

RIVERSIDE CURRENTS

Riverside Girls High School Parent & Community Newsletter

September 2005

Calendar Dates

September

- Thursday 1 Art & Music Soiree in Inwood Block 5.00pm – 8.00pm. HSC Visual Arts Bodies of Work on display. HSC Music performances will be part of the program
- Thursday 8 CHS Athletics Carnival
- Friday 9 Inoculations in the Hall
CHS Athletics Carnival
- Saturday 10 P. & C. Trivia Night
7.30pm School Hall
- Wednesday 14 Student Leaders Induction in the School Hall
- Thursday 15 Year 7 Games Day
- Wednesday 21 Year 12 Farewell Assembly
10.30 am
Year 7 & 8 Netball Gala Day
- Thursday 22 Year 12 Graduation Evening at
7.00pm in the School Hall
- Friday 23 Year 12 Revue 2 pm School Hall
Last day of Term 3
- ### **October**
- Monday 10 **All students and teachers return Term 4**
- Monday 18 HSC begins

Principals Report

Political Rhetoric

There has been a great deal of political posturing recently from our federal politicians, especially from Dr. Brendan Nelson and Bronwyn Bishop. Very little of what the federal Education Minister has been saying about reporting to parents makes any educational sense to teachers and principals. Is there really a ground swell of parents throughout Australia totally alienated by half yearly and yearly reports from secondary and primary schools? If so, I am unaware of it.

Do low ability and low achieving students really need to be told 26 times in 13 years that they are in the bottom quartile for every single subject?

If 25 students are studying Italian or Drama as an elective in Year 9 or Year 12 do we have to allocate some of them to the bottom quartile regardless of standard or level of achievement simply because of the imposed quartile reporting regime? Do all students in selective schools have to be allocated a fourth quartile regardless of standards?

There are lots of questions which so far have remained unanswered by Dr Nelson's federal office. He seems determined to impose a rigid regime on all state governments which tie funding to compliance by those state governments, regardless of sound advice from educational professionals.

Bronwyn Bishop is advocating the banning of the hijab. We do not support her rather repressive and conservative view. I did send this letter to the Sydney Morning Herald this week and I stand by my comments. They speak for themselves. Our Muslim girls enrich our school culture of inclusivity as do the Buddhists, the Quakers, the Anglicans, the Catholics, the Jews, the Orthodox faiths and the secular humanists.

*The Editor
Letters to the Editor
Letters Page
The Sydney Morning Herald
Sydney*

*Dear Sir
Bronwyn! Bronwyn! did you learn nothing of value at your fine old public school Cremorne Girls High School?*

Public schools value inclusivity and cultural diversity. Muslim girls at public schools all over Sydney, including Riverside Girls High, wear the hijab as part of their school uniform without comment and without censure.

Long may they continue to do so.

*Judy King
Principal
Riverside Girls High School
Gladesville*

Dr Nelson seems to be advocating that schools should teach "intelligent design" or creationism. Lets hope this is a rumour without substance.

The article, "**Who Does The Heavy Lifting**" ? condemns the federal and state governments for neglecting public schools, and for failing to make private schools accountable for their excessive funding.

Year 12 Farewells

In the last week of term 3 each year we celebrate the end of 13 years of formal schooling for Year 12 and wish them well for the HSC and their post school destinations and ambitions. We hope to see all parents and friends at the Year 12 Graduation on Thursday 22nd September at 7.30 pm. All family members and visitors are welcome at the open air supper in the quad after the graduation.

Attendance at lessons in Week 1 or Term 4 is optional for Year 12 as it is a designated STU VAC week. All Year 12 students are advised to seek help from their teachers during this final week of preparation before the HSC.

P. & C. Trivia Night : Saturday 10 September

You will find information about the Trivia night on attached to this edition of the Currents. We hope to see lots of teams entered as all funds raised by the P. & C. will be used to fund the purchase of educational resources for the girls.

Enrolling in 2006

We have had to close our books for Year 7 in 2006 (with 7 classes of 30 = 210) and we have a waiting list. We do have vacancies in our other years for 2006 but not many and places in Years 10 and 11 in 2006 will depend on subject choice. If you know about families who are seeking a place for 2006 could you advise them to contact us as soon as possible.

Staffing Changes for 2006

Ms Rose Daniels has been appointed as our new H.T. Teaching and Learning. She is currently H.T. English at Hurstville Boys High School and we look forward to working with her in 2006. She will be a very welcome addition to our school leadership team. We have been allocated a new additional H.T. position because we now have over 1000 students.

In the next edition of the Currents I will be able to report to parents on two new appointments, a new Deputy Principal, replacing Ms Pritchard and a new H.T. Admin replacing Ms Price, both of whom retired earlier this year.

Judy King

Young in Art Exhibition

Hunters Hill Council held their annual art exhibition for students from all the local primary and high schools during the third week of August. Riverside was very well represented in this event at Hunters Hill Council Hall, with artworks by our students from years 7 to 11 on display. We were pleased that two of our students received highly commended awards for their artworks. Sarah Karakaidos in year 11 received a prize of \$25 worth of art materials for her abstract painting/collage. She was narrowly beaten for the first prize that went to a student from St Joseph's College. Yukali Robertson also received a similar award and prize for her illustrated book. Well done girls!

Riverside had further success with our students in year 11. Zoe Chan, Sophie Croft and Evelyn Wong have been accepted into the National Art School's Intensive Studio Practice Course which will run through 2005-2006. These three girls will be enrolled for a ten day workshop with talented students from schools around the state. They will work with artists in professionally equipped studios and should be able to demonstrate the benefits of this highly sought after course when they produce their Bodies of Work for the H.S.C. next year. Congratulations girls and good luck.

R. McMillan

"Science in the City" Excursion

It was a brisk August morning when year 10 set out for the excursion to the city. The day began with roll call and a bus trip to the IMAX theatre in Darling Harbour. After waiting outside the theatre for copious amounts of time we entered the theatre to receive some very stylish 3D glasses that gave many of us headaches. We saw a very educational and entertaining documentary on the international space station, aptly narrated by Tom Cruise. This tied in well with the current space shuttle expedition by the Discovery.

Year 10 then headed through the city on their journey to Hyde Park and the Australian Museum. Once we reached the museum, year 10 was given the opportunity to explore the many displays. There were exhibits that included gemstones, birds, skeletons, evolution, and the children's playground.

After exploring the museum all of year 10, along with other schools, was treated to a special exhibit set up for science in the city. This exhibit was more like a science fair with displays from the science departments of many universities and scientific organisations. This was our favourite part of the excursion as there were interactive displays to see and a lot of free information..

It seemed all too soon that we were leaving and returning to school, or as many people did, leaving to spend an afternoon in the city. All in all this excursion was successful and fun was had by all. This is definitely an excursion to be repeated.

By Victoria Woolley, Holly Morrison and Emily Hamilton.

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.

The Teddy Bear's Picnic

One of the many charities our school supports is Westmead Children's Hospital. They will be holding their main fundraiser, the **Teddy Bear's Picnic** at a different venue this year. The event will be held on:

**Sunday 16 October 2005-08-17
10.30am-4.00pm
Rosehill Gardens**

Join in and enjoy sports clinics, celebrities, art & craft, concerts, great rides, show bags and prizes. All this fun is included in the one ticket price:
\$13 per person or
\$45 per family (2 adults & 2 children.)

See website www.chw.edu.au
e-mail jennifh3@chw.edu.au or
phone 9845 3469

Sport

Knockout Basketball - Round 2

Riverside defeated Mackellar High 56 – 18

The team members were:- Adela Vokovic Year 7, Jane Wilcox Year 10, Katrina Colsell Year 10, Anet Eliasian Year 10, Renee Pilley Year 9, Alannah Frankham Year 9, Stefanie Lynam Year 9, Emma Parry Year 9, Noelani Daniel Year 9, Rebekah Frankham Year 8.

Match Report

Riverside was the home team for this Round 2 game. It was played at Parramatta Basketball Stadium in Auburn. Riverside started off the game slowly, missing a number of baskets in the early part of the game but by half time, they had recovered to lead by 26 points to 10. In the second half Riverside dominated Mackellar with a full court press and extended their lead to 56 points to 18 points by the end of the game. A great effort.

Best defensive player – Alanna Frankham
Most improved – Noelani Daniel, MVP – Rebekah Frankham – 16 points scored.

Coach: Brett Lowe

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 member

Telephone: **9816 5000**

Drummoyne Waterpolo Club Summer Trials

Attention Year 7 students (year of birth 1992 or later).

Do you:

- Swim?
- Enjoy team sports?
- Want to meet new friends?

Then **PLAY WATERPOLO!!!**

Drummoyne Waterpolo club is having trials for our girl's summer under 14 teams 2005-2006. We are one of the most successful Junior Clubs in Australia. Last summer season our 1st team came 3rd in Australia and 2nd in NSW while our 2nd team came 2nd in B division. This winter our under 14 team is currently leading the comp and last year six of our under 14's including Elise from TARA and Serena from Woolwich represented the State.

We are entering two teams this summer so we are looking for some good swimmers who want to learn a new fun sport. No experience is necessary as the trials will act as an introduction to the sport including game-play and rules.

The times for the trials are at Homebush Olympic Pool on :-

Tuesday 23rd August, 6.15 pm – 7.45 pm

Tuesday 30th August, 6.15 pm – 7.45 pm

Pool entry at Homebush is \$3.00 for water polo training. In September, trials will move to Drummoyne when it opens. More details to follow on nights & times.

For more information, contact Neale Murphy on 0419 817 142.

See you at the pool!

David Hudson - Head Coach
(Mob: 0433 817 391)

Are You the Parent of a 4-16 year old?

Macquarie University is looking for participants to be part of an exciting research project. They are investigating a range of factors that might be linked to childhood and adolescent anxiety disorders. They are looking for children and mothers who have suffered from anxiety as well as those who have never suffered from anxiety.

The research project involves completing a few questionnaires, speech tasks, and interviews. Mother and child will receive a total of \$20.00 for their time and to assist in any travel expenses.

If you are interested in learning more about the project, please contact Natalie Gar on 0404 618-685.

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/hornsbykuringgai

EBM Insurance

As parents we like to think our children are going to be safe, whether they are at school or elsewhere. Unfortunately the reality is accidents do happen. At these times parents or guardians can find themselves with monetary concerns as well as worrying about the welfare of their child.

Since 1995 StudentCover (previously known as StudentCare) Student Accident Insurance has been a leader in providing that assistance.

We have designed a simple way for individual parents/guardians to choose to insure their children, at an extremely cost-effective premium, **in fact just \$25.00 per year**, or part thereof.

EBM Insurance Brokers have been in business for almost 30 years and are one of the ten largest insurance brokers in Australia. The insurer is American Home Assurance Company (ABN 67 007 483 267 AFSL 230903) and they are one of the world's leading Insurers with an exceptional claims history.

With potential payments up to \$500,000 and many other benefits of lesser amounts, \$25.00 is in our opinion extremely reasonable. In fact the reaction we often get is one of surprise at the extensive coverage of such a low premium.

The policy is available now from our new StudentCover website www.studentcover.com.au

Full details are provided and you should be sure to read the Product Disclosure Statement before making application.

The School does not make any recommendation in relation to this insurance

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
SALE ITEMS – Junior Blouse (Table) (size 10 & 20)	\$20.00

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.

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 THREE 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
ON ROLLS OR BAGELS	\$0.50
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
SOY DRINKS	RRP
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

