

Issue 5/20 – Wednesday 3 April

What's Happening At Our School

TERM 1 WEEK 10

Tuesday 2-5 April	Parent/Teacher Interviews
Thursday 4 April	Y3-6 Assembly (2pm)
Friday 5 April	Gymnastics – Kindy & Stage 1

TERM 1 WEEK 11

Tuesday 9 April	P&C Meeting with Trish Doyle
Wednesday 10 April	Pedlars' Parade
Thursday 11 April	Captains' Assembly
Friday 12 April	Gymnastics – Stage 2 & Stage 3
	Last Day of Term 1

TERM 2 WEEK 1

Monday 29 April	School Development Day
Tuesday 30 April	Students return to school
Wednesday 1 May	ANZAC Ceremony (10:30am)
Friday 3 May	Sport – Kindy & Stage 1

TERM 2 WEEK 2

Monday 6 May	Cross Country
Tuesday 7 May	Mother's Day Stall
Friday 10 May	Sport – Stage 2 & Stage 3

TERM 2 WEEK 3

Tuesday 14 May	Zone Cross Country
	P&C Meeting
Wednesday 15 May	Musica Viva Incursion
Friday 17 May	Sport – Kindy & Stage 1
Saturday 18 May	P&C Drinks 'n' Dali



Dear parents/carers,

In NSW public schools, we are committed to developing a skilled, engaged and professional workforce to ensure improved outcomes for our students. All staff undertake a performance and development process, with annual requirements for planning, implementation and review of individual performance and development plans. Staff professional development goals must be aligned with the responsibilities of their specific role as well as to school and department priorities.

Each year, our teacher professional learning focuses on key areas for improvement as outlined in our Strategic Improvement Plan. In 2024, our teachers are committed to working collaboratively in stage teams, utilising the Spiral of Inquiry process to build their knowledge of, and capacity to effectively implement, the new curriculum. This is an evidence-based process which has resulted in quality outcome improvements at our school and in many others. You or your child may notice these days as ones where your child's teacher is not on class but still at school. There will be two days per term for each class teacher. Rest assured, this time is being put to great use.

This term the Executive have started work on building their 'coaching' skills as part of a focus on improving our educational leadership practices. We have learned some key strategies and are working to practise these, as well as build on them through other learnings. By developing and embedding a consistent coaching approach to our leadership, we aim to ensure all staff are provided with strong leadership which supports them to have and achieve high expectations of their performance.

Next term our staff will begin with a School Development Day (29 April) which will see all schools across NSW focus specifically on curriculum reform. At our school, we will be undertaking professional learning related to effective teaching and pedagogical approaches in English and Mathematics, as well as purposeful assessment. We are excited about the opportunity to continue in our learning together about this priority area.

Yours in education,

Elise Berwick

Principal





School Bytes Attendance (Roll Marking) System Changing

Next term, we will be moving to the School Bytes attendance system. We will no longer be using the Sentral system for attendance monitoring. For parents, this will mean you still get an absence notification by SMS, but there will be no option to reply to that message. Instead, parents will need to access the School Bytes Parent Portal to provide an explanation of absence. If you need assistance with this process, please contact our school office staff. They will be happy to help.

MindQuest 24

This is a program of workshops offered for high potential and gifted students, developed by NSW Talent Centre. They are being run on Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 June at Glenwood High School. The closing date for enrolments is Friday 17 May, but be aware that many of the courses will be full before this date.

If you would like some information about these workshops, flyers are available for collection at the school office. There is also a website to access information and to enrol:

<https://mindquest.net.au>



Share Our Space

During the next school holidays, parts of the school grounds (ovals and complex) will be open to the public from 8am to 5pm every weekend from Saturday 13 April to Sunday 28 April, including ANZAC Day.

Access to the grounds will be via the back gate on Blackbutt Circuit. Please note, gate opening and closing times are approximate and there may be circumstances where times vary.

We advise that any children using the playground equipment must be supervised by an adult.

You may notice the Rusden Rd gate open during the week. This is for access to our FunKids vacation care service only. The school site remains closed to the public.

We ask that you show respect for our school and property during this holiday period, and encourage other community users to do the same.

For more information about this initiative, or to email Schools Infrastructure NSW about the program, please visit the following website:

<https://www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au/what-we-do/we-support-communities/share-our-space.html>



Teddy Bears Picnic

Earlier this term, Kindergarten and Year 6 students enjoyed a Teddy Bears Picnic to celebrate a smooth start to the school year. All students brought their favourite Teddy Bear from home and celebrated with some dancing and singing, and of course a picnic.

Mount Riverview's Buddy system has been a long tradition and is an important part of school life for both Kindergarten and Year 6 students. The Buddy system helps Kindergarten students to feel welcome, supported, and a part of the school community. Buddies help Kindies become familiar with school rules, school grounds and school routines. For the older students, being a Buddy helps develop responsibility and is a way to learn to be sensitive and empathetic to younger students' needs.

Mrs Sowter and Mrs Vaughan are impressed with the kindness and attention the Year 6 buddies have shown the Kindies this year. They are certain their commitment to the role has supported a smooth and settled transition to school for the new Kindergarten students.





Didj-u-Know?

Our school has an Acknowledgement to Country that was developed by our Aboriginal students and approved by our AECG. The acknowledgement is presented by our students at assemblies and other important events. It reads:

Warami mittigar - Welcome friends.

We would like to say thank you to the Dharug people, Elders, past, present, and emerging.

Mt Riverview Public School extends a warm welcome to all First Nations People.

We say thank you to the Dharug people for sharing Wayanga bimal (Mother Earth) with us, and Biyanga burra (Father sky), the birds, the animals, the water, the trees, and everything we see and hear.

We walk softly together as mittigar.

Warami bimal - Hello land.

Warami burra - Hello sky.

Warami yiyura - Hello to the people.

MT RIV LIBRARY

newsletter

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

The school holidays is a great time to check out your local library! Public libraries often have school holiday activities such as a craft or performances! Of course, the holidays are a great time to relax, grab a book and read!



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR LIBRARY!

Library Cards

This term our students made library cards! Please don't be concerned if your child misplaces their card as they can still borrow! Some families have come up with some fun ways to ensure their library card always comes to the library each week! Some students have popped the cards on lanyards and others have attached them to their library bag!

Reading Really Matters

I have been reading some journal articles about how 'reading for pleasure' in early childhood is linked to better cognitive performance and mental wellbeing in adolescence. Reading for pleasure will not only benefit your child now but when they are teenagers. Children need to read a wide variety of books in addition to their home readers. Our library offers this opportunity each week, every lunchtime on Wednesdays, Thursday and Fridays!



Library Days

Wednesday

KS, 1/2T, 1/2C, 1/2B

Thursday

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

Friday

KV

(Unless notified otherwise in School Bytes.)

Please keep your library bag in your school bag, so that you are always ready for library fun!

Yours in reading for pleasure,
Mrs Christine Franklin

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM



APRIL 2024



View our timetable online and book today!

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1 Pattys Place, Jamisontown
4733 7388 | ymcansw.org.au/penrith



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SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

WEEK 1

Whole Day Program	Monday 15th April	9:00am - 3:00pm	\$60
Whole Day Program	Wednesday 17th April	9:00am - 3:00pm	\$60
Whole Day Program	Friday 19th April	9:00am 3:00pm	\$60

WEEK 2

Whole Day Program	Monday 22nd April	9:00am - 3:00pm	\$60
Whole Day Program	Wednesday 24th April	9:00am - 3:00pm	\$60
Whole Day Program	Friday 26th April	9:00am 3:00pm	\$60

DESCRIPTIONS

Children will participate in a range of gymnastics based activities including Parkour & Ninja gym.
Each participant will be required to pack snacks, lunch and a drink bottle - please ensure all items are clearly labelled.



*View our
timetable online
and book today!*

*Activities and prices are subject to change. Visit us online for most up-to-date information including times, dates, descriptions, terms and conditions.

Culture Dose for Kids

(and their parent/carer)

at the Blue Mountains Cultural Centre, Katoomba



8 FREE sessions on Sundays
5 May – 23 June, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm
9-12yr olds and their parent/carer

These FREE ART CLASSES are a collaboration between the Blue Mountains Cultural Centre, Black Dog Institute and the Art Gallery of NSW. This arts engagement program is aimed at supporting children with anxiety and those impacted by natural disasters.

Activities led by trained staff. Numbers limited to 10 – 15 young people & parent/carer.

Join us for Culture Dose for Kids (CDK), an eight-week term of Sunday morning art classes for children and parents to create together. Our Gallery is a safe space for self-expression to build confidence and foster social connections, to help support children and families through stressful or anxious times.

CDK sessions focus on childrens' wellbeing by exploring nature, colour and feeling through looking at the natural world artworks from both current exhibition and the Gallery's collection.



Follow this link and fill in the online form to apply.

Apologies to previous class members but, as this program has associated research outcomes, this class is for new participants only.



The development of this program has been funded by the Jibb Foundation and is a collaborative partnership between the Art Gallery of New South Wales and the Black Dog Institute.

School Security

If you notice any concerning behaviour on our school site over the holidays, please report this to School Security (1300 88 00 21). If your concerns involve criminal behaviour, such as trespass or vandalism, please report to NSW Police. Triple Zero in emergencies or Springwood Police Station (0247 510 299).