

RIVERSIDE CURRENTS

Riverside Girls High School Parent & Community Newsletter

October 2007

Calendar Dates

Term 4

October

- Tuesday 23 Band Meeting, 7.30pm
Tuesday 30 National Civics & Citizenship Test, Year 10 (Trial school for federal government)

November

- Thursday 8 Senior Uniform Sales Day for Year 11, 2008
Monday 12 School Certificate Tests
Tuesday 13 School Certificate Tests
Wednesday 14 School Certificate Tests in Computing Skills
P & C Meeting & AGM, 7.30pm
Friday 16 Year 7 Swim School Grading
Year 12 Formal
Wednesday 21 Year 11 Presentation Assembly, 10.30am
Thursday 22 Year 10 Peer Support
Friday 23 Year 10 Peer Support
Tuesday 27 Year 8 Dept. Education Science Exam for Year 8

December

- Monday 3 Year 9 Science Fair, Hall
Tuesday 4 Year 9 Science Fair, Hall
Wednesday 5 Year 10 Presentation Assembly, 1:00pm, last day for Year 10
Thursday 6 Year 6 into 7 Orientation Day, 7.30am – 11.30am
Monday 10 Year 7 Swim School
Tuesday 11 Year 7 Swim School
Wednesday 12 Year 7 Swim School
Thursday 13 Year 7 Swim School
Friday 14 Year 7 Swim School until 12.30pm
Tuesday 18 Years 7, 8, 9 Presentation Assembly
Wednesday 19 HSC results issued to Year 12

Principal's Report

HSC 2007

The HSC begins on Thursday 18th October and all students will receive their HSC results on the 19th December. Those applying for a UAI will be notified of their UAI on Thursday 20 December. Lots of families attended the Year 12 Graduation at the end of Term 3 to celebrate the end of 13 years of formal schooling. Year 12 students received awards for academic achievements, school service, student leadership, sporting and performing arts achievements. We are very proud indeed of the significant achievements of the Year 12 girls and wish them well for their HSC and for the years to come.

Year 12, 2008

All Year 11, 2007 have progressed to Year 12 2008, albeit with some on probation with their attendance and progress to be reviewed on the 16th November, at the end of Week 5 Term 4.

We are constantly stressing the importance of a high rate of attendance at school, especially for senior students. Sometimes students who are absent 1 or 2 days a week express great surprise when we show them their attendance/non attendance printout. Absences for two days a week result in a 40% non attendance rate and it is impossible to maintain the academic standard required for Year 11 and 12 with this level of non attendance.

We really need the support of parents regarding the written explanation of absences. We cannot afford to keep posting letters home requesting written explanation of absences so that the school can fulfil its accountability requirements for the government. Only students over 18 may write their own notes. Guardians and parents must be responsible for explaining all whole day and partial absences from school for all girls under 18.

Cyber Information Evening

About 60 parents attended our cyber information evening in September. The guest presenters were very informative and outlined a number of strategies which parents and teachers could adopt at home and at school (respectively). We do hope to hold another such evening in term 1 in 2008.

We are rewriting out ICT programs for Years 7 and 8 in 2008 and we are including cyber safety awareness and concepts of cyber citizenship in out ICT studies and other curriculum areas.

Thank you to all parents who attended. Some of the students still do not realise that what they post in cyberspace becomes a permanent footprint. We need to ensure all photos the students post on **Bebo.com** and **MySpace.com** reflect a reasonable standard of decency. Provocative photos and comments can come back to haunt some students years later if their "cyber footprints" are captured by the search engine of a future employer. It is now common practice for full and part time employers to run a cyber search on job applicants and some very embarrassing photos and text are coming to light.

Year 10 Term 4

All Year 10 must attend the end of Year 10 formal assembly on Wednesday 5th December at 1pm. Yearly reports will be issued on that day. Girls not returning to Riverside in 2008 may sign out after Friday 16th November but we would like them to return for the Year 10 assembly on 5th December, even if they are working in part time jobs then. Year 10 should purchase their Year 11 uniforms for 2008 on Thursday 8th November. Any girls needing financial assistance to purchase the uniforms should see Ms King before 8th November.

Final P&C meeting for 2007

The AGM for the P&C will be held on Wednesday 14th November at 7:30pm in the common room. The P&C needs some new members to join us for 2008 so we hope to see some new parents at the final meeting on the 14th November.

Thanks so much to the P&C for the Quiz night fundraiser on 8th September, the APEC weekend in Sydney. We are very pleased about the \$3,500 raised towards the addition of some outdoor seating. There is a P&C report on the quiz night following the principal's report in this edition of the newsletter.

We need some P&C volunteers to assist us on Thursday 6th December from 7:30am to 11:30am for the Year 6 into Year 7 Orientation Day. Parent helpers do a great job on the uniform sales tables, the gelato machine and information desk. If you can assist for all or part of the Orientation Day times, please **ring the president Cheryl Osborne on 98783028 or email her at cherylosborne@optusnet.com.au**. We have enrolled 210 girls for Year 7 in 2008 so we will have 7 classes of 30.

Public Education

I implore all voters to consider funding justice for public schools in Australia when they vote on 24th November. Public schools enrol 68% of all young

Australians and yet we battle constantly for resources and funding justice. If we lobby for funding we are accused of "whingeing" or "indulging in the politics on envy". Both coalition and ALP politicians and candidates resort to this galling tactic to try to silence public school advocates.

Public hospitals and public transport are also severely under funded in Australia despite a current 17 billion dollar surplus. Voters will have to decide if ongoing tax cuts are more important than well funded infrastructure that services or supports the public good in a social democracy.

J. King - Principal

P&C REPORT

Trivia Night

Thankyou to everyone who came and helped make the night such a success. We hope you had an enjoyable night. A huge thankyou to the following people for your assistance, in organizing the event:

- Mr Slow and Mr Folkard (both teachers) for compiling the questions and MCing the night
- Anne Mc Donald, Rosemary Liu and Louise Rakowski for pounding the pavement seeking donations from businesses
- Julie King for your creativity in decorating the hall and tables
- Brad Powe, Sharon Weismantel and Cheryl Brown for all your support and skills getting the night up and running

Approximately \$3,500 was raised which will assist in providing additional outdoor seating for the students.

The following businesses supported the trivia night, please support them where you can:

North Ryde RSL, Catwalk Hair and Beauty Gladesville, Floral Expressions Gladesville, Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club, Christine Lewis Endless Summer Beach House, Captain Cook Cruises, Imax Theatre, Greater Union, Bridge Climb, Caltex, Steve Franklin Lego Australia, Narelle Clark Optusnetworks, Ryde Aquatic Centre, Balmain Tigers Leagues Club, Sydney Aquarium, Sydney Wildlife World, Maritime Museum, Australian Museum, Just Hair Nth Ryde, Contours Gym, Louise Rakowski, Bayview Hotel, Il Bolognaise, Thai Noodle Hut, Goldwell KMS, Star Café and Wash Gladesville, Shop 1 Auto Gladesville, Australia Post Gladesville, Beauty in the Glades, Freedom Gladesville, Perfect Image Foto Gladesville, Rainbow Express Car Wash Drummoyne, Mondo Cane Drummoyne, Hair Inspirations Concord, Rosemary Liu, Woolwich

Pier Hotel, Mishy Hairdressing Russell Lea, Val McGarry, Avtronics Australia Pty Ltd, Wendy's Rhodes, Xquisito Rhodes, Oporto Rhodes, Lenards Chicken Rhodes, Reading Cinema Rhodes, Woolworths West Ryde, Fleur Furniture Gladesville, Nice Things Gladesville, Caffè Incontro Nth Ryde, McIntosh's Cakes Nth Ryde, Michele's Patisserie Nth Ryde, Delitalia Nth Ryde, Stylish Scents Nth Ryde, Mo's Mobiles.

Working Bee

Another working bee is planned for Saturday October 20, from 1.00 pm to spread the last of the mulch and to tidy up the oval. Any time you can give will be appreciated.

Year 6 into 7 Orientation Day

It will be held on Thursday 6 December from 7.30 to 11 00am. The school needs parents to help with uniform sales and distribution of information. The P&C will be operating a gelato cart from 10 to 2 pm and volunteers are also required to assist. If you are able to give some time to assist with either of these activities please contact me.

Annual General Meeting

The P&C provides the medium for parents to discuss issues, meet other parents and provide feedback and support to the school. Our next meeting will be the **AGM on November 14 at 7.30pm in the Common Room**. Reports will be presented outlining what the P&C has achieved over the past year and where we would like to head in 2008. If you would like to nominate for the position of president, secretary, treasurer or minute secretary please contact either Brad Powe or myself. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Good luck to year 12 as they prepare for and sit their HSC exams, and for the future.

Cheryl Osborne, P&C President
Ph 9878 3028
Email cherylosborne@optusnet.com.au

Sport Report

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. It is important that your child has regular dental check-ups from either your private dentist or the local child dental clinic. If you wish to attend a local dental clinic please phone the Call Centre on **1300 789 404**.

You will be required to provide your Medicare number and answer some questions about your child that will enable them to provide your child with the most appropriate care.

Can You Help?

Would you like to give a bit of your time to brighten up the lives of some people? Gladesville Community Aid's Volunteer Visiting Program is urgently looking for a few volunteers who would be able to help to visit people in their homes and who are isolated and lonely. If you can spare an hour or so a week or a fortnight please call **Magdalene on 9817 0101**.

Training and support will be provided and all information about volunteers and clients are kept private and confidential.

Your volunteering makes a lot of difference to yourself and to others!

Keeping in Touch-School Partners

Macquarie University's Experience Program gives students from Partner Schools the opportunity to attend a lecture in an area of interest. This program is for students in Years 11 and 12. Bookings are essential. Please visit www.schoolpartners.mq.edu.au and click on the University Experience Program link to view the lectures available and download the booking and evaluation forms.

On Saturday 20 October there will be an astronomy night as well as art gallery exhibitions, lectures on Modern History and a Global Leadership Program. A parent information evening will be held on 5 December 2007 where speakers will address the issues of the UAI and how to manage stress in the HSC. Each evening will have a different focus thus participants may wish to attend more than one evening in the series. Please visit www.futurestudent.mq.edu.au for more information and to register your attendance. Bookings are essential. Refreshments will be provided at the conclusion of the evening.

2008 Youth Week

Students are invited to participate in a website design competition to promote 2008 Youth Week in NSW. The competition provides young designers with the opportunity to win \$500, promote Youth Week and showcase their talent as a designer. The winning website design will be translated into a fully-functional website by a young multimedia developer to promote 2008 Youth Week in NSW. It will become the main channel of communication to promote events and activities run by Local Councils in NSW for Youth Week each year.

Young people have been redesigning and developing the website each year since 2003 to ensure it remains fresh and vibrant. Young people aged 12-25 living in NSW are invited to submit a design for the 2008 website. Designs may be from an individual or a group. **Entries close on Friday 28 September 2007**. For

competition details and entry forms see your Visual arts teacher or go to the Resources page of the Youth Week in NSW website www.youthweek.nsw.gov.au

Mobile Phone Fundraiser

It is estimated that there are 16 million old mobile phones just lying around in office and home drawers in Australia alone! These phones contain toxins that must not find their way into landfill sites. These phones can be recycled and earn money for our school. Belair Public School, for example, raised over \$2000. Every old mobile phone collected will raise \$5 for the school. Simply bring in your unwanted phone, no matter its age or condition and drop it off in the box in the school office. This not only helps the school but the entire planet and is a great way for children (and parents) to learn about recycling. For further information call Peter on 0410 511695 or go to the website www.envirofone.com.au

Career Change?

Did you want to study at university or TAFE but thought it was too late or too hard? Perhaps you feel the need to build up your skills and confidence and/or gain the necessary year 12 equivalent qualifications to help you succeed in further studies. The Tertiary Preparation Certificate (TPC) may be for you!

Interested? Contact Melissa Knudson (TPC Coordinator) at North Sydney College of TAFE for more information.

Phone 9942 0743 Email

Melissa.Knudson@tafensw.edu.au

TPC is a Work Skills Voucher eligible course. An information evening will be conducted on 19 November at 6.00pm at North Sydney College of TAFE, P Block, Room 323 when teaching staff will be available to answer any questions you may have. **IT'S NEVER TOO LATE!**

Southern Cross Cultural Exchange

What better way to see in the New Year than to host an international exchange student. Expand your family's horizons and make a friend for life. Unlike a boarder, the student participates as one of the family, including helping with chores, following house rules, and joining in the fun. Southern Cross Cultural Exchange currently has over 100 students from Europe, Canada, USA, Japan, Brazil and Colombia, who will arrive late January 2008 for a few months. SCCE is a non-profit organization with 24 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. Please ring now for student files and more information on:

Toll Free 1800 500 501

Carols by Candlelight

Hunters Hill Council will be holding their Carols by Candlelight celebration at **Boronia Park Oval** on **2 December 2007 from 6.30pm – 8.30pm**. This wonderful community event is filled with the joy of Christmas and will be in keeping with the traditions of previous years, with the primary schools to appear early and secondary schools to follow. The finale will once again be a visit from Santa and a fireworks display.

If you miss this opportunity then you might consider attending the Carols Evening to be held at Birkenhead Point the following **Friday, 7 December between 6.00pm and 9.00pm at Dunlop Reserve Park near the Birkenhead Point Marina**. There will be activities, entertainment and a selection of tantalising food and beverage options for the evening. One of the highlights of the evening will be choir performances by local schools.

Riverside Canteen

Term Four 2007

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 or	\$3.50
Make up your own selection	\$3.90

Salads

Fruit salad	\$3.00
Pasta salad	\$2.80
Garden salad	\$2.80
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
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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	\$1.80
Roast chicken or beef rolls with gravy	\$3.50
Pizza Rounda	\$2.00

Vegetarian selections

Indian samosas	\$2.20
Vegie 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 (Winter only)	\$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 Milk	Rrp
Soy drinks	Rrp
Nudie juices	Rrp
Nudie smoothies	Rrp
Orange,apple,pineapple	
Apple & blackcurrant juices	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), 2nd 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.

Please remember to pay at the office before you collect your item/s from the shop.

2008 Student Leaders

Year 12

Captain

Nina Blundell

Vice Captain

Hannah Vousden

Sports Captain

Katarina Kraft

House Reps

Holly Brown

Sally Johnson

Lauren McGarry

Shadi Tahzib

Student Leaders

Emma Shuttleworth

Kate Wicks

Shyama Williamson

Lauren Tinslay

Junior SRC Coordinator

Dakhshina Quar

Year 11

Student Leaders

- Jessica Bonser
- Natalie Buchanan
- Katherine Lee
- Tarsha Hayden

Year 9

Student Leaders

- Carla Kassab
- Tiffany Paik
- Julia Readett
- Allana Duncan

Year 10

Student Leaders

- Hannah Felton
- Anna Crysell
- Persephanie Jamons
- Carina Mitchell

Year 8

Student Leaders

- Eva Yip
- Emily Bryant
- Lauren Gard
- Bethany Vousden