**Calendar Dates**

**Term 2**

**June**
- Thursday 17: *Year 12 STU VAC for HSC Trial
- *Regional Cross Country
- Friday 18: *B.A.T.H. Day
- *Year 12 STU VAC for HSC Trial
- *Languages Trial HSC exams
- All students Years 7-11 must attend B.A.T.H. day
- Monday 21: *Trial HSC Exams start and continue until end of Term 2

**July**
- Friday 2: *Trial HSC Exams end
- *Last day of Term 2

**Term 3**

**July**
- Monday 19: *Professional Learning Day for teachers
- Tuesday 20: *All students return for term 3
- Wednesday 21: *Year 7 & 8 Parent Teacher Night 4pm – 7.30pm school hall
- 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
- Friday 6: *Year 11 Exams end

**Principal’s Report**

1. **Farewell for Ms Marilyn TORR, Principal of Boronia Park P.S.**
   Boronia Park P.S. is holding an afternoon tea on Thursday 1st July 4pm – 6pm to farewell Marilyn Torr who is retiring at the end of this term. Marilyn is a former Riverside student who was school vice captain in 1968. Parents and ex students of Boronia Park P.S. are welcome to attend the afternoon tea. Ring the school to register your intention to attend. We wish Marilyn a very happy retirement. I will be representing Riverside at the farewell assembly on Friday 2nd July.

2. **Year 7 enrolments for 2011**
   We have vacancies for Year 7 in 2011. If any of your friends have not received confirmation of a place in their first choice school we do not always receive those forms immediately where R.G.H.S. has been listed as second choice. Parents need to be proactive in following up their second choice by ringing Sherrie Zammit in our front office on 9816 4264 who can assist you with all enrolment enquiries for Year 7 in 2011.

3. **Parent and Teacher night for Years 8 and 9**
   We hope to see lots of Years 8 and 9 at the Parent and Teacher night on Wednesday 21st July 4pm – 7.30pm. All Years 8 and 9 students will receive their Half Yearly reports before the end of this term.

   Year 7 will also receive their reports at the end of term but their Parent and Teacher Night was held at the end of term 1. If any Year 7 parents wish to discuss the Half Yearly report they should ring Ms Johnston, the Year 7 Student Adviser.

   Any Year 8 or 9 parent who cannot attend on the 21st July and wishes to discuss the half yearly report, should ring Ms Moore for Year 8 or Ms Chamaoun, Head Teacher Student Welfare for Year 9. The student advisers are always willing to assist in any follow-up to issues raised in the half yearly and yearly reports.
4. **Exams for Years 11 and 12**

**Year 12** will do their Trial HSC exams in weeks 10 and 11 of term 2. They will receive their final report early in term 3. There will be one more HSC assessment task in each course in term 3. The HSC exams for Drama and Music performance, for the Oral and Listening exams in all Languages and the submission of major works for English Extension 2, D. and T., Visual Arts, Textiles and Design and Extension History will occur between weeks 3 and 6 of term 3. The precise dates for the performances and other due dates will be available soon.

**Year 11** will do their exams in weeks 2 and 3 of term 3. They will receive their final Year 11 report at the end of term 3. The recommendation to proceed to the Year 12 courses (commencing day 1 term 4) will be based on a combination of class work throughout the 30 weeks of Year 11 courses, the exams in weeks 2 and 3 term 3, attendance and participation and designated assessment tasks.

Warning letters have been sent to parents of a few Year 11 students in danger of not completing Year 11 course requirements. Those Year 11 students need to ensure that they improve their attendance or complete all set work and assessment tasks or both if they are to be eligible to proceed to Year 12 in those courses.

Preliminary courses in Year 11 are called “preliminary” for a reason. They provide an opportunity for schools to determine eligibility for HSC courses.

If you have any concerns at all regarding Years 11 and 12 courses please contact Mr Cranson, Year 11 Student Adviser or Ms Nikic Year 12 Student Adviser.

5. **Beyond Year 10 Evening**  
**Tuesday 10th August 7:30 pm**

All Year 10 students will be issued with an information sheet at the end of this term about the Beyond Year 10 evening. All options beyond Year 10 will be explained at this evening and we urge at least one parent to attend, wherever possible, with their Year 10 daughters.

6. **“Lady Windermere’s Fan”, Drama performances on 10th and 11th June**

Thank you to all family members and friends who attended the drama performances of Oscar Wilde’s “Lady Windermere’s Fan” last week. It is a difficult play at the best of times and the students rose to the challenge and everyone enjoyed the performances. A special thank you to the Drama teachers, Ms Cockburn and Ms Lidman for staging the production and to the other teachers who supported the production in various ways.

7. **Staffing changes for Term 3**

We wish Ms Cockburn well for her maternity leave and hope everything goes will for the arrival of her first baby. Ms Cockburn will be on leave for terms 3 and 4. Ms Gavel, who has worked with us before will replace Ms Cockburn.

Judy King – Principal

**Band Report**

The Riverside Concert Band acquitted itself very well at the Yamaha Band Festival on Wednesday 16 June, however the afternoon was not without its drama. Our busload of students was well on its way, with band director, Nic Jeffries following behind with the larger instruments (or so we thought!). An urgent mobile phone call alerted us to the realisation that Nic’s car would not start. A flat battery! After scrambling to organise alternate transport, the NRMA or some jumper leads, Nic managed to get his vehicle running nearly 20 minutes late. Fortunately the girls were not fazed and Nic arrived almost on time for the band’s scheduled performance time.

We await the result, but at the time of going to press, it would appear the girls have achieved a silver award for their efforts. In the follow up session, John Morrison praised the girls for their efforts and gave the group some very sound advice on improving the quality of their performance, and how to really enjoy their music.

R McMillan – Head Teacher Visual Arts and Music

**P & C Report**

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Information Evening held on Wednesday 12th May, regarding laptop technology. Once again it was a good turn-out and very informative.

A special thank you to our two, lovely girls Kate Ellis and Taylor Fang of year 10 who gave us a beautiful presentation on the Do’s and Don’ts on laptop technology. Thank you to the panel of teachers and the principal for their contributions making it a very successful evening.

A word of advice, please make use of your laptop plastic cover to avoid any damages. If you are experiencing that the “sleeve” doesn’t clip properly, please don’t force it, instead use an elastic band around the laptop, it should at least
keep it closed. The Dept of Education is currently investigating replacement cases which will house the Mk 2 model for Year 9 laptops. The 2010 version is slightly different from the Year 10 version from 2009.

Another reminder on the following:
• Tax rebate claims in respect of Educational Purposes
• Student Ambulance Cover

Other issues:
• The P&C has provided funds on the Native Bush Foods Project. Thank you to Ms Ginnese Johnston for running this project.
• Starting from Saturday 12th June and every Saturday thereafter, Sydney Organic Markets will be selling their products at the school. See the display banner alongside the front entrance. Please come along and support these markets, as the school will also benefit from it. The P&C hopes to promote the school during these hours, by perhaps producing flyers or just chatting about our school to shoppers.
• BATH DAY (Better Attitudes to Health) will be held on Friday 18th June and we will once again be selling Gelato on Thursday 17th June –Friday 18th June. We will be needing volunteers. All interested helpers please contact Mr Brad Powe. See contact details on the website.
• I am still trying to fill the role of Ground Convenor. Please forward your interest to: Avril Semyonov - 9420-9144, and leave a short detailed message on her answering machine or email: avrilise@hotmail.com

NEXT P & C MEETING
Date: Wednesday 11 August 2010
Time: 7.30 pm
Venue: Common Room

Avril Semyonov
President P&C

Visual Arts
Pleasing news was passed on to the school by the DET head office concerning one of our students who graduated in 2008. Estelle Felix was one of four girls whose body of work were selected for ARTEXPRESS in 2008. Held for display over the past 12 months, her artworks have been purchased by the DET for $800 and will be put on display as part of their permanent collection. Well done Estelle.

Congratulations to the six Year 11 art students who were accepted into the HSC Extension Intensive Studio Practice course to be held at the National Art School later this year. Victoria King, Anne Lee, Jasmine Young, Bonnie Ho, Caoife Power and Megan Riley will take part in painting, drawing and sculpture courses with other talented students from both public and private schools. It should be a most rewarding experience for them and of great benefit for their own HSC body of work next year.

Elective Visual Arts students chosen from years 9-11 took part in our Artist in Residence program last month. Conducted over a two-week period, the girls were given insights into the artist, John Bokor’s studio practice. John discussed the work of artists who influenced his approach and demonstrated his techniques to an eager audience. This is the second year we have conducted this worthwhile program.

All three elective Year 10 classes visited the Art Gallery of NSW to see the Archibald Prize exhibition, linking their experiences to the work they are currently doing in the area of portraiture. It was a wonderful opportunity to see a wide variety of techniques employed by many well-known and sometimes controversial artists.

R McMillan – Head Teacher Visual Arts & Music

7S Story Time!

In the past five weeks our class 7S has been looking at Picture Books. We have learnt about all the features of a picture book and ways the author can draw you into a story.

We were very lucky to have the opportunity to write a story book for a Year 1 class at Roseville College. Before we wrote our story books we sent letters to the Year 1 class asking what type of books they liked to read and each Year 1 girl sent us back a letter with beautiful, colourful pictures. We had three weeks to write a story and then Ms Wearne and Ms Henbery chose ten lucky girls to go and read all of our stories to the Year 1 class. Those ten girls were: Jasmin Sekel, Anastasia Fotias, Gail Harris, Gabriella Hoban, Emma Jones, Georgia Letsios, Sophie O’Toole, Carolina Pye, Ciiane Salomon and Kate Bubalo.

The girls in Year 1 were all very small and adorable. They were excited to read our stories and especially liked the ones about fairies and princesses with bright and bold pictures. When we arrived Georgia Letsios read her story to the whole class. Then each Riverside girl had a group of three Year 1 girls and a bag of lollies to give to them as a thank you for listening well.
We left our stories with them so they could continue to enjoy them during resting and reading time.

Special thanks to Ms Wearne and Ms Henebery for giving us the opportunity to ‘get creative’ and share our stories with a ‘real’ audience.

Jasmin Sekel, 7S

**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.

**All Australians**

NAIDOC Week is a celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and an opportunity to recognise the significant contributions of Indigenous Australians.

**NAIDOC Week will be celebrated between 4 and 11 July this year.**

Find out more at www.naidoc.org.au

**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, 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

**Boronia Park Public School Association Farewell**

The principal of the school, Miss Marilyn Torr, is retiring soon, so all former students and community members are invited to farewell our principal on Thursday 1 July 2010, in the School Hall from 4pm-6pm.

Come along and wish Miss Torr well in her action-packed retirement. There will be a few short speeches, a few surprises and a few tears. Afternoon tea will be provided. For catering purposes, please let us know if you will be joining us:
farewellmisstorr@gmail.com

**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.
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 bootcut) $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.