

# RIVERSIDE CURRENTS

Riverside Girls High School Parent & Community Newsletter

December 2005

## **Calendar Dates**

### **December**

- Wednesday 7 Year 7 Swimming School starts  
Year 10 Presentation Assembly,  
2.00pm, School Hall
- Thursday 8 Year 6 into 7 Orientation Morning,  
7.30am-11.30am, School Hall
- Friday 16 Year 7, 8 & 9 Presentation  
Assembly, 2.00pm, School Hall  
Year 7 Swimming School ends  
HSC results issued by Board of  
Studies
- Wednesday 21 Last Day of Term 4

### **School resumes in 2006 as follows:**

- Monday 30 January All Staff
- Tuesday 31 January Years 11 & 12 at 9.00am  
Year 10 at 12.00am

### **February 2006**

- Wednesday 1 February Years 8 & 9 at 9.00am  
Year 7 at 12.00am
- Wednesday 8 February Swimming Carnival  
Drummoyne Pool
- Wednesday 15 February HSC 2005 High  
Achievers Assembly

## **Principal's Report**

### **Year 6 into 7 Orientation Day**

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December 7.30 am – 11.30 am**

We are looking forward to enrolling 210 new Year 7 students on the 8<sup>th</sup> December. This means we will have 7 classes in both Years 7 and 8, maintaining our total school enrolment of 1030. We will have 69.4 teachers in 2006, our largest staffing allocation yet. If you know of any prospective Year 7 enrolments who may have changed their mind about coming to RGHS in 2006 it is essential that they inform us immediately so we can keep faith with the waiting list.

### **Looming Teacher Shortage**

Six teachers have retired this year, Ms Pritchard (deputy), Ms Price (H.T. Admin), Mr Jones (H.T. Science), Mr Yin (Science), Ms Sini (French and Spanish), Ms Foster (Learning Support). Four others have retired in 2003 and 2004. I sincerely hope that lots of our Year 12 graduates will replace them as fine teachers in the future. The mass retirement of "baby boomer" teachers is supposed to really make a big impact in 2008-2010. It is a problem in most western countries and a real challenge for governments to develop policies which will attract the top graduates to a career in teaching.

We wish all Riverside students and their families a very peaceful and safe Christmas period. We hope to see all students returning at the end of January, enthusiastic about sustained achievement in 2006.

### **P. & C. Meeting February 2006**

All parents are welcome at the first meeting for 2006, on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30 pm in the common room.

The Head Teacher PD.H.PE, Ms Jenni Pendergast will be present to answer questions about all aspects of the PD.H.PE curriculum and sport.

### **Thank you**

We do appreciate all the support we have received from families throughout 2005. It was great to see you at Open Days, Parent and Teacher Evenings, Year 12 Graduation, fundraising ventures, Music and Drama performance evenings, and special assemblies.

Many of you have supported us financially in different ways and we especially appreciate the financial support from general school fees and from elective fees. There are very minor changes to the 2006 fees schedule, and as always, we depend on your financial support to ensure that we provide relevant and up to date educational resources for your daughters.

A full financial statement will be available after the 15<sup>th</sup> December for any parent who would like to see the 2005 accounts. The statement identifies our sources of income such as government grants, fees paid by parents, fundraising and fees obtained from the hire of school facilities.

## Newly appointed teachers and staff changes

**Ms Sarah Antunes** has been appointed from 2006 to teach Spanish and French replacing Ms Sini.

**Mr Anthony Hogan** has been appointed to teach Maths, replacing Mr Drake

**Ms Lisa Wark** has been appointed as H.T. TAS. Ms Wark was previously H.T. TAS at Wiley Park Girls High School and in 2005 has been a senior project manager in ICT curriculum projects for the State Office of DET. She replaces Ms O'Neill who was promoted to deputy principal at Riverside earlier this year. We do anticipate that there will be additional teachers appointed before the end of January 2006.

We say farewell to these teachers and thank them for all the work they have done for Riverside students in recent years. We wish them well in their new schools, in retirement or in some cases in new careers.

Ms Hannah McPherson, Spanish, French

Ms Jacqueline Rudelle, French

Mr Everett, Maths

Mr Monaghan, Maths,

Mr Drake, Maths

Mr Fairs, Social Science

Ms Tannous, Social Science

Ms Vari, Italian

Mr Carroll, TAS

Ms Curran TAS

Ms Lim, TAS

Ms Haylen, Music

Ms Lee, Music

Ms Lynch, Visual Arts and Library

Ms Mason, ESL English

Ms McMullan, ESL English

Ms Song, TAS

Ms Sandy Bollard in the front office has been promoted to Senior Office Manager at Ryde Primary School. Congratulations to Ms Bollard on her promotion.

Judy King

### **Trivia Night**

The Trivia Night Organising Committee wishes to thank all the members of our community whose generosity contributed to the success of our recent Trivia Night Fundraiser. We raised over \$3,600.00 on the night, well in excess of our goal. With the proceeds, the P & C will purchase teaching support equipment for Riverside Girls High School's classrooms.

We thank the following businesses and individuals for their support:

Ables Betta Electrical, Gladesville

Access Hair Design, Rozelle

Anne Thomas

Artistic Innovations Management, Rozelle

Bakers Delight, Gladesville

Balmain Village Sports, Balmain

Base Warehouse, Gladesville

Bayview Tavern, Gladesville

Birkenhead Point Community Pharmacy

Binet Hairdressing, Boronia Park

BioDesign & Associates, Annandale

Boronia Park Charcoal Chicken

Boronia Park Framing

Boronia Park Newsagent

Brian Thomas

Captain Cook Cruises

Chicken George, Birkenhead Point

Chris Lewis Jeweller Gladesville

Craig Cook's Prime Quality Meats, Birkenhead Point

Dominos, Gladesville

First Estate, Gladesville

Freedom Furniture, Gladesville

Gallery Orientique, Birkenhead Point

Georgina Towndrow

Giselle Hare

Glizi Gifts, Rozelle

Gosh, Balmain

Historic Houses Trust

Jacqueline Sexton

Jane and Tony Towndrow

Jodie McGregor flowers, Annandale

John Douglas Menswear/Surfwear, Gladesville

John Sheldrick

Julie and Steve King

Karl Evans

Kazzi Fresh, Birkenhead Point

Lin & Barrett Lingerie, Balmain

Linda Young and Stacy McMaster

Maree's Beauty Studio

Meredith's Hairdressing, Birkenhead Point

Meredith Thomas

Michael Blundell

Mitre 10, Gladesville

Natures Potions, Annandale

Nutrimetics

One Fish, Two Fish, Balmain

Panettas Fruit, Gladesville

People, Places and Things, Rozelle

Photo on Canvas, Rozelle

Porters Liquor, Birkenhead Point

Pots Galore, Gladesville

Potteround, Balmain

Rant and Rave Hairdresser, Boronia Park

Red Fish Seafoods, Gladesville

Reject China, Birkenhead Point

Reve Coffee Shop, Boronia Park

Ruby and Min, Balmain

Ryde Tyres, Ryde

Skinsational, Boronia Park

Slices Deli, Gladesville

Sue Hobley

Sydney Aquarium

Thai Noodle Hut, Gladesville

The Coffee Bean, Rozelle

The Fine Food Store, Rozelle  
The Organic Trading Company, Rozelle  
The Wine Point Clearskin Wine Merchants,  
Birkenhead Point  
3 D Parties, Gladesville  
Tennis Ranch, Gladesville  
Tina and Nick Jamons  
Tillys, Rozelle  
Urban Homewares, Rozelle  
Val McGarry

### ***Sculpture by the Sea***

On Monday 7 November, Ms Bean, Mr McMillan and both Year 11 Visual Arts classes attended the Sculpture by the Sea exhibition held along the cliff walk between Bondi Beach and Tamarama Beach. This is Australia's largest annual outdoor display of contemporary sculpture and has been free to the public for the past nine years. It attracts over 400,000 visitors each year and exhibits over 100 artworks by Australian and overseas artists.

All the students attending this event enjoyed the two kilometre walk along the cliff top overlooking the ocean. The weather was very warm and clear and although the long walk was tiring, it was worth every minute. There were so many stunning and unique sculptures to motivate and inspire us for next year's H.S.C. body of work. Some of our favourites included the Jane Becker sculpture titled "My Queer House" made from timber, perspex, wax, powder, hair, feathers and lead. The reason why we admired this sculpture is because it gave us insight into Becker's life. It is a self portrait showing her perspective on life from a personal point of view. Her sculpture invites the audience to relate to and interact with her work.

Our guide for the day was Stacey who gave us a lengthy yet meaningful discussion about the exhibition itself and the artworks, in particular Richard Hammer who was kind enough to give us a brief talk about his interesting sculpture "Officers of the Office".

As an excursion venue, Sculpture by the Sea enabled us to experience a great exhibition supported by an informative explanation by one of the curators and one of the exhibiting artists. We came away with a better appreciation of sculptural practice and some important considerations for curators when setting up such a large exhibition. The day was interesting as well as fun. Our advice to those students who missed out on the exhibition this year is to make sure you go to Sculpture by the Sea in 2006! Thanks to the teachers for organising such a wonderful and inspiring event for us.

Melanie Zhou, Evana Fazar & Victoria Brookes

### ***New Caledonian Study Tour***

Going to a foreign country is exciting but going to a foreign country that speaks a completely different language is a bit scary. The group of eleven students from years 11, 10 and 9, together with our teachers, Ms Maury and Ms Rudelle, set out for New Caledonia on 21 September. We arrived at Nouméa Airport at about 8.00pm

Our first French-speaking day in Nouméa consisted of a tour on Le Petit Train. In the afternoon, we had a lesson at CREIPAC, our French school. Our teacher, Maya was 'très sympa'. We did a lot of sightseeing, including a trip to Phare Amédée, the Nouméa Zoo, the Tjibaou Cultural Centre with beautiful Renzo Piano architecture. We also went into town to the Mwa Kaa Festival, celebrating the unity of the Kanak people of New Caledonia and the islands all around. A lot of the locals wore Bob Marley T-shirts and were very welcoming to us. We also went to many restaurants and tasted many French and native cuisines.

Some of the highlights were sunbaking on the Amédée Lighthouse, waking up every morning with a view of the gorgeous blue water to one side and the rainforest on the other and finally, getting to know the rest of the group and becoming friends. No one wanted to leave New Caledonia, but we had to and tears were shed on the way to the airport. We would like to thank Ms Rudelle and Ms Maury for taking us to New Caledonia. C'était genial!

Nikki McLeod and Lauren Fairley

### ***Sports Assembly Wednesday 23 November***

The following is an outline of outstanding achievements for the year:

1. Orlanda Sexton – Regional Age swimming champion medal  
Rebekah Frankham – Zone Age Athletics champion medal
2. Sports achievement Awards  
Jessica Francis NSW U 16 soccer team  
Nina Blundell – NSW U 14 futsal team  
Danielle Ayrton – State trampolining  
Orlanda Sexton Open NSW swimming team  
State Age 16yrs champion in the 200m  
Holly Browne – NSW Open water swimming team
3. Sydney North Representatives  
Eloise Jaksic - Diving  
Eva Leone – Athletics  
Volleyball – Wendy, Cindy and Kay Edwards  
Katarina Kraft – Soccer  
Danielle Ayrton – Trampolining  
Orlanda Sexton, Rachel Horton, Kumbelin Levin and Jaclyn Moar – Swimming

4. School Records  
Athletics  
Rhiannon Atkinson Howatt for the 17 yrs  
Javelin and 200m  
Sally Johnson for the 15 yrs triple jump

Orlanda Sexton broke 7 school swimming records in the 17yrs 50m breaststroke, freestyle, butterfly and backstroke, 100m backstroke, breaststroke and the 100m school champion's race.

I would also like to mention the following records where the girls have been given their awards.

Rachel Horton broke the 13yrs 100m freestyle  
The McKenzie 13yrs relay team also broke the record

5. Wendy Edwards – School Blue –  
Volleyball  
Sports award from the council

### **Sportswoman Awards**

The three finalists for the sub junior Sportswoman award were:

In third place, Sarah Hardy, having been the School 13 years cross country age champion and having competed at the zone athletics and cross country, regional cross country and competed in the Year 7 touch competition.

In second place, Moya Johansson, having competed at the zone athletics and cross country, regional athletics and cross country and CHS swimming and competed in the following Knock out teams: oztag, open and U 15's waterpolo and the year 7 & 8 touch team.

The winner of the sub-junior Sportswoman of the Year was Rebekah Frankham, having been school and zone athletics age champion and having competed at zone and regional athletics and the following knockout teams: baseball, open and U 15's basketball, oztag, Wednesday night oztag, U/15 soccer, tennis, touch and volleyball with 186 points.

The three finalists for the senior Sportswoman award were:

In third place, Jessica Francis, having competed at zone cross country and athletics and been a member of the school knockout basketball and soccer teams

In second place, Danielle Ayrton, having competed at zone athletics and in the regional and state trampolining and having been Regional trampolining Age champion.

The senior sportswoman award was a tie between Wendy Edwards and Orlanda Sexton with 120

points. They have both had an outstanding year. Their individual achievements were as follows:

Wendy Edwards, having been a member of the school KO volleyball team and selected in the regional and CHS volleyball team and from there selected in the Australian school girls team to play NZ in Queensland

Orlanda Sexton, having broken 7 records at the school swimming carnival and having competed in the zone, regional and CHS swimming and also been school, zone and regional 17 yrs swimming age champion

The three finalists for the junior Sportswoman award were as follows:

In third place, Hannah Vousden, having competed at zone athletics, and the following knockout teams: baseball, basketball hockey, oztag, open and U/15 soccer, softball and volleyball and was also a coach for the Yr 7&8 touch gala day.

In second place, Alannah Frankham, having competed in the zone and regional athletics and the following knockout teams: aussie rules, open and U/15 basketball, hockey, oztag, oztag Wednesday night team, softball, touch volleyball. Alannah was also a coach for the Yr 7&8 touch gala day.

The winner of the junior Sportswoman of the Year, on 174 points, was Nina Blundell, having competed at zone and regional athletics carnivals and the following knockout teams: baseball, basketball, hockey, oztag, ski team, open and U/15 soccer, softball, touch volleyball and waterpolo. Nina was also a coach for the Yr 7& 8 touch gala day.

The winner of the Sportswoman of the Year Award, on 226 points, was Katarina Kraft having competed at zone athletics and cross country, regional athletics and selected in the Sydney North area soccer team and competed in the following knockout teams: baseball, basketball, hockey, oztag, oztag Wednesday night, ski team, open and U/15 soccer, softball, touch volleyball and waterpolo. Katarina was also a coach for the Yr 7& 8 touch gala day.

### **Aerosol Products Banned at RGHS**

Owing to the serious nature of the allergic reactions of members of the Riverside community to aerosol products such as deodorants, hair spray, body spray the school community is banning these products.

### **Aerosol products are not to be bought onto the school grounds.**

Students are asked to use pump sprays instead of aerosol cans, or use liquid or paste forms of

products. Pressurized aerosol products emit unnecessary volatile organic chemicals and produce a fine mist that is easily inhaled and absorbed into the lungs and bloodstream.

Teachers have been asked to confiscate any aerosol products found at school and bring them to the Deputy Principal. Parents will be informed that the products have been collected from their daughter and that they can call into the school and collect the product.

**Products will not be returned to students. Please support us to ensure the safety of all our students.**

### ***Ryde-Hunters Hill Community Transport***

Are you interested in doing volunteer work? Ryde-Hunters Hill Community Transport is looking for people to join their team of volunteers. The following positions are available:

- Assistants for shopping and social outings
- Mini-bus drivers for shopping and social outings
- Car drivers for individual transport
- Management Committee members

Telephone: **9816 5000**

### ***Dental Services***

Should any students need access to the Dental Health Services Clinic for assessment or treatment, their parents need to call the Northern Sydney Dental Call Centre on:  
**887 75288**

### ***Lifeline Harbour to Hawkesbury Book Fair***

Book donations are urgently needed for the Lifeline Book Fair. Books old and new, CD's, DVD,s and Computer Games can be delivered **at any time** to "The Shed" at our Book Depot, rear of Scout hall, cnr Polding and Ignatius Roads, West Lindfield. Unfortunately we cannot pick up donations.

All proceeds from this fundraising will support Lifeline's continuing work with people in crisis in our community. If you would like to know more about Lifeline, log on to [www.lifeline.org.au/hornsbykuringai](http://www.lifeline.org.au/hornsbykuringai)

## ***Serenity NSW Inc***

- *are you taking anti depressants?*
- *do you suffer from anxiety and depression?*
  - *are you constantly worried?*

*Call the Anxiety Infoline*

*1902 261 534*

*available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week*

*or*

*attend Serenity NSW Inc support meetings,*

*second Saturday of each month 2 p.m.*

*60 Victoria Rd, Gladesville*

*All welcome, no set charge*

# RIVERSIDE GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL

## **UNIFORM SHOP**

The UNIFORM SHOP is open every  
Wednesday & Thursday of Term at lunchtime  
in the new uniform shop near the staff common room

CONTACT: School Office PH: 9816 4264  
Jenny Evans: Wednesdays

### PRICE LIST

Junior School Blouse (White)	\$30.00
Junior Blouse (long sleeve)	\$30.00
Junior Skirt Royal Check	\$50.00
V-Neck Wool/blend jumper with logo	\$55.00
V-Neck Wool/blend vest	\$35.00
Trousers navy (2 pocket stretch boot cut)	\$45.00
Trousers navy (non stretch boot cut)	\$45.00
Senior Blouse (blue) (Yrs 11 & 12)	\$30.00
Senior Blouse (long sleeve)	\$30.00
Senior Skirt Navy	\$35.00
Scarf	\$10.00
<b>SALE ITEMS – Junior Blouse (Table) (size 10 &amp; 20)</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>

#### Uniform Shop News – Please read this section

- **Exchanges and returns** – Please encourage your daughters to try on samples before purchase. Goods will only be exchanged **if they have not been worn**. If items need to be exchanged, please return them in their original packaging with the docket.
- **Scarves** are now available in two colours, navy and sky blue. Sky blue stock is limited.
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PAYMENTS BY CASH, CHEQUE OR CREDIT CARD ARE ACCEPTED  
CHEQUES SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO RIVERSIDE GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL  
***Profits from the Uniform Shop go to the school***

**RIVERSIDE CANTEEN TERM FOUR 2005**

**SANDWICHES**

VEGEMITE	\$1.50
PEANUT BUTTER	\$1.50
BAKED BEANS	\$2.00
CHEESE & TOMATO	\$2.50
CURRIED EGG	\$2.50
EGG & LETTUCE	\$2.60
CRISPYBACON/AVOCADO	\$3.20
HAM AND SALAD	\$3.20
COTTAGE CHEESE/SALAD	\$3.20
CHICKEN	\$2.80
CHICKEN/LETTUCE MAYO	\$3.20
CHICKEN AVOCADO	\$3.70
CHICKEN SALAD	\$3.40
CHICKEN SATAY LETTUCE	\$3.40
SALMON LETTUCE MAYO	\$3.70
SALMON SALAD	\$3.80
TURKEY CRANBERRY	\$4.00
TURKEY CHEESE AVOCADO	\$4.20
SALAD	\$3.00
SALAD WITH SWISS CHEESE	\$3.40
TUNA LETTUCE MAYO	\$3.40
TUNA SALAD	\$3.50
ROAST BEEF SALAD	\$3.20
EXTRAS ADD	\$0.50
<b>ON ROLLS OR BAGELS</b>	<b>\$0.50</b>
TOASTED ADD	\$0.40

IN ADDITION

HEALTHY FILLINGS IN WRAPS AND TURKISH PIDE	\$3.50
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**SALADS**

PASTA SALAD	\$2.50
GARDEN SALAD	\$2.50
TUNA OR CHICKEN SALAD	\$4.50
THAI BEEF OR CHICKEN	\$4.50
99% FAT FREE YOGHURTS	RRP
FRESH SUSHI LUNCHBOX	\$2.80

**FRESH FRUIT**

SEASONAL FRUIT from	\$0.60
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**HOT FOOD**

LIGHT MEAT PIES	\$2.50
LIGHT SAUSAGE ROLLS	\$2.00
MEAT LASAGNE	\$3.50
PENNE BOLOGNAISE	\$3.50
PIZZA SINGLE	\$2.20
CHICKEN BURGER	\$3.50
BEEF STIR-FRY WITH RICE	\$3.50
CHICKEN & VEG. RISOTTO	\$3.50
CHICKEN & CORN ROLLS	\$1.70
TOASTIES	\$2.50

**VEGETARIAN SELECTIONS**

INDIAN SAMOSAS	\$2.00
VEGIE BURGERS	\$3.50
VEGETARIAN LASAGNE	\$3.50
VEGETABLE RISOTTO	\$3.50
VEGETABLE ROLL	\$2.50
SPINACH AND CHEESE PUFF	\$2.20

**LOW FAT CAKES AND SLICES**

DATE AND OAT SLICE	\$2.00
BANANA BREAD	\$2.00
MUESLI SLICE	\$2.00
FRUIT BUN	\$1.20
LOW FAT MUFFINS	\$2.40

**ICE CREAMS AND ICES**

SELECTION OF LIGHT ICE CREAMS AND WATER ICES	RRP
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**COLD BEVERAGES**

PLAIN MILK (300ML)	RRP
FLAVOURED	RRP
<b>SOY DRINKS</b>	<b>RRP</b>
NUDIE JUICES	\$2.80
NUDIE SMOOTHIES	\$3.50
ORANGE,APPLE,PINEAPPLE	
APPLE & BLACKCURRANT JUICES	\$2.00
SPARKLING APPLE CAN	\$2.00
SPRING WATER (500ML)	\$1.80
LIGHT SOFT DRINKS	RRP

