**Calendar Dates**

**Term 3**

**August**
- Friday 27: "Back Off" self defence program for all Year 10 students, Gym

**September**
- Wednesday 1: Art exhibition opens, 9am-3pm, Gym
- Thursday 2: Art exhibition open, 9am-3pm, Gym
  - HSC Visual Arts and Music Soiree, 5pm – 8pm
  - Official Welcome 6.15 pm
- Friday 3: Year 9 Health Research Project, accelerometers survey
- Wednesday 8: Student Leaders for 2011 Assembly, 10.30am, School Hall
- Thursday 9: Year 7 Games Day
- Friday 10: Year 9 Health Research Project, accelerometers survey
- Wednesday 15: Sports High Achievers Assembly
- Friday 17: Immunisation Years 7-10
  - Year 11 GP's in School Program
- Tuesday 21: Year 10 & 11 SRC Leadership Day
- Wednesday 22: Year 12 Farewell Assembly, period 2, Hall 10.30am
- Thursday 23: Year 12 Graduation, 7.30pm, Hall, Supper in Quad 9.30pm
- Friday 24: Year 12 Revue, period 4
  - HSC students must enter UAC selections for 2011 and all ACCESS applications by the last day of term 3

**Final Day of Term 3**

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**Principal's Report**

**HSC 2010**

We wish year 12 students every success as they start their HSC exams this term. Music & Drama performances, Visual Arts bodies of work, D and T and Textiles major works, English Extension 2 projects and History Extension Projects are all examined in weeks 3-6, Term 3. All students studying a language also sit for their aural/oral HSC exams in this same period. The rest of the HSC exams begin on the 14th October.

**Term 3 Primary Links Program**

Twelve Year 5 girls worked with class 8T this term to develop digital stories as part of a New Primary Links Program at Riverside. The Year 5 students attend Drummoyne PS, Ryde PS, and Gladesville PS. The visiting students welcomed the opportunity to use the technology facilities at Riverside to create the text of the children’s stories, the artwork, the graphics, the musical themes and voice-overs. Parents enjoyed the final presentations of the stories in the school hall at the conclusion of the Primary Links Program.

**P&C meeting Wednesday 11th September**

Do come to the next P & C meeting on the 11th September. Were you aware that Hunters Hill Council wants to install parking meters in Huntley’s Point Road and around the ferry wharf? The installation of the parking meters would really cause a lot of problems for us. The SRC will be submitting a response to the Council’s proposal and so will the P & C so we do need your involvement in responding to a serious local issue. We have included in the newsletter an article on the parking meter proposal from the N.D.T. 11 August 2010.
Year 10 Coffee School Program

Fourteen Year 10 students are participating in the coffee school program every Tuesday in term 3. Teachers from Meadowbank TAFE are teaching the coffee making skills course at Riverside. The girls are learning new café and food/beverage preparation skills.

It is part of the school's Transition to TAFE and WORK program. We are very pleased that Meadowbank TAFE has been able to support the program.

Wear the Uniform

We need parents to ensure that the girls wear their uniform to school. They must not wear sports shoes with their school uniform. We need the girls to wear the school jumper, not brightly coloured iridescent jackets or jumpers. The scarves worn in winter should be white, pale blue or navy blue. Student Leaders from Year 12 have been promoting pride in the school (including the wearing of uniform). Their enthusiasm is commendable. We need the students who persistently wear non uniform items to absorb just some of this energising school spirit.

Congratulations to Ximena Gillen and Tailah Jones, Year 7 for their selection in the NSW rep team for netball. They were both selected in the 12 year old team which played in the state age championships at Newcastle in July. The girls were both members of the ERNA team which won the NSW title. We are very proud of the girls’ achievements.

P & C Report

After a nice July holiday break and the Soccer World Cup fever well over, we are now facing other issues.

Once again parents, its time to submit your tax returns for 2009-2010.

Another reminder on the following:

- Tax rebate claims in respect of Educational Purposes
- Student Ambulance Cover

Other issues:

- The P&C has provided funds of $20,000.00 in respect of Visual technology. The cheque was presented to Ms Peggy O’Neil at our last P&C meeting.
- Please support the Sydney Organic Markets which are held every Saturday at our school. By buying goods from these markets, the school gets a percentage of profits towards school activities, fundraising efforts, etc.
- Thank you to all those who volunteered on BATH DAY, with our popular Gelato Drive.
- The Drama production was a great success, and I want to thank all those that participated in the play, organisers and once again all those willing volunteers.
- As discussed at our last P&C meeting, due to time constraints we will not be having a Trivia night in 2010. Instead we will be focussing on doing fundraising soon, towards the Year 12 formal evening. Details will follow after our next P&C Meeting.
- Year 10 students are invited to participate in a sports program, (Self Defence strategies). All interested students are to pay their $10.00 to the Office before 27th August 2010.
- Lastly, I want to wish all students the very best for their SC tests and especially those sitting their HSC exams later this year.
- I am still trying to fill the role of Ground Convenor. Please forward your expression of interest to: Avril Semyonov - 9420-9144 , leave a short detailed message on the answering machine or email at: avrilse@hotmail.com

The NEXT P & C MEETING will be held:

Date: Wednesday 11 September 2010
Time: 7.30 pm
Venue: Common Room

Avril Semyonov
President P&C

avrilse@hotmail.com
Public Speaking Competition

On Wednesday 28 July our library was host to the Legacy Public Speaking Inter District final for 2010. This competition is open to all junior students from Years 7 – 10 in NSW in both government and independent schools. Our students, Bronte Sellers of Year 7 and Greer Brennan of Year 10 (last year’s state finalist) battled it out against their peers from as far as Loretto Kirribilli, Shore and Normanhurst Boys. In a very strong competition, Greer Brennan successfully advanced to the Regional Final. Bronte performed admirably well in her first Public Speaking competition in High School, and we expect her to only improve with this invaluable experience.

Greer Brennan delivering her speech during the Public Speaking Forum early in September.

The Regional Final was held on Tuesday 17 August at The Arts Unit in Lewisham. Greer Brennan was again successful at this event, having established herself as the “Powerhouse of Public Speaking”, claiming a place at the State Semi final to be held at State Parliament next month. Lloyd Cameron, State Coordinator of Public Speaking and Debating, adjudicated this event and stated that “Greer’s impromptu speech was the highlight of the day”.

Congratulations to both girls – the future looks bright for our girls, ironically challenging our school’s motto: Deeds not Words!

Mr Lasaitis – English Faculty

School to TAFE

A “School to TAFE” Meadowbank College Information Evening will be held for Years 10, 11 and 12 students and their brothers, sisters, parents and friends on Tuesday September 14. Encourage your students to attend as all sections of the college will be represented and happy to talk to you regarding careers, course articulation, application process (if applicable), and so on. Write it in your diary now!

Mobile Phone Fundraiser

Over the past two years, a collection box for mobile phones has been placed in the Library for used mobile phones. At last count, there were 40 phones collected.

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 $2 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 Library. With over 1,000 students, and the disposal rate of mobiles, we should have many more than we have collected so far, so get those used mobiles into the recycle box. This will not only help 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

IMPORTANT NOTICE to all Parents/Carers and Students

Could all parents please advise of any change of circumstances or details with address/work phone numbers/contact numbers/ Emergency contact/email address by either:

Phone 9816 4264
Fax 9816 5409 or
Email: riversideg-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Students can also obtain a mauve change of details form from the student services counter or the student administration office.

REMEMBER: A note is required for any student absences as soon as the student returns to school.
Did you know? Australians are the second highest waste producers in the world. We throw away 3.3 million tonnes of food a year – the equivalent of a quarter of the nation’s food supply.

What can you do? Shop smartly – avoid unnecessary packaging and buy only what you need. More great tips at www.livingthing.net.au

Internet safety tip. Remind your daughters to keep information such as their name, address, pass words, phone number, school and even credit card number to themselves. When signing up to a chat room, they should use a screen name that is a nickname and not easy to work out. The same goes for choosing passwords – don’t make them easy to figure out. If your child is going to put photos on the Internet, ensure they don’t show them wearing their school uniform – this can be enough to identify your child’s school. Also ensure that any photos are not the type that would attract unwanted attention from strangers. More great advice at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/click

“Ferry Commuters may pay to park”
- Scott Howlett

Hunters Hill Council is considering parking meters for Huntleys Point Wharf and Valentia Street Wharf in Woolwich.

Rose Steel, of Ryde, who has caught the ferry into the city from Huntleys Point every day for the past five years, said she was alerted earlier this month to the proposal to install meters.

“I was told that the council is proposing to introduce meters to make it very difficult for those who park there all day to continue to do so,” Ms Steel said.

“Neighbouring councils should be very concerned that residents who live just outside the Hunters Hill area would be charged to park at the wharf to enable them to access public transport – this is at best preferential towards particular ratepayers and at worst discriminatory towards others.”

Hunters Hill Council general manager Barry Smith was alerted to Ms Steel’s concerns by Lane Cove State Liberal MP Anthony Roberts.

Mr Smith wrote to Ms Steel on July 12, explaining that no decision had been made.

“He said anecdotal evidence suggested Hunters Hill residents were having difficulty parking at both wharves because non-residents were taking up many of the available places all day.

“This is the matter that will be the subject of the further investigation and consultation.” Mr Smith said. “One solution suggested may be to allow all Hunters Hill residents to park at no cost, while non-residents would be time-limited and have to pay thereby creating a priority and availability for local residents commuting by ferry if necessary.

“However, we are some way from making any decision on any actions at this time.”

Hunters Hill Councillor Peter Astridge said: “In any day of the week or weekends, it is impossible to get a parking space along Huntleys Point Rd – unless you are very lucky.”

RIVERSIDE ORGANIC FOOD & FARMERS MARKET

We are lining up a delectable selection of our best food stalls to create a super weekly market for Gladesville and the Hunters Hill area.

Every Saturday Morning
9am to 1pm
ART & MUSIC SOIREE

Thursday 2nd September
5:00pm — 8:00pm

Opening address by Ms King and Artist in Residence 2010 John Bokor at 6.15pm

Opening hours:
Tuesday 31/8– Thursday 2/9
9.00am-3.00pm

Gymnasium

Riverside Girls High School
Huntley’s Point Road, Gladesville.

Artwork: Elizabeth by Anna Philpott Yr12
The Uniform Shop

Profits from the Uniform Shop go to the school

Opening Hours

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

Contact:

Lesley Ph: 9816 4264  ext 136

Junior School Blouse (White) $28.00
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
Polar fleece jacket with logo $40.00
Trousers navy (2 pocket stretch boot cut) $45.00
Senior Blouse (blue) (Yrs 11 & 12) $28.00
Senior Blouse (long sleeve) $30.00
Senior Skirt Navy $35.00
Scarf $10.00

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

- Polar fleece jackets with Riverside logo are now available for $40.00.