Upcoming Events

9th April – Music MECCA Night 6pm – 9pm Hall
10th April - Yr. 12 Parent Teacher Night. 4 – 6.30
10th April - P&C Meeting 7.30 pm Common Room
12th April- End of Term 1
29th & 30th April Staff Only Professional Learning
1st May Term 2 commences for students
1st May Anzac Assembly
6th & 7th May School Band & Strings Camp
22nd May School Athletics Carnival
29th – 31st May School Musical The Wizard Of Oz

Our Principal’s Report

Improving communication with our community has certainly been the March focus at Riverside! Thank you for all the positive feedback we have received for finally emailing the newsletter to parents in a mass email. The February ‘Currents’ was our first edition to go via email. Also, we are introducing the online booking system for parent teacher nights this year. So, to make an appointment with teachers, parents will need to access the parent portal.

We opened the school for yet another successful Open Day where many prospective students and their families came to see us in action. I would like to thank the P and C volunteers who, together with selected students, served gelato and sausage sandwiches to visitors. We are very proud of the community working closely together – staff, students and parents. Our visitors commented on the genuine warm tone of the school and all the teachers appreciated this very positive feedback.

Another opportunity for parent involvement will be at our staff development days on April 29 and 30. These professional learning days are devoted to the Australian curriculum implementation. Each faculty is at a different part of the implementation timeline. So, the two days will involve some whole school discussion, faculty meetings, online learning and many opportunities for parent participants to learn about this great change in education. The new curriculum will be effective in 2014 for years 7 and 9 in English, Maths, History and Science.

I am very pleased to announce that our school is part of a trial for DELL laptops in term 2. We will be using these to see which tablet – the DELL or iPad – will be of greater value to the school. We are currently investigating which hardware options will be most effective in helping with administration, including online roll marking, reporting and emailing.

Our Hawaiian trip is leaving on Good Friday and a big thank you to all parents who came to the information evening. Clearly, this is going to be one of the highlights of 2013 and we wish them a safe, enjoyable and successful tour. Forty four girls are competing in international soccer and netball competitions.

Best wishes
Belinda Kelly

Message from the P&C

The P&C supported Riverside Open Day on 7th of March with a gelato cart and sausage sizzle. A very big thank you to the 16 parents that were involved. The weather was perfect and we sold lots of gelato, drinks and sausages to happy students, and prospective students and parents. It was a wonderful community event where existing parents shared their knowledge of Riverside with prospective parents.

The P&C Secretary and Treasurer positions have been vacant since the November 2012 AGM. The roles of these positions are outlined on NSW P&C Association website http://www.pandc.org.au/faq.seo. The P&C is also seeking a Fundraising Coordinator. Parents with the skills for these positions are encouraged to nominate at the next P&C meeting.

The next P&C meeting Katarina Nikoletich, Deputy Principal and Year 12 students, will share a vision for possible future school building projects.

Kind regards,
Greg Tunnock
P&C President
Riverside Girls Leave Policy

All students not on school grounds during school hours must have with them evidence that this leave is granted.

To help with this, senior students have been handed a laminated copy of their timetable which clearly outlines late starts and early leaves across the week. It is the responsibility of the student to keep this timetable with them as evidence that they have permission to be off the school site during the school day (9 – 3.15pm).

If the police stop a student out of school during these times, they will ask the student to show this timetable (or a leave pass). Police will contact the school if these passes are not on hand.

International Women’s Day Breakfast

The sixteen Year twelve Student Representative Council (SRC) members, as well as Ms. Glansbeek, were fortunate enough to go to the International Women’s Day Breakfast on 8.3.2013. Held at the Exhibition Centre, more than 1,700 guests attended from corporations as well as from other schools.

Breakfast was delicious and consisted of a wide array of foods. However, the best part was the speakers that we listened to. They stressed the value of being a woman, as well as how we still have many obstacles to overcome.

We were privileged enough to hear speakers such as Rosie Johnson, the Senior Magistrate of Papua New Guinea’s Magisterial services, as well as senior leaders from other schools. Many influential politicians were in attendance, including Barry O’Farrell, and Marie Bashir who also addressed the assembly. Most significantly was the attendance of Prime Minister Julia Gillard, who spoke and to their delight, several Riverside Girls managed to get photos with our Prime Minister.

The International Women's Day Breakfast was a fantastic occasion, and was also a very inspiring day for all women involved. The SRC would like to thank our SRC coordinators Ms Glansbeek and Mr Miles and our principal Ms Kelly for this wonderful opportunity.

By Charlotte Snedden. (Yr 12)

Earth Hour Breakfast

St Ignatius Riverview hosted the Earth Hour Breakfast and attended by Greta Quealey and Rosa Jee in Year 11 and Ms Hristofski on Tuesday 19th March 2013.

The purpose of the breakfast was to enable students who are active in environmental programmes to meet and share ideas. Guest speakers included Ann Austin, national Sustainability Manager, Bovis Lend Lease and Indira Naidoo who has worked extensively in the Australian media.

Volleyball Girls Knockout Competition

On Tuesday 12th March Riverside's Knockout Volleyball Team beat Asquith Girls. The girls demonstrated exceptional teamwork, along with individual flair to move on to the next round.

The team consists of Claire Fameli (Captain), Dede Stewart and Rachel Hanson in year 12, Lana Hodgkinson, Claudia Sheffield and Laura Coleman Meyer in year 11 and Ruby Simpson in Year 9. Mr Tooma (Coach) and Ms Hristofski (Team Manager) were very impressed with the girls’ determination, discipline and sportsmanship.
Year 12 HSC Chemistry have got talent!

HSC Chem students have reached a significant milestone in their careers as developing scientists. This week performing titrations with the skill that would leave even a seasoned professional gasping. Ms Warzecha says she is “immensely proud of her students for their hard work and being seriously good fun to teach”. Top job!

Cross Country 2013

The annual school cross country carnival was held on Tuesday the 19th March 2013. We had an absolutely beautiful day to run the carnival.

Congratulations to year 7 and 8 for having entries in the hundreds for their year group. Year 7 had 84% of students complete the cross country.

The ‘FUN’ award goes to year 12 who had a record number of competitors. Thank you to all competitors, helpers and teachers who assisted on the day creating a smooth and successful carnival. Good luck to our Riverside team who will compete on the 24th of May at the Zone Carnival.

- Ms Gordon

THE WIZARD OF OZ

Join Scarecrow, Tin Man, Lion, Dorothy, as they journey through the magical Land of Oz to meet the Wizard and obtain their heart’s desires. Watch out for the Wicked Witch as you rediscover the real story of Oz in this fantastic musical treat for all the family.

The Wizard of Oz is an enchanting adaptation of the all-time classic, totally re-conceived for the stage and contains all the much-loved songs from the Oscar winning movie score like “Over the Rainbow” and “Follow The Yellow Brick Road”, all the favourite characters and iconic moments with full stage production and colourful costumes.

Follow the yellow brick road over the rainbow and into Riverside for what promises to be a magical night. Tickets are free but bookings are essential. Bookings are made online:


To help recoup costs of the production - parking on school grounds is available upon donation of $5. Canteen and programs will also be available.

Fundraising for Musical

The school is looking for donations of prizes to be raffled to raise funds for the musical production. If you or your business would like to donate a prize please contact Mr Hunt H.T. CAPA.
If you are holding a party whether at home or at a local hall, please log this on the new mynite.com.au website. This will make any necessary police response more effective. Police will increase scheduled drive bys and can contact the organizer by phone if necessary.

Recently a 14th birthday in a hall in Hunters Hill turned ugly and this could have been avoided if the organisers had logged the party with mynite.com.au.

Creative and Performing Arts Achievements

Karen Kong - (Year 11) Has managed to obtain her AmusA on violin, an amazing accomplishment. She recently received her certificate at UNSW. Not only that, but Karen has played in the prestigious (and extremely competitive) Schools Spectacular Orchestra for the last four years, representing Riverside. Keep up the incredible work Karen!

Elisa Lu - (Year 12) Congratulations to Elisa, who performed at 'Class Clowns' for the Melbourne Comedy Festival! She performed five minutes of stand up at the Riverside Theatre, a very impressive achievement.

Holly and Hannah Luke –Paddon are travelling to Perth to perform in the Band Associations National Band Competition over Easter. Good luck Girls!

Rehearsals are now underway for Riverside’s production this year, the musical The Wizard of Oz. Progress is moving swiftly in the large cast of more than eighty people. Currently, most of the scenes are being blocked (meaning that performers are learning where to stand) and songs are being learnt. Dance choreography is starting to be made, as well as the backdrops for the different scenes. It is sure to be a great show! The Wizard of Oz will be on May 29-31st with performances on at night. There will also be a matinée on the Wednesday, where the cast will perform in front of local primary schools.

Mother’s Day Classic

Another great SRC initiative! This year we are fielding a walking and running team at the Mother’s Day Classic in Sydney (Domain) on Sunday 12th May. Our team name is Riverside Road Runners.

The Mother’s Day Classic is a great event where we can get together as a community and be active and raise money for the Breast Cancer Foundation.

I encourage everybody to sign up! Bring your family and friends! So far we have teachers, parents, grandparents, students and friends signed up.

How to sign up?
1. Go to this website: https://register.eventarc.com/12484/mothers-day-classic-domain
2. On the bottom of the page where you put in your details there is a question: Are you a member of a team? Go to the drop down box and select our team: Riverside Road Runners. Now you are in the Riverside team and we can track how much money our team is raising.

Claudia Widjaja in year 12 has designed our logo for the team t-shirts ($25) that will go on sale in week 10. If you are interested in buying a t-shirt please send me an email: leonore.glansbeek@det.nsw.edu.au

See you there! Happy walking and running!

- Leonore Glansbeek (organising teacher)
International Women's Day Assembly

International Women's Day is celebrated on March 8th each year. To help celebrate feminism, and look back on the achievements of women and what they have overcome.

The Junior SRC was excited about running this assembly. We came up with the theme: we were going to remind our school of how awesome women are and share some inspiring stories of women that have done amazing things not just because they were incredible women but because they were incredible human beings.

I was given Eleanor Roosevelt to study and I was thrilled and excited to be able to talk about her achievements because I felt like I shared the same morals as her. Others were given Vida Goldstein, Cathy Freeman, Oprah Winfrey, Charlotte Bronte, Marie Curie- and Rosa Parks. Lucy and Preeti where in charge of hosting the assembly. There was many different acts, a music performance by year 12’s and a humorous speech by one of the amnesty girls talking about Disney princess and how they influence our lives. Ms Kelly also talked about the importance of International Women's Day that followed with a PowerPoint presentation of the swimming carnival.

Another high light of the assembly was Behind Riverside Gates with Priya and Rachel. They made their last video one to remember by making the entire teacher's staffrooms perform the Harlem Shake.

The day was a success. Thanks to all the hard work by the SRC (especially the junior’s), Mr Miles who helped make it all happen, the tech group at the back that was able to make the PowerPoint’s go smoothly and all the students and teachers for giving us their full attention on such a special assembly dedicated to International Women's Day.

By Lilli Gaynor (year 9)

9A Science : C21st Collaborative Skills & their Sustainability Project

9A have been busily developing their collaborative skills in trialling a new unit of learning developed by Ms Warzecha as part of a North Sydney regional initiative in Differentiating the Curriculum for Acceleration & Engagement. Students have been working in expert groups to develop an understanding of essential Earth resources, exploring modern excess in analysing their own household usage and developing a Charter for living sustainably in a suburban setting.

Inter-house Soccer

Inter- House soccer was a great experience and lots of FUN!!! We went to Gladesville Reserve every Tuesday at lunch times and played a game of soccer! If you’re into soccer and really enjoy the sport then this was just the thing for you! It was very enjoyable.

World’s Greatest Shave

Jade Chang from year 11 participated in the greatest shave and collected $300 for the leukaemia foundation.

Well done Jade!

By Sarah Tsoumbris (year 7)
**The Entertainment Book – SRC Fundraising**

The Entertainment™ Book is a local restaurant and activity guide providing hundreds of 25% to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers from restaurants, cafés, attractions, activities and accommodation. The Books are filled with offers worth well over $15,000! 20% from the sale of each book goes toward our School Representative Council initiatives.

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**2013 CHS Cricket Championships – Coffs Harbour**

Last year I was selected in the Sydney North team to represent the school at the NSW CHS Cricket Championships in Coffs Harbour from the 18th to the 21st of February. With matches being shortened and some being abandoned, we only played 3 out of 5 games, against Riverina, Sydney South West and Western Regions. The only game we won was against Riverina; however the other two games were down to the wire with both being decided in the final over.

It was a good week, with the team coming 7th in the competition and 3 of my teammates being selected in the NSW CHS 1st and 2nd XI to play the Catholic and Independent Schools next month.

It’s a good thing we got out early on the Friday, as that afternoon the roads were closed due to flooding. During the final game we played, against Western, 12mm of rain fell in Coffs Harbour. We continued until the pitch turned into a giant puddle!

By R. Ewings (yr 11)

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**I give a Gonski**

Mr Jones attended the last P&C meeting and answered questions about the Gonski Review of funding for Australian schools.

It has been reported that both the Parents & Citizens Committee and the Riverside Girls community are fully supportive of the Gonski Funding Model.

Parents can leave a message of support for the Premier and Prime Minister at the website igiveagonski.com.au.

**Swimming**

Riversides’ swim team competed at the Zone swimming carnival on Wednesday March 9th at Ryde Aquatic Centre with several girls medalling in individual events and qualifying for the regional carnival the following week. The U14, U15, U17 and Open medley team also qualified for the next level of competition. Congratulations to Sophie Taylor who was the U17 Age champion and also won the carnivals Open 100m freestyle championship race in record time.

At the regional carnival Catherine Ogilvie, Ashleigh Wisniewski, Danielle Kenny and Sophie Taylor all won medals in their individual events. The U15, U17 relay and Open medley relay team also performed brilliantly and will represent Riverside at the NSW CHS championships in April.

Well done Girls!

Ms N. Miller

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