**Calendar Dates**

**Term 4**

**October**
- Monday 11: *Term 4 commences for all staff and students*
  - *Year 10 Yearly exams*
  - *Year 9 History/Geography rollover*
- Tuesday 12: *Year 10 Yearly*
- Wednesday 13: *Year 10 Exams*
- Thursday 14: *HSC Exams commence*

**November**
- Monday 1: *Ryde Schools Spectacular Opera House*
- Monday 8: *School Certificate tests begin*
  - *International Students Day*
- Tuesday 9: *School Certificate tests*
- Wednesday 10: *School Certificate Computing Skills test*
- Thursday 11: *Peer Support, Year 10*
- Friday 12: *Last day of HSC exams*
  - *Peer Support, Year 10*
  - *Farewell assembly for Ms King 2pm school hall*
- Monday 15: *Year 10 leavers may sign out*
- Tuesday 16: *Year 7 swim school grading day*
  - *Year 12 formal*
- Wednesday 17: *Year 11 presentation assembly 10.30 am*
- Friday 26 & Saturday 27: *Schools Spectacular Entertainment Centre*
- Monday 29: *Year 10 presentation assembly 10.30 am*
- Tuesday 30: *Year 7 swim school theory day*

**December**
- Friday 3: *International Disability Day*
- Tuesday 7: *Year 6 into 7 Orientation Day, 7.30 am to 11.30 am*

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**Principal’s Report**

Congratulations to the new student leaders for 2011. The students and teachers voted for the student leaders and once again they have chosen very well indeed. Julia Readett’s intelligence, debating skills and fine sense of the dramatic will be very obvious in her challenging role as school captain. Jessica Dobis and Isobel Blair as vice captain and sports captain are already excellent role models as student leaders so it is not a surprise that the students and teachers gave them an overwhelming vote of confidence.

Isobel Blair, Julia Readett and Jessica Dobis after receiving their badges at the Leaders Induction Assembly.

Mr Russell (Science) and Mr Jones (HSIE) have been the teachers responsible for student leadership for several years now. They have worked with both the junior and senior SRC to organise many fundraising initiatives and special assemblies. The student leaders have responded enthusiastically to their guidance. The student leadership team has increased its profile in the
school and I hope it will continue to do so in the years to come.

From 2011 Ms Lidman (English and Drama) and Ms Antunes (Languages) will work with the SRCs and continue the work in student leadership development. Both teachers are looking forward to the opportunities to work with the student leaders from 2011.

The String Group recently gave a special lunch time performance in the Hall to farewell Krishani Dhanji and also performed at the Student Leaders Induction Assembly.

The 2010 student leaders have been outstanding. Kartia Zappavigna (captain) Moya Johansson (vice captain) and Hannah Felton (sports captain) have been fine role models for all Riverside students. They have represented the school in several different forums with distinction. You wouldn’t find better student leaders in any other school in Australia.

Year 12 Graduation
Thursday 23rd September 7.30 pm
We hope to see a large audience at the Year 12 graduation next week. Parking will be available on the oval. It is a good idea to be seated in the hall by 7.20pm. We will do our best to start between 7.30 and 7.40pm.

The graduation ceremony should be finished by 9.30pm and it will be followed by a light supper in the quad until 11.00pm.

All parents, family members and friends are welcome to attend. Bring your cameras and take plenty of photos. We are hoping the weather will be kind to us for the evening.

We advise Year 12 girls not to bring cars to school in the last week of term 3. We do not wish to sound alarmist but we do need to be sensible. We cannot always control what outsiders do. In previous years some cars (owned by Yr12 parents) have been damaged by over exuberant young people (from other schools) disregarding school and police advice about “end of year 12 muck up activities”. There is actually no such thing, but it takes only a very small number to throw eggs or flour or act irresponsibly in the narrow confines of Huntleys Point Road, to cause damage.

The end of 13 years of schooling is certainly a cause for celebration but celebrations do not include damaging property or infringing on the rights of others. The overwhelming majority of Riverside girls have respected this over many years now.

Year 12 girls are given several privileges in the last week of school, including the performance opportunities of the Year 12 Revue and I know they appreciate those opportunities and privileges.

Family First Aid
St John’s Ambulance Australia will be conducting a course in Family First Aid during school hours in Term 4. Parents will learn life saving skills such as:

- Resuscitation
- Control of Bleeding
- Management of Shock
- Wound Management
- Burns
- Bites and Stings
- Acute Illness
- Poisoning
- Fractures and Sprains

The cost of the course is $85 and is held during school hours, so you can drop your children off then complete the training. St John’s goal is to
have one person in every family trained in first aid. Contact your school now to enrol.

**An International Future for Students**

This is an opportunity to make a difference for your future by hosting a Southern Cross Cultural Exchange student. You could enhance your studies, your travels, and your career. Learn of new opportunities, attitudes, and have fun teaching Australian culture. Carefully selected international students arrive in early February from Europe, the USA, Japan and Canada. Check out our brochure, BRING THE WORLD TO YOUR HOME on the Southern Cross Cultural Exchange website [www.scce.com.au](http://www.scce.com.au). If you want to seize this opportunity while still in secondary school, contact SCCE on 1800 500 501, and fill in the Host Family Application Form. The February students are being matched now!

![Year 12 students and staff dressed up for the Fashion Parade](image)

**Place Project 2010**

The City of Ryde has two great youth activities coming up soon. The **Place Project** is now open for entries. It is an exciting competition that aims to engage young people from 15 – 25 years in the City of Ryde, through a photographic and writing competition.

In addition to providing creative development opportunities, the objective of the **Our Place Project** is to encourage young people to provide information to the City of Ryde on how they view the local government area. Young people are asked to submit entries under the following subject – Me in Ryde. **Entries close on 15 October 2010.** Prizes for best entries will be awarded at the end of the competition.

The **Core** is held at each Granny Smith Festival and is a youth-specific space. The Core 2010 will be happening on Saturday 16 October and located in Glen Reserve and Hillview Lane, Eastwood from 1pm to 5pm. There will be great amusements including a street skate set up, gladiator duel, mechanical bull, and live music from local bands, information for young people and a chill out space.

Entry forms for Our Place Project 2010 and more information about The Core 2010 can be found at: [http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/youth](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/youth)

If you have any queries, please contact Janice Nicholson on 9952 8313 or email: jnicolson@ryde.nsw.gov.au

**Parenting Courses & Workshops**

During Term 4 the Northern Sydney Central Coast Health Services are offering a number of courses that assist parents in effectively communicating with their children. The first of these workshops starts on Wednesday 27 October from 7pm to 9.30pm and costs $40 per person. Five-week courses will also commence from Wednesday 3 November costing $150 per person, with each session lasting for 2.5 hours


**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](http://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
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.