

RIVERSIDE CURRENTS

Riverside Girls High School Parent & Community Newsletter

October 2004

Principals Report

Year 12 Graduation 2004

145 Year 12 students graduated at the end of term 3. Three of them will continue as part of the Year 12 group in 2005, taking advantage of the opportunities of the Pathways HSC system. 111 of the 145 are eligible for a UAI with the other 34 undertaking various subject combinations (including Record of Achievement and Pathways) which do not give students a UAI. The HSC exams begin on Monday 18th October and the last exam is Friday 12th November. The HSC results are issued to students by the Board of Studies on Friday 17th December. We wish all Year 12 students the very best of luck for all their HSC exams and every success in their future.

Year 7 enrolments 2005

We have a very big Year 7 for 2005 and it looks as though we will form 7 classes. We are very pleased that so many families want their daughters to come to Riverside. The Orientation Day for new Year 7 students is Thursday 2nd December. Uniforms will be on sale from 7.30 a.m. and the official welcome will be later in the morning at 9.15 a.m. in the hall. All families will receive a mail out about the Orientation morning by 25th October.

Melbourne Cup Lunch

The P. and C. is holding a Melbourne Cup Lunch on Tuesday 2nd November at 1 pm. All parents are welcome. A separate note will have already been sent home. If you haven't visited us since the new facilities were completed in January this year you could have a look around the afternoon of the lunch.

If it is a fine day those attending the lunch could spill out on to the front lawn which is adjacent to the new common room in the old admin block.

Senior Uniforms for 2005

All Year 10 and 11 students will have the opportunity to purchase senior uniforms for Years 11 and 12, 2005 on Monday 22nd November. All Year 10 returning in 2005 for Year 11 will need to purchase a senior skirt and/or trousers and senior shirts. Some senior girls will need a new school jumper if their old one is not likely to last one more year. A separate note will come home about this soon.

School Contributions 2005

A table of the fees for electives Years 9-12 and the general fees for each year for 2005 has been included in this newsletter. As usual, the relevant 2005 fees information sheets will be attached to the yearly reports at the end of term 4. The new Year 12 students will receive their fees sheets shortly. As always, we rely heavily on the financial support of parents to fund educational programs, especially in the areas of multi media and technology in learning. We hoped by including the fees table in this edition it could help with planning for 2005. We do understand that supporting the school financially is difficult for some families and impossible for some others. As always, we rely on your good judgement about all matters financial and thank all families for their ongoing support, not just financially, over many years.

Judy King

Return To School 2005

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

P & C News

Parent Helpline

Parent Helpline providing support and advocacy to parents whose children have learning difficulties. Phone: (02) 9806 9960 or for more information visit the website:

http://www.learningdifficultiescoalition.org.au/html/body_parent_helpline.html

Uniform Shop

Parental support is needed to assist with the sale of school uniforms on the mornings of :

Monday 22nd November: Senior Uniform Sale Day

Thursday 2nd December: Year 7 Orientation Day

If you are available to assist for a few hours please phone Jenny Evans at the school. on 98164264. If Jenny is not available please ask for Stacey.

Code of Conduct

A new Code of Conduct for DET staff was made available on 15/06/2004. The document clarifies the standards of behaviour that are expected of DET staff in the performance of their duties. If you would like to view the document go to

http://www.det.nsw.edu.au/policies/staff/ethical_behav/conduct/PD20040020.shtml

If any parent would like to receive the Riverside Currents by email, a proforma is attached on the final page of this issue to register your email address on the P & C data base.

A Message from the P&C

We wish to support the school in the development of the most effective waste/ resource management system and are seeking input from parents who have specific expertise in this area. Please contact the P&C President Sue Hobley if you are able to assist. Mob.040307 2484

The P & C also require support from parents with the selling of uniforms at the Year 7 Orientation Day on Thursday 2 December being held from 7.30-11am with an early start to benefit working parents. Prices for uniforms will be listed on the school website together with contact details for the P & C Executive if you are able to assist.

Advance notice of our Melbourne Cup Lunch on Tuesday 2nd November- we plan to hold a Picnic Race Day complete with the race on the big screen, a sweep and lunch on the lawn. Mark that date in your diary and look out for the flyer.

We would like to acknowledge the wonderful "Riverside Swings" Music Evening thanks to the

hard work of the Band Committee and the input of staff. 20 girls played tirelessly all through the night. We would greatly appreciate more parental support to give our fledging Music Club as much help as possible.

The P&C have made the following allocations for expenditure of \$11,800 to date, based on the priorities determined in consultation with teaching staff.

Year 12 Graduation Prizes \$1600

State sport for students \$200

2005 Diaries \$4500

Student financial assistance \$3000

Bath Day \$2500

Such ongoing financial support is only possible with parental contributions being paid in full and we encourage any parents who have not contributed to do so as soon as possible. There are several other items of expenditure which the P&C cannot honour at present without further input from parents.

Please note !!

The funding of textbooks is an ever increasing drain on school finances. We would like parents to be aware that they can purchase textbooks for their daughters with the intention of donating the books back to the school for use in later years. This will certainly help the budget and allow the P&C to support other much needed initiatives. The list of required texts will be available on the school website if parents wish to pursue this option.

The P&C would like to invite Parents and Staff of Riverside to a
Melbourne Cup Luncheon

To be held on
Tuesday 2nd November
From 1.30pm to 3.30pm

Join us for fun , a flutter and a light lunch with champagne
On the Front Lawn

Sweeps will be conducted with all the action on the big screen in the Staff Common Room

There will be a charge of \$12 per head
Sandwiches, fruit, cake and 2 glasses of champagne will be served together with tea and coffee

Contact :
Sue Hobley:
Phone 9818 1997
Mobile 040307 2484

Or
Jenny Hinton:
[Jenny.hinton@EMAIL.CS.NSW.GOV.AU]

Year 8 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; dishes from these cuisines 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!

NOAMA PROJECT

-with Australian Centre of Astrobiology and NASA

We have been involved in a science project with the Australian Centre of Astrobiology and NASA last year, in which 25 students selected from various schools are to come up with a project protocol for the NASA diving mission to the Great Eastern Rise in the Pacific Ocean.

The purpose of this mission is to collect samples from thousands of metres below the ocean surface, where the environment is considered extremely harsh for living things to survive. The NASA diving crew assigned themselves to the hydrothermal vents in the Great Eastern Rise, where superheated water rises from the ocean floor. The energy and nutrients from the hydrothermal vents allow unique forms of life, such as strange tubeworms, long-necked barnacles, giant clams and bizarre shrimp to survive in an extreme environment. The main producer organisms in this strange ecosystem are chemosynthetic bacteria. The goals of our mission are to see if rusticles occur on black smokers at the Eastern Pacific Rise. If so, then are these structures associated with microbial life? If no rusticles are found, the primary goal is to see if microbial life is present on the surface of or even in a hydrothermal vent chimney at the Eastern Pacific Rise. So here comes the main goal of this mission: If life on Earth began in extreme environments such as those found around submarine hydrothermal vents, it is also possible that life may very well have formed at similar structures on Mars or on Europa, an ice-covered moon of Jupiter.

We have attended several conferences during the mission and have observed and examined several types of rocks including sandstones and basalts. In considering the protocols of life and how to find living organisms on or inside non-living substances, e.g. the surface of the hydrothermal vent, we underwent a series of brainstorming and came up with a detailed project plan which directs the diving crew to
observe, examine and record the environmental conditions under the ocean
select the location to collect samples
choose and obtain certain samples from the vents
preserve samples according to certain steps

The NASA diving crew has already accomplished their second dive and obtained the samples we requested. In addition, director James Cameron is making an IMAX film about the hydrothermal vents, which is based on this mission. We are very excited about being involved in this project and look forward to the release of the film in the near future.

Chris Xie and Christina Min

RYDE SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR

Talented Riverside singers and dancers recently auditioned for the annual Ryde Schools Spectacular and this year again several students were successful.

Seven girls auditioned for singing solo parts, of whom two made it in. Well done to everybody who auditioned as it takes great courage to do a solo audition. Congratulations to Eve Heppell (Yr 9) and Vanessa Lawrence (Yr 10) who were selected as soloists!

Dance club auditioned an item which we have spent a term putting together. Our item consists of three segments of dance representing the themes of hope, belief and positivism across three eras of film. Our item is entirely choreographed by students and those responsible for the choreography are marked with an asterix (*).

Year 10

Alana Beggs *
Alix Bruun-Hammond *
Leah Duddenhoeffer *

Year 9

Amy Bell *
Brittany Kalliabetsou *
Chelsea Gibson *
Tamara Mitchell *

Year 8

Ashleigh Estwick
Ashwini Ranjithabalan
Eloise Jaksic
Emma Schwarcz
Hannah Vousden
Laura Broadhead
Lauren Turner
Leah Harrison
Nadine Ettiene-Walsh
Noelani Daniel
Rylley Westaway
Victoria Whyte

Year 7

Alana Story
Anna Andronikashvili
Elyse Chant
Emily Thomas
Joannah Linton
Narelle Quinon
Natalie Kerr
Rachael McKenzie
Rhea Cambourne
Sarah Lawther

Well done girls! You made me very proud and I am sure you will make Riverside proud come November!

The Ryde Schools Spectacular will be performed at the Opera House on November 2nd. Tickets cost \$20 and may be purchased by calling Ryde Public School on 9809 3181.

Kerene Garvan
Dance Club Coordinator

YOUNG IN ART

Riverside had a highly successful result at the recent art exhibition organised by Hunters Hill Council. The overall winning prize of \$100 was awarded to Hannah Jenkins in year 9 for her interesting sculpture based on the work of artist Henri Matisse. Yehbone Moon in year 7 received a commendation for her charcoal drawing of herself. She also received a prize pack of art materials.

At the Opening Night of the exhibition, prizes were given out to all the winners from local primary and secondary schools. Before and after the presentation several of our music students performed solo items and duets for the assembled audience. On behalf of the Council and the school, a special thankyou is extended to Jessica Mobbs in year 11 as well as year 9 students; Terri Cheung, Victoria Nguyen and Louisa Andrews for their musical performances that contributed to the success of the evening. It was a great opportunity to

show off their talents at a public forum and they acquitted themselves very well.

R McMillan

Year 7 Science Model

A Crane

For my science project, I've made a crane. To make it work, wind the handle. As you wind the handle the cord wraps around it. The cord then runs through the pulleys, in order to lift a weight. My crane swivels, to make it easier to move a load.

The scientific principle has something to do with force. The pulley decreases the amount of force needed to lift a load.

By Sarah Barnett

Hot and Cold Compartments in a Car-Boot

How it works:

As you can see in the picture, the floor of my boot looks flat. However underneath are slides which you pull back and underneath is a clear window. You open the window and put anything inside whether it be hot or cold.

I tested the cold compartment with an ice cube and it lasted for 1h and 25 minutes.

For insulation I used a mixture of foil and newspaper rolled up so it was really thick.

By Natalie

Humane Mouse Trap

Brief Description:

The purpose of my Mouse Trap is to catch mice/rats without killing them.

What Happens?:

When the mouse/rat walks into the trap, it sees the cheese. The cheese is hanging from a piece of string, which is joined to the piece of cardboard, which holds up the door. When the mouse/rat grabs the cheese and walks away with it, the string pulls the piece of cardboard and the door falls down. The door is held in place by magnets so the mouse/rat can't get out.

By Emily Thomas

Year 9 Science Excursion to Bicentennial Park

Unfortunately we have been forced to cancel this excursion as fewer than 60 percent of students had paid by the due date. (Please note that the school has a policy that for an excursion to be run, then the minimum number of students paying is 90 percent.)

State buses now have a five day cancellation policy and so we had to make a final decision the week before the excursion.

Year 11 Business Studies excursion to Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre

Year 11 Business Studies had an exciting excursion to Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre on Friday 27 August. We have been studying business planning in class, and have been given the awesome opportunity of helping the Aquatic Centre develop some innovative ideas they can implement in their business!

The General Manager of the Aquatic Centre, Paul Hartmann, gave us a fascinating insight into the planning the operations of the Centre. We also went on a 'behind the scenes' tour of the Centre, and saw all of the plant and equipment needed to keep the pool running smoothly. We were almost blown off our feet by the fans needed to suck the water out of the pool so it can be cleaned.

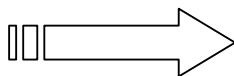
Overall, a great day which really helped to consolidate the information learnt in class. Now all we have to do is think of some innovative strategies they can implement to improve their business as part of our business plan!

General & Elective Subject Contributions 2005



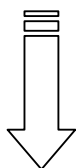
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General Contributions



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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Riverside Girls' High School

Riverside Currents goes online

On-line School Newsletter

“Riverside Currents” our monthly newsletter contains valuable information for all parents and students including:

- Principals Report
- Faculty and Subject reports and news
- Samples of student work
- P&C News
- Careers News
- Dates to Remember

As a result of parental surveys the P&C and school community has decided to trial uploading Riverside Currents to the school website instead of producing a printed copy for each family. This initiative has many advantages including the positive environmental impact and ensuring parents receive a copy of Currents.

If you would like the school to inform you each time a new version is uploaded please complete and return this sheet to the front office or visit our website at www.riversideghs.nsw.edu.au and follow the links to register your email address with us.

Please inform me when Currents is uploaded by sending an email to the email address shown below.

I am happy to have this email address added to the P&C data base of email addresses which will enable the P&C to keep me informed of P&C news and events.

Yes No (please tick one)

Parent Name _____
Student Name and Year _____
Email address _____
Date _____
Parent Signature _____

RIVERSIDE GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL 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