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FAME
While our PSSA teams are away representing the school on a Friday morning the rest of the students have started interest groups at school called FAME. There is a range of activities including technology, science, clay modelling and cooking. The groups have been very successful after the first week and a big thank you to the staff who have taken on a group and have shown us some special hidden talents.

Jamie Oliver’s World of Food
Last Friday I had the great pleasure to take the FAME cooking and gardening groups to Woolworths Schofields to participate in Jamie Oliver’s World of Food. The students made fruit rockets and muesli and showed what healthy appetites they have. It was lots of fun and even though we didn’t meet Jamie we did get a tour and trip in the goods lift. All the students were beautifully behaved and we returned with full tummies and some new recipes to try at home.

Calendar

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Term 2 Week 4

Tuesday 20 May  Computer Skills Competition
Wednesday 21 May  PJ Day for Asthma Australia
Friday 23 May  Ridges Cross Country Carnival
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Term 2 Week 5

Monday 26 May  Sorry Day
Tuesday 27 May  Police Community Visit
Wednesday 28 May  School Photos
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Saturdays Riverstone Festival was a roaring success with our students participating in the march and our combined staff and P&C stall raising funds for the school.

Thank you to the staff and parent helpers, all those who donated cakes for the stall, Sara from Fab Fun for all the face painting and the students who participated.

School Photos
School photos are next Wednesday 28 May. Please ensure your child attends on time and in full school winter uniform. The timing for the class photos is pretty tight to fit everyone in and will start at 9am. Money needs to be returned on the day and envelopes are available from the office. All students will get a free photo which is a lovely memento of the year.

Support the Asthma Foundation
This Wednesday 21 May is Pyjama Day at Riverstone Public School. We are supporting the Asthma Foundation with a Pyjama mufti day. Students and staff will be in Pyjamas for a gold coin donation. Please ensure students wear normal shoes on the day and bring their school hat with them.

Walk Safely to School
On Friday 23 May 2014 Riverstone Public School is participating in Walk Safely to School Day. We encourage all families to join us at 8:15am at the back gate of the school on Regent Street.

The walk will begin on Regent Street towards McCulloch Street where we will turn left onto McCulloch Street. We continue on McCulloch Street and cross Deirdre Drive before turning left onto Elizabeth Street to finish our walk at front gate of Riverstone Public School before the 8:55am morning bell. Breakfast will be available for students and families when they arrive at school after the walk.

If you can’t make it to join us at 8:15am you could walk with your children to school instead of driving, or park your car a kilometre away and walk the rest of the way to school.

Students are covered for this event under our local excursion permission note.

Ridges Cross Country Carnival
Good luck to our cross country team who will be competing in the Ridges PSSA carnival on Friday. Try your best it is a very long run but you all did so well at the school carnival I am confident we will see some great results. Good luck!

Mrs Emma Thompson
Principal

Stage 1 Report
Stage 1 students have enjoyed a very busy semester with many academic challenges and successes. They have had opportunities to develop talents and abilities in sport, creative and performing arts.

Our students have displayed continuing development of skills in literacy and numeracy. They have been challenged with problem solving experiences throughout all curriculum areas. The students have enjoyed the literary texts, Dan’s Grandpa and Alexander’s Outing. These texts have provided a pivotal role to the students’ understanding of text structure, vocabulary development and the promotion of quality reading and writing.

The students have also had the opportunity to experience modelled reading from a wide range of texts. The variety of literary texts ensures the students have an appreciation of fiction and non-fiction reading materials.

The students have had the opportunity to complete regular jobs in the classroom and have enjoyed the responsibility.

They have enjoyed participating in the Cross Country Carnival and supported their houses well.

They are involved in weekly borrowing from our well-resourced library. Please remind students to return their books on Wednesday so they are able to borrow each Thursday.

During Term 1 the Stage 1 students discussed “Families Past and Present” in HSIE. The topic for this term is “Workers in the Community”.

In Science and Technology last term the students were involved in a unit called “Picture It” which involved creating stories on Ipads. The topic for this term is called “A Place in Time” which investigates how the weather is measured. The students will be using prior knowledge and learning new skills to be able to discuss and predict the way our weather changes.

In Week 9 all Stage 1 students will have the opportunity to go on an excursion to “The Sydney Botanical Gardens” and nearby places of interest. This will support one of our literary texts “Alexander’s Outing” which is a story based on a duck’s experiences in and near the Botanical Gardens. It will be an exciting experience for students to be able to share and discuss their thoughts about their outing.

During this term we will also have a local excursion to discover various aspects of our community.

Mrs Marilyn Pettitt
Stage 1 Supervisor
The Smarties have been learning about sustainability and the importance of reusing and recycling. Miss Kaylene had lots of shoe boxes at home and brought them into Preschool to see what we could make. Kian is really interested in robots, so we decided that’s what we would do. We started collecting the insides of paper towel rolls and lots of boxes in different sizes and shapes. It is amazing when you take apart the used coffee pods what you find inside to use as robot buttons and eyes.

Once we had collected all the materials we wanted to use; we started constructing our robots. There was lots of discussion taking place about what size box should be used or did the robot need legs or three eyes. The robots have taken over the Smarties room and our recycled material keeps coming. Miss Sue was in charge of the hot glue gun and the Smarties were very responsible and listened to her instructions.

This project embraced the Early Years Learning Framework outcomes. The children were taking responsibility for their own learning while caring for the environment. Throughout this project the Smarties were confident and involved learners, effective communicators and demonstrated a strong sense of identity. The next step in our project is to name all our robots and to write a story about them. If you would like to see our robots we would love you to pop into our classroom.
It is amazing what a little imagination can achieve.

The Smarties would like everyone to reduce, reuse and recycle so their will be enough for everyone forever. Recycled art is becoming very popular at Preschool. We would be happy to take any recycled material and use it in the Preschool. Thank you to all the parents who contributed to our project it was very much appreciated.

Kaylene Smith
Preschool Teacher
Lost Property

We have a large amount of lost property at present. Lots of jackets, lunch boxes and drink bottles.

If your child has lost something ask them to look in the lost property for it or you may like come in and check yourself. The Lost Property area is in the main building near the front staircase.

P&C News

Shopping Tour
Just a reminder that deposits are now due for the upcoming Factory Outlet Shopping Tour. The Shopping Tour will operate on Sunday 29 June. Please ensure you pay your non-refundable deposit of $35 per person this week to secure your spot. Tour price includes a great pub lunch! It will be a fun day out so please come along!

Next P&C Meeting
Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 11 June at 1.30pm in the Library. Please join us and bring along your ideas and feedback, it would be great to see more of our families come along and show your support of the school. Thankyou

P&C Committee

Helping kids learn how to make friends
If children are happy socially they tend to be more engaged in their learning. Teaching your child about the importance of making friends is as vital as learning their ABCs. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/how-friendships-boost-your-childs-learning

Reforms to P&C Federation
The NSW Parliament has introduced legislation to reform the NSW Federation of Parent and Citizens Associations, which has suspended operation pending Supreme Court action. While these reforms will not affect the day-to-day operation of individual school P&Cs, they will introduce a new executive structure which will ensure the Federation operates as a modern and representative body on behalf of school P&C Associations.

Each school’s P&C Association will be asked to vote for councillors and delegates who will represent their electorate at the Federation’s Annual General Meeting and councillors who will serve on the Federation’s Board of Management. More information will be available on the Department’s website at http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/a-z/involvement.php.

Sorry Day
Riverstone Public School will be holding their National Sorry Day Ceremony on Monday 26 May at 2:15pm. Within this Ceremony the children will create a ‘Sea of Hands’ to show respect to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people that were effected by the Stolen Generation.

Prior to this Ceremony the students will be learning and researching the significances of Sorry Day.
Miss Tegan Hulm
AEO

Website & App
If you have not yet had the opportunity to browse through our updated website – make sure you do at - www.riverstone-p.schools.nsw.edu.au.

We have also started the Riverstone Public School App to assist in providing reminders and notices. You can download the App by searching the school name on
1. iTunes App store
2. Google Apps
or for those without a smart phone
3. On line http://riverstoneps.myauschools.com
The password for community members is User name: community
Password: riverstone

Facebook
Don’t forget to “Like” us on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/RiverstonePublicSchool
It is the easiest way to receive reminders about events and keep up with all the school news.
You are invited to celebrate

Riverstone Schofields 40th Anniversary

at Riverstone Schofields Memorial Club

23 Market Street Riverstone

on the 14 June 2014 at 6:30pm

cost is $20 per head includes a Buffet Dinner

RSVP: 1 June 2014 to email address

rsjsgunners@hotmail.com

All payments need to be finalised by this date. Payment can be made in cash to the canteen at Schofields Park or by direct deposit into our account Riverstone Soccer Club BSB: 062596 Account No: 00902214, please use your name as a reference.

Please upload any photos on our website www.rsjsc.com.au
Cross Country

On Friday 9 June 2014, Riverstone Public School held their annual school cross country. Students were dressed to support their house and were ready to attempt the long run. All students participated well and completed the run. Well done to everyone who came and had a go! Thankyou to the parents and carers who came on the day to support the children.

We have a squad of 60 students who will representing Riverstone Public School at the Ridges Zone Cross Country. This event will be held at Paterson Reserve, Quakers Hill on the 23 May 2014. The students have been training during recess and lunchtime at school. We wish you all the best for your event on the day.

Mrs Plummer  
Sports Teacher

Cross Country Results

Students will receive their ribbons at the next school assembly in week 4.

1st— Richards 112 points  
2nd— Dharug 109 points  
3rd— Langton 108 points  
4th— O’Connell 102 points

Preschool Boys
1st — Hunter M  
2nd — Jubran S  
3rd — Riley S  
4th — Bradley P

Preschool Girls
1st — Tahlia Y  
2nd — Kate K  
3rd — Lara G  
4th — Arabella V

Kindergarten Boys
1st — Cameron W  
2nd — Ronald S  
3rd — Jake S  
4th — Riley P

Kindergarten Girls
1st — Evelyn K  
2nd— Matilda L  
3rd — Savannah W  
4th — Maddison K

Year 1 Boys
1st — Malakai M  
2nd — Tyler S  
3rd — Angus L  
4th — Lachlan C

Year 1 Girls
1st — Orika R  
2nd — Lilli S  
3rd — Vicky S  
4th — Olivia T

Year 2 Boys
1st — Jackson D  
2nd — Khiersyn A  
3rd — Benjamin W  
4th— Karmisch R

Year 2 Girls
1st — Jemma P  
2nd — Kaitlin B  
3rd — Bella-Marie H  
4th — Alexis H
8/9’s Boys
1st—Jordan V
2nd—Archie C
3rd—Jackson D
4th—Nicholas M

8/9’s Girls
1st—Elizabeth S
2nd—Meaghan C
3rd—Jemma P
4th—Kaitlin B

10’s Boys
1st—Cameron S
2nd—Awhi C
3rd—Samuel B
4th—Dennis D

10’s Girls
1st—Rachael K
2nd—Hannah R
3rd—Hayley S
4th—Kasey P

11’s Boys
1st—Brayden K
2nd—Darcy P
3rd—Justin H
4th—Andrew K

11’s Girls
1st—Jaylah S
2nd—Tamara G
3rd—Belinda M
4th—Emily C

12/13’s Boys
1st—Robbie J
2nd—Daniel H
3rd—Kobi M
4th—Tristan A

12/13’s Girls
1st—Jasmine S
2nd—Halley C
3rd—Jessica J
4th—Sita P

PSSA Sport News

On Friday 16 May, Riverstone PS sent 2 soccer teams and 2 netball teams to their first PSSA competition in many years. The children and teachers were very excited for the day. All students represented their school with pride and maintained good sportsmanship throughout the event. This is an ongoing event which will be occurring every Friday morning during Terms 2 and 3. We wish the students all the very best throughout the season.

PSSA Results

Soccer
Junior Win 2-1
Senior Loss 4-0

Netball
Junior Loss 15-1
Senior Loss 18-1

Players of the Match

Soccer
Junior—Camerson S, Nelson L
Senior—Justin H, Darcy P

Netball
Junior—Sharnae H
Senior—Sita P
Fun and Fireworks Night

By

Howards and Sons Pyrotechnics

Date: Friday 23rd May 2014
Time: 4:30pm to 8:00pm
Fireworks show begins at 8:00pm
Where: Schofields Public School
St Albans Road Schofields Ph: 9627 1534
Price: $5 Per Adult $2 Per Child or $10 for a family ticket
Activities: Rides, Chocolate Wheel, White Elephant stall, Cakes, Show bags, Ice Creams, Pancakes, Karate & Dance Performances, Coffee & doughnuts, BBQ by Outback Steak House and an all new Side Show Alley which includes Loom bands, Face painting, Nail art, Decorate a cup cake, Knock down the can, pick an envelope, hair decorating ..and more!

By Alexis Morier
Riverstone Families Connect

BREAKFAST CLUB
Thursday Morning
8.15am—8.50am

All students are welcome to come along.
Students must leave the Breakfast Club to line up for class when the bell goes.

What makes a good book for young kids?

Books with vivid imagery, exciting stories and strong characters will not only entertain your child but set them up to enjoy reading for the rest of their life.


The simplest way to save time on midweek meals

Are you pressed for time when it comes to creating healthy midweek meals? Here are some quick and easy tips to take the hassle out of midweek cooking.

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<td>Cook a larger quantity of your favourite meat and vegetable stir fry. Refrigerate leftovers.</td>
<td>Wrap leftover stir fry in shortcrust or filo pastry to create a ‘pie’. Serve with extra veges.</td>
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<td>When cooking lasagne, double amount of mince &amp; veg filling (add carrot, zucchini, sweet potato, corn, mushrooms), refrigerate extras.</td>
<td>Add extra filling from the previous night to spaghetti for quick spag bol.</td>
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<td>Prepare extra veges with a baked dinner &amp; refrigerate leftovers.</td>
<td>Heat leftover veg &amp; add to a salad = warm roast vegetable salad.</td>
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By planning your meals you can save time, money and do wonders for your family’s health!

For more information visit www.eatittobeatit.com.au or join us at facebook.com/eattitobeatit

The simplest way to include all 5 food groups in a Lunch Box

A well packed lunch box will provide your kids with the energy they need to learn and play. Remember to include lunch box items from the 5 food groups:

- **Breads and cereals:** Try wholemeal bread, wraps and pita. Or try pikelets, rice cakes or homemade muffins and slices.
- **Fruit:** Should be a lunch box staple as its high in fibre, vitamins and minerals. Serve fruit in fun ways: try fruit kebabs or fruit in jelly.
- **Veggies:** Pack carrot and celery sticks with hummus or salsa, or a cold zucchini slice.
- **Low Fat Dairy:** Cheese slices, yoghurts and custards are all great lunch box items.
- **Lean Protein:** Include a variety of sandwich fillings: cooked chicken, tuna, egg or roast meat. Legumes like red kidney beans and chickpeas are a good source of protein and fibre.

For more information visit www.eatittobeatit.com.au or join us at facebook.com/eattitobeatit

The Eat It To Beat It program is supported by the Western Sydney Local Health District Live Life Well School Program.