

RiversideCurrents

October - November 2018



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The Year 12 Graduation Assembly

The annual end-of-school celebrations for Year 12 kicked off with a sleepover in the school hall on Sunday September 23. This was the final opportunity for the girls to spend time together as a year group.

They played quizzes and games in the gym, ate pizza and slept a little before getting up early to 'decorate' the school for muck up. During the week Year 12 dressed up as Riverside juniors and Riverside 'boys', had many 'last lesson' celebrations, and practices for the revue and final assemblies.

On Wednesday 26 September, a whole school Farewell Assembly was held. This was a lovely informal event where we celebrated Year 12 with music, song, dance and a special video. Fabulous, emotional speeches by the School Captains, Year Adviser Lisa Edwards and Jada, Kristen and Kirra, sisters of Year 12 students Iman, Nicola and Ariana, made this a special event.

The assembly ended with Year 12 being farewelled to applause and music through an arch formed by the rest of the school.

The Graduation Assembly was held on the evening of Thursday 27 September for parents and friends of Year 12. Angela Turco mcd this formal event which was memorable for the impressive speeches by our School Captains, Guest Speaker Magistrate Catherine Follent, Year Adviser Lisa Edwards and Principal Belinda Kelly, with many singing the praises of public school education.

Outstanding music, song and drama supported this special event, culminating in Dr Dutch reading the roll for the last time and Year 12 leaving the hall from the stage to a round of applause.

We wish our Year 12 cohort all the best for their exams and their exciting future.

A warm welcome back Ms Kelly who will return from leave on Monday.

I have enjoyed my time as relieving principal immensely. We have an amazing staff here at Riverside from the DPS, to teachers, executive and office staff. Our parent community are incredibly supportive and it has been a privilege to attend the P&C meetings.

If you are the parent or carer of a year 12 student who does not wish to keep her uniform we would be delighted if you could donate items to the front office. These can then be passed on, free of charge, to students in need.

Progress in the quad has been much slower than expected which is disappointing. Previous rain and our assurance to year 12 that there would be no additional noise or disruption whilst the HSC have been a part of the delay.

The good news is that the fan in the hall provided by the P&C is already making a big difference, both in the HSC exams and school assemblies. A big thank you to the P&C.

Our new website came on line several weeks ago and can be accessed via www.riversideg-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au. I hope you will take time to open the tabs and see the high calibre of work being produced by our creative and innovative students. If there are any glitches please let us know we will be happy to rectify any errors.

In the interest of increasing safety for our girls when leaving the school we are trialling asking for cars not to enter or leave the school between 3.00 and 3.30.

You may have noticed the colourful bunting across the driveway at this time. There are exceptions to every rule. If you have a sick child to pick up or take home we will of course lift the bunting to let you through once the girls have cleared the driveway.

Sue Vasilevska (Relieving Principal)



Zixuan Y, Malithi W and Lucy P. (Aeq. Dux of Year 12, 2018)



Minister Announces Grant for Entrepreneurialship in her visit to Riverside GHS. - An Entrepreneurial Hub

The Hon. Kelly O'Dwyer, Minister for Jobs and Women accompanied by the Hon. Josh Frydenberg, Treasurer, The Hon. Trent Zimmerman, member for North Sydney and Mr. Peter Strong, CEO Council of Small Business, Australia, chose Riverside to announce the release of a significant grant to support girls' entrepreneurialship nationwide.

A huge media presence underlined the significance of this announcement with radio, television and social media all represented at the launch.

The grant will support 55,000 participants in 55 workshops focussing on the process and creativity behind the development of initiatives which could be expanded into startups and eventually lead to apps and products with commercial possibility.

The guests were introduced to the science of "real" coffee making by the trained baristas, then taken to meet a class of year 7 entrepreneurs who introduced the visitors to their creative designs each of which may eventually be developed into a product to benefit their community.

The visitors were impressed with the work being produced by Ms. Mihailou and her class. They asked many questions and showed obvious interest in the girls and their work and were surprised by the obvious maturity of this year 7 group.

The announcement of the grant took place outside the front portico and was followed by a Q & A session with the guests quizzed about the discrepancy between the pay rates of women and men, flexibility for both sexes in employment, superannuation initiatives to assist women and the funding of the ABC.



November

- Mon. 13 Yr. 12 Sign out. 9.30 - 12.00
- Wed. 14 P & C Meeting. Common Room 7.00 p.m.
- Thurs. 15 Yr. 9 Peer Support training
- Fri. 16 Peer Support training / Yr. 7 vaccination
- Mon 19 - Thurs. 22 CCA - Clovelly Conference Centre
- Fri. 23 Colour Run
Schools Spectacular performance
- Fri. 30 Shakespeare by the River

NSW YOUNG LAWYERS

Recently eleven Year 10 students attended the NSW Young Lawyers, 2018 Young Justice Program at the Law Courts Building, Phillip Street, Sydney.

The award-winning Young Justice Program was established in 2010, offering school students an opportunity to explore, learn and discuss issues of law and justice with inspiring professionals and experts in the legal industry.

The Program aims to:

- Promote interaction between schools
- Develop legal problem-solving skills
- Improve debating and public-speaking skills Build engagement and interest in contemporary legal issues Provide insight into the legal profession and career pathways

Two of our students, Gia M and Cloris G were outstanding in representing their break out groups in front of a real-life Judicial Officer in a case sentencing workshop. The day was an inspiring and encouraging experience for all.



Above: The Year 10 students on the law court steps.

Below: The entire group who took part in The Justice Program





The Environment Club Promotes School Spirit

On I Heart RGHS Day, the Environment Club wanted to promote school spirit while also contributing to the environment. Students had the opportunity to plant a seedling in the school's 'Bush Corridor'. A bush corridor is an area that expands the available habitat for native wildlife by allowing them to move between fragmented habitats in urban areas. The bush corridor's dense foliage provides fauna with a 'safe-haven' from introduced species such as cats, dogs. Our goal was to plant seedlings that would contribute to this 'Bush Corridor' and by doing so, promote biodiversity and environmental awareness within the school.

Hunter's Hill Council donated a wide variety of seedlings to the school including a range of native species such as wattle, banksia and blueberry lily. On the day, we aimed to encourage everyone to find and appreciate the little things in life. By planting seedlings, our goal was to remind girls that they can and are making a difference to both the environment and the school.

The event was very successful and we planted around 100 seedlings. The Environment Club loved the positive reaction from all the girls who participated and it was very fitting to the spirit of the day. Our future goals are to continue promoting awareness of environmental issues and providing everyone the opportunity to make a difference.

We all have a responsibility in creating an eco-friendly future and the Environment Club hopes to raise awareness of this through petitions, gardening, clean up days, recycling projects and more.

Maitreyi K (Yr 10)



The environment club and Mr. James



Light the Way - Dance Success at Ryde Schools Spectacular

The Riverside dancers performed “Light The Way” at the Sydney Opera House, as part of the Ryde Schools Spectacular, which was choreographed by Ms.Tamara Mitchell based on inspiration from a lighthouse.

Not only were they asked to dance, but to dance with hand held lanterns and lights which they had to turn on and off throughout the piece. Their performance was the best to date, it all came together on the night .

Their performance was delightful and amazing and below is the email received from a teacher in the audience.

My name is Pat Spiers, I'm a teacher at Field of Mars EEC in East Ryde. I was at the Opera house on Monday night to see my daughter perform and I saw your girls perform their “light the way” number.

It was fantastic! Easily my favourite of all the secondary performances. Quite interesting to watch. The choreography and costumes worked great and everyone danced really well.

My daughter was sitting up in the choir and she rated it as well!



Dance Company Blue

Pictured left, Dance Company Blue whose work “The Space Between” was selected to perform at the State Dance Festival in September.

The dancers represented their school and the Sydney North Region with much professionalism and poise.

We are very proud of their inclusion in this prestigious event. Well done to the dancers in Company Blue.

2018 Australasian Problem Solving Mathematical Olympiad Results

This year 90 students from Year 7 and 8 participated in the Olympiads with around 40 000 other students from Australia, NZ and other neighbouring countries.

This problem solving activity allows the girls to practice their problem solving techniques.

They are exposed to a variety of puzzles and problems, not necessarily related to syllabus work. This opportunity is great for budding mathematicians or students who are up for a challenge. A growth mindset and a bit of persistence are an asset!

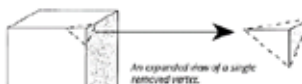
Congratulations to all our girls.

49 of our 90 students achieved in the top 50%

	Yr 8	Yr 7	Students
Top 10%	3		Holly F(1 st), Angel Z, Keira S
Top 20%	2	3	Lalita B, Zita H, Soeun L, Emily N, Ada R
Top 25%	4	1	Natalie H, Sofya K, Emma L, Olivia R, Hitomi S
Top 30%	3	3	Sophia C, Khrys D, Isabella M, Rita C, Keeva McN, Jasmine K
Top 40%	4	2	Tia Darlow, Chloe Grace, Alice Jacka, Katie Yu, Eva Pavey, Hajera Talukder
Top 50%	15	9	Katie Y, Olivia B, Lily E, Eleni G, Ella G, Isa H, Charlotte J, Jennifer L, Clare L, Hyerin P, Elly P, Grace R, Jane S, Kayla V, Bridget Y, Bea A, Mari B, Candy C, Naomi C, Charlotte E, Valerie G, Zoe H, Jada K, Giaan K, Evette L

Here are 2 sample problems:

Beginning with a solid 4 cm x 4 cm x 4 cm cube, each of the eight vertices is sliced off, leaving new triangular faces with edges of length 1 cm.
How many vertices does the new solid have?



Humphrey collects movie posters. Exactly two of the five statements below are false.

- Humphrey has at least 12 movie posters.
- Humphrey has at least 23 movie posters.
- Humphrey has at least 41 movie posters.
- Humphrey has at least 50 movie posters.
- Humphrey has at least 57 movie posters.

What is the greatest number of movie posters in Humphrey's collection?

To check

your answer find Mrs Morgan in Maths!



P & C President's Report

Well the year of 2018 is nearing the end & the P&C have been busy supporting the school in various ways including sitting on panels for new teacher selection, attending external P&C meetings & attending assemblies and Stem breakfasts.

We were delighted to financially support Shakespeare Week and the installation of a large fan in the hall which I'm sure all will appreciate in the warmer weather.

I would like to encourage all parents and care givers to support the Fair Funding Now Campaign- working together & speaking up to demand fair funding of public schools. Further information is available on line at: fairfundingnow.org.au. Email your local MP, sign a petition, just becoming more informed about the issue will bring strength to a campaign that can only benefit our children and their schools.

Finally, I welcome any suggestions, comments or feedback about the school & events held. Please email president@rghspandc.org.au or attend the final meeting for the year on Wednesday 12th December 2018 at 7pm to share any ideas.

SAVE THE DATE ***OPEN DAY & RIVERSIDE CONNECT SATURDAY 9th March 2019***

It will be a combined event next year and a great opportunity to showcase the school and join together as a community and celebrate all that Riverside Girls High School has to offer new and existing students.

Belinda Brodrick
P&C President



Music Success at Community Festival

Congratulations to Roxy T, Amelia H and Jordyn R who recently took part in a local community event “Bedlam at the Bay”.

The girls performed a program of music which entertained the crowd at a festival promoting mental health awareness.

The festival provided art, craft, sport and gardening stalls, and was well attended by many community members in and around the Gladesville and Hunters Hill area.

Riverside is a community school, supporting local initiatives and proud to be represented by our outstanding students.



Two Views of the Quad

We were recently sent photos from the late 1950's-60's including the picture on the left of the quad in 1963.

The school gate was in its current location but Huntleys Point Road which runs along the school boundary then crossed the Parramatta River. The original bridge supports can be seen when you take the RiverCat in to Circular Quay.

Note the girls wearing panama hats, the lawn where the carpark is now located and cars on Victoria Road driving east.

Below: the quad 2018 - similar viewpoint.

The revitalised quad looking west.

It is hoped that the quad will be opened for use later this term (weather permitting).



Sportswoman of the Year Assembly



Outstanding Achievement in Sports Aerobics
 Outstanding Achievement in Gymnastics
 Outstanding Achievement in Golf
 Outstanding Achievement in Sports Aerobics
 Outstanding Achievement in Water Polo
 Outstanding Achievement in Athletics

Zoe A.
 Bella C.
 Holly F.
 Hannah P.
 Nicola S. (absent)
 Hannah T.



Above (Right - Left)
 Outstanding contribution to dance
 Outstanding contribution to dance
 Outstanding contribution to dance
 Outstanding contribution to dance

Mikayla A.
 Sophie C.
 Kathy W.
 Madeline S.

Junior Sportswoman of the Year
 Alyssa L.



Premier House - O'Harris





Sportswoman of the Year Recipients.

Sub junior sports woman of the year
 Senior sport woman of the year
 Overall sports woman of the year

Lauren S. (top right)
 Grace F (Top centre)
 Lily W. (left)

Netball Success

This term Riverside participated in the Sydney North Year 7-8 and Year 9-10 netball Gala days held on 31st August 2018 and 20th September 2018.

The Year 9-10 team were undefeated in the preliminary round and made it to the grands finals where they played a tough match against Cheltenham Girls and were awarded runners up for the competition.

The Year 7-8 team won 7/8 games in the preliminary round, however due to wet weather finals were cancelled.

Congratulations to both teams!





School Representative Council (SRC) Leadership Training

On Tuesday 6 November, Ms Parnian and Ms Edwards, SRC Coordinators, with the assistance of the 2017/2018 Captains Hannah Sandison and Hannah Pearson, ran a Leadership Training Day with our 2018/2019 Student Leaders. This group consists of 42 democratically elected students across Years 7-12.

The day focussed on key skills of SRC Leadership including communication, decision making, problem solving, perseverance, relationship building and planning. The SRC works as an advocate for the structures which need to be set in place to address the needs of the school community, and addresses relevant issues and sets achievable goals, which support the whole school.

The SRC Coordinators are committed to developing the leadership skills of students, ensuring students' views are heard in decision making processes, empowering students to contribute towards a positive school culture and strengthening the school community through active participation.

On the day, many ideas were investigated and areas of change identified. One of the key projects will be raising the presence of SRC on social media, and improving the profile of SRC among the broader community.

We look forward to a successful student driven year.

Ms Edwards and Ms Parnian
SRC Coordinators



What is the research about?

The research aim is to evaluate whether our new program, TOPS (Therapist-assisted Online Parenting Strategies) can help parents to support their adolescents who are experiencing anxiety and/or depression.

What is involved?

- Participation only takes a few hours over 12 months
- You & your adolescent complete online surveys at 4 time-points: when you first register, before starting the program, and 4 & 12 months afterwards

You receive:

- Access to an individually tailored online parenting program
- Practical strategies to parent more confidently
- Tailored goals to help put these strategies into practice
- Regular contact with a TOPS-coach via videoconferencing to help you apply strategies to your own situation

To say thank-you, you & your teen will each receive e-vouchers over 4 time points (worth up to \$50 in total per person)

Who can participate?

Parents or legal guardians with their adolescent (aged 12-17 years):

- The adolescent needs to be receiving treatment for anxiety &/or depression from a mental health professional/service
- Have internet access, & consider themselves proficient in English

Interested?

For further information or to register, please click here:

bit.ly/TOPSmmain or contact the TOPS team by email at: med-tops.coach@monash.edu



TOPS:

Therapist-assisted Online
Parenting Strategies

**Help your teen
manage anxiety,
depression, & sleep
problems**

**An online tailored
parenting program**

**Weekly coaching via
videoconference**

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This study is being undertaken by Monash University, led by Associate Professor Marie Yap, and has been approved by the Monash University Human Research Ethics Committee.



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