Principal’s Report

Dear Parents

Another busy fortnight has flown past and we are almost at the end of our first term!

Congratulations to all our swimmers who competed at Zone Carnival – We are very proud of their achievements!

Parent Teacher Interviews

Clear communication between school and home is critical to optimising the learning environment for each student. To assist this process, teachers are making themselves available for Parent-Teacher interviews in Week 9 this term (23 March to 27 March). Notes have gone home requesting that you please nominate three preferences for interview times. Interviews will be allocated in the order in which completed forms are returned, and will be 10 minutes in duration. Please remember to return the form to your child’s class teacher.

P&C Meeting

The next meeting for the P&C will be held on Wednesday 25 March at 7pm in the staff room. Everyone is invited to come along and support the P&C executive in establishing fundraising priorities for the school.

Parent Survey – Building a vision for Riverbanks PS

A survey for parents will be sent home next week. Please take the time to complete the survey as your input is vital when it comes to planning school priorities for the next three years. Next term I will be writing our School Management Plan for 2015-2017. Building a positive partnership with parents and the community is essential for the growth of opportunities at Riverbank PS.

High School Expression of Interest Forms

High school expression of interest forms will be sent home to Year 6 students this week. Please return these forms by this Friday, 20 March. If you have any questions, please see Ms Thoroughgood.

School Fees and 2015 Calendar

School fee invoices and the 2015 School Calendar will be mailed home this week.

School App

From Term 2 all school newsletters and class updates will be provided through our new school app. More information about downloading the app will be placed in our end of Term 1 newsletter.

School Website

Our new school website will be in operation from the beginning of Term 2. The website will be updated regularly as an ongoing source of up-to-date information about what is going on at the school.

University of NSW Competitions

A permission note for the University of New South Wales competitions will be sent home this week for students in Years 2 - 6. Those children wishing to participate must indicate on the permission note the competitions they would like to enter. Each competition will cost $8.80, with the exception of spelling ($12.10) and writing ($18.70). The permission note and payment must be returned to...
the class teacher by Thursday 2 April. Late entries will not be accepted by the university.

**Morning bell**

Our morning bell is at 8.55am not 9am. This allows for the students to be settled and ready in morning lines by 9am.

**School Parking**

Some great news: Blacktown council have reviewed the parking signs on Wentworth Street and Riverbank Drive. By the end of June the No Parking stretch on Wentworth St will be shortened and will only be No Parking from 8-9.30am and 2.30-4.00pm. This will allow for more parking. Another crossing will be addressed with council for Wentworth St near the entrance to the staff carpark.

Please remember that parking is not permitted in either the High School or Primary School staff carparks.

**Morning School Bus 26**

Transport for New South Wales has advised that the morning School Bus 26 from Stanhope Parkway and Majestic Drive at 8:16 to Riverbank PS will no longer operate after Friday 13 March 2015. This is due to a consistent lack of patronage since the service was implemented. The afternoon buses which are shared with The Ponds HS remain unchanged.

**Easter Hat Parade and End of term Mufti Day Thursday 2 April**

Our first K-2 Easter hat parade will be held on Thursday 2 April from 2pm. Students will be asked to bring in decorations to make a hat in class. A note will go home this week. Students are also requested to wear MUFTI clothes on the last day and donate a gold coin towards Year 6 fundraising.

**Harmony Day**

Our school will be celebrating Harmony Day and our school community's multicultural diversity on Monday 23 March. Harmony Day (21 March) celebrates Australia's cultural diversity. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. In 2015 we celebrate 15 amazing years of Harmony Day. On this day students are invited to wear orange clothing as this is the Harmony Day colour. Harmony Day reflects the message that 'Everyone belongs'. Classes will also participate in related activities during the day.

Have a lovely fortnight

**Mrs J Brown**

Principal
Please remember dogs are NOT permitted on school grounds.

**SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**

• 18th March 2015 • TERM 1 WEEK 8

**Important Dates**

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**SPORT UPDATE**

Congratulations to all the children who swam at the Ridges Zone carnival. We know you tried very hard and represented your school to the best of your swimming ability. Mrs Baker tells us you had a wonderful day.

Well done to Lachlan P in 5/6T who made another representative team. He was selected to represent the combined Hawkesbury/Ridges team in the under11 age group. This is a wonderful honour for Lachlan and we are very proud of his achievements in League this term. He will now play in the Ridges open team and the U11’s team.

Good luck to all our children playing sport this week.

**Ms Cathy Thoroughgood**

**Sport Coordinator**

**Summer PSSA Report**

**Round 3**

The AFL teams played John Palmer PS. The Juniors lost 73-0. The team tried hard but John Palmer PS was just too good on the day. The seniors won 15-6. Wow! What a great win! This was a very passionate game played by both teams.

Junior team player – Jenson Best/Fairest – Keegan

Senior team player – Lee Best/Fairest - Jordan

The T-ball team played Schofields PS. The result was a draw. Such a closely matched game! There was fantastic batting and fielding by all and a great morning catching up with old friends.

Team player – Alyssa Best/Fairest – Yanee
The Softball team played Schofields PS. The team lost 2-1. The senior girls put in a superb effort and really improved on their game techniques and strategies. I see great potential for future games. Team player – Zanin Best/Fairest – Zanin

The Cricket teams played Ironbark Ridge PS. The junior team lost 66-49. What a close game! The junior boys really put in and only a bit more practice will be the difference. Great effort juniors! The senior team lost 91-43. What a tough match! Ironbark Ridge PS proved strong. The Riverbank boys played hard and tried their best right until the last ball. Great work boys! Junior team player – Rory Best/Fairest - Arvin

Round 4

The AFL teams played Rouse Hill PS. Two very close games against the title holders Rouse Hill PS. Our teams tried very hard and the scores don’t really indicate how close the on field battles were. Well done to our children for not giving up. Juniors lost 27-1. Seniors lost 57-0. Junior team player – Jenson Best/Fairest – Mia Senior team player – Lee Best/Fairest - Andres

The T-ball teams played Kellyville Ridge PS. The juniors lost 18-3. The team really improved their throwing and catching this week and displayed great sportsmanship. Team player – Alyssa Best/Fairest - Tamara

The Softball team played Kellyville Ridge PS. The senior team lost 12-4. The team put in a tremendous effort this week. The team showed excellent throwing and catching on the field. There was a real turn in the game during the third innings where we got two outs on the full. Team player – Parveen Best/Fairest - Kaya

The Cricket teams played Parklea PS. It was a fantastic effort from both teams. Juniors were very close to winning with only a few runs as the difference. Seniors played very well against a tough team that is well-established. Both teams have made a significant improvement since the beginning of the season and are now starting to look dangerous! Great effort boys! Junior team player – Amrit Best/Fairest – Kaya Senior team player – Yash Best/Fairest - Aj

Attendance and Travel

Due to recent changes to the DEC 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.
SCHOOL WELLBEING CORNER

It has been great to see all of our students working towards receiving as many keys as they can. Students have been focusing on achieving keys in all areas, both in the classroom and on the playground.

All students are encouraged to achieve keys across all areas:

The HIP program offers a whole school approach to building relationships through communication, co-operation, trust building and conflict resolution.

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During assembly many students from Riverbank Public School were acknowledged for achieving 5 keys of any colour. These students are now working towards gaining 5 keys of each colour (25 keys).

Congratulations to the following students:

- Agam K KE KE Mahan M 1K
- Luke W KE KE Punima R 1K
- Aansh B KF KE Sanah W 1K
- Guillermo G KF KF Dhwani B 2J
- Kingston W KF KF Deeya B 2J
- Miguel I KH KH Edwin D 2J
- Kirrilee M KH KH Bailey H 2J
- Aiden D KS KS Baanipreet K 2J
- Jessica M KS KS Scarlett L 2J
- Nishi P KS KS Emily Q 2J
- Kian R KS KS Orika R 2J
- Emma S KS KS Lachlan S 2J
- Aayanpreet S KS KS Rory B 3/4T
- Carrington S KS KS Gurjot G 3/4T
- Anna B K/1G K/1G Farha T 3/4T
- Robin I K/1G K/1G Yanee B 3S
- Kade R K/1G K/1G Sreya C 3S
- Gian V K/1G K/1G Harjot G 3S
- Violet F K/1L K/1L Boston H 3S
- Ben G K/1L K/1L Savio J 3S
- Nishmitha K K/1L K/1L Abtin M 3S
- Jaidev M K/1L K/1L Megan M 3S
- Kayra M K/1L K/1L Divjot P 3S
- Vivaan S K/1L K/1L Parik R 3S
- Zoe C 1/2N 1/2N Amogh V 3S
- Keashan K 1/2N 1/2N Sujan S 3S
- Lily M 1/2N 1/2N Amogh V 3S
- Madeline P 1/2N 1/2N Mla W 4B
- Dhiyuksa P 1/2N 1/2N Olivia A 5/6T
- Anushka S 1/2N 1/2N Allira H 5/6T
- Josh S 1/2N 1/2N Isabel N 5/6T
- Jake T 1/2N 1/2N Adriana P 5/6T
- All of 5B

Mrs Slater

Well Being Coordinator
FROM THE OFFICE

A REMINDER TO PARENTS TO NOTIFY THE SCHOOL ABOUT YOUR CHILD’S HEALTH

We welcome information from parents about your child’s health, even if you are not requesting specific support from our school. Our school asks for medical information when you enrol your child. It is also important that you let us know if your child’s health care needs to change or if a new health condition develops.

Information about allergies, medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes and other health care related issues (including prior conditions such as medical procedures in the last 12 months) should be provided to the school by parents. Please provide this information in writing to the principal. This will greatly assist our school in planning to support your child’s health and wellbeing.

Please also remember to notify staff in the school office of any changes to your contact details or the details of other people nominated as emergency contacts.

We appreciate your assistance in this regard and assure you that any information you provide the school will be stored securely and will only be used or disclosed in order to support your son or daughter’s health needs or as otherwise required by law.

Please remember that when paying by cash to use the correct amount.

Creative and Performing Arts:

The Performing Arts opportunities at Riverbank have been booming this week. Final auditions took place for our junior and senior dance groups last week and the final lists are now up!

Congratulations to all who are now part of one of these groups. The students involved in these groups will all meet again this week to receive further information regarding weekly practice times.

Congratulations to all who joined our 3-6 senior choir this week! Weekly rehearsals will begin next Monday during recess time. There are some very exciting things in the mix for our choir this year.

Students from across the school will have completed a survey in class this week to determine the interest for our school band. These students will be contacted shortly to discuss the plan for our band program in greater detail.

Miss Ashleigh Edwards
Creative Arts Coordinator

Scripture at Riverbank PS

Scripture will commence early in term 2. Parents will be sent home a letter requesting a nomination for one of the following options:

- Christian
- Islamic
- Hindu
- Sikh
- Catholic
- Non Scripture

We are seeking parent volunteers for Islamic scripture. Please contact Mrs Banerji.

Mrs Banerji
Scripture Coordinator
CLASS MERIT AWARDS

Week 6 Assembly
KE – Dylan C, Ziya A
KF – Hanya P, Shubh P
KH – Miguel I, Diya S
KS – Jessica M, Aiden D
K/1G – Gian V
K/1L – Nishmitha K, Violet F
1K – Angadjit C, Mitali G
1/2N – Vanesa N, Karshan N
2J – Baanipreet K, Dhwani B
3S – Marvin E, Megan M
3/4T – Shan W, Alyssa T
4B – Darci P, Arman S
5B – Mustafa S, Kathrynna Y
5/6T – Daniel S, Allira H

WHAT’S HAPPENING IN OUR CLASSROOMS

Each fortnight a class will highlight an area they are learning about.

This week we hear from 5B…..

5B are studying about 2D Spaces and Angles. They are very proud of their new Geometry Sets! Students have been enjoying learning to use their compass, ruler and protractor during Geometry lessons this week.

The activities will continue next week as well.

UNIFORM SHOP OPEN

On Tuesday 31 March 2015 the uniform shop will be open from 7am to 5pm for the sale of winter uniforms. Some summer and sports uniforms will also be available for those who have yet to purchase them.

Just for this winter, due to increased enrolments, there will be a maximum amount of winter uniforms for sale per student being 2 girls long sleeve blouses, 2 girls winter tunics and 2 boys trousers. More stock of the boys short sleeve shirts will be available. Payment can be made by cash, cheque or EFTPOS.

Please note the P&C have voted not to have a tie for the boys.

TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

Riverbank PS started off with a bang in Technology. Each class has state of the art interactive panels fitted, which are fantastic to use. We now have wireless that has been fitted throughout the school. Each class will have the opportunity to use the Lenovo ThinkPad’s each week.

Our three year IT plans will be presented and discussed at the upcoming P&C meeting.

Stephen Trovato
Technology Coordinator
P & C Corner

Congratulations to all seven winners of our first raffle. It was wonderful to be recognised by a sea of cheers at last week’s assembly. Andre, Rachel and I were taken aback by the cheers. Riverbank Public School you certainly have big voices. Keep it up!

Volunteer forms were sent home. If you are interested in volunteering for anything, please fill out the forms and return to your class teacher, or alternately email us on riverbankpandc@gmail.com.

Shortly when the school app and website are available the P&C will be able to attach such forms.

2015 Meetings are as follows.

25 March at 7pm
22 April at 7pm
27 May at 7pm
24 June at 7pm
22 July at 7pm
26 August at 7pm
September NO MEETING
21 October at 7pm
25 November at 7pm

ALL HELD IN STAFF ROOM UNLESS OTHERWISE ADVERTISED

I cannot stress the importance of these meetings, especially if you are a financial member.

Having a P&C means that we can raise funds for our school, that is not always provided by governments. Raising these monies can provide extra resources, for the Library, PSSA, Special Needs Class, Band, Choir, Garden just to name a few.

The P&C will have a second hand uniform shop. Contact us via email to make arrangement for donations. riverbankpandc@gmail.com

For Parents/Carers who want to make cash donations to the P&C, please contact the President Lesley Parsons and or Treasurer, (Acting. Lesley Parsons), via email: riverbankpandc@gmail.com.

Have a wonderful fortnight on behalf of the P&C Team

Lesley Parsons
President
riverbankpandc@gmail.com

ADVERTISMENTS

Harcourts Rouse Hill are proud to announce the start of our “Give Back Community Programme”. From now until the end of the school year we will be donating $500 from every sale in The Ponds to go directly towards P&C fundraising initiatives at Riverbank Public School. If you are looking to sell or know someone who is, please contact Rod Nolan on 0416 120 224 or rod.nolan@harcourts.com.au and help us give back.
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3.30 - 4.00 pm ... Pre-junior Jazzy Groovers
4.00 - 4.45 pm ... Junior Jazz/Funk/Hip Hop
4.45 - 5.15 pm ... Junior Lyrical/Contemporary
5.15 - 6.00 pm ... Senior Jazz/funk/Hip Hop
6.00 - 6.30 pm ... Senior Lyrical/Contemporary

As a guideline only ...

Pre-junior = Pre-schoolers, Kindergarten, Year 1
Junior = Year 2 to Year 5/6
Senior = Year 6/7 to Senior ... depending on experience

All classes $10 each ... paid per term ...

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For more information ...

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