**Calendar Dates**

**Term 3**

**July**
- Monday 26
  - Year 11 Exams commence and continue until the end of Week 3
  - Year 9 Ski Camp commences
  - Brita recycling challenge - all week
- Monday 26 and Tuesday 27
  - Regional Athletics Carnival
- Friday 30
  - Schools’ Tree Day
  - Year 9 Ski Camp ends

**August**
- Monday 2
  - International Youth Day
- Tuesday 3
  - English ICAS Test – all Year 9 students
- Thursday 5
  - Australian Maths Competition
- Friday 6
  - Year 11 Exams end
- Tuesday 10
  - Beyond Year 10 Information Evening, 7pm, Hall
- Wednesday 11
  - Year 8 into 9 Subject Selection, Period 4, Hall
- Wednesday 11
  - HSC Drama Performance evening, Performance Space 7pm
- Wednesday 11
  - P. & C. meeting, 7.30pm Common Room
- Thursday 12
  - Year 9 Dental Checks
- Friday 13
  - Band Incursion & Performance Evening, Hall
- Wednesday 18
  - Year 10 Online Subject Selections close
  - Year 11 into 12 Meeting, period 3 in Hall
- Thursday 19
  - Year 8 Games Day
- Friday 27
  - “Back Off” self defence program for all Year 10 students, gym

**September**
- Thursday 2
  - HSC Visual Arts and Music Soiree 5pm – 8pm gym

**Principal’s Report**

**Half Yearly Reports**

**Years 7-10**

All students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 have been issued with their half yearly report. All parents of Years 7-10 should have read the report by now. If you are concerned about any aspect of the report do ring the student adviser for the relevant year. We want to work with all parents and students to address any issues which may be interfering with effective learning.

Year 11 students will receive their report in week 8 of this term. The report will indicate if students are eligible to proceed to each of their Year 12 courses.

Year 12 students will receive their final report in week 4 of this term. The final Year 12 report will list the rank for each course from the Trial HSC exam result as well as the school based assessment rank as at the end of term 2. Final HSC ranks are submitted to the Board of Studies in week 7 of Term 3.

**HSC exams in Term 3**

Year 12 students studying HSC Textiles and Design, Visual Arts, Design and Technology, Extension 2 English and Extension History must submit their project work between weeks 3 and 6 of this term. Drama and Music HSC performances will also be examined in this period, as well as Oral/Aural HSC exams in all Languages.

Every HSC subject has one more assessment task in term 3 before their final school based ranks are finalised in week 7 of this term.

It is important to remember that 50% of all final HSC and ATAR (Uni entrance) results come from moderated school based assessment.

**Beyond Year 10 Evening**

All 190 students with at least one parent should attend the Beyond Year 10 evening on Tuesday 10th August at 7 pm in the school hall. We are looking forward to a large group attending.

If you know any students who wish to enrol in Year 11 in 2011 they should also attend the evening and apply to enrol this term.
If any Year 10 girls are planning to transfer to Blackwattle Senior Campus (Glebe) or Bradfield College (Crows Nest) for Year 11 in 2011 they should attend the curriculum information evenings for those schools so they can make informed choices about their courses of study for 2011.

The Beyond Year 10 evening will provide up to date information about all options available for students in 2011.

**HSC Drama Performance Evening**
Drama students from Years 11 and 12 will perform their HSC presentations on Wednesday 11th August at 7pm in the performance space (above the gym, opposite the hall). Years 9 and 10 Drama students and their parents are very welcome. Refreshments will be available.

**HSC Visual Arts and Music Soiree**
Thursday 2nd September 5 pm – 8pm
All HSC bodies of work will be exhibited in the gym for the evening. HSC music students will perform for visitors from 6.30pm. Refreshments will be available.

We hope to see lots of parents and students at the two special evening events which showcase HSC major works and performances.

**Year 10 Self Defence Day**
The “Back Off” self defence program has been very popular with Year 10 students over the years. We hope all Year 10 students will participate in the whole day program on Friday 27th August in the gym. The cost for each student is $10, a very low cost for a whole day program. The $10 should be paid to the front office as soon as possible.

Brent Sanders presents a very comprehensive self defence program which focuses on safety for young people in a wide spectrum of social situations. More information about the program can be found on the website [www.winningedgestrategies.com.au](http://www.winningedgestrategies.com.au)

**P & C Report**
There was no P & C meeting during July due to the school vacation.

The **NEXT P & C MEETING** will be held:

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

Avril Semyonov
President P&C
avrilise@hotmail.com

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**Visual Arts**
Pleasing news was received by the school from the DET head office concerning one of our ex-students who graduated in 2008. Estelle Felix was one of four girls whose bodies of work were selected for ARTEXPRESS in 2008. Held for display over the past 18 months, her artworks have been purchased by the DET for $800 and will be displayed as part of the Department of Education’s permanent collection in the William Wilkins Memorial Collection. Selection for display in this collection at the DET’s Bridge Street premises is a highly prestigious achievement and is a credit to Estelle and to her Visual Arts teachers at Riverside.

[Image of Estelle Felix’s artwork]


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**The Staff versus the Students Soccer match** at Gladesville Reserve on Thursday 22 July. The teachers were victorious 1-0.
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.

REMINDER: 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

Waste to Art Competition

The City of Ryde’s Youth Environment Prize is now taking entries. The competition is open to young people who are residents of Ryde or one of the surrounding water catchment areas. Entrants are required to produce a piece of art from pre-used or recycled materials or a multimedia art piece which reflects the competition’s theme of “Valuing our Waterways”. Successful entrants will have the opportunity to win part of the prize pool valued up to $3800, and show their piece as part of local and regional exhibitions.

Full details, including application forms and a map of eligible catchment areas can be found at: www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/yep or by calling Customer service on 9952 8222. Application forms are also available at the City of Ryde’s Customer Service, or any Ryde Hunters Hill Library Branches. The competition closes at 5 pm Friday 20 August 2010.

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

BATLOW - PINEVIEW APPLES

Riverside parents can present this voucher at the Batlow Apple stall throughout term 3 to receive a 20% discount on all produce. ☺
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.