Calendar Dates

**Term 1**

1 April  - Year 8 YAM Day
5 April  - Year 7 Zoo Excursion – Science
6 April  - Years 7 & 12 Parent Teacher Evening 4 – 7.30pm
8 April  - Last day of Term 1

**Term 2**

25 April  - ANZAC Day
26 April  - Easter Monday Holiday
27 April  - Staff only return
28 April  - Students return
           - Anzac Day Assembly
10-12 May  - NAPLAN testing
11 May    - P&C meeting
13 May    - Zone Cross Country
24 May    - RGHS Athletics Carnival
25 May    - Public Education Day
27 May    - Jnr SRC ‘Shades for AIDS’ Day
8 June    - Zone Athletics
13 June   - Yr 10 &11 Parent Teacher Evening
           - SRC NAIDOC Week
15-17 June - School Musical ‘ANNIE’
15 June   - P&C Meeting
20 June   - Trial HSC Exams begin

Principal’s Report

**Riverside Welcomes Ms Kelly, Principal RGHS**

Ms Belinda Kelly commences at Riverside at the start of Term 2. Ms Kelly attended our Open Day and addressed prospective year 7 students and parents and met many students and staff. Ms Kelly’s reputation as an exceptional leader and educator precede her. We are looking forward to welcoming her to Riverside. **Ms Kelly will address the P&C and interested parents at 7pm on the evening of Wednesday May 11. We invite all parents along to meet her.**

Ms Kelly will be formally welcomed by the student body at her first student assembly on Monday May 2, our student body is very excited that we have a new Principal and are eagerly awaiting her arrival.

**Ms Kelly and students at Riverside**

**Year 7 and 12 Parent Teacher Evening**

We encourage you to come to this important event on Wednesday 6 April 4.00 - 7.30pm in the school hall. It is a good opportunity to meet your daughters’ teachers. Sharing insights into her progress is of benefit to both teachers and parents. Ms Chamaoun our Head Teacher Student Welfare is available to discuss any concerns you may have. Ms Miller the Year 7
Adviser will also be present, as Ms Miller teaches many year 7 classes you do need to make an appointment to see her. Your daughter needs to see Ms Miller to make the booking.

Cafe Buonissimo!
Staff and students are enjoying having great coffee available at school. The year 11 Coffee Shop open each Tuesday morning in the forecourt of the school hall. It is great to see our girls acting in such a professional manner as they develop barista and customer service skills and gain TAFE accreditation.

Open Day 2011
On March 17 Riverside staff and students hosted our Open Day welcoming prospective year 7 students and their parents. We are proud of our school and enjoyed the opportunity to ‘show off’ and display, what an education at Riverside offers. In particular, I want to mention the work of the many girls who acted as student guides. So many visitors commented on their helpfulness, knowledge and friendliness, all of which made Open Day an informative and fun event.

Many ‘old girls’ take the opportunity to visit Riverside on Open Day to compare ‘then and now’. One such visitor this year was Ms Gordon who commenced her schooling at Riverside in 1934. Ms Gordon, seen below with her granddaughter Ms Kirralea Gordon a PDHPE / Dance teacher at Riverside and Ms Kelly our new school Principal. It is always lovely to see ex-students on Open Day and to share stories of the past with them.

School Musical Term 2
Over 100 enthusiastic students and staff are gearing up ready for our 2011 musical “Annie” which will be performed in June. Actors are learning lines, the band is mastering the music, singers are developing the vocal skills to create a real buzz on stage, our dance groups are creating the fabulous dance routines called for in this musical, costumes are being made, the set is being designed and the advertising campaign is about to commence. It’s a big job and our girls are loving it. Involvement in extra curricula activities, such as musicals, add an important dimension to our school and to the education of our students. They become significant memories that our students recall years after they leave school. I do hope that you will support our girls by bringing friends and family along to a great performance.

Great Swimming
Congratulations to our girls for winning the Zone swimming carnival for the 5th year in a row, this is indeed an achievement to be proud of. Riverside came first out of 30 schools listed for the Sydney North S.S.A. in swimming including co-ed schools.
**Parent Portal**
Early in term 2 we will be opening our Parent Portal to all parents. The portal will be accessible via our website [www.riversideghs.nsw.edu.au](http://www.riversideghs.nsw.edu.au) and allows all parents to login to the school Intranet and access a myriad of information enabling you to be far more aware of what is happening at school. Next week, we will be inviting parents to join a small sample group of parents willing to ‘road test’ the portal for us and provide feedback before we go live. If you are interested in assisting us please watch for the note coming home with your daughter or email me (Ms O’Neill) at [riversideghs.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:riversideghs.school@det.nsw.edu.au). During term 2 all parents will be emailed a username and password which will allow them to log onto the Parent Portal.

**Student Reports Term 2**
You can anticipate Semester 1 reports on the dates shown below.
- Year 11: Week 6  Friday 3 June
- Year 10: Week 7  Friday 10 June
- Year 9: Week 8  Friday 17 June
- Year 8: Week 9  Friday 24 June
- Year 7: Week 10  Friday 1 July

**Connections**
If you are an “ex Riverside girl” and have a daughter, niece, granddaughter currently enrolled or teaching at Riverside and would like to be part of our electronic gallery titled “Connections” please email me at [riversideghs.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:riversideghs.school@det.nsw.edu.au). Include your details and a picture along with the name of the student you are connected to. This project is one of many which aim to assist all our students to develop a sense of belonging and connection with the school community.

**International Women’s Day Assembly**
The Junior SRC organised and presented a wonderful assembly which focussed how women have used their strengths to make difference in the lives of those around them. Prior to the assembly students across the school spent time identifying their personal strengths and planning how they might use them. The junior SRC invited some of the significant woman they were speaking about to the assembly, this included mothers and grandmothers.

The school organised a poster competition asking students to design posters celebrating 100 years of International Women’s Day. We were very impressed with the quality and quantity of the entries. I have included some of the posters here.

P. O’Neill
Acting Principal

Equal First Place  Kristen Gabrielli
Equal First Place         Umi Graham

Highly Commended         Tiffany Kwan

Highly Commended         Sophie Taylor

Highly Commended         Lucy Cooper
Highly Commended          Maddison Blanch

Highly Commended         Julie Kim

Highly Commended           Sophie Lara-Watson

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Highly Commended           Anne Vervoort

Design Encouragement Award
Jordan Seymour

P&C NEWS
Once more another natural disaster, this time in Japan. To all those that has been affected in one way or the other we are thinking of you. Our condolences to those who lost loved ones.
I was informed that our Open day was approached with great interest from parents wishing to enrol their daughter/s at our school. Thank you to the year 11 girls who prepared lovely sandwiches.
A special thank you to the P&C secretary Brad Powe that took care of the bbq in my absence, not forgetting the volunteers helping out with the bbq and serving. Much appreciated!!!

General business:
- 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 towards school activities/fundraising efforts etc.
- Tax rebate claims in respect of Educational Purposes for 2010-2011. Please retain all your receipts especially those families that’s eligible for tax rebates.

Next Meeting
Date: Wednesday 11th May 2011
Time: 7.30 pm
Venue: Common Room

Avril Semyonov
President P&C

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](http://www.livingthing.net.au)

Internet Safety.
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](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/click)
Parenting Courses and Workshops

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An exciting course called ‘HEY DAD! For separated fathers is being run by CENTACARE BROKEN BAY.
It will cover topics such as:
- Understanding the impact of separation upon your children
- Dealing with strong emotions
- Child development
- Building children’s self esteem
- Understanding your children’s needs

Venue:  Waitara Family Centre
29 Yardley Avenue, Waitara
Dates:  April 26, and 3rd,10th, 17th, 24th, 31st of May 2011
Time:  6.30pm-9.30pm

and at

Venue: Brookvale Family Centre
Unit 9B 44 Wattle Road, Brookvale
Dates:  April 27th, and 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th of May and the 1st of June
Time:  6.30pm-9.30pm

Enquiries can be directed to ph: Greg Stock on 9488 2532/8968 5100 or Alex Scagliola on 9488 2472/98730

Southern Cross Cultural Exchange

Southern Cross Cultural Exchange is seeking volunteer host families to host international exchange students arriving in July 2011 for a stay of one or two semesters. For further information call 1800 500 501 or visit www.scce.com.au to be a part of this rewarding experience.
The Uniform Shop

Profits from the Uniform Shop go to the school

Opening Hours The Uniform Shop is open each day up to 2pm, it is 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
V-Neck jumper beare&ley $55.00
V-Neck jumper with crest (HIP HOP) $40.00
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
Backpack with Riverside Logo (Med) $45.00
Chiro backpack (2 sizes available) (Lrg) $65.00
Chiro backpack (Med) $60.00

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.
# Riverside Girls High School Canteen Menu 2011

## Breakfast
- Toast + jam or honey (A) | 2.20
- Cereal & milk (G) | 2.50
- Low fat yoghurt (G) | 2.00
- Bacon & egg roll (A) | 3.50
- Up & Go – Chocolate, strawberry & vanilla | 2.50
- Fresh yoghurt & fruit (G) | 3.00

## Jaffles
- Cheese (G) | 2.80
- Cheese & tomato (G) | 3.00

## Snacks 'n' Things
- Garlic or Herb bread (A) | 2.00
- Jelly & custard (A) | 2.50
- Fresh seasonal fruit (G) | 0.80
- Fresh fruit salad (G) | 2.50
- Low fat ice-cream & ice-blocks | 1.20
- Low fat muffins (A) | 3.00
- Low fat banana bread (A) | 3.00
- Hot cookie (A) | 2.00

## Sushi
- Tuna (G) | 3.00
- Chicken Teriyaki (G) | 3.00
- Vegetarian (G) | 3.00
- Crab, avocado & cucumber sushi (G) | 3.00

## Salad Boxes
- Garden salad (G) | 3.60
- Roast chicken salad (G) | 4.50
- Tuna salad (G) | 4.50
- Tuna pasta salad (G) | 4.50
- Chicken avocado pasta salad (G) | 4.50
- Caeser salad (G) | 4.50
- Chicken Caeser salad (G) | 5.00
- Potato salad (A) | 3.50
- Greek salad (A) | 4.50
- Pesto pasta salad (A) | 4.00

## Sandwiches (G)
(white/wholemeal/multigrain)
- Vegemite (G) | 2.00
- Egg & lettuce (G) | 3.00
- Curried egg (G) | 2.50
- Turkey cheese & cranberry (G) | 3.30
- Tasty cheese & salad (G) | 3.50
- Tasty cheese (G) | 2.80
- Tasty cheese & tomato (G) | 3.00
- Lean roast chicken (G) | 3.20
- Lean roast chicken, lettuce & mayo (G) | 3.30
- Tuna or Salmon (G) | 3.00
- Chicken & salad (G) | 3.80
- Salad (G) | 3.30
- Lean lite ham, tomato & cheese (G) | 3.30
- Assorted wraps (G) | 4.00

## Extras
- Rolls (G) | 0.80
- Wrap (G) | 0.80
- Turkish bread (G) | 1.00

## Hot Foods
- Home-made soup (G) | 3.00
- Soup cups (A) | 2.50
- Low-fat cheesy hotdog (A) | 4.00
- Chicken corn roll (A) | 2.50
- Low fat beef pie (A) | 3.20
- Low fat shepherds pie (A) | 3.50
- Sausage roll (A) | 3.00
- Spinach & ricotta roll (A) | 3.20
- Home-made pizza, chicken or vegetarian (A) | 4.00
- Chicken snitzel roll with lettuce & mayo (A) | 4.80
- Gourmet beef burger (A) | 4.50
- Lean chicken burger (A) | 4.00
- Lasagna or Vegetarian Lasagna (G) | 4.90
- Fried Rice (A) | 4.00
- Satay chicken & rice (A) | 4.90
- Curried chicken & rice (A) | 4.90
- Butter chicken & rice (A) | 4.00
- Creamy chicken fettuccine (A) | 4.90
- Creamy pesto pasta (A) | 4.90

## Turkish Breads
- Vegetarian—eggplant, sundried tomatoes, capsicum & cheese (A) | 4.90
- Chicken—avocado, chicken, sundried tomatoes & cheese (A) | 4.90
- Mediterranean—pesto, olives, capsicum & feta cheese (A) | 4.90
- Turkey—roast turkey, cranberry sauce & swiss cheese (A) | 4.60
- Chicken snitzel—chicken snitzel, roast capsicums, pesto & cheese (A) | 5.00

## Drinks
- Plain milk 300mL (G) | 1.20
- 600mL | 1.60
- Flavoured milk 300mL (G) | 2.20
- 600mL | 3.00
- Cool Ridge water (G) | 2.00
- Soft drink cans (A) | 1.80
- Milkshakes: chocolate, strawberry, caramel (A) | 3.00
- Slushies: 100% juice (A) | 2.00
- 100% popper (G) | 1.50
- 600mL Low Sugar Soft drink bottles (A) | 3.00
- Ice Tea (A) | 3.20

## Hot Drinks
- Coffee (A) | 2.00
- Tea (A) | 2.00
- Hot chocolate (G) | 2.00

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