Calendar
What’s On

Term 4 Week 6

Wednesday 12 November
P&C Meeting 1.30pm
in the library

Thursday 13 November
Dance 2 Be Fit
Whole School Assembly
2.10pm
5 cent day

Friday 14 November
RDA

Term 4 Week 7

Wednesday 19 November
Preschool Graduation Photos

Thursday 20 November
Dance 2 Be Fit
Books in Homes Assembly

Friday 21 November
RDA
Uniform Shop open from
8.50am - approx. 9.30am

Principal’s Message
Our school year is flying past and we are preparing for our end of year celebrations which is very exciting for all. Please keep an eye on the school calendar and also on our Facebook page for updates and reminders about school events.

School Planning
Our planning has begun for next year and we are excited about the possibilities ahead for the 2015 school year. Our staffing is almost finalised and I look forward to being able to share this with the community as soon as possible.

If there are specific needs that you would like to discuss in regards to the class placement of your child for 2015 please make an appointment to meet with me through the front office and I will take these considerations into account when developing the classes.

Halloween Disco

Thank you to our hard working P&C who ran a very hot and spooky disco for Halloween. A great time was had by the children and the teachers who got right into the occasion.

Family Photos
Our family photo fundraiser on Sunday was a huge success. Thank you Mrs Sawtell for all the hard work in organising this event.

Facebook and the Blacktown Learning Community
Communication is the key to a successful relationship between the school and our community. Alongside this newsletter, our school website has an abundant supply of information about our school and what is going on. Continuing in our endeavour to ensure we have the best communication between our school and our already
successful Facebook account, our account is now connected to the Blacktown Learning Community’s Facebook page. Many activities and events our school participates in are run through the Blacktown Learning Community. If you are a Facebook user ‘Like the page’ and keep up to date with what is going on.
www.facebook.com/blacktownlearningcommunity

Enrolments
Enrolments for Kindergarten and the Preschool are now due as we aim to finalise numbers and class sizes. If you have a friend or family member that has not yet enrolled a child for next year please encourage them to do so as soon as possible. The numbers we submit now are what we need to form our classes on. Getting these numbers right, limits disruption at the start of the new school year.

BLC Public Speaking
Good luck to Halley C, Emily C, Jorja R and Charlotte D who compete tomorrow against the schools within the Blacktown Learning Community in the public speaking competition. Best of luck girls.

Remembrance Day
Why is this day special to Australians?
At 11 am on 11 November 1918 the guns of the Western Front fell silent after more than four years continuous warfare. The allied armies had driven the German invaders back, having inflicted heavy defeats upon them over the preceding four months. In November the Germans called for an armistice (suspension of fighting) in order to secure a peace settlement. They accepted the allied terms of unconditional surrender.

The 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month attained a special significance in the post-war years. The moment when hostilities ceased on the Western Front became universally associated with the remembrance of those who had died in the war. This first modern world conflict had brought about the mobilisation of over 70 million people and left between 9 and 13 million dead, perhaps as many as one-third of them with no known grave. The allied nations chose this day and time for the commemoration of their war dead.

In 1997, Governor-General Sir William Deane issued a proclamation formally declaring 11 November to be Remembrance Day, urging all Australians to observe one minute's silence at 11 am on 11 November each year to remember those who died or suffered for Australia's cause in all wars and armed conflicts. Today our students observed remembrance day with a minutes silence and a poem of remembrance.

School Uniform
Riverstone is well known for having students that wear full school uniform on a daily basis and our school takes great pride in this.

Please be reminded that all students are expected to wear their full summer uniform, including the school’s hat. School approved uniforms can be purchased from our uniform shop. The Uniform Shop is located in the cottage at the front of the school and is open fortnightly on a Friday morning.

It would be greatly appreciated if parents could ensure that your child/children are in full school uniform when coming to school each day.
Emma Thompson
Principal

P&C News
Meeting Date
The next P&C Meeting Date is Wednesday 12 November at 1.30pm in the Library. Please note that to be able to vote at the AGM which will be on Wednesday 3 December, you need to have attended at least one general meeting this year and to have paid a very small membership fee. We encourage you to come along to the next meeting in November and show your support for your school.

5 Cent Day
Start collecting your 5 cent pieces and bring them in to class by Thursday 13 November. The class with the highest amount of money raised (per child) will win a pizza party for your class! Good Luck!

Uniform Shop
The Uniform Shop will be open next on - Friday 21 November.

If anyone can spare some time to help out at the Uniform Shop from 8.45am till approximately 9.45am, it would be very much appreciated. Please leave your contact details at the office.
Thank you for your support
The P&C Committee

Parking in the School Area
Please be aware that there has been a change to the bus zone at the front of the school. This bus zone has been extended to include the two houses right next to the school fence. The school was not notified of the change until informed by a concerned parent. Please be aware of this change when you park your vehicle.
Stage 2 students have had a very productive and busy semester of learning. The students have been continuing to develop a range of skills in all Key Learning Areas. All students have had the opportunity to create PowerPoint presentations with the use of computers and engage in educational programs using the netbooks.

Some Stage 2 classes had the opportunity to participate in a Wanderers soccer clinic and develop their skills in team games with qualified coaching staff. Students were highly engaged and productive during the coaching session.

Students also participated in Rugby League lessons. It was great to see the smiles on the children's faces as they participated in the structured activities. Students also came away with their own football for use at school and at home.

This term has been very busy with Swim School and “Dance 2 Be Fit” lessons. All students have been learning a new and very energetic dance each week. Selected students were able to show their dance moves on the stage for all to view.

During Term 4 the students in Stage 2 are learning about the Human Body. They will explore most of the systems in the body such as the skeletal, muscular and digestive systems. Thus far, the students are highly engaged in the learning and focussed on the new curriculum.

We look forward to a busy and solid working term with all of Stage 2 students doing their best in all areas. We encourage students to adhere to the school’s ‘Positive Behaviour for Learning’ expectations. The teachers have enjoyed supporting all students who have done their best in and out of the classroom.

We wish them another wonderful year of learning in 2015.

Miss Luciana Smigliani 3-4S
Mrs Debbie Marrow 4-5M
Mrs Erin Plummer 3-4K

I loved doing Art this year - Matthew Gazzard
My favourite thing this year was doing Computers - Taine Munce
My favourite part of 3/4K is my class showing RESPECT to each other - Sharelle Rayner
My favourite subject this year is Spelling - Connor Hardy
During Term 4 3/4K have completed a variety of Art projects. This has enabled our classroom to become very colourful. They used a variety of materials to create these artworks and each student is proud of the final outcome.

During Maths we have been learning about Mass. Students were very excited to convert kilograms to grams explaining how easy that was for them to do. They also had the opportunity to weigh many objects from the classroom and find the heaviest and lightest classroom objects. Mrs Clarkson has been coming into our classroom during Terms 3 & 4 and teaching the class the Stop, Think, Go steps. The students are highly interactive and have started using this knowledge in the playground.

Finally, 3/4K have been making a PowerPoint presentation all about them. We have learnt about everyone's favourite colour, favourite food, best friends and things they enjoy doing. 

Mrs Plummer
3-4K Teacher
With a mixture of excitement and nervousness Stage 3 has nearly completed, what for many, are their final moments in Primary School.

We’ve been getting physical this term with Swim School and ‘Dance 2 be Fit’ both happening. Both programs have provided students with the opportunity to build and enhance physical skills as well as personal fitness. Meanwhile, back at school, we continued to work in all Key Learning Areas using the new school netbooks to enhance our learning in English, Maths, Science and Human Society and Its Environment. We have also produced some wonderful artworks along the way.

There has been a lot of work as we approach the end of the year. Our teachers have been busy preparing for reports as well as the end of year celebrations and assemblies, and we have been busy working hard to complete all the activities! In particular, Year 5 has been preparing speeches as we look to take up leadership roles in the school. Many of us hope to be captains, prefects or house leaders next year and this is our first step towards being the oldest kids in the school.

In Year 6 we have been extremely busy. We have been working with Miss Tegan in preparing for our farewell as well as doing a lot of transition activities for high school. We have led groups of students in peer support and helped where we can with a variety of things around the school. We have made fabulous friendships here at Riverstone Public School and will miss every one, but at the same time are excited to begin the next chapter in our lives.

2014 has been a wonderful year and we all look forward to new adventures in 2015!

Mr D England  Mrs C Bain  Ms J Pugh & Mrs M Mathews
Stage Supervisor  Year 6 Teacher  Year 5 Teachers
Stage 3
This Term K-6A have been engaged in learning their numbers. We have been making numbers with playdough, writing numbers on the chalkboard and playing number games. K-6A have also been reading the book “The Bears Lunch” and we are scrunching crepe papers and making our own black and brown bears.

Izzy is enjoying doing a number activity during maths groups.

Alasdair is having fun writing numbers on the chalkboard.

Counting is so much fun.

Christina and Danny are busy making their black and brown bears.

Anjelica, Lilly, Makayla, DJ have been working hard making their bears.
IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PARENTS

Re: Whooping Cough - Public Health alert

There has been an increase of whooping cough (Pertussis) notifications in the Western Sydney area since June 2014, particularly in the 2155 postcode area.

In order to prevent further cases of whooping cough Western Sydney Public Health Unit advises the following:

If your child (or any member of your family) has any of the symptoms of whooping cough, such as a dry or persistent cough, which may be especially bad at night, please see your doctor and take this notice with you. A nose and throat swab test can be performed to confirm the diagnosis.

If your child has whooping cough, your doctor will arrange a course of antibiotic treatment. Antibiotics given early in the illness are effective in stopping the cough and in preventing spread to other people. If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough please advise the school and keep your child at home until s/he has taken 5 days of antibiotics.

A whooping cough fact sheet is enclosed. More information on whooping cough is available on the NSW Health website at http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/infectious/whoopingcough/Pages/default.aspx or please call Western Sydney Public health unit on 9840 3603 if you have any queries.

Thank you for your attention.