Calendar Dates

Term 1

February
Wednesday 17  *2009 High Achievement Assembly, 10.30am, Hall
Friday 19  *Year 7-10 Immunisation

March
Wednesday 3  *International Women’s Day Assembly, 10.30am, Hall
Thursday 4  *Clean Up Australia Day @ RGHS
Saturday 6  P & C working bee on the school grounds 9.30am – 1pm
Wednesday 10  *P & C Meeting, 7.00pm, Common Room and Year 7 Curriculum Information Evening
*Zone Swimming Carnival
Thursday 11  *Open Day, 2.00-6.00pm
Thursday 25  *School Cross Country
Friday 26  *Earth Day @ RGHS
Monday 29  *NSW CHS Swimming & Diving Championship
Tuesday 30  *School Photo Day
Wednesday 31  *Year 7 & 12 Parent Teacher Night, Hall, 4.00-7.30pm

April
Thursday 1  *The Great Debate, Hall

End of Term 1

Principal’s Report

Welcome back to the 2010 school year.

A special welcome to the 51 new enrolments in Years 8-11 and the 173 new Year 7 students. We hope your educational experience at Riverside Girls High School will be a rewarding one. If there are any areas where parents and new students need assistance then do contact the relevant Year Adviser in the school student welfare team.

Head Teacher Student Welfare: Ms Chamaoun

School Counsellor: Ms Maury
Year 7 Student Adviser: Ms Johnston (Science)
Year 8 Student Adviser: Ms Moore (TAS)
Year 9 Student Adviser: Ms Tao (TAS)
(previously Ms Song)
Year 10 Student Adviser: Ms Lovett (Maths)
Year 11 Student Adviser: Mr Cranson (Science)
Year 12 Student Adviser: Ms Nikic (Science)

It is always important to ring first to make a specific appointment time rather than just arrive at the school. The Year Advisers have a full teaching load and will probably be teaching if you arrive without an appointment.

The two deputy principals, Ms O’Neill and Ms Daniels and I also speak to parents all the time, so do contact us if you are concerned about any issues relating to the education of your daughters.

HSC Results 2009

The class of 2009 gained excellent results in the HSC and they will receive their school medallions at the HSC High Achievers Assembly on Wednesday 17 February. 23 girls scored an ATAR (formerly a UAI, university entrance) of 90.00 or higher, i.e. 21% of all girls eligible for an ATAR. The Dux of the school, Lauren Jojo, gained an ATAR of 99.35. Anna Andronikashvili was second in the year with an ATAR of 97.30. Liz Yu was third with 97.05 and Angie Malgo fourth with 96.90.
of our HSC results and those from previous years will be available on Open Day.
85 girls gained university entrance out of the 115 who applied and in 2008, 88 girls gained university entrance out of 116. We are proud of the girls’ achievements. Our role is to provide opportunities for all of the girls to get where they want to go beyond Year 12. Not all girls apply for university and nor should they. Some girls study a combination of subjects which does not deliver an ATAR. Some girls do not apply for an ATAR because TAFE is their destination beyond Year 12, not university.

If parents have any questions about subject combinations or University or TAFE entrance requirements they should contact Ms King, Ms O’Neill, Ms Daniels or Mr Blundell the Careers Adviser.

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**Open Day – Thursday 11 March 2010**
2pm – 6pm
We hope to see lots of visitors on Open Day this year. We will have 5 brand new science labs to show to visitors and prospective students. The labs have been refurbished as part of the NSW governments program to upgrade Science teaching facilities. We have waited a very long time for the labs to be upgraded. We were on the waiting list for 15 years. Parents and grandparents who visit us on Open Day will no longer be able to say “they haven’t changed since I was here in the 1960s or 1970s”, when they visit the labs.

If you know anyone who is interested in enrolling their daughters in 2011 or 2012 then do mention Open Day to them. We will be inviting all Year 5 and Year 6 girls and their parents in a wide range of primary schools and we hope that allowing the girls to attend any time after lunch on the 11th March will not inconvenience the primary schools. The official welcome will be at 3.30pm. There will be lots of activities and displays and tours of the school will be ongoing from 2 pm – 6pm.

**Year 7 Curriculum Information Evening**
**Wednesday 10 March, 7pm in the school common room**
All Year 7 parents are invited to the Year 7 Curriculum evening. It is the same night as the P. & C. meeting (which will take place later in the evening, after the Year 7 information session.)

Head Teachers or their faculty representatives, will give a brief outline of each area of the curriculum covered in Year 7. There will be opportunities to ask questions about the Year 7 program.

Light refreshments will be served.

More information will be sent home with Year 7 students very soon.

**Years 9 and 10 Technology Information Evening**
**12 May, 7pm in the common room**
All Year 9 and 10 girls will be using their laptop this year. Year 10 received their laptop in Term 4 in 2009. The current Year 9 should receive their laptop by the end of Term 1. At the information evening parents will have the opportunity to discuss the various programs and laptop applications with some of the teachers and Carlos, our Technology Support Officer.

The information evening is the same night as the P & C meeting, which will take place later in the evening after the Laptop Information Session.

**Bus Behaviour**
Lots of our students travel to and from school on public buses. Members of the public must not be inconvenienced by loud shrieking or laughing, swearing or any form of raucous behaviour. We have received complaints already in the first 3 weeks of the 2010 school year. Girls travelling on concession bus passes must give up their seat to adult paying passengers, especially those passengers who are pregnant or elderly. The girls have been told this many times and need constant reminders. We need the co-operation of parent in this very important matter. I do not want to have to trawl through CC TV footage of crowded buses to identify culprits.

Unfortunately, some members of the public have identified blue senior shirts shouting and swearing on the public buses. We always ask those who send in complaints to identify blue (senior) or white (junior) shirts and the bus route number and the time but it is still difficult to track down exactly
who is where when 1040 girls are on different buses all over the inner west of Sydney.

Bus behaviour tells the world at large a lot about a school. We work hard at Riverside Girls High School to provide lots of opportunities for young women. We want to retain a good reputation for ethical and responsible behaviour and a few girls can do great damage to a reputation with unacceptable behaviour in public.

New P & C Executive for 2010
Congratulations to the new P & C President, Avril Semyonov, whose daughter Alex is in Year 10 this year. Adam Jacob is the new Vice President, Zoe Thompson is the new P & C Secretary and Fareed Khan is the new Treasurer.

It is great that new parents have nominated for all the P & C executive positions. The P & C works hard to support the school in so many different ways. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month in term time and all parents are welcome to attend.

P & C Report
A healthy and vigorous P&C is an important asset for a State school like ours. As part of the P&C, parents can directly influence the quality of learning in a school by contributing to decisions about education; by providing critical financial support for special programs; and through active involvement that shows our daughters how much we value their educational needs. P&C meetings are a valuable forum for you to discuss general matters influencing your daughter’s education, and to interact with other parents and staff committed to Riverside.

P&C meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, during school terms, at 7.30pm in the Staff Common Room.

Meetings generally run for 2 to 2½ hours, and include a report on school issues and activities by the Principal, plus a short presentation by one of the senior staff.

Our next meeting for 2010 is Wednesday 10 March at 7.30 pm in the staff common room. This will be a Curriculum Information evening particularly for year 7 parents but all parents are welcome to attend. Head Teachers from all faculties will give a brief overview on the year 7 curriculum, what year 7 girls can expect, and is expected from them, in their first year at high school. Short presentations will also be given by the Principal and Welfare Officer.

Working Bee. The P&C will be holding a working bee on Saturday 6 March from 8.30 to 1pm, to tidy the grounds ready for Open Day. Meet in the car park and bring garden tools suitable for moving mulch eg: rakes, wheelbarrows etc, garden gloves and tools suitable for trimming plants and branches.

Open Day for prospective year 7 students will be held on Thursday March 11 from 2 to 6 pm. The P&C will be running a BBQ fundraiser and requires volunteers to assist with cooking and serving. If you can spare an hour or more to help please leave your details at RiversideGHS@gmail.com ; or contact Avril Semyonov (President) by phone on 9420-9144 – leave a message on answering machine.

P&C Contribution: If you haven’t paid your contribution of $120 please do so as soon as possible. These funds buy new resources or help to fund additional educational programs recommended by the school to enhance student learning.

Tax Rebate: A reminder that parents can still claim their Tax Rebate for Educational Purposes in the 2008/09 year. For more information, please visit the website – www.ato.gov.au for details and eligibility.
Student Accident Insurance: Parents should consider whether they wish to insure their children for accident at school. Ambulance cover is only available under private health insurance or for Commonwealth Govt. health care Card holders. Further details on the school website, follow the P&C link.

P&C dates for 2010:
March 10 Curriculum Evening
April no meeting (school holidays)
May 12 P&C budget and expenditure suggestions
June 9 TBA

Contacts and Further Information
The position of Grounds Co-ordinator remains vacant, and additional members of the Fundraising Committee are always welcome. If you are able to assist, please contact—
- Zoe Thompson (Secretary) by email at RiversideGHS@gmail.com, or
- Avril Semyonov (President) by phone on 9420 9144

Learn more about the P&C on our website – http://www.riverside-parentsandcitizens.org/

You can make a difference. Get involved with the P&C, and together we can support education for our daughters.

Visual Arts & Photography Excursion To Cockatoo Island
Those girls who participated in this inspirational visit to one of Sydney Harbour’s most historical sites will be well equipped to produce a great variety of interesting artworks over the coming semester. The day was extremely productive, with everyone recording aspects of the site through photos, drawings and rubbings. All this visual material will be used to create a number of works in response to the built environment. The many cranes, docks, factory workshops and machinery should provide everyone with a vast source of ideas leading to a variety of art forms such as sculpture, painting and printmaking.

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Cultural Exchange
Southern Cross Cultural Exchange is seeking volunteer host families to host exchange students arriving in February 2010 for a stay of 5 months. As in past years we would be grateful for your support. You could learn a lot from an international brother or sister and have fun teaching them about Australia.

Carefully selected students will arrive in February 2010 from Europe, Japan and the USA. They will attend a local secondary school, are fully insured and have their own spending money. If interested please contact:
Ph: 1800 500 501
Email: scceaustr@scce.com.au
Web: www.scce.com.au

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.
# RIVERSIDE GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL
## CANTEEN MENU 2010

### BREAKFAST
- Toast – jam or honey (A) 2.00
- Raisin toast (A) 2.20
- Cereal & milk (G) 2.50
- Rice pudding (G) 2.50
- Low fat yoghurt (G) 2.00
- Bacon & egg roll (A) 3.50
- Smoothies – fresh strawberry or banana (G) 3.00
- Up & Go – Chocolate, strawberry & vanilla 2.50
- Fresh yoghurt & fruit (G) 3.00

### JAFFLES
- Cheese (G) 2.60
- Cheese & tomato (G) 2.80

### SNACKS 'N' THINGS
- Garlic or Herb bread (A) 1.80
- Honey soy Wingettes (A) 2.50
- Jelly & custard (A) 2.00
- Fresh seasonal fruit (G) 0.80
- Fresh fruit salad (G) 2.50
- Low fat ice-cream & ice-blocks 0.80
- Low fat muffins (A) 3.00
- Low fat banana bread (A) 3.00
- Hot cookie 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) 3.50
- Roast chicken salad (G) 4.00
- Tuna salad (G) 4.00
- Tuna pasta salad (G) 4.00
- Chicken avocado pasta salad (G) 4.50
- Caesar salad (G) 4.00
- Chicken Caesar salad (G) 5.00
- Potato salad (A) 3.50
- Greek salad (A) 4.00

### SANDWICHES (G)
- White/wholemeal/multigrain
  - Vegemite (G) 2.00
  - Egg & lettuce (G) 2.50
  - Cured egg (G) 2.40
  - Turkey cheese & cranberry (G) 3.00
  - Tasty cheese & salad (G) 3.20
  - Tasty cheese (G) 2.50
  - Tasty cheese & tomato (G) 2.60
  - Lean roast chicken (G) 2.90
  - Lean roast chicken, lettuce & mayo (G) 3.00
  - Tuna or Salmon (G) 2.90
  - Tuna & salad (G) 3.50
  - Chicken & salad (G) 3.50
  - Salad (G) 3.00
  - Lean lunch ham, tomato & cheese (G) 3.00

### EXTRAS
- Rolls (G) 0.80
- Wraps (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) 3.50
- Chicken corn roll (A) 2.00
- Low fat beef pie (A) 3.20
- Low fat shepherds pie (A) 3.50
- Sausage roll (A) 2.80
- Low fat steak pie (A) 3.50
- Spinach & ricotta roll (A) 3.00
- Home-made pizza chicken or vegetarian (A) 3.50
- Chicken snitzel roll with lettuce & mayo (A) 4.50
- Gourmet beef burger (A) 4.50
- Lean chicken burger (A) 4.60
- Lasagna or Vegetarian Lasagna (G) 4.55
- Fried Rice (A) 3.56
- Satay chicken & rice (A) 4.50
- Curried chicken & rice (A) 4.50
- Creamy chicken fettuccine (A) 4.50

### TURKISH BREADS
- Vegetarian – eggplant, sundried tomatoes, capsicum & cheese (A) 4.60
- Chicken – avocado, chicken, sundried tomatoes & cheese (A) 4.60
- Mediterranean – pesto, olives, capsicum & feta cheese (A) 4.80
- Turkish – roast turkey, cranberry sauce & Swiss cheese (A) 4.60
- Chicken snitzel – chicken snitzel, roast capuccinos, pesto & cheese (A) 5.00

### DRINKS
- Plain milk 300mL (G) 1.10
- 600mL 1.50
- Flavoured milk 300mL (G) 2.00
- 600mL 3.00
- Mt Franklin water (G) 2.00
- Soft drink cans (A) 1.50
- 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) 1.00
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

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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.