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PENDULUM

Riverside High School

Key Dates for 2017

RESPECT, RELATIONSHIPS, ACHIEVEMENT, SAFETY AND FAIRNESS

MARCH

- Fri 3 RHS Swimming Carnival
- Fri 10 MSP Photos (1)
- Tue 14 MSP Photos (2)
- Mon 13 8 Hour Day Holiday
- W-F15-17 Grade 7 Camp Clayton
- Tue 21 Inter-high Diving Carnival
- Thur 23 Interim Reports Home
- Fri 31 Inter-High Swim Carnival

APRIL

- Mon 3 Parent Teacher Evening
- Wed 12 Last Day of Term



PRINCIPAL:	Ms N Odgers	GRADE LEADERS:
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL:	Mrs S Matkovich	7 Mr T Elliott
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL:	Mr D Hanson	8 Miss B Hall
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL (A):	Mrs R Donaldson	9 Mrs D Dave
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL (A):	Mrs A Claridge	10 Mr T Musovic
PSYCHOLOGIST:	Mrs Claire Pople (Tue & Wed)	
SOCIAL WORKER:	Mrs Laura Fitzgerald (Mon-Wed)	
CHAPLAIN:	Ms Cecily Rosol	
NURSE:	Mr Peter Jacobson (Tue-Wed)	
BUSINESS MANAGER (A):	Mrs Leonie Johnston	

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Families,

On Tuesday evening we had a very successful Grade 7 BBQ. We really value that so many parents were able to attend and we know that the conversations about your children and the opportunity to get to know you are invaluable. We also appreciate the very positive feedback about the start of term; it is great to have parents tell me that their children come home and tell them how much they enjoy learning and feel valued as a member of our school community. A special thankyou to our Peer Support Leaders who did a fantastic job of preparing and cooking our BBQ.

School Assembly

A highlight of this week was our first whole school assembly which was held this morning. This was a celebration of student leadership and included the Presentation of Badges to Mentors, Peer Support Leaders and Prefects. Our Guest Speaker was former student, Cassie Hayes, who was a Prefect in 2007. Cassie shared some of her experiences and her perspectives on leadership. The presentation and behaviour of our students during this assembly was fantastic and I would like to commend them for this.

We were well supported by many parents and family members who attended. The student leaders play a very important role in the life of the school and are already involved in a range of school and community events. Our student leaders have made a great start in their new roles and have already demonstrated that they are positive role models and will be very active contributors to our school. I wish them a rewarding and successful year.

Nut Aware

Riverside High is a nut aware school. Our school has several students/staff who have a severe allergy to nuts, especially peanuts. If these people come into contact with peanuts, or any food products that contain nuts they will suffer severe anaphylactic shock, during which breathing may cease. A peanut butter sandwich in the same room would be enough to start this reaction. We therefore request that all students/staff do not bring peanut butter sandwiches or any items that contain nuts or nut ingredients to school. In most cases the label on foods will indicate the presence of nuts. Your co-operation with this is much appreciated.

Swimming Carnival

On Friday March 3rd we will hold our Swimming Carnival at the Launceston Aquatic Centre. This is a great whole school event; I would like to remind students and parents that this is a part of our school program and students are expected to attend on this day. The carnival does cater for all ability levels and has a highly supportive atmosphere. Transport arrangements for students in the Legana, Gravelly Beach, Grindelwald areas has been sent home this week, other students are expected to make their own way to the pool. We will be moving into the pool for attendance at 8.30am. Parents and family members are welcome to come along as spectators and we look forward to your support.

In Closing

By now you will have received a letter from Home Group teachers; this is an opportunity for our Home Group teachers to introduce themselves and to outline some important routines. The Home Group teacher plays a vital role in supporting students and I encourage you to communicate closely with them as a first point of contact should you have any concerns or queries.

Ms Natalie Odgers





GRADE 7 BBQ



LEADERSHIP ASSEMBLY

PREFECTS 2017

Head Prefects	Anna Roberts & Jarrod Hill
Deputy Head Prefects	Jessica Faulkner & Oscar Purtell
Academic Endeavour Prefects	Georgia Wing & Jacquilyn Zealley
Fundraising & Publicity Prefects	Taylor Fogg & Tom Meyer
Arts Prefects	Charlotte Edwards & Kade Renshaw
Junior School Prefects	Paige Crooks & Jack Foley
Health & Wellbeing Prefects:	
Forrest	Mia Jupp & Declan Boyd
Kingsford Smith	Maddison Holder & Jack de Wit
Monash	Chiara Hull & Aaron Woods
Lawson	Isabella Hay & Thomas Moreton



PEER SUPPORT LEADERS 2017

Reegan Coates	Amber Jones	Connor Riethoff
Josephine Coleman	Ellie Lane	Anastasia Stepanovic
Sienna Cook	Ryan Lawson	Olivia Street
Rakesh Dave	Callum MacFarlane	Brianna Sturzaker
Ella Deans	Jasvin Malhotra	Belinda Turmine
Owen Francis	Ronan Naidoo	Paige Van Veen
Liam Gilmore	Hayley Neville	Ruby Waddle
Andrew Grant	Mackenzie O'Byrne	Montana Wakeford
Lewis Gregson	Matthew Owens	Zach Walker
Piper Hill	Charlotte Scurr-Nicholls	Isobelle Young
Lachlan Hindrum	Daniel Shaw	
Mabel Hull	Joel Parkinson	
Bailey Hume	Emily Redburn	



LEADERSHIP ASSEMBLY

MENTORS 2017

Sofia Bailey
Zoe Bate
Taylah Bessell
Ebony Black
Chloe Bolton
William Bonney
Reegan Coates
Josephine Coleman
Paige Crooks
Rakesh Dave
Hannah De Boer
Ella Deans
Samantha Devonshire
Claire Donald
Maddie Dwyer
Nick Edmunds
Arsham Emad
Rose Emmett
Monique Faulkner
Jack Foley
Andrew Grant
Harrison Gregg
Catelin Hatton
Bella Heritage
Piper Hill
Lachlan Hindrum
Maddison Holder

Georgina Howe
Mabel Hull
Bailey Hume
Amber Jones
Jessica Keenan
Ellie Lane
Emily Lonergan
Callum Macfarlane
Bianca Mackey
Teneka Maynard
Aaliviah McLean
Patrick McOwan
Tom Meyer
Daniel Mills
Thomas Moreton
Bianca Mostyn
Olivia Murray
Hayley Neville
Mackenzie O'Byrne
Elyse Page
Samuel Partridge
Tanager Peet
Luke Prestwood
Charlotte Quick
Emily Redburn
Kade Renshaw
Georgia Ricketts

Anna Roberts
Priya Rowe
Taliah Schmidtke
Mia Schuemaker
Charlotte Scurr-Nicholls
Keaton Sherriff
Ireland Smith
Olivia Snooks
Anastasia Stepanovic
Madi Stingel
Olivia Street
Brianna Sturzaker
Hannah Thurm
Belinda Turmine
Lucy Van Lierop
Paige Van Veen
Ruby Waddle
Joseph Walker
Zach Walker
Makenzie White
Keeley Williams
Georgia Wing
Niamh Woodfield
Makala Young
Isabelle Young



Science in Focus

This year the Science Department welcome two new teachers to the team. Mr Jacobs and Mr Gregory have both settled in well and are already making positive contributions to the Science team and to the classes that they are taking. It's also worth acknowledging the amazing work of Ms McCarthy and Mrs Farrell, the school Laboratory Managers who work tirelessly behind the scenes to support student learning. Preparing practical work, while looking for better ways to do things is really appreciated. They are always prepared to spend quality time with teachers to ensure the best possible practical work is on offer to students.

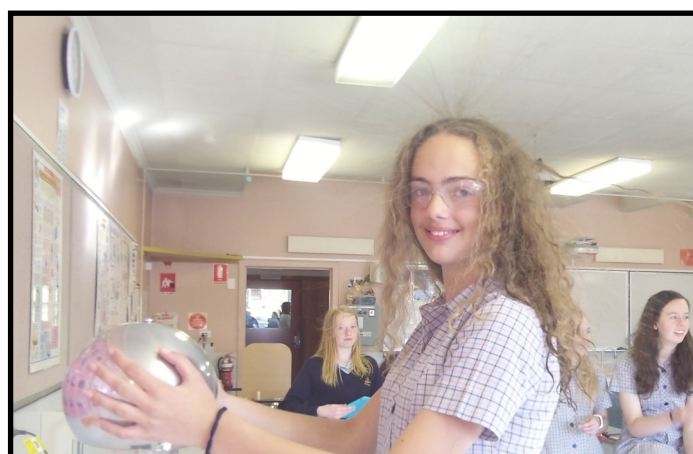


A significant and positive change to Science this year is the inclusion of a fourth lesson of Science for Grade 9 and 10 classes. Up until last year students only had three lessons of Science. This made covering theory and having adequate time to reflect on the meaning of practical work very challenging. The goal of increasing the time is to improve student achievement. This will be achieved by having quality time to learn more deeply the understandings covered by the Australian Curriculum.

The photos in this Pendulum cover the use of the Van Der Graaf Generator, exploring the metallic reactivity series and a marble run in the Grade 8 STEM class.



STEM is a curriculum based on the idea of educating students in four specific disciplines — Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics — in an interdisciplinary and applied approach. This year will be the first time that Riverside offers STEM classes through the Grade 8 class being taken by Mr Hughes and a 9/10 class taken by Mr Stewart called Engineering Connections. Students in these classes can look forward to solving all kinds of problems requiring the disciplines mentioned.



RHS SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The 2017 Riverside High School Swimming Carnival will once again be held at the Launceston Aquatic Centre. The event will take place on Friday 3rd of March. It is an expectation that all students attend and are encouraged to participate where ever possible.

Students who travel from in and around the Legana/Gravelly Beach/Grindelwald/outer Riverside area will have the opportunity to catch a bus from school, leaving the campus at **8:25am** and return to school from the Launceston Aquatic Centre at **2.30pm** in order to catch their bus home.

All other students are asked to make **their own way** to the pool by 8:35am. Students are required to make their way directly into the pool area via the back entrance to meet with their Home Group teacher to have their attendance done. Home Group signs will be clearly visible.

Students will be able to participate in either Division 1 (50m) or Division 2 (25m) races in the traditional events - freestyle, breaststroke, backstroke and butterfly. This year we are offering scheduled novelty events which will count towards House points and give an opportunity for everyone to participate regardless of ability.

Students wishing to compete in the **Diving Carnival** should meet at the outdoor pool (admission via main entrance) by 7:00am ready to commence competition at 7:15am.

We encourage students to bring a packed lunch for the day; however, the Grade 10 Council will run a BBQ with drinks available. The centre kiosk will NOT be available for RHS students.

Throughout the carnival, the expectation is that all **mobile phones are away and out of sight**.

During races, students will wear swimming caps in their House colour. The school supplies caps for communal use. Students who bring their own cap must comply with their House colours.

Students unable to participate for any reason should see Mr Pooley and they will be allocated a job for the day.

The NHSSA Inter-High Carnival will be held on Friday the 31st March. More details will be given to your child if they are selected in the RHS swim team.

We are looking forward to the Riverside High School Swimming Carnival and we hope to see all students showing support for their House by wearing their House colours on carnival day.

(Mr) Rohan Pooley
Health and Physical Education



RHS DIVING CARNIVAL

The diving pool will be available for practice between 7:00 – 7:15am. Students must register for their event 5 minutes prior to the start time. Program of events:

Grade 7 Girls and Boys 7:15 – 7:30am

Grade 8 Girls and Boys 7:35 – 7:50am

Grade 9 Girls and Boys 7:55 – 8:10am

Grade 10 Girls and Boys 8:15 – 8:30am

INTER-HIGH DIVING CARNIVAL

The first three place getters at the Riverside High School Diving Carnival will be selected to represent the school at the Inter-high Diving carnival to be held on Tuesday 21st of March, at the Launceston Aquatic Centre. If students would like to make their own way to the pool to practice between 8:00 – 9:00am then they are welcome to do so. However, parents must notify the school **and** Mrs Kelly Greatbatch or Mrs Katie Bessell on 0419 272 590. Otherwise, students will need to travel to school as usual and meet at the bus turning circle at 8:30am ready for an 8:40am departure. The team will return to school at 1:20 and students are expected to attend periods 5 and 6. Students must be wearing full sports uniform. Program of events:

9:15 – 9:35 Grade 7 GIRLS

9:40 – 10:00 Grade 7 BOYS

10:05 – 10:25 Grade 8 GIRLS

10:30 – 10:50 Grade 8 BOYS

10:55 – 11:15 Grade 9 GIRLS

11:20 – 11:40 Grade 9 BOYS

11:45 – 12:05 Grade 10 GIRLS

12:10 – 12:30 Grade 10 BOYS

12:40 Presentation of the Diving Shield to the winning school and medallions to individual champions.



(Mr) Rohan Pooley
Health and Physical Education

RHS SWIMMING CARNIVAL - BUSES

All students will need to organise their own transport to and from the Launceston Aquatic Centre.

Due to restrictions with bus timetables, Manions and Metro buses unfortunately will **not** be able to be diverted to the pool; however, transport is being provided for those students who have indicated on the **required return slip**.

Please visit the following bus company websites to assist with your child catching a bus on the day:

www.manionscoaches.com.au

www.metrotas.com.au

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We value: RESPECT, RELATIONSHIPS, ACHIEVEMENT, SAFETY and FAIRNESS

Our learning culture is underpinned by a Growth Mindset

GRADE 7



Angus Purtell 7C: During class, Angus has been supporting other students with their learning and especially with their mathematical development. He has done this without being asked to do so. His support has been absolutely outstanding. Angus has been helping by reading questions, assisting with setting out work and explanations of how to complete tasks. Well done Angus, you are an excellent role model for your peers.



Indi Chodan-Clarke 7D: Indi has shown great resilience and a fantastic attitude towards trying new things. She has impressed her teachers with her willingness to seek support to work through a problem. Well done Indi, your sensible and mature manner will serve you well.

GRADE 8



Isabella McWatters 8B: Isabella is a conscientious student who consistently demonstrates a mature and responsible approach towards her learning. Well-organised and punctual, Isabella is always thoroughly prepared for lessons and has impressed her teachers with the manner in which she applies herself to all learning activities. In particular, her willingness to take on challenges is to be commended. Well done Isabella for being an outstanding role model for your fellow students and achieve a spot in this week's Grade 8 Rippers.



Adam Henry 8A: Adam has been nominated for a Riverside Ripper this week due to his positive start to the year. It is pleasing to see Adam displaying our school values with his approach to the start of Year 8, creating positive relationships and giving 100 percent in his achievements thus far. It is excellent to see Adam being a positive role model to his peers and for this we say, well done Adam.

GRADE 9



William Reid 9A: Will has made an impressive start to the year and is very focused on his studies. This has been particularly noticeable during Maths lessons. Not only is Will giving his absolute best, he is also having a positive influence on his friends. Will has demonstrated self-motivation and determination to succeed. Will's willingness to seek and act upon feedback constitute further cause for commendation. Well done Will and keep up the good work.



Max Hunter 9B: Max has returned to school this year with a renewed vigour and determination to do his best. Max is showing maturity in his interactions with staff whilst remaining popular and well-liked by his classmates. Max's commitment to self-improvement and persistence are commendable as is his willingness to learn and endeavours to strive for success. Well done Max.

GRADE 10



Georgia Ricketts 10B: Georgia is being recognised as a Riverside Ripper for the outstanding manner in which she conducts herself at all times. She is an extremely hard working and attentive member of the grade who is always striving to produce work of the highest quality. Georgia has consistently shown during her time at Riverside High that she is a kind and extremely thoughtful person who always displays genuine care and consideration towards her peers and teachers. These are outstanding qualities to have and make Georgia such a wonderful role model for others. Congratulations on being an exceptional member of our school community.



Ellie Lane 10A: Ellie is a positive young lady with a ready smile and friendly hello for all. She is a supportive, enthusiastic and respected member of our grade. Ellie is a mature young lady who goes about her day with enthusiasm and purpose. She is an outstanding participant both in classroom and in extra-curricular activities. Ellie demonstrates our school values of respect for others, fairness, achievement and safety at all times. Congratulations Ellie!

Antipodeans present on Launceston City Park Radio

Three of our Antipodean travellers, Oscar Purtell, Jacquilyn Zealley and Jack De Wit were interviewed by Announcer, Ron Camplin from City Park Radio on Tuesday about their upcoming adventure to Cambodia and Vietnam. The students spoke about the process of fundraising, organising the itinerary and the 'project' of building a house for a local community. What wonderful ambassadors they are. A big thank you to Ron for making them feel so comfortable in the 'chair' and allowing them the opportunity to share their story.



In July 2017, students aged 15 – 18 years from over 25 countries will be arriving in Australia to study at local schools for 3-10 months. Opportunities are available to act as a host family in a volunteer/unpaid capacity. Hosting can be on a temporary, short or long term basis.

Host families help provide each student with the chance to study and experience life in Australia. This is a great way to practice your language skills, share your stories, learn about another country and culture, establish a lifelong link to a family in another country and contribute to international goodwill.

Our students bring with them their own spending money, health insurance and a wonderful attitude and desire to learn about their new host country. Your whole family...and your relatives and friends...will grow and learn as you all get to know your new 'son' or 'daughter' from another land. If your family can offer a friendly, supportive and caring home environment, contact us today.

To learn more about this opportunity call Student Exchange Australia New Zealand on 1300 135 331 or visit our website:

<http://studentexchange.org.au/host-a-student>



SCHOOL IMMUNISATIONS

Dear Parents and Guardians,

West Tamar Council will be offering immunisations for Grade 7's this year at your school. As you may already be aware, consent forms have been sent home with all Grade 7 students. All completed consent forms are to be returned to your school's office before Wednesday 1 March.

Please ensure you check your child's immunisation record and read all of the information provided before completing the consent form. If you have any queries or require more information regarding the immunisations, please contact West Tamar Council's Environmental Health Department on (03) 6323 9300.

WANTED

YOUR HELP IN OUR SCHOOL CANTEEN
Mums, Dads & Grandparents all welcome.

ONCE A MONTH - 10AM to 12PM

Lunch provided

Volunteers require Working with Vulnerable People
Registration - We can assist with this registration



Please phone Gail Wade on 0407 811 828

NDIS Information Session

The NDIS is holding an information session on Thursday, March 2 in our school Library at 3:20pm. A representative from the NDIS will be available to inform young people with a disability, their families and carers about the expected pathway to the scheme. Eligible students may be those already receiving assistance at school through the SDR, or those with a permanent disability that impacts on them taking part in everyday activities. Please feel free to contact either Amanda Wenn or Anna Whaley (support teachers) for further information.

More information regarding eligibility requirements can be found at <http://myplace.ndis.gov.au/ndisstorefront/people-disability.access-requirements.html>

SCHOOL PHOTOS 2017

Have your child's school memories captured forever. Advanced notice that MSP Photography is on the way! Our School Photo Day is: **Friday, 10 March 2017**. Every student must be in full school uniform on photo day.

In the near future, all students will receive a photo envelope in Home Group. This photo envelope must be returned to HG teachers prior to the photo day. Additional information regarding the ordering of photos will be featured in the upcoming Pendulums. We greatly appreciate your assistance with this matter.



Riverside Olympic Football Club - Joeys

Interested, new and returning players can register for season 2017 on Tuesday and Thursday afternoon from 3.30 - 5.30pm.

ROFC - Joeys staff will be in attendance to answer any queries and assist with player registration where required.

The club accepts registrations from any players aged from 4 to 16, boys and girls, experienced or new players, from the greater West Tamar district, from Trevallyn through to Greens Beach.

For further information please see our website: juniors.riversideolympic.com.au

For anyone who can't make it to any of these days, or for general enquiries & more information, please contact the club via email at riversideolympicjuniortas@gmail.com

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE 28th February 2017!

TERM 1 HOLIDAY DATES: ADJUSTMENT TO TERM 1 HOLIDAY DATES

There is an error in the School Student Planner regarding our Term 1 school holiday break. It should read:

February 8 - April 12
Term 2 resumes May 1, 2017

WEEK 4	EXCURSIONS
01 March - Wednesday	Mowbray Sport & Skate (TM/KB) Sport & Rec (1:15pm - 3:10pm)
03 March - Friday	Swimming Carnival - Launceston Aquatic Centre (8:30am - 3:10pm)



To keep up to date with all the sport, carnivals and HPE related information at Riverside High School, "like" and follow us on Facebook. Look for the Riverside HS Sport and PE page.

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