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# PENDULUM

**RESPECT, RELATIONSHIPS, ACHIEVEMENT, SAFETY AND FAIRNESS**

**Riverside High School**

**Key Dates for 2017**

## APRIL

- Mon 3 Parent Teacher Evening
- Mon 10 School Assoc Meeting 7:00pm
- Wed 12 Last Day of Term

## MAY

- Mon 1 Term 2 Commences
- Fri 5 Grade 7 Immunisations
- Fri 12-Sun 21 Drama Competitions
- Wed 17 Winter Sport Commences



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

## From the Principal

Dear Parents and Families,

### Bullying. No Way!

Earlier this week I was thrilled to receive the news that students from our school had won the People's Choice Award for a High School entry in the "Bullying. No Way!" Competition. This entry is the result of work that our students were doing in relation to the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence held on the 17<sup>th</sup> March. What a great effort and a wonderful reflection of the ideas and thinking of our students. The competition organisers sent us the following feedback:

*'Congratulations again and thank you for taking the time to participate and producing such a thought provoking message. Riverside High School featured heavily in the competition which is a great sign of your school's commitment to spreading messages that build positive behaviours and relationships, so well done!'*

Congratulations to Olivia Street and Anna Roberts for this achievement; both Olivia and Anna are currently away on the Antipodeans Expedition. We look forward to celebrating this with them when they return.

Initiated by the Prefects, our students are also currently involved in the One Million Stars to End Violence Project. Each star woven represents our school's commitment towards a bullying and violence free environment. Well done to our students for being so proactive!

If you are interested in accessing further information the Bullying – No Way website is a useful link.

<https://bullyingnoway.gov.au/>

### **Congratulations**

Madison Brazendale is competing in the steeplechase at the Australian Athletics Championships in Sydney this weekend. Congratulations Madison and best wishes for this event.

### **Parent Teacher Appointments**

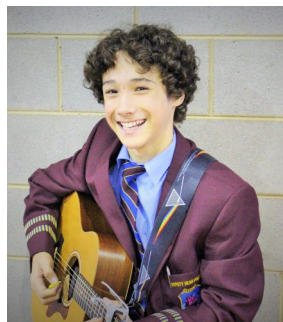
Next Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April is our Parent Teacher Evening. It is great to see that lots of appointments have already been made for parents and students to meet with teachers to discuss progress and focus on feedback as we move into Term 2. Unfortunately there are a number of teachers unavailable for this evening. I also understand that sometimes parents want to see a teacher and there may not be enough appointment spaces available. In either instance, if you would like to talk to a staff member, please contact the office and make a suitable time for either a phone conversation or a face to face meeting. Alternatively, email is also a very effective and efficient means of communicating. We highly value the strong partnerships we have working with parents to support the best learning opportunities for students and we look forward to seeing parents on Monday evening.

### **In closing**

I was at the airport with our Antipodeans Team last Saturday afternoon; it was lovely to see this long planned adventure come to fruition and our students so excited about the opportunity ahead of them. The group arrived safely in Cambodia and have enjoyed a great week. If you are keen to follow their adventure please take a look at their Facebook page - Riverside High Antipodeans 2017.

**Ms Natalie Odgers**

## LAST WEEK'S ASSEMBLY







# ANTIPODEANS TEAM DEPARTS





## SUBJECT IN FOCUS - ENGLISH

English teachers have been working in Grade Teams to develop scope and sequences to ensure each grade is covering a breadth of learning opportunities across the three strands of Literature, Literacy and Language. This also involves matching our current texts and resources to the Australian Curriculum document.

Students in CAP (Career Awareness Program) in an English lesson reading 'The Boy in Striped Pyjamas'.



Students in some classes from Grades 7-9 have been trialling a new online program called *WordFlyers* which is closely aligned to the strands of Literacy and Language. *WordFlyers* aims to develop skills in grammar, reading, comprehension, vocabulary and writing, using differentiated activities and a range of high-interest texts.

Further information will be available shortly about the program and how it can be accessed from home.

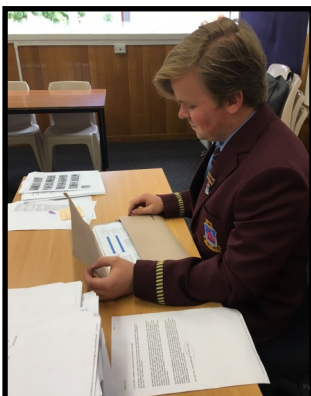
This is what some students in Mrs Bodell's Grade 9 English class had to say after just one lesson trying *WordFlyers*.

**Lilliana:** *I enjoyed that if you got stuck it would give you hints. I also enjoyed that if you got it wrong you could do it again to get 100%.*

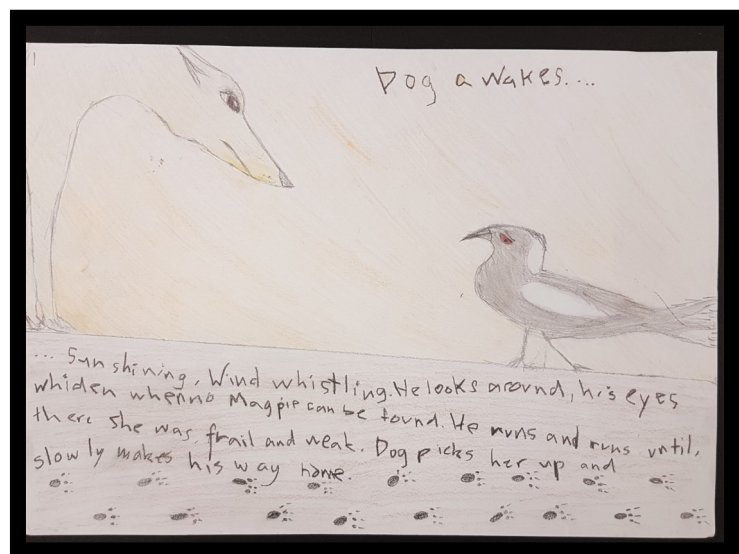
**Chelsea:** *It was easy to operate and had a variety of different activities to do.*

**Greta:** *WordFlyers was good at teaching with having the option for it to read the information to you as well, so it was just like having a teacher with you. The activities were short but still gave you a clear understanding of the subject.*

**Callum:** *I liked the variety of questions and the different levels for those questions.*



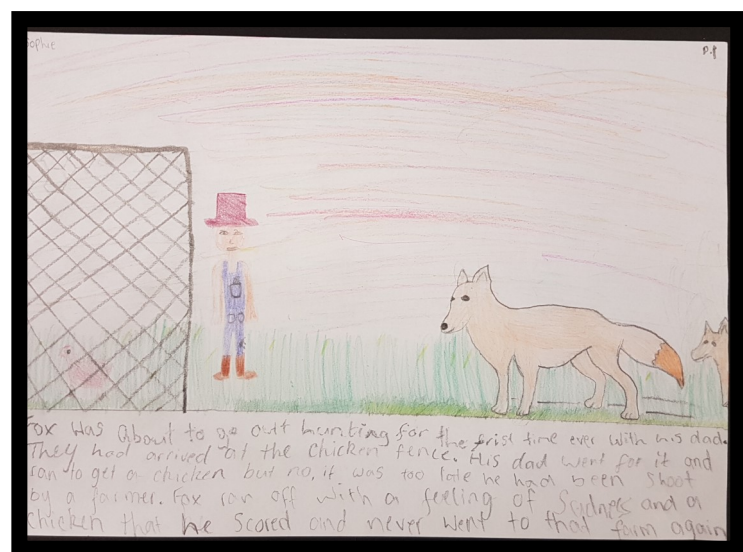
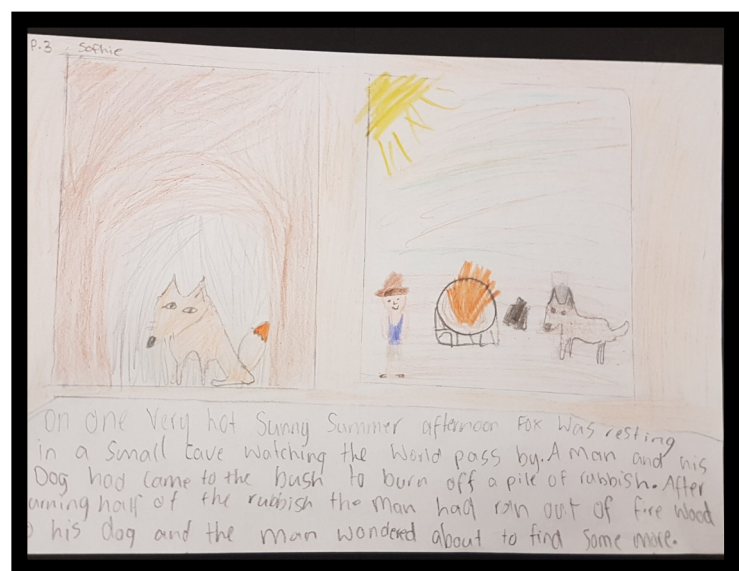




## GRADE 7 ENGLISH

(Mr McDougall)

Picture books are one of the text types studied in English in every grade. *Fox*, written by Margaret Wild and illustrated by Ron Brooks, is a Grade Seven text which enables students to analyse stylistic devices such as use of colour, page layout, font and language. Students then attempt to create either a prologue or epilogue to the story using similar techniques to the original.





## My last day frozen

Burr, the bliss of being frozen solid.

In my cocoon nestled between many other flavours.

I hear the cool fresh air blowing in and out.

Wait, the lid is opening! Something long, pink and soft looking, reaches into my freezing domain and snatches me up. It clasps my body in its long sausage like fingers and carries me away from my home. I try to yell "Get off me you Rude Creature!" But alas my cries for mercy collapse into thin air. What a day I'm having, I say to myself as I get placed on top of the smooth surface of a counter I think.

I'm doomed!

I will never be back!

Out into the bright light, the beast rips off my clothing.

OMG!

My dignity is forever lost!! How embarrassing. This is torture! What will they do to me next... throw me in the bin? Light showers down upon my exposed delicate pink body and I feel the heat swiftly melting my insides. Soon I will be nothing more than a pink puddle. Drip by drip a piece of me drops to the floor. Wait one second, who turned off the lights?

Look at that hideous pink, red and fleshy thing!!

Surely it isn't going to touch me!

Or is it....

Aaaaarrggghhhh, look at me I'm horribly disfigured!

I'm a monster!

No-one will love me!

No-one will recognise me!

Why me!

Why O Why must it be me!

I see its humongous big cruel eyes looking straight at me and its mouth twisted up into a smile. This is what they must do for fun, torture my species! If you can hear my thoughts, help me.

Save me!

Help me before I'm gone and the only part left of me is my legs!

Help before my flavoursome pink, soft flesh is consumed!

Too late, I will be gone soon.

Goodbye world.

Remember me please.

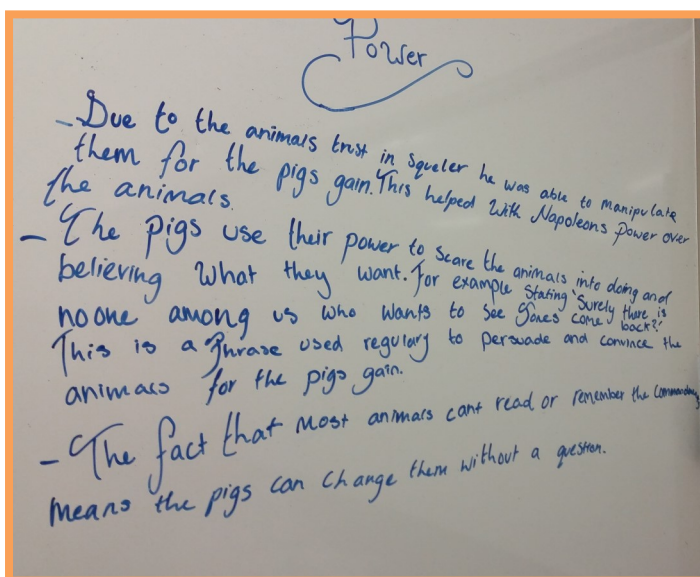
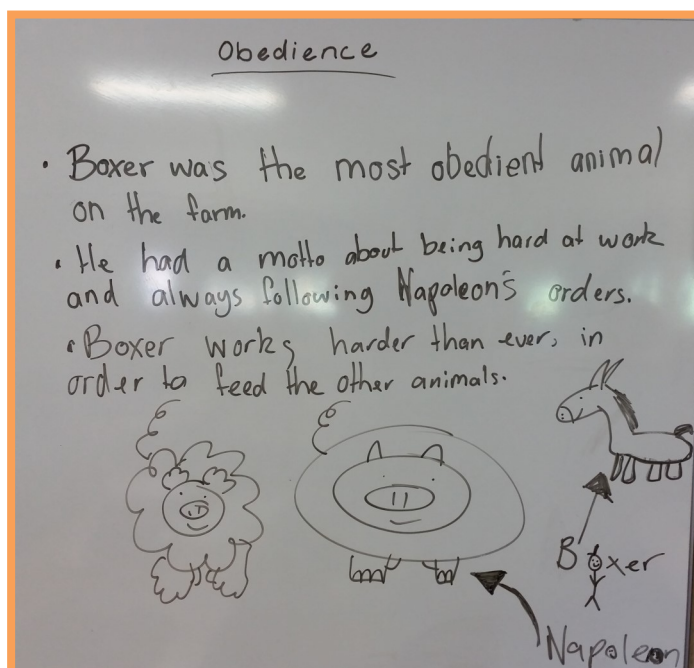
**By Ginger Morris**

**(Grade 7 Monologue)**



## GRADE 10 ENGLISH

Mr Hindrum's Grade 10 English class are completing their study of the novel *Animal Farm* this week. As part of unpacking this novel's themes and characters, students worked in small groups to complete a 'Graffiti' task where they shared their understandings of the novel on whiteboards for the benefit of the class.





# Empowering Young Women!

## With Melinda Tankard Reist

On Monday 27th March, eighty Grade 9 & 10 girls and 30 boys attended 'Student Talks' hosted by Melinda Tankard Reist at the Launceston Christian School. Melinda is an author, speaker, media commentator and blogger. She is an Ambassador for World Vision Australia and has been named Who's Who of Australian Women.

Melinda is co-founder of the Grassroots Campaigning Movement, Collective Shout; for a world free of sexploitation, exposing corporations, advertisers and marketers who objectify women and sexualise girls to sell products and services.

### **What some of our girls thought about the presentation:**

**Olivia Wenn 9A** ~ *I thought it was very educational and should be shared with a wider audience. It made me feel empowered and inspired to stand up for myself and make a difference.*

**Gabi Beament 9D** ~ *It was interesting and relevant. It was a very different perspective.*

**Abbey Caskie 9C** ~ *I found it very inspiring to young women who find difficulties in their physical appearance. It taught us to say no to what is wrong and yes to what is right.*

**Ashleigh Hugo 9C** ~ *Great talk, very moving.*

**Micah Simpson 9F** ~ *It was solid.*

**Emma Radford 9B** ~ *I loved it!*

**Jordan Slater-Wolford 9B** ~ *It was a great reference to teach young women about being proud in their own skin. It taught us that body shaming, self-harming and starving yourself isn't right and that boys need to support us, not create stereotypes causing us to feel pressured into harming ourselves. That we are beautiful.*

I would like to thank Melinda for empowering us to spread a great message. Thanks also to the Launceston Christian School for their invitation to attend.

**Olivia Adams 9A**







## EQUESTRIAN



Bella Heritage competed at the Northern Equestrian One Day Eventing Championships last Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March. Bella rode her horse Sir Rollington brilliantly in her three phases, Dressage, Show Jumping and Cross Country. Bella had a very successful day and was lucky enough to win both the EVA 95 Interschool's section and was also the EVA 95 overall winner.

Well done Bella, great riding!





## WORLD VISION COIN LINE

Last Friday at lunch time the Prefect Board organised a Home Group coin line competition in the gym to raise money for our World Vision Sponsor Child, Andy.

We were amazed and extremely grateful for the incredible generosity of the Riverside High School community. Home Group teams placed their coins precisely end-to-end in an attempt to produce both the most money raised and the longest coin line. Ultimately, it was the D's who won the day. 7D raised the most money for Andy with a total of \$71 whilst the coins donated by 10D formed the longest line. Apart from the pride and knowledge that this money will benefit Andy, the winning teams also received a delicious lunch of chips and gravy.

Incredibly, this one event managed to raise a fantastic total of \$645.90. Well done to everyone involved and thank you very much for your kind-hearted donations. The World Vision program helps to provide clean water and sanitation; health and nutrition support; food and agriculture; as well as education and children's rights advocacy for Andy and his community. As you can see, your thoughtfulness helps in so many ways. Your kindness and support is greatly appreciated.

**Jessica Faulkner**  
**Deputy Head Prefect**





## *"RIVERSIDE RIPPERS"*

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

Our learning culture is underpinned by a **Growth Mindset**

### GRADE 7



**Logan Dunlop 7F:** We would like to nominate Logan as a Riverside Ripper this week, to acknowledge the positive and enthusiastic manner in which he approaches his subjects. He has been pushing himself to achieve his best work and using a Growth Mindset when approaching each task. Logan is a role model to others and should be congratulated on such a great start to the year.



**Lachlan De-Boer-Adlard 7F:** Lachlan is being recognised this week for his friendly, kind and positive attitude towards peers and his studies. He is not afraid to seek feedback in order to improve and has demonstrated a Growth Mindset in relation to his creativity in Art so far this year. Well done Lachlan, keep up the good work.

### GRADE 8



**Ebony Plancke 8D:** Ebony is nominated as a Riverside Ripper this week. Ebony is a kind and caring friend who goes out of her way to assist both students and teachers. She is organised and willing to seek support from teachers when she needs it. Ebony's actions at school exemplify our school values of Respect, Fairness and Relationships. Well done Ebony.



**Bailey Clough 8G:** Bailey is being recognised as a Riverside Ripper this week. Bailey has made a great start in a new school this term, he is friendly and approachable and building a great rapport with staff and students. Bailey is always polite and despite not having being at Riverside High School for very long, Bailey's friendly nature already depicts our school values of Relationship and Respect. Great job Bailey.

### GRADE 9



**Aiden Read 9D:** Aiden is being recognised as a Riverside Ripper this week for his positive attitude towards his learning. He has made a fantastic start to the year and has demonstrated an outstanding attitude towards being focussed and achieving his very best at every task that he undertakes. Aiden constantly displays a Growth Mindset and is a fantastic role model for his peers. Congratulations Aiden.



**Laura Hankinson 9F:** Laura is being recognised as a Riverside Ripper this week for her support and kindness shown towards a younger student who did not attend Grade 7 Camp. Laura is to be commended for her maturity and care towards this student, for showcasing our School Values and for demonstrating fantastic leadership qualities. Well done Laura.

### GRADE 10



**Brianna Sturzaker 10E:** Brianna has made an excellent start to the new school year. She consistently demonstrates the five School Values through her positive interactions with others and dedicated approach to her studies, consistently being on task and persevering to produce her best work at all times. Well done for being a Riverside Ripper, Brianna!



**Sofia Bailey 10C:** Sofia is a quiet, kind and well-mannered student, making her a delight to teach. She constantly demonstrates exceptional listening skills in class and aims to complete tasks to the best of her ability; a motivated and conscientious learner. Well done on making such a positive start to Grade 10, Sofia!



## WEST TAMAR COUNCIL TERM 1 SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

West Tamar Council has just released its school holiday program for the upcoming term 1 holidays. Activities available this holiday period include: Village Cinemas (Lego Batman Movie), Launceston Lanes Ten Pin Bowling, Zone 3 Laser and Tassie Tiger Mini Golf. All activities are subsidised by Council, with free transport available for West Tamar resi-

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NTJSA Club of the Year 2015 & 2016

### TEAM VACANCIES

**Riverside Olympic Football Club** juniors are about to commence games in the NTJSA 2017 season and have vacancies in some of our older teams. If you would like to play soccer and are interested, the club and team players would love to have you come & join us.

**Senior Girls** (combined U14, U15 & U16) – would desperately like another 3-5 girls to come and join either of the two teams Riverside has entered into the Senior Girls competition this year. Senior Girls play games of a Friday evening under lights this year.

**Under 15 Boys** – have vacancies for 1 or 2 extra players; games are played of a Saturday.

**Under 16 Boys** - have vacancies for up to 3 extra players and like the girls, games are played of a Friday evening.

Please contact the club via email on [riversideolympicjuniortas@gmail.com](mailto:riversideolympicjuniortas@gmail.com) or call 0475 769 043 if you are interested or for enquiries.

## SPORT PAYMENTS

**Just a reminder of the following due dates for payments**

State Schools Touch Football Championships	\$40 by Wednesday, 5 April
Grade 7 & 8 Saturday Morning Netball	\$50 by Monday, 3 April
Grade 9 & 10 NHSSA Sport (Wednesday Afternoon)	\$100 by Thursday, 13 April
All Schools Mountain Bike Championships	\$30 by Monday, 1st May



## SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

The AGM for our School Association will be held on April 10th at 7:00pm. A reminder that we are looking for new members. The nomination form is available on our School App.



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.

## WANTED

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

ONCE A MONTH - 10AM to 1:30PM

Lunch provided

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



Please phone Gail Wade on 0407 811 828

## 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 2017**  
**Term 2 resumes Monday May 1, 2017**

WEEK 8	EXCURSIONS
31/03 Friday	Launceston Aquatic NHSSA Inter-High Swimming Carnival (RP/TE/RS) 9:00am-2:40pm
03/04 Monday	Science & Engineering Challenge (RG) UTAS 8:30-2:40pm
07/04 Friday	V8 Supercars Symmons Plains (DF) Automotive Technology 9:00-2:30pm

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