

RIVERSIDE CURRENTS

Riverside Girls High School Parent & Community Newsletter

November 2004

Principals Report

Congratulations to all our students who performed in the recent Ryde Schools Spectacular. Our dancers and singers, Eve Hepell and Vanessa Lawrence received a very enthusiastic reception from a full house at the Opera House. Lots of students from all the Ryde district primary and secondary schools clearly demonstrated that the performing arts are alive and well in the Ryde area.

In 2005 we will continue our commitment to music, dance and drama and we hope there will be several performance opportunities for our students both in and out of school.

Congratulations to Elham Tahzib (Year 10) on her selection in the Metropolitan North Regional debating team. Mr Lasaitis has worked hard this year with all the debating students and we are thrilled with Elham's selection in the representative debating team.

Mo-A Lim (Year 9) has received second prize in an

essay writing competition sponsored by the Korean consulate.

Anne Sastro's major work for Extension 2 English in the HSC has been nominated for Showcase, an exhibition of the best written and visual projects from the 2004 HSC. This means that Anne's work was judged to be "outstanding" by HSC markers. Ms Diprose and Mr Slow are very pleased indeed and proud of Anne's significant achievement.

New H.T. English, Drama and ESL 2005

Ms Alison Henze, currently H.T. English at Oberon H.S. will replace Ms Diprose as our H.T. English from 2005. We welcome her to RGHS and look forward to working with her to continue the fine work of Ms Diprose in English curriculum leadership from 1995 – 2004.

Judy King

Return To School 2005

Friday	28th January 2005	Teachers only	
Monday	31st January 2005	Years 11 and 12	9 a.m.
		Year 10	12 noon
Tuesday	1st February 2005	Years 8 and 9	9 a.m.
		Year 7	12 noon

Ryde Schools Spectacular

Congratulations to ALL girls who performed in the Ryde Schools Spectacular at the Opera House on 2nd November. You performed magnificently and certainly did Riverside proud!

This year Riverside was featured in three items. Vanessa Lawrence (Year 10) was a soloist and sang *It Is You I Have Loved*. Vanessa was supported by featured dancers Tamara Mitchell (Year 9) and Leah Dudenhoeffer (Year 10) and the Combined Schools Choir. Eve Heppell made her solo singing debut, surprising her friends (who had never heard her sing before) with her performance of *At Last*.

Dance Club dancers closed the show with *I Believe*. The quality of all three performances was outstanding and the feedback we received from the audience and the Ryde Schools Spec committee was very positive. Well done girls!

Thankyou Dance Captains

I'd like to acknowledge the work of our Dance Captains in 2004. Without them it would have been impossible to run Dance Club. These girls put countless hours into choreography and rehearsals, have all developed leadership and teaching skills and have deservedly earned the respect and admiration of their peers.

Year 12 – Lauren Nicholls, Philippa Hinton
Year 10 – Leah Dudenhoeffer, Alix Bruun-Hammond, Alana Beggs
Year 9 – Chelsea Gibson, Brittany Kalliabetsou, Amy Bell
Year 8 – Eloise Jaksic

Kerene Garvan
Dance Club Coordinator

Jessie Street National Women's Library

On September 20 we were lucky enough to attend the Jessie Street National Women's Library 10th annual luncheon at Parliament House in Macquarie Street. The Jessie Street National Women's Library was established to meet the need for a national library with the sole focus on the literary and cultural heritage of women. In the words of Ursula LeGuin *to keep women's words, women's works alive and powerful*.

The day was an amazing experience for all of us and after this luncheon we can say with pride that *women can do anything!* Many of the guests had flown interstate to attend.

We met and listened to many women who inspired and motivated us to become involved in the wider community. There were three remarkable women at our table who were involved in the library and world activities, one being a member of the UN and another a founding member of UNIFEM.

The guest speaker was Her Excellency Governor of New South Wales, Professor Marie Bashir. The patron's address was given by Clover Moore, Lord Mayor of Sydney. This is the first time in history that both these positions have been held by a woman and at the same time.

The luncheon ended with a raffle draw in which Riverside was picked to draw first place (a diamond ring!). Unfortunately we did not win any prizes, but were given a voucher for books to spend at Angus and Robertson.

We would like to thank Ms Bean for driving us and keeping us company throughout the luncheon and to Ms King for giving us the opportunity as it was a truly memorable experience. We recommend that next year's senior leaders attend as it helped us all become more aware of the changing role of women in society and learn of experiences from other women.

Brittany Olsson, Fernanda Chen, Elysia Vickas and Storay

National Young Leaders Day

On Wednesday November 10, Vice Captain Stephanie Brown, Sports Captain Brittany Olsson and I attended the National Young Leaders Day at the Sydney Convention Centre at Darling Harbour. With over 3000 secondary school students in attendance the day was a great success. We enjoyed ourselves and found the day both informative and inspiring.

The hon. Bob Carr, Premier of New South Wales spoke to us about the value of contribution; within our families, within our schools and our communities. Lindley Edwards, Investment Banker, Corporate Adviser and dynamic youth speaker told us how she had reached her goals and how she became the successful business woman that she is. Matthew Reilly, a best selling author spoke to us about being motivated to get up and do something with our lives. He recognised the fact that the perfect life and personal dreams would not be handed to us on a "silver platter" and that we should believe in ourselves, go out and fulfil our dreams and goals. Kerri Pottharst, Olympic Gold Medallist in Beach Volleyball at the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games, told us about how she won gold at the Olympics and the struggles that got her there. Finally, John Coutis, an inspirational speaker as well as an extraordinary

man, shared with us how he has overcome the challenge of having no legs and the good and bad stories of his life.

As well as these speakers, there were three students who shared with the group their thoughts on leadership. There were multimedia clips to break up the speakers, and towards the end, a dance item introduced the final speakers. There were also competitions and autographs available.

All in all, the three of us had a great day. We went away with inspiration and motivation to be who we want to be and reach our goals and play a vital leadership role in and outside the school. It was a great event to be part of and all represented Riverside Girls High School with pride.

Thank you to Ms Bean for organising the excursion, and to Riverside for helping us get to this great event.

Sally Macintyre, School Captain

Design and Technology

The students of 8CE1 DT (food unit) have been having a great time in practical lessons, wielding their knives with consummate skill. Wafer thin mushroom slices, slender capsicum strips and gorgeous shallot curls were quickly produced as they prepared a chicken stir-fry on Tuesday. As the students frequently reveal interesting details of the delicious food that they eat at home, we decided to all bring a dish to share. What a revelation! How many cultures in one room? Afghan, Armenian, Bosnian, Chinese, Indian, Indonesian, Japanese, Lebanese, Macedonian, New Zealand and Thai.

Cuisines from these countries were brought by the students to share and enjoy. For many, it was the first time that they had tasted such intriguing food. The parents of these students are to be complimented for their generosity. The students of 8CE1 are legends!

Languages

UN VIAGGIO IN ITALIA ~ A TRIP TO ITALY.

For four weeks, including the September holidays, five Year 11 students joined a study tour to Italy. The trip was organised by Marco Man of Beverley Hills Girls' High School and Riverside joined students from several schools to experience a slice of this fabulous country. The girls stayed with Italian families and went to school in Italy as well as visiting major cities and practising their Italian. This report of the trip is from Liz Holmes of the Year 11 Italian class.

Kerene Garvan

On the 10th of September, Stephanie Brown, Lauren Butler-Howell, Rhiannon Goode, Una Harris-McNeill and myself, Liz Holmes, went on the trip of our lives to Italy. Rhiannon stayed in Rome for most of the trip, while Una, Steph, Lauren and I stayed in or around a small town in Tuscany called Montepulciano, or as we called it, "Monty". We met at the airport at the group desk and saw at least 50 or so kids going on the trip. Half of the kids were going to stay in Rome near Rhiannon and the rest were coming to Monty with us. We caught the plane from Sydney to Frankfurt, Germany, and had a one-hour stopover in Singapore. The plane ride was okay, although the food was really disgusting and this guy we met wouldn't let us sleep because he was bored. The in-flight entertainment was good; they had some new movies showing and games to keep us occupied.

We arrived in Frankfurt in the early hours of the morning to catch a connecting flight to Rome. At that point we were so excited we could not contain ourselves. As the plane landed in Rome I wanted to scream but didn't as I did not want to embarrass my friends. We got off the aeroplane, collected our luggage and caught the coach to our hotel. We arrived in a small town called Ciampino where unfortunately we had to say goodbye to Rhiannon as she was meeting her host family that day. We stayed in "Hotel Dany". It was cute, had a massive pool and a cute army guy staying upstairs. So yes, things were good!

While in Rome we saw the Colosseum, the Roman Forum, the Vatican, Sistine Chapel and the Trevi Fountain. We climbed St. Peters and even though we nearly died in the process it was worth the climb as the view was so breathtaking. On our last day in Rome we were allowed to go shopping. We all thought "Yay! We can go to all the designer stores and pick up something cheap". Boy, were we wrong. We looked in a few shops and thought "No way, a Gucci scarf for 300 euros, yeah right!" We found a cheaper street, which wasn't quite as glamorous, but we found some nice things. The next day we left Rome, our cute little hotel and the handsome army guy Lauren and I always stared at and left for Montepulciano. By this point in the trip all 23 of us were friends and really close. We were also scared not knowing what our host families would be like.

Montepulciano is a small mountain town in Tuscany. It is absolutely gorgeous but it is all uphill. They had cute little shops and the best pizza place in the world called "Lo Spuntino" which means "the snack". We got to Monty and met our families. We were all happy as we ended up staying with nice people. We four girls were quite far away from each other but we saw each other every day at school. We went to school 6 days a week, but the lessons only went for two hours. Our days in Monty consisted of going to

school then walking up the mountain to get pizza and hanging out at 'our spot'. Some days we had day trips to castles and churches surrounding Monty.

After spending two great weeks in Monty our group of 23 kids was inseparable. We even made a name for our group: *The Monty Crew*. We left our families and we were all really sad. We couldn't stop crying. We met up with the Rhiannon and the Rome people and were on our way to Venice. While in Venice we went to the Piazza San Marco and even though it smells like a sewer it is so beautiful. We had lots and lots of fun in Venice, as we got to go out at night and our hotel was right on the beach. Also, while we were in Venice we got to go to the islands of Murano (the glass making island) and Burano (the lace making island). It started to rain while we were there but that didn't stop us from shopping and going on the gondolas.

The next day we drove from Venice all the way to Florence. On the way we stopped in Verona and saw Romeo and Juliet's balcony and went shopping at the markets. After Verona we went to the Ferrari factory, which wasn't an actual factory; it was a show room. We got to Florence at 9.00 pm. We were really happy because we were staying in a really nice hotel that was on a river and close to the centre of Florence. While we were in Florence we went to the Academy of Art and saw the statue of David. The detail on him is amazing. We then went shopping and it was there in Florence I bought my eighth bottle of perfume (I bought ten altogether). We went to *Il Duomo* (the cathedral), which is lit only by candles and has beautiful paintings inside the dome. We then went and saw the *Uffizi*, which holds some of the most famous paintings in the world. We went to the *Ponte Vecchio*, which translates to the "Old Bridge". All along the bridge are jewellery stores that have such beautiful jewellery. I have never seen so much gold in my life.

We left Italy and went to London where, surprise, surprise, it was raining and very dreary, but at least the duty free shops in the airport were good. If any of you want to go to Italy, us five girls encourage you to go on this tour. You do not need to know a lot of Italian. If you currently study Italian, history or art this trip will be beneficial, as you will learn a lot. If you are in year 9, 10 or 11 it is a fabulous opportunity for you to expand your mind and try new things as we have. If you have any questions about the trip don't hesitate to come to Ms Garvan or us.

We all had the time of our lives and wouldn't have changed anything. We made such great friends not only from Australia but also in Italy. Italy is such an amazing country and if we had the chance to go again I am sure we all would.

By Liz Holmes

Languages Competition

In 2004 we again had a number of students enter the Australian Languages Competition. Girls in Years 9 and 10 entered at the Beginners level with Year 11 students participating at the Intermediate level. Ms Garvan, Ms Austin and Ms McPherson would like to acknowledge the following students who achieved a Distinction:

French, Year 9

Maddy Hall
Roselyn Hall
Elise Karlsson
Victoria Nguyen
Nicole Thio
Fiona Thuy
Natalie Unwalla
Victoria Wolley

French, Year 10

Karmee Chiu
Kate Edmondson
Rachel Hammersley
Emma Palmer
Kayleigh Ross

Italian, Year 9

Laura Cracknell
Eve Heppell
Ellie Larrarte
Veronica Liotta
Morgan Snow

Italian, Year 10

Judy Chen
Megan Gardiner
Reenay Mishra
Simone Ruello
Adriane White
Marni Wood

German, Year 10

Lotte Callanan
Monica Geeson
Philippa Hogg
Hasmig Kalajian
Vanessa Lawrence
Sanaa Mathur
Kate Steinfelder

Special congratulations to the following students who achieved results in the top 10% of Australia:

Year 10

Sarah Musumeci – Italian
Alana Beggs – French
Elise Karlsson – French
Fiona Thuy – French
Elizabeth Bird – German
Lotte Callanan – German
Mia Cleeve-Edwards – German
Monica Geeson – German
Emma Harrison – German
Philippa Hogg – German
Vanessa Lawrence – German

Sanaa Mathur – German

Year 11

Anja Linder – German

Well done to all of you who participated and we look forward to seeing another round of fabulous results next year!

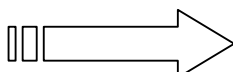
The Languages Faculty

General & Elective Subject Contributions 2005



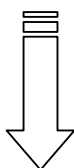
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General Contributions



Year 7	\$275
Year 8	\$260
Year 9	\$150
Year 10	\$150
Year 11	\$195
Year 12	\$185

Electives



	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12
Ceramics 1U			\$45	\$45
Computing Applications			\$35	\$35
Computing Studies (CSTW) (IST)	\$40	\$40		
Design & Technology	\$40	\$40	\$35	\$30
Drama	\$15	\$15	\$35	\$35
Food Technology	\$70	\$70	\$35	\$35
Hospitality (VET)			\$95	\$100
Hospitality uniform (to be purchased by Wk 6 Term 1 in Year 11)			\$80-\$100	
Information Processing & Technology			\$50	\$50
Information Technology (VET)			\$60	\$60
All Languages	\$25	\$25	\$30	\$30
Languages – HSC Extension courses				\$25
Music (Course 1 or 2)	\$35	\$35	\$55	\$55
Music Extension HSC				\$45
Open High School – each language			\$74 for 2 years	
Photography 1U			\$75	\$75
Software Design & Development			\$50	\$50
Physical Activities & Sport Studies	\$200 or \$50/term	\$200 or \$50/term		
Technical Drawing (Graphic Techn))	\$35	\$35		
Textiles & Design	\$30	\$30	\$35	\$40
Visual Arts	\$45	\$45	\$55	\$65
Visual Design 1U			\$45	\$45
Wood Technics	\$55	\$30 + materials for major work		

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UNIFORM SHOP

The UNIFORM SHOP is open every Thursday & Wednesday of Term 3 and 4 at lunchtime in the School Hall Kitchen

CONTACT: School Office PH: 98164264
Jenny Evans: Tuesday and Wednesday

PRICE LIST

Junior School Blouse (White)	\$27.00
Junior Blouse (long sleeve)	\$30.00
Junior Skirt Royal Check	\$45.00
V-Neck Wool/nylon mix jumper with logo	\$55.00
Trousers navy	\$45.00
Senior Blouse (blue) (Yrs 11 & 12)	\$27.00
Senior Blouse (long sleeve)	\$30.00
Senior Skirt Navy	\$33.00

RECYCLED CLOTHING	\$5.00 per item
Except Junior Skirt	\$15.00
Except Wool Jumper	\$20.00

SALE ITEMS -

Junior Blouse (Taleb)	\$20.00
Parachute Jacket (sport only)	\$5.00

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS – PLEASE READ THIS SECTION

- **TALEB Junior blouses** – These are the older style blouses and are being sold at the reduced price of \$20, (original price \$25). Size range is limited to Size 10, Size 18 and Size 20. A hem can be taken on the bottom so they resemble the new blouses.
- **Parachute jackets (sport)** – We are selling old stock of jackets that can be used for sport and the cost is only \$5.00. We have one size left. They are small and are suitable for Year 7s.
- **After you have chosen the size of the item you require** – please complete an invoice/order form **before** coming to the uniform shop window.
- **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.
- **Recycled uniforms are URGENTLY required** – Parents are invited to donate second-hand uniform items **in good condition**. Please leave these at the office.

PAYMENTS BY CASH, CHEQUE OR CREDIT CARD ARE ACCEPTED.
CHEQUES SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO RIVERSIDE GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL