Calendar Dates

Term 2

2 May - Welcome Assembly for Ms Kelly
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
15-17 June - School Musical ‘ANNIE’
15 June - P&C Meeting
20 June - Trial HSC Exams begin
22 June - Yr 10 &11 Parent Teacher Evening

Riverside Welcomes Ms Kelly,
Principal RGHS

Ms Belinda Kelly commenced at Riverside at the start of this term. 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.

School Musical Term 2 “Annie”

Students and staff worked throughout the vacation to be ready for the production due to hit the stage in just six short weeks. Costumes and set production are well underway and you can feel the excitement building up throughout the school as we gear up to support the production. Information about final performance times and ticket sales will be available soon.

Parent Portal

The new Parent Portal will be available to all parents soon. The portal will be accessible via our website 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.

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

Parent & Community Report

The new term has started with some good news at least. I hope you all had a wonderful Easter break and ready to tackle the new school term.

Firstly, congratulations to Laura Crockart on her participation at the NSW Swimming Championship. Laura you made us all proud. RGHS wishes you all the best for your future endeavours.

I am sure we are all excited to watch the Royal Wedding. We wish the royal couple a very blissful life together.

A special warm welcome to our new principal Ms Belinda Kelly. We wish you many happy educational years at RGHS.

Other Issues

- I have received some mail/brochure from Med Entry- UMAT Preparation. This brochure is in relation to students interested in following a career in medicine or health science. Further details will be provided at the next P&C Meeting.

• Pro Sports Memorabilia specialise in fund-raising auctions for charities, schools etc. I am keen to discuss this at our meeting, however my main WINE - fund-raising will be my first concern, as we need to build up funds to support various projects.

• 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.

Another reminder:

• 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 P & C Meeting
Date: Wednesday 11th May 2011
Time: 7.00 pm to hear Ms Kelly speak followed by a P&C Meeting
Venue: Common Room

Avril Semyonov
President P&C

Open Knockout ‘Volleyball’ Report
This dedicated team of girls have trained really hard twice a week since the beginning of Term 1. They have knocked out Hunters Hill High School and now move onto play against Pennant Hills next week. Good luck girls!

Swim Team Results

- North West Met Girls Zone Swimming Champions
- Sydney North Girls Area Champions
- Third overall girls school at CHS swimming carnival.

At the Sydney North Carnival the team picked up 26 medals and broke three long standing records in the U17 freestyle relay, U15 Freestyle relay and the All Age freestyle relay. The U12 relay team placed a very close second, breaking the record in this event as well as the winning team.

At CHS swim meet Riverside Girls had 16 representatives

In individual events our outstanding swimmers were:

- Catherine Olgilvie won gold medals in the U12 200m Freestyle, 100m Butterfly and a silver in the 100m Freestyle.
- Laura Crockart won the 400m freestyle breaking the carnival record. She also medalled in the U 16 200m Freestyle.
- Sophie Taylor won medals in the U15 100m freestyle and 200m freestyle.

In teams events, The U17 freestyle relay, U12 relay team, Open medley relay team and the All Age relay team all picked up medals at the Championships with the All Age Relay team placing first.

Good luck to the relay teams, and the individual swimmers who will be competing at the ‘All Schools Championship’s in May.
Lucky Year 10 and Year 11 students visited the Il Bolognese Reception Centre in Boronia Park for an insight into hospitality and events management careers.

Greeted by the charismatic owner, Celso Grati, Year 10 and 11 students in Ms Wearne’s English classes visited the function centre in March.

Many weddings and other family events are held at the Reception Centre, which is next to the Il Bolognese restaurant on Pittwater Road.

Mr Grati explained how many people were self employed in the hospitality industries – from those who decorated venues for a living, to arranging flowers, photographers, cake decorators.

Year 10s went on the excursion as part of their forthcoming term 2 unit School to Work which includes a careers focus. Other employment options included being waiters/waitresses, chefs, business managers and events managers.

Mr Grati said more people trained as events managers than chefs now.

Year 11 students had done a long term project on event management (planning a wedding) as part of their English Studies module Part of the family – English and family Life and heard how weddings are organised at Il Bolognese.

The excursion was like a conference, with a lovely lunch of pizza, pasta and salad served. In fact, there was so much food that some students took home takeaway containers with enough for their dinner.

Students caught public transport to the venue.

It was an interesting insight into the hospitality industry and Mr Grati’s experience as a chef, restaurant owner and now business manager who runs two restaurants and two functions centre.

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.
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

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 247298875830