

# RIVERSIDE CURRENTS

Riverside Girls High School Parent & Community Newsletter

October 2006

## **Calendar Dates Term 3**

### **October**

- Monday 16 **Day 1, Week B, Term 4**  
Year 10 Exams commence  
English, 9.30-11.40 am  
Science, 12.30-3.00 pm
- Tuesday 17 Year 10 Exams  
Maths, 9.30-11.35 am  
History/Geography, 12.30-2.40
- Wednesday 18 Year 10 Exams  
Computing Skills followed by  
normal lessons
- Thursday 19 HSC Exams commence
- Monday 30 Ryde Schools Spectacular  
Opera House

### **November**

- Wednesday 8 P & C Meeting, 7.30 pm
- Monday 13 School Certificate Exams:
- Tuesday 14 School Certificate Exams:
- Wednesday 15 School Certificate Exams  
Band Committee meeting  
7.00-9.00 pm, Common Room
- Friday 17 last day for HSC exams
- Tuesday 21 Senior uniform sale for 11, 12 in  
2007
- Wednesday 22 Year 11 Presentation Assembly
- Friday 24 Schools Spectacular  
Saturday 25 Entertainment Centre
- Tuesday 28 Year 8 ESSA Science Exam

## **Principals Report**

### **Farewell to Year 12 of 2006**

The farewell assembly for Year 12 and the graduation at the end of last term were very positive up beat ceremonies. There was a strong sense of celebration in the air as 153 girls from

Year 12 received awards recognising their significant academic achievements as well as awards for school service, community service, sport, performing arts and student leadership.

The special awards at the Graduation were:

Pierre de Coubertin Award for sporting excellence Jessica Francis

Caltex Award – Best All Rounder Elham Tahzib

Rueben F. Scarf Award – Commitment & Perseverance Zohra Alimie

School Medallion for “Outstanding School Service” Alex BRUN-HAMMOND  
Kavisha BILIMORIA  
Tahlia SUMERTHA

School Medallion for “Consistent High Academic Achievement” Judy CHEN  
Amanda LOYD-TAIT  
Simrit QUAR  
Kayleigh ROSS  
Samantha SZETU

P. & C. Award for Citizenship Elham TAHZIB

Macquarie University Award for Consistently High Academic Achievement Cloye Ruo Yi FAN

Year Adviser’s Award for all round outstanding student Hannah GOLDSTEIN

NSW University Scholarship nomination Amanda LLOYD-TAIT

The rendition of the 1960s favourite “Shout” by the Year 12 music elective class with Megan Cohn on lead vocals, was so good, that Mr Teece and I could not resist dancing at the Year 12 farewell assembly.

We look forward to their HSC results which I am sure will be excellent and wish all Year 12 every success at University, at TAFE and in the workforce. Many of them have given outstanding service to the school over the last six years especially Elham Tahzib (Captain), Vanessa Lawrence (Vice Captain) and Rhiannon Atkinson-Howarr (Sports Captain).

**P. & C. Meeting –  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 7.30 pm**

This is the final P. & C. meeting for 2006. It is also the Annual General Meeting. We hope to see lots of parents at the meeting. The Head Teacher, Teaching and Learning, Ms Rose Daniels will speak to the parents about some teaching and learning initiatives for 2007.

We really need the support of parents as the federal government imposes more and more controls on NSW schools and the NSW curriculum. Some of the demands are highly political and have nothing to do with best practice in teaching and learning or assessment and reporting. The regular attacks on teachers throughout Australia by the Prime Minister and the federal Minister for Education serve no educational purpose.

We welcome contributions from parents on any educational concerns and the best place to seek opinions from parents is at the P & C. meeting on the second Wednesday of every month in the school common room at 7.30 p.m.

**Year 10 and the School Certificate**

All Year 10 students returning to Riverside for Year 11 must remain at school until Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December, the last day for Year 10. Those Year 10 students not returning in 2007 may sign out on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November but not before then. All Year 10 parents received a timeline of all important dates for term 4 in the mail this week. The covering letter explained the timeline.

**Christmas appeal for the Exodus Foundation at Ashfield**

Every Christmas we do our best to gather food items for the Rev. Bill Crews' Exodus Foundation at Ashfield. The food items are very welcome at the foundation which supports many homeless citizens and families facing huge financial hardship at a difficult time of the year. It is always great when the foundation has to send two trucks because all the cans of food cannot fit in one. I do hope all Riverside families will support the appeal later in term 4. The student leaders will be responsible for organising the Christmas collection. We will give you more details in the December edition of the school newsletter

**Teacher Appointments**

In Term 3 we were given the opportunity to appoint Mr Paul Jones (History, Social Science and English/Drama) and Ms Rosemary Udell (Maths) to the permanent teaching staff .

Occasionally schools are allowed to interview casual teachers for permanent classroom positions. Everyone in the school is delighted with the appointments.

**Year 7 2007 Orientation**

We look forward to meeting 210 Year 7 girls and their parents at the Year 7 Orientation on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 7.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. If you know that any prospective Year 7 family has changed their school for 2007 it is essential that they inform us immediately. We do have a waiting list for Year 7 in 2007 and we need to ensure that those on the waiting list have up to date information about potential vacancies in case they need to confirm enrolments elsewhere.

J. King  
Principal

**2007  
RETURN TO SCHOOL**

Monday	29 January	teachers only
Tuesday	30 January	Years 11, 12 at 9 a.m. Year 10 at 12 noon
Wednesday	31 January	Years 8, 9 at 9 a.m. Year 7 at 12 noon

**Sport**

**Knockout 15 yrs Basketball**

**Round 2**

Riverside defeated St Ives High School 36-15

The team consisted of:

Anna Emsley  
Chelsea Lester  
Adela Vukovic  
Sophie Tucker  
Rhea Cambourn  
Laura Francis  
Melissa Brown  
Anet Eliasian  
Alannah Frankham  
Emma Parry

**Match Report**

Riverside started the game off slowly with St Ives being the first to score 2 baskets before Riverside found the ring. After the team's first basket a flood of points were scored with Riverside leading 16 points to 4 at half time. In the second half the whole team played together and scored well with the final score being 36-15.

Player awards – M.V.P. Anna Emsley 12 points  
Best Defensive Player – Alannah Frankham  
Most Improved – Emma Parry

**Round 3:** Riverside defeated Killarney Heights High 56- 18

The team members were:- Aisha Barnes Year 8, Noelani Daniel Year 10, Anet Eliasian Year 10, Anna Emsley Year 7, Chelsea Lester Year 7, Emma Parry Year 10, Rawan Shakhtour Year 10 and Sophie Tucker Year 8.

#### **Match Report**

The game started well with Riverside scoring on their first lay-up. The team worked well together and dominated rebounds at both ends of the court. Excellent mid court work by the guards, Anna, Aisha, Chelsea and Noelani. This was supported by sound work under the basket by forwards Sophie, Anet and Emma. A great team effort.

MVP: Anna Emsley. Most Improved Defence: Emma Parry. Most Improved Offence: Sophie Tucker.

**Round 4:** Terrigal High defeated Riverside 70- 32

The team members were:- Aisha Barnes Year 8, Noelani Daniel Year 10, Anet Eliasian Year 10, Anna Emsley Year 7, Chelsea Lester Year 7, Emma Parry Year 10, Rawan Shakhtour Year 10 and Sophie Tucker Year 8.

The team was down a few players this game as a few of the girls decided to play in the OZTAG Gala Day. After a hard fought first half Terrigal got on top and won the game. All Riverside players scored points in this game. A great team effort! Terrigal went on to win the overall knockout competition so Riverside did well to compete against a well drilled team.

MVP: Anna Emsley. Most steals: Chelsea Lester. Best defence: Emma Parry.

Coach: B Lowe

#### **NSW Secondary Schools Basketball Championships Years 7/8 Grand Final**

Riverside defeated Winmalee High 25-10

The team consisted of:

Allana Duncan  
Anna Emsley  
Chelsea Lester  
Aisha Barnes  
Bree Donato  
Tayla McLean  
Helen Samarian  
Sophie Tucker  
Adela Vukovic

Referee: Alannah Frankham

#### **Match Report**

Riverside entered 2 teams in this year's NSW Secondary Schools Championships for Years 7 and 8. Team 1 eventually won the final after playing 6 hard games. Team 2 played well but were knocked out in the preliminary rounds.

Riverside 1 played the following schools in the preliminary rounds – Picnic Point, Glenmore Park, St Agnes High and Winmalee. The results were two wins and two losses. Riverside gained fourth position in the semi-finals on for and against points, resulting in having to play the number one team, Sarah Redfern High, in the semi-final. Riverside was dominant, defeating this team 42-26 to gain a place in the final against Winmalee High, who had won the other semi final. Riverside had played Winmalee in the preliminary round and was narrowly beaten so a close game was expected. Riverside had a four point advantage at half time and was able to extend their lead to win the final 25-10, with some excellent rebounding by Alicia, Adela and Sophie. All team members were presented with a trophy at the presentations following the game. Well done all girls who participated in games on the day.

Most Improved Player: Sophie Tucker  
Most Valuable Player Anna Emsley  
Best Defensive Player Helen Samarian

B. Lowe (Coach)

### **P.&C. MEETING**

Wednesday 8 November  
7.30pm, School Common Room

A.G.M.

#### **AUSTRALIAN LANGUAGE CERTIFICATES 2006**

This year many LOTE students once again entered the Australian Languages Competition. We would like to acknowledge the outstanding achievements of the girls in the Years 9 and 10 elective classes who excelled themselves in all areas of the competition.

The following students received distinctions:-

Year 9

Anna Andronikashvili, Bella Bianchino, Melanie Brown, Ella Callanan, Jessica Kutis, Zoë Linton, Jade Prothero, Narelle Quinon, Cindy Pui Wong

Year 10

Vyncianne Cuadra, Tristyn Davies, Lauren Fairley, Estelle Felix, Tamanna Hashemee, Elizabeth Jameson, Mehreen Javed, Katarina Kraft, Nikki McLeod, Caitlin Weston, Rhona Zhao

The following students in both Years 9 and 10 are also to be commended on their successful participation in the competition and on their impressive levels of achievement.

Year 9

Sana Ahmadi, Sarah Barnett, Jordan French, Lucy Goldstein, Divya John, Jade Milne

Year 10

Elizabeth Brandon, Cathy Chen, Nadine Etienne-Walsh, Gail Johnson, Supanida Liengsaengthong, Pamela Mayengehama, Kim Nguyen, Jamie-Lee Ryan

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

Melanie Brown, Estelle Felix, Elizabeth Jameson, Katarina Kraft and Rhona Zhao.

Well done to all of you who participated. We are very proud of your achievements and we look forward to seeing another round of fabulous results next year!

Ms Antunes, Ms Austin and Ms Crocco

### **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**.

### **Operation Foster Care**

We urgently need foster carers in your area. On any given day, more than 3,700 children and young people need foster care in NSW because their parents can't look after them due to abuse, neglect or other circumstances.

This can be for a few days, a number of weeks or years depending on the child's situations. Carers can be single, married, with or without children and be from any cultural background.

If you want to make a difference, love children, want to enrich your life and the lives of children then please call us to find out more about becoming a foster carer. All carers receive training, support and financial assistance.

Phone: **(02) 8303 7644** for more information

### **Confident, Worry-Free Teenagers**

In order to understand anxiety and depression and how to help those who suffer from it, we are looking for **adolescents** to participate in research about confident, worry-free teenagers. To participate, adolescents must:

- be confident, relaxed & worry-free
- aged 12-16 years
- never have sought help from a mental health professional

The study involves completing some questionnaires and a number of short tasks. Participants will be paid **\$50** for their time and effort. If you are interested, please contact **Robyn Warburton** at Macquarie University on **9850 8041** or by emailing

[robyn.warburton@psy.mq.edu.au](mailto:robyn.warburton@psy.mq.edu.au)

### **Host Families Needed**

Are you open-hearted and interested in meeting new people? Hosting an exchange student really is a great way to expand your family's horizons and make a friend for life. Unlike having a boarder, the student participates as one of the family, including helping with household chores, following house rules, and joining in the fun.

Southern Cross Cultural Exchange currently has over 100 students from countries including Germany, Italy, Scandinavia and Brazil who are waiting to hear about their Australian family. They will arrive in July for a few months and go to High School. We are looking for open hearted families to host these enthusiastic teenagers.

Southern Cross Cultural Exchange is a non-profit organisation with 22 years experience in exchange programs. Hosting is voluntary and students bring their own spending money as well as being covered for medical and educational expenses

For more information please ring:

**NSW Inbound Manager, Mandy Galbraith on (02) 4757 4822**

**Or**

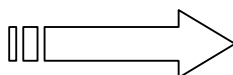
**The National Office on Toll Free 1800 500 501**

# General & Elective Subject Contributions 2006



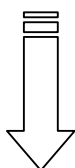
Riverside Girls High School

## General Contributions



Year 7	\$285
Year 8	\$260
Year 9	\$150
Year 10	\$150
Year 11	\$195
Year 12	\$195

## 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	\$30	\$25	\$35	\$35
Languages - HSC Extension courses				\$30
Music (Course 1 or 2)	\$35	\$35	\$55	\$55
Music Extension HSC				\$45
Open High School - each language			\$74 per year	
Photography 1U			\$75	\$75
Software Design & Development			\$50	\$50
Physical Activities & Sport Studies	\$210 or \$52.50/term	\$210 or \$52.50/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		

Phone 9816 4264

Fax 9816 5409

[www.riversideghs.nsw.edu.au](http://www.riversideghs.nsw.edu.au)

# Riverside Currents goes online

## On-line School Newsletter



Riverside Girls' High School

“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 upload “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. Printed copies of “Riverside Currents” will be available, so ask your daughter to collect a copy from the front office if you prefer a printed copy.

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](http://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 Canteen

## Term Four 2006

---

### **Sandwiches**

Vegemite	\$1.50
Baked beans	\$2.00
Cheese & tomato	\$2.50
Curried egg	\$2.50
Egg & lettuce	\$2.60
Crispy bacon/avocado	\$3.20
Ham and salad	\$3.40
Cottage cheese/salad	\$3.40
Chicken	\$3.00
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
On rolls or bagels	\$0.50
Toasted add	\$0.40

In addition	
Healthy fillings in wraps	
And Turkish pide	\$3.50

### **Salads**

Fruit salad	\$3.00
Pasta salad	\$2.80
Garden salad	\$2.80
Three bean salad	\$3.00
Tuna or chicken salad	\$4.50
Thai beef or chicken	\$4.50
99% fat free yoghurts	Rrp
Fresh sushi lunchbox (wed/thurs)	\$3.00

### **Fresh fruit**

Seasonal fruit from	\$0.60
---------------------	--------

### **Hot food**

Hot dog	\$2.50
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
Roast chicken or beef rolls with gravy	\$3.50

### **Vegetarian selections**

Indian samosas	\$2.20
Veggie burgers	\$3.50
Vegetarian lasagne	\$3.50
Vegetable risotto	\$3.50
Vegetable roll	\$2.50
Spinach and cheese puff	\$2.20
Fresh soup with roll	\$3.50

### **Low fat cakes and slices**

Date and oat slice	\$2.20
Banana bread	\$2.20
Muesli slice	\$2.00
Fruit bun	\$1.20
Low fat muffins	\$2.50

### **Ice creams and ices**

Selection of light ice	
Creams and water ices	Rrp

### **Cold beverages**

Plain milk (300ml)	Rrp
Flavoured	Rrp
Soy drinks	Rrp
Nudie juices	Rrp
Nudie smoothies	Rrp
Orange,apple,pineapple	
Apple & blackcurrant juices	Rrp
Sparkling apple can	Rrp
Spring water (500ml)	Rrp
Light soft drinks	Rrp

# The Uniform Shop

Profits from the Uniform Shop go to the school

**Opening Hours** The Uniform Shop is open every week on Thursday before school (8.30 - 9.00am), 2<sup>nd</sup> Recess (11.45 – 12.05) and at lunch time (1.00pm - 2.00pm) in the Uniform Shop located next to the Staff Common Room.

**Contact:** Jenny Evans at the school office Ph: 9816 4264

Junior School Blouse (White)	\$25.00
Junior Blouse (long sleeve)	\$30.00
Junior Skirt Royal Check	\$55.00
V-Neck Wool/blend jumper with logo	\$55.00
V-Neck Wool/blend vest	\$35.00
Trousers navy (2 pocket stretch bootcut)	\$45.00
Trousers navy (non stretch bootcut)	\$45.00
Senior Blouse (blue) (Yrs 11 & 12)	\$25.00
Senior Blouse (long sleeve)	\$30.00
Senior Skirt Navy	\$30.00
Scarf	\$10.00
Beret with school logo	\$25.00

**Payments:** Cash, cheque or credit card are accepted  
Cheques should be made payable to Riverside Girls High School

**Exchanges & 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.

## The Uniform Shop News

- Please note effective Term 4 2006 new prices for short sleeve blouses/junior skirt/senior skirt