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PENDULUM

Riverside High School

Key Dates for 2017

RESPECT, RELATIONSHIPS, ACHIEVEMENT, SAFETY AND FAIRNESS

JUNE

- Tue 20 Inter High Cross Country
- Mon 26 LC Orientation Gr 10
- Tue 27 Newstead Orientation Gr 10

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:	Ms L Burt	9 Mrs D Dave
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL (A):	Mrs A Claridge	10 Mr T Musovic
PSYCHOLOGIST:	Mrs Claire Pople (Tue & Thur)	
SOCIAL WORKER:	Mrs Laura Fitzgerald (Mon-Wed)	
CHAPLAIN:	Ms Cecily Rosol	
NURSE:	Mr Peter Jacobson (Tue-Wed)	
BUSINESS MANAGER:	Mrs Leonie Johnston	

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Families,

Many positive learning opportunities are available both within and outside of classrooms at Riverside High. The learning of others is showcased and celebrated in many ways. The effort of all those involved is a matter of congratulation and celebration. The determination and persistence required to succeed is commendable. Following the impressive achievements of our students in Drama and Creative Writing Competitions, we have experienced continued success with the Music Competitions with many students being prepared to challenge themselves and be judged for their efforts. Some of our talented musicians showcased their skills on Tuesday when they performed during the lunch break in the quadrangle for everyone's enjoyment.

We want to congratulate Isabella Flint from Grade 9 who has shown amazing effort, persistence and grit to succeed in mountain biking at a national level. Isabella recently gained two second placings and a third at the Mountain Bike National School Championships in Queensland. This is obviously a wonderful achievement and is reflective of Isabella's exceptional dedication, perseverance and hard work.

JULY

- Mon 3 All Schools Cross Country
- Mon 3 School Association Meeting
- Tue 4 Reports home
- Fri 7 Term 2 finishes
- Mon 24 Professional Learning Day (Student Free Day)
- Tue 25 Term 3 commences

We also wish to commend Madison Brazendale from Grade 8 for being selected to participate in the 2017 Australian National Athletics Under 15 Camp at the Australian Institute of Sport. Madison was one of only two Tasmanian junior athletes who were chosen to join this elite squad. This is undoubtedly an incredible achievement and we are extremely proud of Madison's effort, determination and dedication.

Academic endeavours can be competitively pursued as well. This week we have had students participating in the University of New South Wales Australia wide Spelling and Writing Competitions supported by Mrs Gill Phair. We were extremely impressed by the mature and diligent manner in which these students conducted themselves during the competitions and availed themselves of the opportunity to extend their literacy skills.

We have a school policy that supports our school Value of Safety. Some students like to bring skateboards into our school so that they can use them after hours. Students must, however, refrain from riding, standing or doing tricks on skateboards in our grounds. We ask that students carry their boards by hand or in bags and store them in lockers during the day. If the boards are too large for personal storage then they should be kept at home please as storage beyond lockers is extremely limited.

Grade 9 students have spent today attending The University of Tasmania's future planning session called 'Creating My Career'. This event supports our students to make informed decisions regarding their future learning and career related pathways. We look forward to reporting more about this event next week.

The Illuminate NextGen Challenge runs from Monday until Friday of next week. This presents an outstanding opportunity for modelling entrepreneurial business start-ups. Students work in business teams to establish a small enterprise from conception to full proposal in just one week of work. Business propositions will be showcased on Friday at the University of Tasmania at an awards ceremony. We wish all students involved every success with their endeavours.

Mr Darren Hanson
Acting Principal

HEALTH INFORMATION

We wish to inform you that a Grade 7 student from Riverside High School has recently been diagnosed with Chicken Pox. Chicken Pox is a highly contagious disease which begins with a cold, headache and temperature. Small red pimples appear on the body first, then on the limbs. These pimples change to yellow blisters that then scab and fall off after approximately twelve days. The incubation period is from two to three weeks, commonly thirteen to seventeen days. Chickenpox is generally a mild illness but can be dangerous for non-immune pregnant women, newborn babies and people with altered immunity.

If you or your child experience any of the symptoms outlined above it is strongly recommended that you seek advice from your General Practitioner. Please note that it is important that people with Chicken Pox do not go to school, childcare or work until all blisters have dried (this generally takes approximately five days).

We have a confirmed case of a student with Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease.

This is a viral infection that mostly impacts on young children. The child usually becomes unwell with blisters in the mouth and on hands and feet. A low-grade fever, sore throat and tiredness are also usual symptoms. Children with this illness should be kept home until the blisters have dried please.

This disease is usually spread by contact with infected hands. It may also be spread from the mouth. This disease re-inforce the need to take great care with thorough hand-washing and good overall hygiene control.

We refer you to https://www.education.tas.gov.au/About_us/publications/school-brochures/Pages/Infectious-Diseases.aspx for more details.

IMMUNISATIONS: GRADE 7 STUDENTS:

A reminder to parents that Grade 7 students will be having their second immunisation on Friday, 23rd June. Please contact Mrs Amanda Claridge if you have any concerns or queries.

JUNIOR SCHOOL PREFECTS' REPORT



Hi there, we are Paige Crooks and Jack Foley, your 2017 Junior School Prefects.

This year our role became bigger by expanding to Grade 8. This has helped us to involve the whole junior school more and make them feel welcome and safe here at Riverside!

So far we have been on Grade 7 Camp which helped us bond with the new students and create friendships. We also organised a Grade 7 versus Grade 8 Tug-of-War Competition which was a lot of fun. Now that both Grade Councils are up and running we regularly check in with them and help with ideas and planning. We are also in the planning process for a Grade Trivia Competition.

Over the rest of this year we are hoping to make our Grade 7's and 8's feel supported and safe in the school yard and wider community. Anyone can feel free to come and talk to either of us at any time. We are friendly and want everyone to feel as comfortable as possible at school.

Both of us love getting involved in things outside school, with Paige playing U/19 State League Netball as well as football and touch football. She also loves music and putting her hand up to do anything and everything. Jack is a keen indoor and outdoor hockey player and plays at state level. He also enjoys drama and has a part-time job. Both of us also went on the recent Antipodeans Abroad expedition to Vietnam and Cambodia.

We are both keen and excited to see what the rest of this year holds.

Paige Crooks and Jack Foley
Junior School Prefects

ILLUMINATE NEXTGEN CHALLENGE

Next week four teams of students from Grades 8 – 10 will be participating in this year's Illuminate NextGen Challenge at the University of Tasmania Newnham Campus and in the School Library. This is an intense week for students and an excellent learning experience, where they work in teams to develop a business idea, pitch it to real investors, devise a marketing plan, calculate a two year profit and loss, have pressure cooker challenges thrown at them and finish with a trade display on Friday. The school community is invited to attend the award ceremony at the University of Tasmania campus, Lecture Theatre 9 next Friday evening from 5:30pm to vote for the 'Public Choice' best trade display and hear of the successes of the week. The students would appreciate your support, and we all wish them luck in meeting the Challenge.

Mrs Amanda Wenn
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STUDENTS AT WORK



SUBJECT IN FOCUS - MUSIC

What a busy start to the year the Music Department has had! We started the year off with fresh new faces, new talent and eight very talented Music Tutors ready and raring to teach our students specialised instruments. We had over 100 students wanting to participate in the Music Tuition Program to study piano, vocals, drums, guitar, bass, woodwind and brass instruments. This particular program has been taking place over the past two terms and we are getting ready to start the lessons all over again for Terms Three and Four.

We have also had considerable change to our Music staff with Mrs Leann Dalzell obtaining an acting position at another school and Miss Carolyn Cox retiring. Both ladies will be greatly missed and we are extremely grateful for all the work they have done for the Music Department over the years. With this change brought new faces to our department, namely, Mr Vince Walker, Mrs Catherine Kroon and Mrs Emily Butler. We welcome our new Music staff and know they are doing a fantastic job.

This term we have had the Launceston Music Competitions where our students represented RHS admirably. The Contemporary section was held at Newstead College on the 3rd, 24th and 25th May in the evenings. Our results included:

Contemporary Solo Section

3rd place - Ben Finau

1st place - Oscar Purtell

Contemporary Group Grade 7-10

3rd place - Phoebe Ketchell, Patrick Neville, Aaron Danziger and Zoe Lanham

2nd place - Bella Crerar, Connor Singline, Alex Philpott, Aiden Read and Kyeong Morris

1st place - Lucy Van Lierop, Ben Finau, Owen Francis, Declan Boyd and Kade Renshaw

Contemporary Duo

1st place - Gabrielle Smalldon and Aponi Hulse

With a week off in between we then had students performing at the Music Competitions at the Princess Theatre and the Earl Arts Centre from Monday 5th June until Friday, the 9th June. Our results included:

Secondary School Choir

1st Place – Riverside High School

Teacher-Student Woodwind Duet Under 14

Highly Commended - Tully Mateos-King

Woodwind Duet Under 16

2nd place - Monique Faulkner and Claire Donald

1st place - Jenna Coverdale and Zeta Edmondson

As a Music Department we are incredibly proud of the way our students represented themselves and the school. To see the older students mentor and encourage the younger students shows what a fantastic group of young people we get to work with every day.

A special mention should also be given to Kade Renshaw (Arts Prefect) for organising an outdoor performance by the Grade 8, 9 and 10 bands on Tuesday at lunch time. Many students came along to listen to the bands and greatly enjoyed the music in the sunshine.

Miss Melissa de Jong
Music Co-ordinator

SUBJECT IN FOCUS - MUSIC



SPORT IN FOCUS - NETBALL

Wednesday Afternoon Netball has been full steam ahead since the beginning of the Term. It's always challenging to put eighty girls into eight teams in only two weeks of training, however, we would like to commend the girls for their patience, understanding and co-operation with this task. There was plenty of movement over the first couple of competition weeks – where we had to manage some last minute fine tuning to the formation of teams but we are now very proud to say that our school has seven netball teams in the Wednesday Afternoon Competition.

There has been some fantastic competition over the last five weeks. Our teams have had some great wins, as well as some big losses. As teachers, we would like to acknowledge the girls' organisational skills, their ability to listen to instructions, their willingness to play in whatever position their coach tells them to and their love of being active and playing a team sport. For some of our students the challenge has been learning about the rules of the game, how to stay the required distance from your player, where each position can move on the court and some basic game tactics and specific plays. For others it has been about learning to work with new teammates, consolidating skills learnt last year or playing in new positions. Whatever the case we can only stress how proud we are of the girls' effort and attitude at netball.

A special mention must go to all those students who volunteer to score and umpire other games when they are not playing. It is very difficult for a coach to do all of these things at the one time and the willingness of students to do these jobs means coaches can spend more time coaching and teaching.

Another special mention must go to Laura Howard and Teneka Maynard who unfortunately have been unable to play this year due to injury. However, these girls are utilising their knowledge of the game to help our fourth division. Thank you ladies!

Did you know we also have three junior netball teams in the NHSSA Saturday morning roster? Keep posted for an update on these teams in the coming weeks.

Mrs Kelly Greatbatch, Mrs Katie Bessell, Ms Jenny Sharp and Ms Marilyn Flint



SPORT IN FOCUS - NETBALL



GRADE 9 COUNCIL REPORT

Last Thursday 8th June, the Grade 9 Council prepared a lunchtime barbeque and free dress day for the organisation, Launceston Feeding the Homeless. This charity is focused on providing meals and parcels for people in need. The council raised over \$800.00 proving the success of last Thursday. These funds will help the homeless people of our community to have an easier life and experience things that so many of us take for granted. All of us in the Grade 9 Council are very proud of our achievements and we can't wait for our next project!

Olivia Wenn 9A



Information for Parents/Carers of Year 10 Students
LAUNCESTON & NEWSTEAD COLLEGE TRANSITION DAYS
Monday, 26th June 2017 & Tuesday, 27th June 2017

Dear Parent / Carer

All students are required to participate in the Transition Program at Newstead and Launceston Colleges as part of their Grade 10 Program. This year, student visits to these colleges occur on the following dates:

Launceston College on Monday, 26th June (Meet in the Hall at the College)

Newstead College on Tuesday, 27th June (Meet out the front of the College)

Please note the following important information with regard to these visits:

- Students are required to make their own way to and from each College. They **are not required** to attend Riverside High School at all on these days.
- Students are expected to wear full school uniform on both days.
- Both Colleges will have their canteens operating for lunch; purchase of food items is at student expense.
- Both Colleges have arranged BBQ lunches, at no expense to our students. Alternatively, students may take their own lunch.
- Students **are not** permitted to leave College grounds during the day.

Students are asked to arrive at LAUNCESTON COLLEGE BY 8:40am and NEWSTEAD COLLEGE BY 9:00am. The Program at Launceston College concludes at 2:35pm and the Program at Newstead College concludes at 2:05pm.

Other schools will be attending these Transition Days and we expect that at all times while in attendance, our students will conduct themselves appropriately and represent Riverside High School with pride.

Staff from our Grade 10 Team will be taking attendance at both Colleges and will be remaining to support and assist students throughout the day. Students have the opportunity to opt in to sessions throughout the day at each College. Newstead College selections must be completed by Monday, 19th June and Launceston College selections by Wednesday, 21st June.

Thank you for your support of this important process in preparing for the transition from high school to further education.

Please note that a Parent Information Evening will be held at Launceston College on Tuesday, 15th August in the Hall at the College.

Newstead College is offering a Careers Information Evening for Grade 10 Students on 29th August. There will be representatives from The Defence Forces, UTAS, TAFE etc who will be available to speak to parents about Post Year 12 options. There will not be a delivery from the staff, it is about meeting and discussing Post Year 12 options with outside providers.

On the 14th September, Newstead College will also be holding a Year 10 Students and Parents Information Evening, where there will be information about what Newstead has to offer and also information in relation to TCE and ATAR.

If you have any questions about this activity please do not hesitate to contact your child's Home Group teacher, Mr Toby Musovic, Mrs Amanda Claridge, Mrs Gill Phair or Mrs Lauren Taylor.

My Stepfather's Piano

There it leans, stoic on the blank wall,
Its sheen mirrors your face
As if dust has never laid on it
Waiting for your fingers to play with its music

You stare at its rosewood surface
Caressing gently as if it's your auburn hair
Realising its grand look
Evokes a striking chord

Portraits, adornments above it
Stares at the fingers on the keyboard
One by one, stroking each note
Harmony and symphony resonate.

Lonely, how long has it been?
Since its melody was heard
Its soulful voice and classical music
That time has forgotten.

Piano's a masterpiece
Waiting for mellow hands
To shed some light
To bring back its life.

Kyle Cos 10C

The Whistle

Shiny and chrome.

It heaves a large breath of air.

To create a loud noise,
which everyone obeys.

Used by teachers, umpires, referees,
anyone in a position of authority.

The shrill sound that it makes,
allows the holder to assert their power.

Without challenge.

A symbol for so much more,
It is powerful for what it represents

The power of many leaders.

but in such a small form.

Shiny and chrome.

Zeke Lanham 10C

"RIVERSIDE RIPPERS"

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

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

GRADE 7



Monique Petrohilos and Madeline Whitmore 7C: Monique and Madeline have been impressing the Grade Leadership Team with their positive attitude and the manner in which they have conducted themselves around the school and in class this term. Monique and Madeline have shown a great deal of maturity in taking advice and acting upon it and have been respectful and showing maturity. Well done girls, we are very pleased with your efforts and congratulate you on your Growth Mindset!



GRADE 8



Devesh Mohan 8A: This week we would like to award Devesh with a Ripper for being a friendly and respectful Grade 8 student. It is so pleasing to see Devesh approach his school day with a positive attitude and a smile on his face, which is appreciated by all. Devesh is willing to help others out and his sense of humour and good relationships with staff and students is a credit to him. Well done Devesh and keep up the good work!



Isabella (Bella) McWatters 8B: This week's Ripper is being awarded to Bella for her positive, conscientious attitude towards her studies. Bella always comes to lessons prepared to work and challenge herself. She readily accepts advice from others and gives 100% effort towards learning new skills and concepts. In particular, she has impressed teachers with her capacity to work outside her 'comfort zone' and push herself to improve upon her standards. Congratulations Bella, you are an outstanding student who exemplifies our School Values and a commitment to a Growth Mindset!

GRADE 9



Rheanna Charlton 9B: Rheanna has demonstrated outstanding commitment to the school values of learning, Respect, Fairness and Relationships. Rheanna makes every effort to produce her best work in all aspects of class work, is totally respectful towards her teachers and peers, has a very strong sense of what is fair and has formed meaningful and sincere relationships within her friendship group and with her teachers. Rheanna is a delightful young person who makes a positive impression on all who meet her and is an excellent ambassador for our school.



Mitchell Foulkes 9B: Mitchell is a quiet young person who is demonstrating commitment to all the school Values all of the time. He is making an outstanding effort to be punctual to school and to all his classes and is making every effort to complete the work required of him. Mitchell will step up when required and is learning to step out of his comfort zone and interact with other students in a positive manner. Mitchell is a quiet achiever and has been selected in the school Inter High Cross Country team. Well done Mitchell!

GRADE 10



Lachlan Hindrum 10C: Lachlan is being acknowledged as our Ripper this week for his never ending enthusiasm to support both his peers and staff at Riverside. He works tirelessly as a Hall Monitor and is on hand – often at very short notice – to set up for Grade Assemblies and other events. He also volunteers his time as a First Aid Officer at our school carnivals. Lachlan is very well qualified and has achieved many additional certifications through the St John Ambulance organisation. In all that he does, Lachlan shows great maturity, a sense of purpose and fun, always with the biggest smile. Thank you for all you do, Lachlan!



Zoe Bate 10D: Zoe is nominated for a Ripper this week for her excellent attitude and work ethic in the CAP (Career Awareness Program). Zoe continues to work hard in class to complete all set tasks which allows her to participate in work placement on Thursdays. This is a big commitment in her final year at Riverside and Zoe is to be congratulated for her dedication and on-going hard work to make the most of the opportunities that the program provides. Keep up the good work, Zoe!

WEST TAMAR COUNCIL SCHOOL'S OUT EVENT

On the last day of the school term West Tamar Council will hold 'School's Out!' which is a massive end of term event for ages 12-17, featuring The Official Events DJ's, gladiator joust, mechanical surfboard, airbrush tattoos, games and prizes! The event will be held at the Tailrace Centre from 7:00pm and is free entry! Transport is available for West Tamar residents. For further information please contact Andrew Beeston (andrew.beeston@wtc.tas.gov.au ph.: 0437789103)



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.

WEEK 8	EXCURSIONS
Monday 19 June	Grade 10 HPE, PCYC 11:00-12:40pm
Tuesday 20 June	Grade 8F HPE, PCYC 9:00-10:20am
Wednesday 21 June	Grade 9/10 Sport—as rostered Period 5 & 6 (lunch starts at 12:30pm) Grade 8B HPE, Mowbray Sport & Skate 9:00-10:20am / Grade 8 Active Girls, Laser Tag, Waverley 10:45-12:30pm
Thursday 22 June	Grade 10 HPE, PCYC 9:00-10:40am
Friday 23 June	Illuminate Nextgen Business Challenge, Uni 9:00-3:00pm

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