## Important Calendar Dates

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PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

I would like to congratulate Mrs Dawkins on the wonderful arrival of Jack Oliver Dawkins last Saturday. We are all looking forward to meeting little Jack very soon.

Swimming Carnival
We had a great day at the swimming carnival! It was a marvellous day of competition with everyone having a go. Congratulations to those students who placed in each event and who will be going on to the zone carnival. Thank you also to the many parents who assisted, it was much appreciated. I would also like to acknowledge the work of Mrs Hannigan and Mr Trovato and their team for coordinating such a successful event. Congratulations to our 29 students representing Riverbank PS at the Ridges Swimming Carnival this Friday 4 March.

Tell Them Form Surveys
I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices. More information about the survey is available http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents

The survey is a great opportunity for our students in Years 4-6 to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school. The survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 14 March and 8 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, and a consent form is being sent home with students – if you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the consent form to school by Friday 4 March. A set of frequently asked questions (FAQs) and copies of the consent form, including translated consent forms, are available from the website provided.
**Attendance and Travel**

Due to changes to the Department’s Attendance Policy, from the beginning of 2015 family holidays and travel are no longer considered under the Exemption from School Procedures. Travel outside of school holiday periods is now counted as an absence. Parents are requested to visit the school office prior to travel to consult with the principal and to fill in an ‘Application for Certificate of Extended Leave – Travel’. Travel is considered to be domestic or international travel for the purpose of a family holiday, family business, bereavement or other reasons, and should be specified on the application. Educational, social and participation reasons should be specified on the application. Please include travel documentation, such as travel itinerary or e-ticket, with the application. Where a principal considers that the travel is appropriate during school term, a ‘Certificate of Extended Leave – Travel’ will be issued. Please note that the absences will be recorded as “L” – Leave. Whilst I understand that travel during the school term is occasionally unavoidable, I encourage you to take holidays during school vacation periods whenever possible.

**Scripture Classes**

Scripture classes will commence Wednesday 2 March, with students in K-2 attending classes between 2pm - 2.30pm and students in Years 3-6 attending classes between 2:30pm and 3.00pm. Parents/caregivers in government schools have the right to have their children receive instruction in their preferred religious persuasion, where authorised teachers of that persuasion are available. At RPS this year classes will be provided for Christian (Catholic), Christian, Hindu, Muslim and Sikh. Students will attend the groups based on the information provided on their enrolment forms or the group they attended last year. Students who do not attend scripture classes will be supervised by teachers in a non-scripture group. If you have any concerns about the scripture group your child attends please write a note to the class teacher in the first instance.
Sun Shade Policy
Approaches to support the planning and implementation of comprehensive sun safety at Riverbank Public School include:

- No Hat No Play
- Sunscreen is provided in all classrooms
- Temperatures above 35 degrees students remain indoors during recess and lunch
- K-2 and 3-6 have separate lunch times allowing students to have greater access to shade
- Sporting activities are cancelled
- Students eat recess under the covered outdoor learning area near the hall
- Students eat lunch in or outside their classrooms
- 70% of classrooms upstairs have had portable air conditioning units installed this week with four more units to be delivered shortly. Those classrooms upstairs who have not received their portable air conditioners will be buddied with a class in a fully air-conditioned demountable from 1.15pm to 3pm.

Anaphylaxis Update
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 a number of 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. Our canteen does not sell nut-based products and will be offering gluten and dairy free products. 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.

Have a wonderful fortnight
Jeanie Brown
Principal
Kindergarten Corner

Thank you Kindergarten families for assisting your child to develop independence at school. Morning lines are a busy place, however we encourage you to say goodbye to your child and allow them to find their own class line. The children have been doing a wonderful job finding their class line after recess and lunch, so please assist the children by moving away from the Kindergarten lines in the mornings.

The Kindergarten classes were very enthusiastic about their first taste of homework and home reading. Homework shouldn’t be a stressful time for your child or family life, so please come and see your child’s teacher if you have any concerns.

The children have been very interested in buying from the school canteen, but we have reminded them that they are only to buy food for themselves and not given anyone their money. The children can go to the teacher on duty if they need help. Please encourage your child to keep their money in a small wallet or purse in their bag, so that it is not a distraction during class time.

Mrs Jessica Gibbs
Assistant Principal- Early Stage 1

TEACHERS CARPARK

There have been many parents using the teacher’s carpark to drop their children off and pick them up in the afternoon. I would like to remind everyone that the carpark is for the specific use of teachers and students who have a disability. There should be no traffic going in and out of the carpark after 8am in the morning and before 3:30pm in the afternoon. Your help with this will be much appreciated.
Important information for parents

The Department of Education recognises that some families will be subject to family breakdown. In the absence of any notification to the contrary, it will be assumed that both parents retain a shared and equal parental responsibility for their children and have been involved in making any decisions regarding their children’s education. This means that the school will recognise that each parent has equal duties, obligations, responsibilities and opportunities in relation to matters involving the school.

If any changes occur in your family relationships which have the potential to impact on the relationship between the school and your family, you are required to advise the school immediately. This includes providing copies of any court orders that may be obtained.

Congratulations to our Week 5 K-2 Merit Awards recipients…….

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RPS Sport Update

School Swimming Carnival

Our School Swimming Carnival was held on Monday 22nd February at Riverstone Swimming Centre for Years 3-6 and competing 8 year olds from Year 2. We are very proud of the determination and sportsmanship our students exhibited. The house spirit and enthusiasm from all students went a long way to making the carnival a success.

Place ribbons will be given out at our Week 8 Primary Assembly, Friday 18th March from 1:30pm. The top 3 fastest heat times determined the place ribbons. The winning house will also be announced during this assembly.

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Congratulations to all competitors and supporting students. We wish our students who have made it through to the Ridges Swimming Carnival on Friday 4 March the very best and we know they will make our Riverbank community very proud.

A huge thank you to all the staff for their efforts and to our parent helpers who assisted with the smooth running of the day.

Mr S Trovato and Mrs A Hannigan
Swimming Carnival Organisers
Ridges Teams

Arvin S (5/6T) and Armaan S (5/6K) were selected to attend the Ridges Opens Boys Cricket trials recently. Congratulations to Arvin S who was selected in the team. Well done two both students for their efforts.

Kaya A (3/4O) and Rory B (5/6K) recently attend the trials for the Ridges Boys Soccer trials. They have both made it to the second round of trials to be held on Monday 7 March. We wish them both the best.

All the best to Cameron Z (5/6R), Blake C (5/6T), Lachlan P (5/6K) and Xander F (5/6T) for the Ridges Rugby League trials on Thursday 25 February.

Mrs A Hannigan

Sports Organiser
PSSA Team Results:

Week 3

T-ball
Riverbank PS vs John Palmer PS
Our junior team was in high spirits taking the field and this confidence paid off. One win from one game, excellent result!
Win 11-8 Team Player – Tamara Best and Fairest – Tanisha

Softball
Riverbank PS vs John Palmer PS
The softballers were keen with many new to the game. We started off scoring 3 runs in the first innings and followed it up with 6 more in the second. Unfortunately, we lost the overall game. It was a great learning experience.
Lost 9-13 Team Player – Jasnoor Best and Fairest – Priya

Cricket
Riverbank PS vs Kellyville Ridge PS
Juniors
A fantastic first match for the junior boys who fought valiantly against the mighty Kellyville Ridge. They proved to be better on the day, but watch out for the next game.
Team Player – Anthony Best and Fairest – Jagan

Seniors
Another great game where the score did not depict the scene. Unfortunately, the seniors could not muster enough runs this time. A great effort boys and better luck next time.
Team Player – Arvin Best and Fairest – Krish

AFL
Juniors
Riverbank PS vs Ironbark Ridge PS
We have many new juniors in our team and they are learning the skills of AFL. Congratulations on playing so well in your first game.
LOST – 9-16 Team Player – Cameron Best and Fairest – Sahil
Seniors
Down 19-0 in the first third, the senior team made a determined effort and almost overcame their fierce opponents. I’d say if the game had continued for 5 more minutes the seniors would have won. This was an outstanding game. Well done seniors!

Week 4
T-Ball – BYE
Softball – BYE
Cricket – BYE

AFL
Riverbank PS vs John Palmer PS
Juniors
We played a much better team in John Palmer. Our juniors tried very hard and their skills are developing every week. Keep trying hard!
Lost 0-27 Team Player – Imran Best and Fairest – Cameron

Seniors
The game was a close won but the opposition had a few key players who towered over the Riverbank students. Next round we hope to close the gap with John Palmer.
Lost 7-32 Team Player – Jasnoor Best and Fairest – Priya

CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS
This fortnight students at Riverbank have been busily auditioning for the range of creative and performing arts groups that we have for 2016. We have had an overwhelming amount of interest for each group and the students have been very talented!

The coordinating teachers of each group are working to finalise the lists for each group, and the students should find out shortly. An information note will be sent home for students who have been selected for each group, to let parents and families know about rehearsal days, times and information about costumes. If there are any parents or caregivers that are skilful in costume making or are looking to help out, please come and let one of the teachers know.
All groups will begin rehearsing in the next week, and we look forward to performing in the near future.

Miss A. Edwards
Performing and Creative Arts Coordinator

Our Whole School Philosophy

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.
This is how we Learn and Live!

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Our Help Increase the Peace (HIP) Keys – School Rules:

Our school rules 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.

Scripture

Scripture at Riverbank Public School will begin on Wednesday, 2\textsuperscript{nd} March, 2016.

We have catered for the growing numbers and we now have additional Scripture classes running where needed. Students have been placed in the Scripture groups nominated by their parents.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries or concerns.

Best regards,

Sanjukta Banerji
Scripture Coordinator
Our Science lesson at Ponds High School

Today 5/6 B had a wonderful Science lesson in the Ponds High School Chemistry laboratory with Mr Lawton. Mrs Banerji was with us, too.

To start off, Mr Lawton introduced us to some basic lab equipment and taught us the safety rules. He then demonstrated how to light a Bunsen burner.

We had to wear protective glasses when we went into the lab. Everyone had a go at lighting Bunsen burners with match sticks. Then Mr Lawton introduced us to our first experiment. We worked with test tubes and pipettes.

A solution formed after boiling red cabbage in water was cooled and kept aside. To this we added water. The water turned a light purple! Mr Lawton then directed us to add a few drops of sodium hydroxide to the red cabbage solution to create a green colour. In the last experiment we combined a few drops of diluted hydrochloric acid to the red cabbage solution and it turned red. We also mixed liquids in the red test tube and the green test tube to make a pink solution. It was all amazing!

Finally, Mr Lawton showed us how magnesium wire dissolved in the pink acid.

5/6 B had a lot of fun and are eager to go again.

Students of 5/6 B
Winter Uniform Sale

The uniform shop will be open for trying on and sale of the winter uniform in the school holidays on Monday 12 April from 9am to 3pm.

Alternatively you can pre-order and pick-up on that day from the school hall or Tuesday 26 April (Pupil Free Day) from the school’s front office. Simply fill in an order form together with payment details or cash and place in the uniform letterbox in the foyer.

Order forms are available on the school’s website (www.riverbank-p.schools.nsw.edu.au) or from the office.

For our new families the winter uniform consists of –
Girls - long sleeve white blouse, tunic and red tie
Boys - white short sleeve shirt, trousers and red ties only for years 5 and 6.
Unisex sloppy joe and zip jacket
Sports uniform includes trackpants & microfibre jackets.

DID YOU KNOW???

Under the Companion Animals Act 1998 No 87 (14.1.e), dogs are prohibited in school grounds, (whether or not they are leashed or otherwise controlled).

For the safety of all students, toddlers, babies and adults, please do not bring dogs into the school grounds, even on leashes. Some children have a genuine fear and it can be quite distressing for them as well as for parents, particularly those with very young children. Thank you for your support in this matter.
Play rugby with the Junior Renegades in 2016

Boys & Girls wanted for

*minis - u6s & u7s (no tackling)
*Juniors - u8s - u17s

Contact Karen 0422 925 461
juniorrugby.renegades@gmail.com
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Important Dates & Information

Book Club
• Issue 2 of Book Club is due to be distributed to students in the next coming week.
• Any parents who are interested in coordinating Book Club for our school please see Ms Whelan in the library or contact the school. If we have a small team of parents willing to assist then the job can be spread out across the year.

Borrowing
• Students in stages 1 – 3 have now commenced borrowing. All students require a library bag to be able to borrow books. Remember to return your book each week.
• Kindergarten students will commence borrowing next term.

Book Covering
• Working bees to cover books will commence in Week 4 on the 17th February, running from 9-11am, in the library. PLEASE NOTE the CHANGE OF DAY – it is now on a WEDNESDAY, rather than a Friday.
• Some books are able to be taken home to cover. If you wish to assist us by doing this, please see Ms Whelan in the library or leave your contact details with the office.

MISSING MONSTER!
Our lovable friend Mono has not returned from his last visit to someone’s home. If you were in Kindergarten last year and you know where he might be, please bring him home to the library.

Thank you!
IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL STUDENTS AND PARENTS.

Student Department of Education (DoE) User Accounts

All NSW DoE students are issued with credentials to enable them access to specific DoE applications (e.g. the school network, student portal, Premier’s Reading Challenge etc). Their username is allocated to them upon enrolment and a password is also issued. Your child’s username will never change from year to year but their password will always be reset at the beginning of each school year. Your child is able to change their own password if they wish, however we do recommend that they don’t do this until they reach Stage 3, for ease of use.

Each class teacher now has a copy of this information and should pass this on to your child. If you have any queries regarding this, please see your child’s class teacher. If they are unable to help you, please feel free to see me in the library or contact me via the school office.

The next page provides more detailed information on how students can access their portal page “Kidspace“.
How to access your student portal page

- Open your internet browser and search Google for “nsw student portal” (Click on the first link) OR type https://student.det.nsw.edu.au into the address bar.
- The result should look like this:

- Enter your DoE username and password and log in. This window should now appear-

- Click ‘I Agree’ and this is the next page you should see-
What a wonderful meeting on the 24th February with many new members joining. It was lovely see new faces.

Below is a list of P&C Members.

If you are interested in contacting them please contact us through the following email address.

riverbankpandc@gmail.com

We are more than happy to assist you in any ways.

- Lesley Parsons – President
- Belinda Turkmani -Vice President
- Treasurer – Raveen Nand
- Secretary – Kristy Mcguiness
- Event Manager- Jodi Brodie
- Traffic – John Smith
- High school Rep – Carrie Partridge
- 2nd Hand Uniform – Kate Mcpherson
- Air Conditioner Coordinator – Karen Lambert Mitchell
- School Planning Coordinator – Cindy Wright
- General Committee
  - Joanne Ellingham
  - Rachel Scott
  - Darshal Lal.

Please note our AGM will be in May where positions will be vacated and re advised prior to the meeting.

Volunteers are needed in many ways. We have many events through the year. Upcoming is Easter and Mother’s day. Please fill out the attached form and give to teacher or P&C Letter box.

Many new families that have not experience NSW Education before may not be aware of what a P&C is. Below is a brief outline of what we are all about.

**What is a P&C?**

The Federation of Parents and Citizens Associations of New South Wales is commonly known as “P&C Federation”.

P&C Federation was established in 1922 and was incorporated in 1976 by an Act of the New South Wales Parliament.

We are committed to a free public education system which is open to all people irrespective of culture, gender, academic ability and socio-economic class.

We believe that students should be empowered to be contributing members of society.

We are committed to parents and carers and citizens being partners in the education process.

We work closely with the Department of Education and Communities and other educational stakeholder groups.

We represent the voice of parents through councillors and delegates.

We provide a range of services including public liability cover and insurances, resources and assistance to P&C Associations.

We welcome membership from parents and citizens associations in NSW public schools.

**Where does the money go that is raised thought out the year?**

The money that is raised from the P&C goes back into the school.

**How do we decided on what we want the money to be spent on?**

The financial members of the P&C.

**How do I become a financial member?**

By downloading the form on the schools website under parents and community.
The cost is $1.00 and membership is for 1 year. Membership ends for this year on the 24th May 2016.

Shouldn’t our school fees pay for all of this?

That has been a question that many of us ask. Why do we need to raise more money for our education when we pay taxes and school fees? Unfortunately that question remains still unanswered today as why Education needs more money from tax payers to better build and resource our schools.

Why a P&C Levy then?

That is why we have created a P&C Levy of $40.00 per year. To reduce the need for further fundraising and also support the further needs and goals of Riverbank Public School, such as the extension of the cola, air conditioning and further shade. But these are only small steps to achieve these goals.

How can I help?

In many ways. We all volunteer our time within the P&C and everyone has different skills. And that’s what we need. Skills that are vast and varied to obtain our goals and have a successful P&C. Any further questions please don’t hesitate to contact the P&C Via our email riverbankpandc@gmail.com

Lesley Parsons P&C President

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NAB

Just a reminder that Nab has program – The Inducer Program. If you are needing to re finance or are thinking of a new loan. Please consider NAB. Pop into NAB at Rouse Hill and mention, Riverbank P&C as referred you. By doing this and taking up a loan or re financing an existing loan. A % of that loan will be given to as. Please contact NAB with any further inquiries.

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Nitin Shukla
Branch Manager
Rouse Hill Branch
Hills District Lam | National Australia Bank Limited
Shop GR052, Rouse Hill Town Centre, Cnr Main Street & Civic Way, Rouse Hill, NSW, 2155Office: +61 2 02 9839 2497 Fax: +61 2 02 8824 7858 nitin.shukla@nab.com.au

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Second Hand Uniform Shop
We now have a 2nd hand uniform shop! We also have a FB group called RIVERBANK PUBLIC SCHOOL 2nd HAND UNIFORM SHOP.

Please join to be kept up to date with what we have in stock. If you have any items you would like to donate please contact me or drop to front office. All proceeds support Riverbank Public School P&C

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Dates to remember for P&C

Term 1
24th February 2016 @ 7pm school staff room
23rd March 2016 @ 7pm School Staff room

Term 2
April No meeting
25th May AGM @ 7pm School staff room
22nd June 2016 @ 7pmSchool staff room

Term 3
27th July 2016@7pm School staff room
24th August 2016@ school staff room
September no Meeting School Holidays

Term 4
26th October 2016 @ 7pm school Hoidays
23rd November 2016 @ 7pm School staff room
Good Morning Parents and Carers.

Volunteering is an important aspect of our P&C Association. Help will be needed for events and other activities held throughout this year. In preparation for these activities if interested, please fill out the form below and we will contact you when the need arises.

Please indicate your preferences below

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Email

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Eldest Child’s Name

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Class

Thank you for your support in anticipation.

Please return to your class Teacher by Friday 6th March 2016.

*Please note: This information is for the purpose of P&C only and will be destroyed upon completion.*

Thank you Lesley Parsons

President Riverbank Public School  [P&Criverbankpandc@gmail.com](mailto:P&Criverbankpandc@gmail.com)
Where: Fitness Lab
When: Every Tuesday 3.30pm-6.00pm

The Ponds Timetable

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I would like to welcome everyone back to school and to the new students starting at Riverbank Public School in 2016.

On behalf of the P & C Traffic Committee I would like to thank everyone for their efforts in 2015 to make the area surrounding Riverbank Public School a safe place for their children to travel to and from school. I hope that this year can be as successful as last year.

I have attached the most common signs you will see in and around Riverbank Public School with their explanations and infringements. These signs are designed to make the area safe for your children.

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**Double Parking**

You are **NOT PERMITTED** to stop or park your vehicle alongside another vehicle that is already parked parallel to the kerb.

Penalty $311 + 2 Demerit Points

Also a reminder that vehicles parking near an intersection without traffic lights are required to park at least 10 metres from the intersection as in the diagram below, unless sign posted otherwise.

![Intersection Diagram](image)

If you are unsure about any New South Wales traffic legislation feel free to log onto the RMS website at [www.rms.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au).

Alternatively, you may email the P and C Traffic Committee at riverbankpandc@gmail.com, and I will answer your concerns.

Regards

Traffic Committee Co-ordinator
25th February 2016

SCHOOL BUS 6535 - PM SERVICE
THE PONDS HIGH SCHOOL
RIVERBANK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Students,

Commencing Monday 7th March 2016 there will be a change to School Bus 6535.

School Bus 6535 will depart The Ponds High School at 3:08pm (22 minutes earlier).

The are no changes to directions of the service.

For further information please contact Busways Customer Service on 9497 1870 or 9497 1887
Alternatively visit our website at www.busways.com.au

Yours sincerely,

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Fact sheet: The School Opal card

Who's eligible?
To be eligible for a School Opal card, students need to be NSW residents and may need to live a minimum distance away from their school:
- Years K-2 (Infants) there's no minimum distance.
- Years 3-6 (Primary) 1.6km straight line distance or 2.3km walking or further.
- Years 7-12 (Secondary) 2.0km straight line distance or 2.9km walking or further.

Students completing secondary studies at TAFE, boarding school students and students temporarily in Australia may also be eligible for a School Opal card. The eligibility criteria for these students is available at transportnsw.info/school-students.

A School Opal card is provided to eligible students who need to travel within the Opal network. Paper travel passes are issued to eligible students who need to travel outside the Opal network.

Who needs to apply?
Most students or parents won't need to apply for the School Opal card. The School Opal card will be sent to a student's school automatically at the beginning of the new school year in 2016.
However, a new application is required if:
- The student is just starting school or has not had a pass for travel before.
- The student is progressing from Year 2 to 3, or Year 6 to 7.
- The student is changing schools, including going between primary and secondary school.
- The student's personal details have changed (e.g. address).

Applications must be made by a parent or guardian for children aged 15 years and under.
Applications must be made by the student if aged 16 years or older.

How to apply
Step 1 Complete the application at transportnsw.info/school-students.
Step 2 Print, sign and submit the form to the school for endorsement.
Step 3 The school will then forward the application to Transport for NSW for processing.
Once approved, Transport for NSW sends the School Opal card to the home address given in the application.

The application may take several weeks and the applicant's email address is required.

If the student doesn't qualify for free travel
They may be eligible for a Term Bus Pass which offers travel on buses between home and school at a discounted rate for the whole school term.
Apply at transportnsw.info/school-students.

Find out more
For more information on the School Opal card and the School Student Travel Scheme (SSTS), please visit transportnsw.info/school-students.