

### Calendar

#### What's On

##### Term 1

##### Week 11

Tuesday 5 April	Scripture Assembly Parent/teacher Interviews
Thursday 7 April	Easter Hat Parade
Friday 8 April	SIS RDA Last day of Term 1

##### Term 2

##### Week 1

Wednesday 27 April	Staff return to school
Thursday 28 April	Students return to school  ANZAC Day Service 10.25am
Friday 29 April	RDA

### Principal's Message

#### Cross Country Carnival

Last Friday our students participated in the Cross Country Carnival. It was a great day and wonderful to see all students participating. I would like to thank Mr Lewis for his organisation of the carnival. Thank you also to all the parents who attended last Friday to encourage their child along.

#### Parent/Teacher Interviews

This afternoon we are holding Parent/Teacher interviews. These interviews are a valuable opportunity for discussion on the progress of our students. We encourage parents to bring their child to the interview to allow the student the opportunity to participate in the discussion. If you are unable to attend you may organise with the classroom teacher for an interview after school on another day.

#### ANZAC Service

We will be holding our annual ANZAC service at school on Thursday 28 April. This is an important event on our school

calendar. Invited guests will include: Members of the National Service, John Bollard Quakers Hill Police, members of Riverstone and Richmond RSL Sub-Branches and representatives from our local government schools. Parents and caregivers are welcome to attend the service which will commence at 10.25am in the hall.

#### Congratulations

Congratulations to Joshua Truswell and Blake Whipp for making the Ridges Open Rugby League team and to Jai-Lee Talbot for making the Ridges Girls Soccer team.

#### School holiday activity ideas

If you are looking for something to entertain the kids during the holidays, here are some inexpensive ideas that will keep them entertained:

- flying a kite
- helping in the garden – maybe your child could have part of the garden as their own
- helping to organise a family barbeque or picnic
- practising skills like soccer, catching, throwing, skipping or hitting a ball against a wall
- playing with the family pet
- helping to organise a garage sale
- making an obstacle course and competing with their friends, siblings and you.

More ideas at [www.community.nsw.gov.au/docswr/assets/main/documents/survival\\_kit/activities.pdf](http://www.community.nsw.gov.au/docswr/assets/main/documents/survival_kit/activities.pdf)

#### Free entry for primary school kids to NSW museums and galleries until 26 April

Primary school children in NSW can visit landmark arts and cultural attractions for free with the Kids' Adventure Passport until April 26.

They can touch fossils at the Australian Museum, picnic in Elizabeth Farm's historic grounds, or explore the galaxies at Sydney Observatory. Several major venues are outside the city centre, and regional museums and galleries across NSW are welcoming passport holders.

Passports are available at all participating venues, listed on the website at [www.kidspassport.nsw.gov.au](http://www.kidspassport.nsw.gov.au).

Children who collect three stamps can earn a certificate of achievement. And if they return their passport slip by 3 May with one stamp or more they go into the draw to win prizes.

*Peter D'Ermilio*

*Principal*

## Positive Behaviour For Learning Awards (PBL)

Emma Owen	1-2PW
Marc Pearson	1-2PW
Joshua Nadan	1-4R
Dylan Galea	2-3WA
Daniel Highett	2-3WA
Brian Wong	2-3WA
Brayden Colussi	2-6E
Luke Dunn	2-6E
Tyrone Cupido-Gillett	5-6G
Katie Mills	5-6L
Tyrell Waters	5-6L
Congratulations to all the winners!	

## Premier's Sporting Challenge Leadership Day

On Wednesday 31 March I had the pleasure of accompanying our Stage 3 students to Riverstone High School for the Premiers Sporting Challenge Sports Leadership Day.

These students, along with students from Riverstone High and Vineyard Public School were led through activities to promote confidence, team building, sporting skills and of course leadership skills.

Each group was lead by an adult from that particular sporting arena and the students were provided with opportunities to interact with each other in a fun, friendly and skill building environment.

Each student represented the school with pride and to the best of their ability.

## Sports In Schools

This is the last week for Sports in Schools this year in Term One. The payment of \$4.00 needs to be given to your child's class teacher by **Thursday morning**. NON PAYMENT WILL MEAN NON ATTENDANCE.

## 2011 Greg Alexander & Panther Trophy Trials

On 6 April, all students in Year 5 & 6 will have the opportunity to try out for Greg Alexander and Panther Trophy Rugby League teams. Any students wishing to attend must obtain a permission note from Mr Lewis, which needs to be filled out and returned on the day.

Mr Lewis  
Sports Coordinator

## Reminders

### Stage 2 and 3 Assemblies

There will not be an assembly for Stage 2 and Stage 3 this week, due to other commitments. A schedule will be sent home early next term for Term 2 assemblies.

## Year 6 Fundraising Cake Stall

Our Year 6 students will be holding a cake stall on Thursday at the Easter Hat Parade. We are asking for donations of cakes and slices for the stall. All donations may be left at the office.

## Year 6 Shirts

Last week students received notes and order forms for

their Year 6 shirts. The shirts are \$32.00 each. Please be sure you mark the size you require for your child on the order form. Please note: your child will probably grow during the year so please allow for this when choosing the size, there will be no exchange on shirts ordered.

## Raffle Tickets and BBQ

Last week the P&C sent home Easter raffle tickets. Please return all raffle tickets **sold or unsold** to school by Wednesday afternoon.

We will be holding a BBQ lunch and selling tickets in the raffle at the parade and we will need helpers for both of these activities. If you can spare some time to help on the day it would be greatly appreciated.

## Year 6 Committee

Listed below are the dates for the Year 6 Farewell meetings, if you would like to help the Stage 3 staff with this years fundraising and with the setting up on the day for the farewell please make a note in your diary of the following dates -

### Term 2

5 May, 2 June, 23 June

### Term 3

28 July, 18 August, 8 September

### Term 4

13 October, 3 November, 24 November, 8 December

## Stage 3 Excursion to our Nations Capital

Recently 53 of our senior students attended an excursion to Canberra. This excursion was to supplement their unit of work on the Australian Government. While on this educational tour of our capital, our students visited a variety of places and participated in educational programmes focused on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their civics and citizenship education. To assist you the parent/carer the Australian Government has contributed funding toward the travel expenses incurred through the PACER programme.

We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support. We are sure our students had an educational experience that they will remember for a long time to come.

## Preschool Expression of Interest for 2012

Applications/Expression of Interest for Preschool 2012 can be obtained from the office from the beginning of Term 2. Please remember that this is not an enrolment form; it is only an application. All application forms will go to a panel who will allocate the places in Term 4. Letters will be sent out to **all** applicants after the panel has allocated the places.

The Uniform Shop is open  
Fridays  
8.45am-9.30am