOO**

Excursion Location:
Sydney Zoo

**Additional Cost: \$25 +
Permission Form
Required**

Alternative Incursion:
**GIANT MOVIE
EXTRAVAGANZA**

Additional Cost: \$15

Friday
14th April

**STEM
EXPLORATION DAY**

Come explore the
wonders of STEM
as we whip up some
wild experiments,
tinker and create
gadgets and
unleash your inner
Einstein!

*Services will be closed on all Public Holidays and Weekends

*School Returns on Wednesday 26th after ANZAC Day.

To Book

Email: bookings@nwcc.com.au

Visit: NWCC.COM.AU

Autumn

Vacation Care Program 2023

RIVERBANK PUBLIC SCHOOL

WEEK TWO

Monday

17th April

COMIC-CON DAY

Dress us as your favourite superhero and join us for an epic adventure through action-packed games, activities, and experiences!

Tuesday

18th April

PYJAMA/MOVIE DAY

Put on your comfiest PJ's and come along for a fun filled movie and pyjama day!

Don't hit snooze on all the activities, games and snacks we have in store!

Wednesday

19th April

WACKY SPORTS DAY

This isn't your typical sports day, get ready to challenge yourself with some weird and wacky sports activities, test your skills and have a laugh!

Thursday

20th April

WORLD HERITAGE DAY

Get ready for a global exploration as we celebrate the customs of different cultures from all around the world!

Friday

21st April

HEALTHY BODIES

Join us as we learn all about staying healthy with Camp Quality's Cancer Education experience!

Additional Cost: \$15 +
Permission Form
Required

Monday

24th April

CARNIVAL DAY

Join the fun at our very own Carnival.

You're going to have a blast as we enjoy carnival games, activities and yummy treats!

WEEK THREE

*Services will be closed on all Public Holidays and Weekends

*School Returns on Wednesday 26th after ANZAC Day.

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Autumn

Vacation Care Program 2023

RIVERBANK

DATES OF OPERATION

11th April – 24th April

(Excluding all public holidays and weekends)

OPERATING HOURS

7.00am to 6.00pm

SERVICE CONTACT

0499 551 108

LOCATION

25 Wentworth Street, The
Ponds NSW 2769

MEALS

Breakfast, Morning Tea, and
Afternoon Tea are provided.

Please Note

NWCC has a responsibility to prioritise the care of children from our current OSHC services. However, where positions are available, children from other schools will be permitted to attend where:

1. Your child is enrolled, and all requested paperwork is supplied and complete.
2. Any medical information requested is supplied in advance and is current. (Including medication)
3. Our staff are respected, and the parent code of conduct is agreed to and adhered to (Refer to the Family Handbook)

How to Make a Booking:

- Vacation Care Bookings are casual and can be made through the [My Family Lounge](#) online portal or via the My Family Lounge App. The calendar will turn purple for the day you have made a booking.
- The online booking portal will be locked prior to the commencement of the holiday program at 9am Monday 27th March 2023. Bookings after this date need to be made via email to bookings@nwcc.com.au and are subject to availability.

Cancellation Policy:

- Requests to cancel or swap Vacation Care bookings are not permitted after 9am Monday 27th March 2023.

Excursion:

- Please refer to the daily programs for more details on our planned excursions. Excursion places are limited.
- Please complete the appropriate permission note before the excursion date, or they cannot attend.

Fees:

- \$55 per day per child
- Late fees will apply to late pick up. The fee is \$10.00 for the first minute, and \$2.00 per minute thereafter.
- Some programmed days will also incur an additional incursion or excursion fee per child. Please refer to the program for these costs.
- Fees will be charged and are payable via Direct Debit from a nominated Bank Account (Fee Free) or Credit Card (plus applicable merchant fees).
- Please note that CCS will be applied to your bookings based upon your personal circumstances and is only applicable to a maximum of 100 hours of care per fortnight.

What to bring:

- Lunch – the service is NUT AWARE.
Please ensure your child's lunch is nut free.
Drink bottles of water
A wide brimmed or legionnaires hat and suitable sun safe clothing
Enclosed shoes

Reminders:

- Please ask your children not to bring any valuables or electronics to care unless it is a designated day.
NWCC are not responsible for damage to any valuables.

SCHOOL ZONE OFFENCES

WHAT ARE YOU RISKING? *



Children are small, harder to see, behave unpredictably and are extremely vulnerable. They need **YOU** to take extra care when driving and parking around school zones.



NO PARKING

No waiting. You have **2 minutes** to drop-off or pick-up.

You must stay within **3 metres** of your vehicle.

PENALTIES FROM
\$ 194
+2 DEMERIT POINTS



NO STOPPING

You must **not stop** on a length of road with a **no stopping** sign.

The first **10 metres** from an **intersection** is a no stopping zone.
Yellow kerb lines are also a No Stopping zone.

PENALTIES FROM
\$ 349
+2 DEMERIT POINTS



BUS ZONE

Only a public bus can stop in a bus zone.

PENALTIES FROM
\$ 349
+2 DEMERIT POINTS



MOBILE PHONES

Extra fines apply for using a mobile phone in a school zone.

PENALTIES FROM
\$ 464
+5 DEMERIT POINTS

May be subject to Double Demerits

PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

1. In a queue of traffic, **no part of your vehicle can stop** on a pedestrian crossing.
2. Do not let **your child in or out of a vehicle** at a pedestrian crossing as this is a No Stopping zone.

PENALTIES FROM
\$ 464
+2 DEMERIT POINTS

DRIVEWAYS & FOOTPATHS

Do not park on or across a driveway or footpath.

PENALTIES FROM
\$ 344
+2 DEMERIT POINTS

U TURNS

U turns are **illegal** on or near a **pedestrian crossing** and across a **double white line**.

PENALTIES FROM
\$ 349
+3 DEMERIT POINTS

DOUBLE PARKING

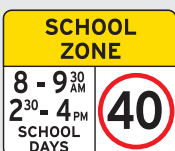
Double parking is illegal and is very dangerous in a school zone.

PENALTIES FROM
\$ 349
+2 DEMERIT POINTS

*Fines current as of 11 November 2020.

Fines and demerit points are subject to change. For more information check out the NSW Centre for Road Safety website.

SPEEDING OFFENCES



40km/h is the limit.

Children are vulnerable, so slow down in school zones.

PENALTIES FROM
\$ 200
+2 DEMERIT POINTS

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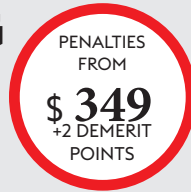
SCHOOL ZONE OFFENCES

WHAT ARE YOU RISKING?



NO STOPPING

You must **not stop** on a length of road with a **no stopping** sign.



NO PARKING

2 minutes to drop-off or pick-up, stay within **3 metres** of vehicle.



BUS ZONE

Only a public bus can stop in a designated bus zone.



Help keep our children **safe**

