Please note these upcoming events

30 July to 3 Aug  Year 11 Exams
16 Aug   Year 8 Games Day
22 Aug   7 pm Community Forum
29 Aug   5 pm VA & Music Soiree

Our Principal’s Report

What an exciting beginning to the term. The new kitchen, a fully equipped commercial standard facility, is now completed. TAS teachers enjoyed a day of training on the commercial ovens and dishwasher. Classes have started to use the amazing equipment. Over the next few weeks, visitors to our evening functions such as Year 10 Subject Selection evening and the P & C meeting will have the opportunity to walk through it. The official opening will be on 5 September.

My thanks to the project managers from Public Works, Simco Builders and to our staff especially Dave Bertoni (Relieving G.A.), Lisa Wark and Katarina Nikoleitch for helping me to co-ordinate this project. With this new facility, our students will be able to undertake the Certificate 2 course in VET Hospitality at school where previously they had to travel off-site to TAFE.

It is also exciting to walk in to the foyer and enjoy the exhibition of multimedia interpretations following from the Yr 11 excursion to Cockatoo Island. The students completed the art process by being the curators and deciding on the positioning of their amazing pieces.

Congratulations to Greer Brennan Yr 12 who, coached by Mr Laisaitis became a English finalist in NSW Public Speaking competition. Of 6 finalists, Greer was the only non private high school representative.

Invitation

When I ask students, “What makes Riverside different?” they generally respond, “our special teachers”, citing helpful and positive relationships and also the extensive range of extra-curricular activities that teachers lend and support like public speaking. These are obviously very important strengths of our school. Also, I am keen to identify what others in our community, in particular, teachers, family members and parents of prospective students consider are the special features of our schools.

I invite you to attend our Community Forum on Wednesday 22 August at 7.00 pm in the school hall. At this forum, students, parents and teachers will share opinions about the school's direction and the community’s perceptions of Riverside. The intention of this forum will be to agree on key words that represent our school and our values. We will identify the “brand” which is Riverside Girls High School.

Please ring 9816 4264 to register your interest in attending or email me at belinda.j.kelly@det.nsw.edu.au. If you are unable to attend, but would like to have your say, please use the email. I certainly value your contribution and time.

As futurist John Schaar said, “The future is not a place we are going, it’s a place we are making.” Let’s make that place together.

Best wishes
Belinda Kelly

Our P & C Report

There was no July P&C meeting due to the school holidays. The P&C trusts that everyone had an enjoyable school break. The minutes from the previous June 13 meeting are available at http://www.riversidegh.schools.nsw.edu.au/public/website/content/pc/minutes.html

Parents and carers attended the Staff Development day on July 16th for the Quality Teaching and differentiation with a Project Based Learning focus session. Those who attended found it beneficial to gain this insight into ongoing refinements to the whole school education at Riverside.

Riverside will be holding a Community Forum on Wednesday, August 22 at 7.00 pm, to explore the question of “What makes Riverside different?”. The P&C wholeheartedly support this community strengthening initiative and encourage all members of the extended Riverside community to attend.

The next P&C meeting will be held on the 8 August at 7:30pm in the staff common room. All parents and carers are invited and are welcome to attend. Paul Jones will be the guest speaker at this meeting. He will provide the teacher’s perspective on the NSW state government proposed Local Schools Local Decisions changes. There will also be a tour of the...
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newly refurbished and upgraded kitchen classroom.

Thanks
Greg Tunnock
President P&C

Next P&C Meeting
Wednesday 8 August 7.30pm

Extreme Science Experience

The 15 June was a glorious day, sunny and bright, but not just in terms of the weather, it also offered six of our talented, keen and enthusiastic Year 10 students an opportunity to attend a conference at the Sydney Convention Centre, Darling Harbour.

The event, Extreme Science Experience was organised by The Academy of Technological Science and Engineering (ATSE) for students from various schools both Independent and Public, from Country NSW and Metropolitan areas and only six students from each school could attend.

The Extreme Science Experience gave all the students an unique opportunity to interact and communicate with practicing Scientists from all over Australia and attend workshops conducted by eminent Scientists. Amongst them, three of the personalities were Clunies Ross Award Winners who had won this prestigious award just the previous night for their innovative and outstanding technological advances towards improving human lives. Dr Vanessa Peterson, Senior research and Instrument scientist from ANSTO was the guest speaker.

At the end of the day all the participants and those from Riverside Hannah Flood, Karen Kong, Sophie Lara-Watson, Mikaela Parker, Sindhu Rao and Anne Vervoot came out feeling totally transformed, energised and exhilarated, totally in awe of the personalities they had met, with a burning desire to do extraordinary things themselves.

How lucky are we to have such outstanding students for the future of Science in this Country. I had the good fortune to be their accompanying teacher from Riverside. By Ms A Mishra

The girls also reported “The extreme science experience was really interesting. We go to meet many modern day scientists in a ‘speed-dating’ kind of process and learn about their lives and jobs. We also went to workshops of our choice; in my case Gene Genies (where we learnt how genes and proteins are coded) and Get Your Insides Out There (where we learnt about MRI scanning and had to interpret scans of fruit and vegies as well as body joints). Other great things was meeting people from other schools (more than half of them had come from places far away from Sydney!) and the food! :) “ said Anne.

Sophie said “The Extreme Science Experience was an absolutely amazing experience for the other girls and myself. We were able to participate in activities which we would not usually be able to experience in our young lives.

We had a morning of inspiring talks from a range of subjects and in one Q&A we were able to ask 3 high credited scientist in their discipline. I asked a question to the MRI expert who was developing ground breaking technology, I was lucky enough to be awarded a $20 itunes gift card and a T-shirt because I asked one of two of the best question in that Q&A.

We were able to participate in two out of four workshops, I did MRI scans and another called Gene Genie on DNA. Both workshops were educational but also really fun.

I am honoured that I was allowed to go to this experience and will treasure the knowledge I gained for all the amazing scientist and workshops.”

Congratulations Sophie Lara – Watson on winning the best question prize. And thanks to both Sophie and Anne Vervoot for submitting these reports for us!
Mrs A Mishra also reported that Year 12 Chemistry students went to the University of Sydney on 7 June 2012 and thoroughly enjoyed their experience.

“They can be seen working in the laboratory like real scientists carrying out their investigations.” She said.

**Riverside Champions in Cross Country and Athletics!**

**Cross Country**

Congratulations to Riverside's Cross Country team who recently won the Zone cross country carnival held at Macquarie University.

There were many outstanding individual performances; place-getters include Laura Crockart, Danielle Kenny, Sahmiha Axe and Tyan Whitford.

Riverside Girls had twenty representatives at the Sydney North Regional carnival (the biggest team we have sent in years) which was held at a very rain affected Gosford Race course!

The girls performed extremely well in difficult conditions.

Congratulations to Laura Crockart who qualified for the NSWCHS carnival next term! By the way, Laura is also one of our champion swimmers!

**Athletics**

Congratulations to Riverside's Athletics team who won the Zone Athletics carnival for the first time in several years. Well done staff and students!

There were many outstanding individual performances from our athletes on the track and in the field. Special mention to Ebony Burnard for winning U13 Age champion award.!! Well done Ebony – Congratulations What an achievement!!

Riverside Girls High will be sending a very large squad to the Sydney North carnival in week 2 of Term 3 and we wish them all the best. Go Girls!

Good luck from Ms Natasha Miller and from all of us!!

**The CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS FACULTY**

Cordially invite you to the Official Opening of the HSC Visual Art Exhibition and Music Soiree.

**Wednesday the 29th Day of August in the School Hall 6-9pm (Doors will be open from 5pm)**
19 students from years 7 – 12 are representing the School Choir at ArtsNorth Secondary Music Festival 2012 Wednesday 1 August Sydney Town Hall 7pm Book Direct with Town Hall!

Kaitlin McClohgry Yr 8 Olympic Equestrian in the Making

We are very pleased to report that just two weeks ago at the presentation night for the conclusion of the MESA show circuit in North-West NSW, Kaitlin came away with five awards from a possible five! These included:

Champion and Highest Point Score Girl Rider 13 and under 15yrs & Champion and Highest Point Score Handler 13 and under 17yrs !!

Kaitlin participates in polocrosse etc but jumping is her absolute favourite.

In March she won her grade jumping against very tight competition at the Manilla Central School Sports Day. A massive achievement against country folks that ride to school on horseback!

Next holidays she goes into camp for a week and if all goes well, onto Jamboree (zone) in Barraba, NSW.

By the way her horses name is “Ordie”

Congratulations Kaitlin.
Private Music lessons

We have private lessons during school time in:

- Percussion
- Saxophone
- Clarinet
- Piano
- Voice
- Trumpet
- Trombone
- Euphonium
- Tuba
- Acoustic Guitar
- Bass Guitar

Please see Ms Wang in Music for more details.
Information Series for Parents/Carers

Living with Teenagers

FREE SESSIONS

Transitions, Body Image, Stress, Technology

Parents and carers are warmly invited to attend the 2012 series of information sessions.

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Who?

Greg Powell has worked as both a clinically-trained psychologist and a primary school teacher. He is an experienced presenter and has given seminars for both adolescent and adult groups in Northern Sydney across a variety of topics relating to parenting, education and mental health.

Angie Wilcock is an Australian expert and speaker on transitions in education. A published author with a strong teaching background, Angie now works with teachers, parents and students in this specialised area. Her sessions are a mix of humour, information and real strategies to support families.

Dove BodyThink for Parents has been designed to inform and educate parents about self-esteem, body image, media literacy and the many factors that influence and impact children growing up in today’s world.

Reach Foundation was established in 1994 by Jim Stynes OAM (AFL Brownlow Medalist) and Paul Cumie (Australian film director). Reach has been making a positive impact on the lives of young Australians for nearly 20 years, promoting mental health and well-being.

Enquiries/Bookings

Please contact CAFS (Mission Australia) on (02) 9482 1366 during business hours. Bookings are essential.
UNIVESITY AND TAFE APPLICATIONS FOR 2013

Going to TAFE in 2013

TAFE NSW Offer thousands of courses. Most of these courses do not require an application. There are about 100 high demand courses in TAFE that require an application. If you are considering TAFE next year you should have a look at the TAFE website and see if the course you are considering requires an application. When an application is required it has to be submitted by the end of October. If an application is not needed you just need to go to TAFE and enrol in the first week of term next year. This is usually the last week of January.

UNSURE ABOUT TAFE OR UNI?

Where you are unsure whether or not you will get entry to a University in 2013 it’s a good idea to apply for TAFE course as a backup. You won’t know your HSC results or ATAR until December 2012 and TAFE application courses need to be in by the end of October 2012. If you are unsure put in a TAFE application. If you get your desired ATAR you don’t have to accept the TAFE place BUT if you don’t get into Uni it will be too late to apply to TAFE.

2013 UAC GUIDES

The UAC Guide for 2012 Yr12 students applying for university in 2013 was issued to students on Monday 23/7. The guide covers institutions in NSW and the ACT. Students considering courses at interstate Universities should apply to the University Admission centre for that state. Information about their websites is in the NSW UAC guide. Victoria = VTAC, South Australia = SATAC and Queensland = QTAC.

BlueScope Steel Cadetships

Cadetships are available in 2013 in the areas of Chemical, Electrical, Mechanical, Materials and Mechatronics Engineering, Procurement and Shared Services, Human Resources, and Chemistry.

To be eligible for a cadetship you must be completing Year 12 in 2012 (or have already completed) and are planning to undertake a Bachelor of Commerce, Engineering or IT at the University of Wollongong.

Applications close August 31st.


CIB Accounting Cadetships

Cadetships are offered to students who have recently, or are about to, complete their HSC. Cadets will be able to attend a combination of full-time or part-time university while undergoing on-the-job training.

Positions available in Parramatta, Sydney and Penrith.

Applications open now online.


The Premier's ANZAC Memorial Scholarships 2013

Up to twenty scholarships will be awarded in 2013 to students in Years 9 or 10 (in 2012). The students will visit significant overseas sites associated with Australia’s participation in wars with all costs covered by the scholarship.
Application forms will be sent to school principals by Friday 10 August 2012. Applications are due from Principals by Friday 17 August.
Contact (02) 9244 5008 or awards@det.nsw.edu.au for more information.

My University Website
Search thousands of Australian courses in order to compare factors such as: the cost, admission requirements and graduate outcomes. The website provides an extensive range of statistical information on both universities and other higher education providers.

Pine Street Children’s Programs
The Children’s Programs at the Pine Street Creative Arts Centre run between 23 July and 15 September. Classes are open from ages 9 to 15. Programs include:
- Digital Drawing
- Animation
- Painting and Drawing
- Ceramics
- And more!
For more information and to book, contact 9245 1502 or email bomalley@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au

Pine Street Youth Programs
The Pine Street Youth Term Programs for Term 3 run between 1 August and 12 September. Programs include:
- Paper Crafting – 1 August, 6pm to 9pm
- Claymation – 2 August, 6pm to 9pm
- Photo-silk Screen Printing – 8 and 29 August, 6pm to 9pm
- Retro Printing – 15 August, 6pm to 9pm
- Intro to Digital Photography – 16 August, 6pm to 9pm
- Street Art – 22nd August and 12 September, 6pm to 9pm
- Intro to Film Special Effects – 23 August, 6pm to 9pm
- Sustainable Jewelry – 28 August, 6pm to 9pm
- Art & Craft – 4 September, 6:30pm to 8:30pm
- Sustainable Book Binding – 5 September, 6pm to 9pm
For more information and to book, contact 9245 1520 or ctorrington@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au

Omnilink Undergraduate Program – Sydney Office
Omnilink are offering a part-time or full-time cadetship at their Sydney Office. This cadetship would be suitable for students in Year 12 with excellent grades and who wish to enrol in a Geographic, or Surveying and Spatial Information Systems course whilst entering into the workforce.
Applications should be accompanied by a CV and the student’s preference for a tertiary course they would undertake.
UTS Women in Engineering & IT Hands-on Day for Year 10
A one day interactive seminar for Year 10 students. Students will get to meet undergraduates and professionals in engineering and IT, as well as explore the range of engineering & IT study options and careers.
Contact Laura Waibel on (02) 9514 2602 or wie@eng.uts.edu.au for more information.
Closing date for applications is Friday 3rd August.
17 August, 8:30am to 3:15pm.

NSW Students Online
Find study tips and tools, past HSC exam papers, how to prepare for your exams, strategies, what to expect and more.
http://studentsonline.bos.nsw.edu.au

Macquarie University Physics Careers Night
Learn about potential careers in physics, photonics and astronomy. Graduates from Macquarie University will share their knowledge from a range of organisations and careers.
Bookings are essential, RSVP to carol.mcnaught@mq.edu.au or (02) 9850 8911.
Wednesday 12 September, 6pm to 8:30pm.
Building E7B, Room 100, Macquarie University, Macquarie Park, Sydney.

Ausgrid Work Experience and Apprenticeship Program
Ausgrid, a major NSW electricity infrastructure provider, offers a range of career opportunities for high school students.
Work Experience:
Positions are offered to Year 10, 11, 12 high school and TAFE students. Students will have the chance to work in electrical apprenticeship centres in Newcastle, Muswellbrook and Sydney, as well as the Ausgrid Head Office in Sydney.

Apprenticeship:
Positions available for apprentices include line working, electrical, and cable jointing.
Interested students must register for a pre-selection test in Sydney, Newcastle or Muswellbrook.
Applications close Thursday 26 July, 5pm.

HSC Coach
HSC Coach is an online HSC study support tool for Year 12 students. Students are provided with subject-specific HSC advice online from the University of Newcastle.

University of Newcastle Science and Information Technology Awards
The Faculty of Science and Information Technology offers Excellence and Commendation awards for Year 11 students who have shown outstanding achievement in Communication, Design, Mathematics, Science or Information Technology fields.
The excellence award includes a $50 gift voucher and certificate, and nominations must be submitted by school staff.
Nominations due by 19 October.
University of Newcastle Year 11 Business Challenge
Select a new or existing product/service and develop a business plan to deliver the product/service to the market in an innovative way. Students and schools will share in a $10,000 prize pool, with scholarships on offer. For more information contact Catherine Seamer: (02) 4921 5511 or Business-School@newcastle.edu.au

Australian Stockholm Junior Water Prize
Annual water science competition for high school students between the ages of 14 and 19. Students must develop a practical water research project aimed at improving quality of life and the environment. Prizes include a return flight to Stockholm, accommodation to participate in a one-week cultural exchange program, and a chance to represent Australia in the international Stockholm Junior Water Prize. Entries due by 30 November 2012.

Practice SAT for US College Entry
The PSAT is designed for students in Year 10 and Year 11. Saturday, October 20 at 8am at St. Vincent’s College, Potts Point, Sydney. The PSAT gives you the chance to receive feedback about your strengths and weaknesses in order to prepare for the “real” SAT. The PSAT will last approximately three hours. It consists of Critical Reading (two 25 minute sections), Math (two 25 minute sections, and Writing (30 minutes). To register for the PSAT, please log on to www.trybooking.com/BQFI
Reminder: the “US College Night” will be held on Wednesday, August 22 at Sydney University.
www.trybooking.com/BOWK

Australian Veterans’ Children Assistance Trust (AVCAT)
AVCAT is a national independent charity helping the children and grandchildren of ex-service men and women to a better future through higher education. Expressions of interest are now being accepted with applications opening on the 18th of August and closing on the 31st of October.
To be eligible for a scholarship you must be:
- A child or grandchild of a person with operational service, or three or more years continuous full-time other service with the Australian Army, Navy or Air Force.
- Under the age of 25 (Unless exceptional circumstances apply).
- Enrolled (or planning to enrol) in a full-time undergraduate, tertiary course of one or more years duration in an Australian Institution.
- Eligible on income and assets grounds for the Centrelink Youth Allowance full-time educational benefits.
- An Australian Resident.
For more information contact avcat@dva.gov.au or call 02 9213 7999.
www.avcat.org.au

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http://www.mhscareers.com/ContactUs.html