Please note these upcoming events!

2 Nov Year 7 Inoculations
14 Nov Year 11 Presentation Assembly
14 Nov P&C AGM
26-30 Nov Year 10 Alternate Program Week
3-7 Dec Year 10 Alternate Program Week

Our Principal's Report

We started this term with a great yr 8 camp and next month have a day camp planned for yr 7. The welfare team are very excited about adding these experiences to the calendar. Making pancakes in the rain was a hit with year 8.

We are often called the 'caring school' and this warmth was shown to our yr 12s on the first day of their HSC when they arrived to a sea of red ribbons tied to the trees outside the hall. This was a very visual way of showing how all the teachers and students were thinking of them.

At a recent assembly I showed the girl's photos of my experience as a teacher on the Eastwood Public School excursion to Space Camp in Alabama, USA. It was such an amazingly inspirational experience that I would like to plan a trip to Space Camp in 2014 for our students. The camp inspired in me a new love of all things space, it challenged me to conquer my fear of heights and made me appreciate the historical context that motivated President Kennedy to have the vision of landing a man on the moon before the end of the 1960’s decade. I believe this opportunity would also inspire students to consider a career in science. I have sent an Expression of Interest home with all year 7,8,9 students for our camp in October 2014.

Learning to cope with a free fall in space.

Best wishes
Belinda Kelly

Our P & C Report

On the 11 September the NSW State Government announced $1.7 billion of education cuts http://www.abc.net.au/news/2012-09-11/nsw-makes-sweeping-job-cuts-in-education-sector/4255224 This comes at a time when the Gonski Review http://igiveagonski.com.au/ of school funding says we urgently need to invest more in education and our public schools. These cuts don't make sense. If you are also concerned please let your local State Member of Parliament know via phone, letter or email.

Plans to outsource the supply of Riverside uniforms is progressing. This was discussed further at the 10 October P&C meeting. Please see the meeting minutes for additional details at http://www.riversideg-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/public/website/content/pc/minutes.html

At the time of writing this report, the HSC examinations are half way through – two more weeks to go. The P&C wish all HSC students well.

The next P&C meeting on 14 of November is the Annual General Meeting, where all positions will be declared vacant for re-election. These positions are: President, two Vice Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer. The roles of these positions are outlined on NSW P&C Federation website http://www.pandc.org.au/faq.seo

The current Secretary and Treasurer who have both provided outstanding service for a number of years, have indicated they are unable to stand for re-election.
In addition to these Office Bearing positions, it is proposed to create two P&C Auxiliary positions of Fundraising Coordinator and Communications Officer.

The proposed Fundraising Coordinator will assist the P&C to raise additional funding for special projects nominated by the school and agreed on by the P&C. This is partly in recognition that Sae Soong Presbyterian Korean church are building their own church and Riverside will lose this funding source when it is completed.

The proposed Communications Officer will work closely with the school to improve communications with the community. The recent communication workshops and surveys indicate that communication - sharing all the great things that happen within Riverside - is an area Riverside can improve upon.

Nomination for all positions are sought. Filling one of these positions will be a very positive way to contribute to the Riverside community as a whole and your daughter’s education.

Kind regards,
Greg Tunnock
P&C President
Riverside P&C Committee

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High distinction awards were received by:-

**Year 12 French Continuers**
Ruby B., Megan W., Xanthe W.

**Year 10 French**
Bhenita T., Kate M.

**Year 9 French**
Sian S.

**Year 12 German Continuers**
Lauren G., Sophie H., Larissa W.

**Year 10 German**
Rosie L., Anne V.

**Year 12 Italian Beginners**
Matilda B.

Distinction awards were received in areas of the competition by the following students:-

**Year 12 French Continuers**
Sophie H., Alexandra H.

**Year 11 French Beginners**
Elizabeth C., Sarita H., Tia L., Georgia R.

**Year 10 French**
Lucy B., Sacha H., Caitlin M., Annie M., Ariana P., Sahnia S.

**Year 9 French**
Meredith B., Holly C.

**Year 10 German**
Karen K., Rhianna L., Annie M., Emily O.

**Year 12 Italian Continuers**
Georgia A., Mary-Rose C., Lauren F.

**Year 10 Italian**
Deborah E., Gurleen K., Nicole R.

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LOTE NEWS

Language Competence Certificates 2012

This year many LOTE students once again entered the Australia-wide Assessment of Language Competence tests. The LOTE staff would like to acknowledge the outstanding effort and achievements of the students in the Years 9-12 elective classes who excelled in all areas of the competition and received the following range of wonderful results:-

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*The Principal in space gear with Inwood staff*
The following students are also to be commended on their successful participation in the competition and their impressive levels of achievement (including the achievement of many credit awards).

**Year 11 and 12 French**
Year 11 French Beginners: Natasha E., Renee H., Peta J., Leona B., Tori M., Savannah S., Olivia S.

**Years 9 and 10 French**
**Year 9:** Zuhaira A., Kate B., Jessica E., Erika F., Nanami I., Amelia J., Kaitlin L., Serena M., Audrey M., Emma R., Bronte S., Madison S., Yi-Wen W.

**Year 10:** Elena H., Hannah K., Elizabeth K., Peyton K., Greta Q., Nicole R.

**Year 12 German Continuers**
Sidra H., Beth V.

**Year 10 German**
Rachel E., Hannah F.

**Year 12 German Continuers**
Sidra H., Beth V.

**Year 9 Italian**
Tess S.

Congratulations to all the students who participated in this year’s tests. We are very proud of your achievements and look forward to seeing another round of fabulous results next year!

**Yr 12 Graduation Assemblies**

In the formal assembly on Thursday Evening 20th September the Master Of Ceremonies was Mr Slow and the guest speaker was Mr Lasaitis. Both were exceptionally good. Unforgettable vocal and instrumental performances by Year 12 Music; Jackie S., Stephanie S., Isabella T., Larissa W. and Hannah La M. They performed “The Call” and “Forever Yours” Well done girls thank you for the music!

The entire ceremony was enjoyed in the school hall, full of parents, family, friends - and a very large number of teachers.

Great teachers – great students – great school!

**Great news**

Four of our great teachers have been successful in their nomination for the Northern Sydney Regional Awards.

**Allan James and Ginese Johnston** – Regional Director’s Sustainability Education Award

**Ceara Kearney and Simon Miles** – Regional Director’s Beginning Teacher Award

This is a great achievement and recognition for them personally and for all the Riverside people and family who support these four teachers on a daily basis. The Awards ceremony on 13 November will be at the convention centre at Taronga Zoo. We are very proud of these inspirational teachers.
At the school assembly on Wednesday 19 September the final roll call was made by the year 12 Advisor Mrs Lovett and each graduate made their way onto the stage. You can see in the photo below the students then made their way through an archway made by their younger “sisters” from Year 9.

Once outside the year 12 girls celebrated and consoled each other ....” See you in the HSC”

The Light, Sound & Multimedia Girls

Students Courtney M., Ida B., Sophia M- W. and Jacqueline A., (Emma F. absent) from Year 9 are the hardworking team behind the lights, sound and multimedia of our hall events.

They enjoy working with a variety of teachers including Mr Hunt, Ms Lidman, Mr Jones, and Ms Iverach on all assemblies and shows like the School Revue and assist on Musical Nights. They also assist other schools who use our hall. Keep up the good work girls!

Evacuation Drill

The Annual Evacuation Drill, organised by Ms Ritchie was held on 15 October after the alarm bells sounded. students and teachers made their way to Gladesville Reserve where the rolls were marked.

Then students made their way back to period 3. It proved we can follow the drill very well!

After the evacuation drill “Can’t stop now we’ve got to get back to class” Caitlin T., Emma A., Mr McInerney & Leanne T.
Derivan Art Exhibition

This year, for the first time, Derivan Painting Supplies held an exhibition of paintings from local schools at their Annual Open Day in Rhodes on Saturday 20 October.

Year 9 Visual Arts students, under the direction of Ms Bean and Ms Zufferey, completed still life paintings on canvas that were exhibited at this popular exhibition.

Ms Zufferey reported that an example of work typical of the high standard produced by Yr 9 was “Ode To Morandi” by Shellyn K.

Our staff and students acknowledge and appreciate the donation of the canvas and art materials, by Derivan to the school.

Maths Teacher: I give you 2 cats. Then I again give you another 2 cats...... How many cats will you have?  
Student: 5  
Teacher: How come?????  
Student: I have a cat in my house now!

Update on “Have Your Say”

You may recall you were invited to have your say on what you value about the school and how you would like it to grow in the future. As well as the Parent Forum a series of surveys were conducted at Ryde Shopping Centre, Gladesville P.S., Hunters Hill P.S. and with staff and students from Riverside GHS. As a result the Communications Committee has met to evaluate the responses and develop an action plan.

These meetings have revealed some common responses on our strengths as a comprehensive girls high school as well as focussing on those areas where we could improve.

The committee has been working on the difficult concept of “what makes Riverside GHS distinctive?” This has proved quite difficult and has taken hours of meeting time so far but the process is extremely interesting and worthwhile.

The committee is gradually narrowing down a vast number of words and phrases to try to encapsulate the ideas that have been suggested in the surveys. It is hoped that by the publication of the next newsletter more specific information can be passed on to you.

Young In Art

Hunters Hill Council’s Official Opening of the 2012 Young In Art Exhibition was held on 24 October at the Hunters Hill Town Hall.

The exhibition plays an important role in encouraging art among our community with students ranging in age from Kindergarten through to Year 12 from eight local primary and high schools participating.

This year Dana K. from Year 10 won the First Prize in the category of Secondary Schools 3D Ceramic. Her work was highly commended by the judges.

Congratulations Dana K!

Year 12 student is festival queen

Zoe A. of yr 12 has been crowned Miss Granny Smith in Eastwood for her extensive volunteer work in our community. Zoe, who is planning a career with McDonalds having completed a school based traineeship with the company, will spend a year working with the Eastwood Chamber of Commerce to
broaden young people’s understanding of the business community and what they can offer to all who live in the Eastwood area.

The Best Review Ever

Jessica E. of Yr 7 recently entered a competition to produce a review of her favourite novel. Her review attracted the attention of the author herself, Martine Pallars. Jessica made a video trailer of the novel and was so charming in her unique approach that Martine asked her to edit the second novel in the trilogy she was planning. The author and young reader met over the holidays. Martine is keen to have Jessica edit the third novel. She may also visit our school as an author in residence. What a great opportunity Jessica has experienced and we look forward to more contact with Martine Pallars.

Charlotte S. of Year 11 (our performance captain) has been selected as a Featured Artist in Schools Spectacular 2012. This also is an enormous achievement.

Rock the Fair

As Mr Hunt returned to school in Term 4 he noticed a certificate had been very nicely framed and placed in a prominent location in the Performing Space foyer.

He reported that the modesty of the students involved made it difficult for him to show his appreciation and acknowledge their talent, initiative and pride in the school.

He discovered that talented students in Year 10 had formed a band which they named “Burning Sensation” and having recently performed at Chatswood Fair, in a showcase of 7 local bands, were awarded this certificate which they had donated to the school.

Mr Hunt said he was impressed by the donation and the students were very active in the school community including performing with the Concert Band and Stage Band and other extra curricular activities- which now include Rock Band! The students are Lucy B. (vocals) Candela T-S. (drums) and Kristina A-C. (guitar).

The next Currents will be the final issue for 2012 and made available on 30 November.

Your Community School

Thanks to the Primary Links team for ensuring that the ceramic panels made by our Yr 8 GATS class and Yr 5 primary students from Gladesville, Hunters Hill, Denistone East and Boronia Park Primary schools were put up so quickly in the corner outside the hall. They look fantastic.