

What's Happening at Our School

TERM 4 WEEK 8

Thursday 5 Dec	Captains' Assembly 1:30pm
Friday 6 Dec	Combined SRE Christmas Service Carols Under the COLA

TERM 4 WEEK 9

Monday 9 Dec	Student's Reports Go Home
Wednesday 11 Dec	Presentation Day Assembly 9:15am
Friday 13 Dec	Year 6 Graduation Assembly 11:35am Year 6 Farewell

TERM 4 WEEK 10

Monday 16 Dec	PBL Reward Day
Wednesday 18 Dec	Last day of school for students

Please see last page of Educom for more details.

Thursday 6 February FIRST DAY YEARS K - 6



Dear Parents/Carers,

This time of year, there are often special acknowledgements of students who have achieved great things. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge one of our Year 6 students, Harry Longhurst, who recently received our Primary School Community Service Award. This award is offered by the Rotary Club of Lower Blue Mountains to one student who has made a consistent contribution to the school culture. Harry was selected as our school award recipient for many reasons, most notably his leadership qualities, which are evident in the way he approaches both academic and social challenges. Harry leads by example, showing respect for both teachers and fellow students, and maintains a positive, inclusive attitude that fosters a sense of belonging and mutual respect among his classmates. Harry is always willing to listen, support others, and offer guidance when needed, creating an environment where everyone feels valued and empowered.

Congratulations Harry!



Yours in education,
Elise Berwick
Principal



Talent Quest

This year we had 62 students audition for the Talent Quest across K-6, 35 making it through to the heats, and 15 students performed for the whole school in items for the final. It has been a wonderful opportunity for our students to showcase their talents in a range of areas, such as singing, playing piano and dancing. Our hosts, Henry and Ananta, did an amazing job leading every event in the *Make-A-Wish Foundation*.

Special congratulations to our Talent Quest finalists and top scorers! Joey and Jackson were selected as the winners, Charley as the runner up, and Jacob as highly commended. You certainly were entertaining!

Every year we try to improve the competition, so we are looking forward to an even bigger and better 'Mt Riv's Got Talent' in 2025!



Student Reports

This year, all teachers across the school have been implementing the new English and Maths curriculum. Reporting student learning progress to parents may include references to terminology that students and teachers have been using at school, but this terminology may not be familiar to you. There will be a glossary provided to all K-2 parents to assist with developing a shared understanding of some curriculum-related language.

Reports for students in Year 1-6 will show a grade (A-E) for their achievement in target content areas, called 'Areas of Learning', for each KLA (subject). These are not all the content areas for the KLA but just a sample of what has been taught and assessed this semester. The 'Overall Achievement' grade will be a reflection of your child's learning across all the content areas, not just those in the report. If you feel there is a discrepancy between these grades, that may be why.

Here is a sample of what KLA grades may look like:

English

Overall Achievement

A	B	C	D	E
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Effort

5	4	3	2	1
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Areas of Learning	A	B	C	D	E
Phonic Knowledge				✓	
Reading Fluency			✓		
Creating Written Texts			✓		
Handwriting			✓		

If you need any clarification of the comments about your child's learning, or their achievement grades, you are encouraged to make contact with their class teacher. We are always here to help.

PBL School Medallion

Decisions are currently pending for any student who has submitted their 'Mt Riv Student Award Record' (stamp/sticker sheet) at the School Medallion level. Being eligible for this award is not only about getting a quota of merits or Mt Rivs, it is also about demonstrating consistent high-level behaviour at school. The final decision on eligibility remains with the school Executive.

All students awaiting this decision will be informed by the end of this week. Their medallions will be presented as part of the Presentation Assembly on 11 December. An email will be sent to the parents of these students to ensure they are invited to attend.

Christmas Hamper Appeal

The hardworking team of staff and volunteers at Gateway Family Services would like to thank the Mt Riverview school community for again supporting their annual Christmas Hamper Program.

Your generosity will go towards ensuring families can celebrate Christmas by sharing a special meal and gifts with each other.



Gateway
Family Services

Certificate of appreciation

THIS CERTIFICATE IS AWARDED TO

Mt Riverview Public School

For recognition of your generous donation to our annual Christmas Hamper Appeal, supporting families in the local community.

DATE 29 / 11 / 24

Raymond Loggins
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

AECG Awards Night

Attending the Blue Mountains Ngarra Wingarru AECG Awards Night at Springwood High School was really special. The evening began with a beautiful smoking ceremony led by Uncle David King.

It was inspiring to see Millie Walker recognized for her leadership, and Lyla Smith given the Deadly Resilience Award. A special highlight was seeing Kiarra Williams, a past student, receive the Deadly Resilience Award as well. It was a night filled with pride, celebration, and community spirit.

Mrs Tritton



Stage 2 Excursion to Auburn Botanic Gardens

On Tuesday Stage 2 went to Auburn Botanic Gardens because we were learning about biomes in class. First, we had crunch and sip. Then we did our first activity which was learning about 5 stuffed animals: tawny frogmouth, freshwater crocodile, fruit bat, blue tongue lizard and ringtail possum. We learned so many facts!

Then we walked in the Aussie rainforest and the Japanese gardens.

Next, we had lunch and played a huge game of survivor tag.

After that we did our last activities which were bug catching and habitat building. Finally, we went back on the bus. It was so fun! I would definitely go back.

Hailey Mou



MT RIV LIBRARY

newsletter

A YEAR OF BORROWING IN THE LIBRARY!

Top 3 Students

Ellie Mayes 103 books
Emily Best 101 books
Max McKay 100 books

Top 3 Classes

1/2T 1,261 books
1/2C 1,207 books
1/2B 1,141 books

Top Teacher

Mrs Quinn 91 books

A total of 7, 871 books borrowed this year!

Most Popular Book of the Year!

Guts by Raina Telgemeier

Yours in reading stats, Mrs Franklin

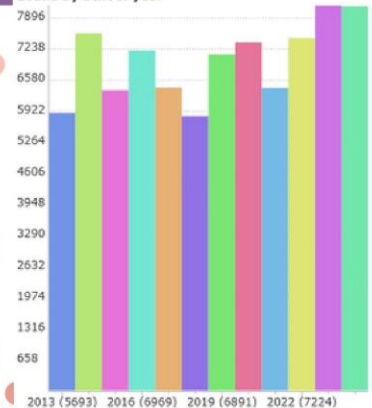
Please return your **overdue**
books ASAP. Just pop them
into the returns box!
Thank you!



Overdue Notices

were given to students
earlier this week.
Please check what
books you need to
return to the library!

Loans by school year



Library Days

Wednesday

KS, 1/2T, 1/2C, 1/2B, 3/4EC

Thursday

3/4QM, 4/5M, 5/6S, 5/6V

Friday

KV

(Unless notified otherwise in School Bytes.)





Mt Riv P&C Committee 2025

President - Michelle Shone

Vice President - Jeannie Martin

Vice President - Jac Mckay

Secretary - Kelly Berriman

Treasurer - *Vacant*

Canteen Coordinator - Christina Whitehead

Canteen Roster - Bec Newton

Canteen Book Keeper - Elise Perkins

Uniform Coordinator - Leanne Hamann

Uniform Book Keeper - Emma Richardson

Content Design - Ali Clark

Social Media Coordinator - *Vacant*



123 Magic & Emotion Coaching



Term 1
2025

ONLINE

4 week parenting program that equips you with the skills to manage children's challenging behaviours.

123 Magic & Emotion Coaching is a FREE 4 week parenting program that teaches carers positive parenting skills that produce quick results.

Discover practical tools and learn strategies that help your children aged 2-12 identify and manage the emotions that are driving their behaviour.

You'll learn emotion coaching and cognitive strategies that you can teach to your children.

The program will cover:

- How to manage challenging behaviours
- How to use positive parenting skills
- Helping children manage emotional responses
- Using emotion coaching to encourage good behaviour

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE: 20th February 2025

Register now via our
secure online portal

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We acknowledge and respect the Traditional knowledge holders and custodians of the land on which we work, the Darug and Gundungurra people.



Program details

Where: Online via ZOOM

When: Mondays
24th Feb - 17th March
6:30pm - 8:00pm

Cost: FREE for residents of
Penrith & Blue Mtns LGA

**For more information or to
register via our website:**

Phone: 4720 6500

Email: [groups@gateway
family
services.org.au](mailto:groups@gatewayfamily
services.org.au)

Web: [www.gatewayfamily
services.org.au](http://www.gatewayfamily
services.org.au)



Circle of Security Parenting

8 week parenting program to develop secure relationships and stronger bonds with children.



Term 1
2025

BLAXLAND

This 8 week program will teach you how to be a bigger, stronger, wiser, and kinder parent. *Circle of Security Parenting* is based on decades of research about how secure relationships can be supported and strengthened with children aged 0-12 years.

The program will cover:

- Understanding your child's behaviour
- Help your child feel secure in relationships
- Navigating your role as parent in tough times
- Supporting your child in managing difficult behaviours, tantrums and meltdowns

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE: 13th February 2025

Register now via our secure online portal



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Limited childcare
* must register *



Program details

Where: Blaxland Uniting Church
72 Old Bathurst Road,
East Blaxland

When: Wednesdays
19th Feb - 9th April
10:00am - 11:30am

Cost: FREE for residents of
Penrith & Blue Mtns LGA

For more information or to register via our website:

Phone: 4720 6500

Email: groups@gatewayfamilyservices.org.au

Web: www.gatewayfamilyservices.org.au



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Anxiety Coach™ for Parents

4 week parenting program that helps reduce anxiety and build resilience in your children.



Term 1
2025

MULGOA

While some feelings of anxiety can be a normal part of a child's development, an increasing number of children experience higher levels of anxiety that can impact their day-to-day life.

This 4 week program teaches parents why children experience heightened anxiety and discusses a range of practical steps that parents can take to help build resilience in their children (4-12 years).

The program will cover:

- How the brain works and how anxiety develops
- How loved ones can influence anxiety
- Building resilience and reducing anxious symptoms
- Practical strategies to use in moments of anxiety
- Lifestyle influences that can help improve anxiety

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE: 27th February 2025

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secure online portal



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Program details

Where: Nepean Christian School
Puggles Preschool
836 Mulgoa Road Mulgoa

When: Tuesdays
4th March - 25th March
6:00pm - 7:30pm

Cost: FREE for residents of
Penrith & Blue Mtns LGA

**For more information or to
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Tuning in to Kids

6 week parenting program that helps you support your child to understand and regulate their emotions.



Term 1
2025

ONLINE

This program helps parents and carers of children 12 and under to “tune in” and improve communication and connection with their kids.

Discover practical tools that help you build emotional intelligence in your child and support you to manage challenging behaviour.

The program will cover:

- Foundations of emotion coaching
- Regulating and working through emotions
- Identifying and validating emotions
- How to develop emotional intelligence
- Developing resilience and facing challenges

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE: 20th February 2025

Register now via our secure online portal



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Program details

Where: Online via ZOOM

When: Wednesdays
26th Feb - 3rd April
6:30pm - 8:00pm

Cost: FREE for residents of Penrith & Blue Mtns LGA

For more information or to register via our website:

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Term 4 Planner

Week 8

Wed 4 Dec: 8am+8:30am Ukulele
10:45-11:30am Parent Helper + Volunteer Morning Tea
Cyber Safety Talks - Stages 2 + 3

Thurs 5 Dec: 8am Guitar
1:30pm Captains' Assembly - Performance by Guitar Group

Fri 6 Dec: 9:05-10:05am Combined SRE Christmas Service
6-7:30pm Carols under the COLA

Week 9

Mon 9 Dec: Reports go home

Wed 11 Dec: 9:15-10:45am Presentation Assembly

Fri 13 Dec: 11:35-12:35am Year 6 Graduation Assembly
6:00pm Year 6 Farewell at Emu Sports Club - 5:45pm Arrival

Week 10

Mon 16 Dec: PBL Reward Day + Class Party Day

Wed 18 Dec: LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

Thurs 19 Dec: School Development Day

Fri 20 Dec: School Development Day

THURSDAY, 6 FEBRUARY 2025
FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR ALL STUDENTS, K-6