Upcoming Events for your diary!
Mar 6th Zone Swimming Carnival and International Women’s Day
Mar 7th Open Day 3 – 6 pm
Mar 13th P & C Meeting 7.30 pm
Mar 19th School Cross Country
Mar 20th Yr 11 Study Skills in Hall
Mar 26th School Photos
Mar 28th Police Band Visit

Our Principal’s Report
This is the edition in which we love to celebrate the success of our HSC students from the previous year.

In 2012 we had 75 distinguished achievers who achieved the top band in their course. Two students received ‘allrounder’ awards for achieving band 6 in their best 10 units. Our dux, Naveen, achieved an ATAR of 97.85 and will be studying Bachelor of Law/Social Science. Fourteen percent of the year received an ATAR rank above 90.

Samantha F was awarded the UNSW scholarship worth $4000 and 5 extra ATAR points gaining her access to a very prestigious and innovative psychology/law degree.

We are very proud of these fantastic results and of the expert teachers who supported all girls right up to the exams – in the classroom and during tutorials in the holidays and after school. A special thanks to Ms Lovett as the year adviser for enabling all yr 12 girls to do their best. She provided a nourishing and supportive environment, always listening to the girls’ stories and helping them to address any anxiety or demands. She kept their focus on their learning and all of our community appreciates this.

The English faculty was listed in the Sydney Morning Herald’s, ‘Top 100 schools for English’ in the state. Results in all English courses were well above both state and northern Sydney average. Congratulations to Ms Barker and her team.

The results of our high achievers confirmed what we are always saying here at Riverside – the way to success is for the students to study the subjects in years 11 and 12 that they enjoy. There was no pattern to the subjects chosen by our high achievers although most of them studied Advanced English and many did an extension subject - English 1 and 2, maths 1 and 2, history and German. Some chose not to do maths, some chose to do a VET course (Hospitality here and Accounting at TAFE). The choice of subjects was spread across every faculty and so every teacher at Riverside was involved in our high achievers’ HSC success stories.

The career aspirations of our top 15 students who attended the High Achievers assembly (with an ATAR above 90) include being scientists – food, medical, biomedical; businesswomen – commerce and social scientists; in PR and advertising; nurses; actuaries and accountants; lawyers; architects; engineers and film producers. It is clear Riverside has achieved what we are here to do: develop confident, independent and creative young women.

A full overview of the HSC results will be published in the 2012 Annual School Report to be uploaded onto the school website on April 1st.

Our Dux, Naveen with Ms Lovett, Yr 12 Adviser, 2012

I would also like to thank the current yr 12 advisers for organising the camp which focussed on the girls maximising their potential in the lead up to the HSC 2013. Ms Yi and Ms Tao asked parents to write letters to their girls, which when read out, brought tears to everyone’s eyes. As a school we acknowledge the invaluable support of our parents and friends and this was celebrated at this camp.

Best wishes
Belinda Kelly
Our P & C Report

The P&C extends a warm welcome to Riverside students, parents, carers, teachers, and staff for the new school year, and especially to all students and parents new to Riverside this year.

The P&C will be supporting Riverside's Open Day on Thursday 7th of March between 3pm and 6pm, by running a sausage sizzle and a gelato cart. Parent volunteer helpers are needed and will be welcomed. Please contact Greg Tunnock <greg@tunnock.net> 0419-239-123 if you are able to help.

The P&C Secretary and Treasurer positions have been vacant since the 14th of November 2012 Annual General Meeting. 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. Doing so will be a very positive way to contribute to the Riverside community as a whole and your daughter’s education.

The next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday, 13th March at 7:30pm in the school common room. All parents and carers are very welcome. At this meeting, Frida Hristofski, the Learning and Support Teacher will be the guest speaker. Frida will talk about her role description, the NSW Department of Education and Communities’s view of this role and how at Riverside we are fitting it into our needs.

Kind regards,
Greg Tunnock
P&C President

Welcome to yr 7 parents

A welcome BBQ was held on the picturesque lawn to welcome our new families to our community. This was followed by the first Parent Forum of the year. Parents mingled with teachers and then had an opportunity to ask questions about their daughter’s first few months of high school whilst students enjoyed being entertained by some of their yr 10 peer support leaders and the yr 12 SRC.

Many teachers attended and made this a very relaxed but worthwhile event for connecting with our community. It will become part of our school traditions.

Thanks also to Mr Blundell for catering with delicious sausages and gluten free vegetarian tacos and picking such a great setting for this community event.

THE WIZARD OF OZ IS COMING !!

Performance dates 28th – 31st May

Auditions were held on 27th Feb and rehearsals will begin on Mondays and Wednesday in March after school.

Many of the girls are hopeful of being chosen as Dorothy however Dorothy alone does not make a great musical. What about the Lion? And someone has got to play The Wicked Witch! And then we need the girls to play “Munchkins” and more girls for “Generals” and then there has to be “Citizens Of Oz” too because that’s what you find somewhere over the rainbow….

Many teachers have already keenly volunteered including Ms Buzacott (drama,) Ms Kearny (art,) Mr Cranson (set construction), Ms Hristofski (Video), Ms Maury (performance coach) Ms Jarvis (publicity,) Ms Burgmann (trumpet) Miss Lidman (Dramatic Director) Mr Hunt (Musical Director) and we are sure other teachers will volunteer too !!

It is exciting to introduce a new generation to the joys of Dorothy from Kansas, Toto her dog, The Wicked Witch of the West, The Good Witch of the North, The Cowardly Lion, Tin Woodman, Scarecrow and the magical red shoes. The marvellous musical score features tunes which are familiar to generations of adults and children around the world. Unforgettable melodies include, Somewhere over the Rainbow, Ding Dong the Witch is Dead and We’re off to see the Wizard.

Pictured below two Year 8 students who hope to win a part in the musical. Katia (left) is no stranger to auditions having recently performed as Greta and one of the Lost Children in the Christmas holiday production of Chitty Chitty Bang Bang. She knows how demanding performance can be as she performed 4 times a week from November to January at Her Majesty’s Theatre.
With her is Olivia who is also familiar with musical theatre and performed in school productions and the school choir.

**Swimming Carnival 2013**

The 6th of February was a great day for our Swimming Carnival. All house captains had inspired students to come dressed up in their chosen themes being...

- McKenzie: YOLO – you’re only yellow once, Shine Bright Like A Star
- O’Harris: Green-Mean-Fighting-Machine
- Coen: Royalty
- Mallinson: Blue Disco

There was a lot of team spirit and a huge turnout of students cheering on the competitors. Five records were broken on the day, Ashleigh Wisniewski broke the 50m backstroke record and Sophie Taylor broke the 50m Freestyle, 100m Freestyle, 100m Backstroke and the School Champion records! Great job girls!

Congratulations to the year 12 students who managed to a controversial win over the teachers in an exciting and competitive relay event.

Our age champions for 2013 were:
- 12Yrs- Joyce Lee
- 13Yrs- Chloe Davis
- 14Yrs- Catherine O’Givie
- 15Yrs- Ashleigh Wisniewski
- 16Yrs- Kaitlin Labrie
- 17Yrs- Sophie Taylor

A special thanks to Peter Kenny from Boronia Park Picture Framing for taking photos on the day.

**Softball Knock Out**

This term the Softball Knock Out team played a game to Ryde Secondary School and lost 5-4 in a very close game. Thanks to Gabby Pereira’s mum for helping with driving to the venue.

Mrs Hather

**Touch Football Knock Out**

Our Touch foity team lost to Asquith Girls, who fielded a very strong team this year. All girls fought hard and had fun. Thanks to Stacey Parker, Jane Hill’s mum for helping with the training. Also to the parents who helped drive to Asquith.

Ms Gordon
Creative and Performing Arts Achievements

Holly Luke-Paddon (Year 12) - Holly was involved in Millennium Marching Band performances for ANZAC day parades, as well as being a soloist at a Town Hall performance. She also performed with the New South Wales Public Schools Symphonic Wind Ensemble and went to Melbourne for the National A grade band championships- and won!

Charlotte Snedden (Year 12) - Was asked to perform as a singing soloist at the Australian Youth Olympics opening ceremony as well as at the Secondary Principle's Association. She also sang as part of a chorus on 'The Voice' with Sarah De Bono.

Dede Stewart (Year 12) - Received a B on her Grade 6 Clarinet Exam, as well as being extensively involved with the school's band.

Hannah Luke-Paddon (Year 9) - Hannah was involved with The Arts Unit’s Symphonic Wind Ensemble. She also played in the marching band for Schools Spectacular and received a B+ for her 7th grade clarinet exam.

Amber Pye (Year 12) - Involved heavily in dance at both school (where she performed for Ryde School Spectacular and Schools Spectacular) and out of school, Amber performed at the State Dance Festival for her Tafe course, where she is also studying dance.

If you have any Creative and Performing Arts achievements, please send them to: Charlotte.Snedden@education.nsw.gov.au

Macquarie University Hospital:
Parking is available on Talavera Rd, at Macquarie University Hospital and at Macquarie Shopping Centre.

Register your interest now (or feel free to just drop in on the day)! Email reading.centre@multilit.com or call Vanessa Black Ph 1300 55 99 19.

SCHOOL BANDS

On the 19th February a meeting of Band Parents was held in the common room to discuss ways of fund raising for the band and extracurricular program particularly on Mecca Nights. Almost all parents volunteered to assist!

This level of support from parents was very pleasing to the teachers in attendance; Ms Wang (Instrumental Coordinator,) Mr Hunt (Head Teacher Creative & Performing Arts,) Mr Rod Mason (Concert Band Conductor) and Ms Kelly (Principal)

Thanks very much to those parents and we look forward to working with you throughout this year. If you couldn’t attend the meeting and would like to help with fundraising please contact the school.

The exciting events planned for the first semester are Band and Riverside Strings Camp (6th and 7th May) and the Police Band Visit On 28th March.

The Police Band will do a workshop with our concert band and then a concert for the entire school – which will feature our girls!

This is the Concert Band on 14th Feb, when all of our brilliant Yr 12 instrumentalists were on camp. Notice the smiles on those juniors !!

If you would like to be in band, participate in the Camp, Police Band Visit, Mecca Nights etc please contact Ms Wang.

The string group has been renamed Riverside Strings and they have been rehearsing on Monday - they too are looking forward to performing at MECCA Night on 9th April. They plan to record a CD this term.
Beginner Strings will commence on Thursday 14th March. If your daughter would like to learn to play violin please pick up a note from the Inwood staffroom.

Choir has started on a Tuesday morning and we would like to see more junior girls coming along. It starts at 8am in PS2 for more information contact the school.

Gladesville Ryde Physical Culture Club Inc

There is something quite special about a form of dance that every year gathers thousands of girls and ladies of all ages, all fitness levels, with or without experience, from all communities and walks of life to celebrate fun and fitness. BJP Physical Culture has been achieving this very feat for over 120 years and the Gladesville Ryde Physical Culture Club Inc has been part of the same dance journey for over 70 years.

Physical Culture or ‘Physie’ (pronounced ‘fizzy’) offers dance choreography designed to build confidence, great posture, strength, fitness and flexibility for girls and ladies from 3 to 103!

“From non competitive local dance classes to individual and team competitions to the Sydney Opera House stage, dance with Gladesville Ryde Physie is inexpensive and offers something for everyone”, comments Janelle Mitchell, a teacher and competitor with the Club.

“Girls and young women today are dealing with so many mixed messages and images on how to look, feel and behave. Amidst all the noise, it is so important that exercise and feeling good about ourselves are at the top of our to do lists.”

“The girls in our senior classes are at a stage in their lives where they are learning to manage study, work and social schedules. Physie is a positive influence and helps bring a little balance to busy lives.” ”Physie is a constant” smiles Janelle. “It doesn’t judge you. It accepts you exactly the way you are but will encourage and support you to be the best you can be. It strengthens and energises you, is lots of fun, and the friendships made through the Club are for life.”

Gladesville Ryde Physie is a not for profit organisation that holds classes on a Monday and Saturday at the Uniting Church Hall, Pittwater Road, Boronia Park. For further details visit the club website www.gladesvillerydephysie.com or contact Janelle Mitchell on 0419 120 068 or Sheila McCarthy on 0419 212 355. New members are always welcome!

A reminder to parents to notify the school about your child’s health

We welcome information from parents about your child’s health, even if you are not requesting specific support from our school. Our school asks for medical information when you enrol your child. It is also important that you let us know if your child’s health care needs change or if a new health condition develops.

Information about allergies, medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes and other health care related issues (including prior conditions such as medical procedures in the last 12 months) should be provided to the school by parents. Please provide this information in writing to the principal. This will greatly assist our school in planning to support your child’s health and wellbeing.

Please check the expiry date on your daughter’s Epipen regularly. If your daughter carries an Epipen, please ask her to see the First Aide Officer, Barbara Portmann, in the admin office to have the expiry date of the Epipen recorded.

Please also remember to notify staff in the school office of any changes to your contact details or to the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts.

We appreciate your assistance in this regard and assure you that any information you provide the school will be stored securely and will only be used or disclosed in order to support your son or daughter’s health needs or as otherwise required by law.

Lions Youth of Year quest – a celebration of public education

Priya P of yr 12 represented Riverside GHS in the Lions’ Club of Ryde’s annual contest – Youth of the Year. Six students from local secondary public and private schools had a 30 minute interview, two impromptu speeches and a 5min prepared speech. Our candidate, Priya, chose the topic of Dreams.

The winner was the girl captain of Hunters Hill High who spoke about Leadership.
Thank you to Priya who is pictured here with the contestant from Ryde Secondary College. She was confident, engaging and thoughtful in her responses and we are very proud of Priya.

Well done communication team!

You will notice some great new promotional banners around the school on your next visit. The Communication Team has been designing these using aerial photos of the school. The main message is that Riverside Girls is very proud to be a significant part of the local community.

We all fit in the hall when packed in with no chairs!

OPEN DAY
Thursday 7 March 2013
3.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.
Principal’s Official Welcome 4.30 p.m.
Exhibitions, guided tours and sausage sizzle
Phone: 9816 4264
www.riversideghs.nsw.edu.au
Developing confident, independent and creative young women
NSW Dept. of Education and Communities – Information for Parents

School Jargon Busters
Offers a glossary of acronyms used in schools throughout NSW, like NAPLAN, COLA, OOSH and KLAs.

Help Children to avoid back problems
Offers a range of tips for how assist school students in maintaining good posture that will reduce back problems for them in the future.

Back to School Checklist
Quite straightforward, but a very useful tool to help with a smooth transition into the school year. The webpage discusses things like medications and labeling of school uniforms and study materials.

Knowing your child’s teacher
‘Like any relationship, the one with your child’s teachers involves mutual respect and ongoing effort from both sides. Jennifer Marshall, a teacher at Oatlands Public School, says everyone wins, especially the child, when there is good communication between parents and teachers.’

Aussie Jobs publication highlights employment growth

Careers Website for the Mining Sector
This is a useful website providing information on the opportunities, careers and pathways into the mining industry.
Northern Sydney Public Health Unit
Adolescent School Vaccination Program

Riverside Girls High School
Vaccination Clinic Visits Schedule

5th March, 2013
Year 7 girls Human Papillomavirus Vaccine (Dose 1)
Year 7 girls Hepatitis B (Dose 1)

2nd April, 2013
Year 7 girls Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis

21st May, 2013
Year 7 girls Human Papillomavirus Vaccine (Dose 2)
Year 7 girls Chickenpox Vaccine

29th October, 2013
Year 7 girls Human Papillomavirus Vaccine (Dose 3)
Year 7 girls Hepatitis B (Dose 2)

* Please note we no longer vaccinate in Year 10
NSW SCHOOL-BASED IMMUNISATION PROGRAM

Each year NSW Ministry of Health offers the vaccines recommended by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) for adolescents as part of the school-based vaccination program.

In 2013 the following vaccines will be offered:

- **Hepatitis B vaccine** - a 2 dose course for all Year 7 students who have never received a course of Hepatitis B vaccine when they were a baby.
- **Varicella (Chickenpox) vaccine** - 1 dose for all Year 7 students who have **not** previously received Varicella vaccine or had chickenpox disease.
- **Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis (Whooping cough) vaccine** - 1 booster dose. This dose was previously recommended at 15 years of age. Your child will only be offered this vaccine in Year 7.
- **HPV vaccine (Human Papillomavirus)** - a 3 dose course. The vaccine will be offered to Year 7 male and female student and Year 9 male students as a 3-dose course over the school year. Students who commence HPV vaccination in Year 7 at school but do not complete the course may be offered catch-up doses at school in Year 8.

*Parent Information Kits* will be sent home to parents/guardians. To consent to the vaccination of their child, parents/guardians are advised to read all the information provided, complete the Consent Form and return it to their child’s school. Please ensure the child eats breakfast on the day of the school vaccination clinic.


To improve vaccination completion, students will be opportunistically offered any missed doses throughout the year where possible.

Please note that for HPV vaccine only, parents/guardians must record their Medicare Number (all 10 digits and the 11th number beside the child’s name) on the Consent Form, as this is required to record the student’s information on the National HPV Register and for female students only, link to the National or State Cervical Screening Program.

A Record of Vaccination will be provided to each student vaccinated at the clinic. Parents / guardians should ensure that this record is kept for future reference and should not assume that their child has been vaccinated if they do not receive this record of Vaccination.