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PENDULUM

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Riverside High School

Key Dates for 2017

JULY		
Mon	31	Parent Teacher Evening 1
AUGUST		
Tue	1	Parent Teacher Evening 2
Fri	4	LC Production
Tue	8	Gr 7 Celebratory Morning Tea
Wed	9	Gr 9 Celebratory Morning Tea
Fri	11	Sydney Trip depart (Gr 10)
Sun	13	Sydney Trip return (Gr 10)
Mon	14	Gr 10 Celebratory Morning Tea
Wed	16	Gr 8 Celebratory Morning Tea
Fri	18	Whole School Assembly
Thu/Fri	24 & 25	Rock Music Workshops
Thu	31	Battle of the Bands
SEPTEMBER		
Tue	5	History Exam (Grade 10)
Thu	7	Science Exam (Grade 10)
Mon	11	Maths Exam (Grade 10)
Tue	12	English Exam (Grade 10)
Thu	14	Grade 7-9 Basketball
Thu	14	Rock Challenge (Nth Heat)
Thu	21	Rock Challenge (State Final)
Mon	25	School Association Meeting
Fri	29	Term 3 finishes
OCTOBER		
Mon	16	Term 4 commences
NOVEMBER		
Thu	2	Fashion Parade (Grade 10)
Wed	15	Athletics Carnival
Thu	16	Athletics Carnival
Fri	24	Inter-High Athletics Carnival
DECEMBER		
Wed	13	Presentation Evening
Mon	18	Graduation Dinner
Tue	19	Grade 10 Picnic
Thu	21	Final Assembly (Grade 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 (Fri)	
NURSE:	Mr Peter Jacobson (Tue-Wed)	
BUSINESS MANAGER:	Mrs Leonie Johnston	

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Families,

Welcome to Term Three. It has been great to see students return to school with enthusiasm this week and settle back into good routines very quickly. I hope that students and families have enjoyed the break and made the most of the opportunity to enjoy some family time and recreation.

We have 10 weeks of valuable learning time ahead of us this term and looking ahead on our school calendar the term promises to be a busy time. This term includes our Grade 10 Exams in Week 7 and 8, followed by Arts Week in the second last week of term.

Last Friday our team of students and staff returned from the ski trip to Falls Creek and it was great to hear that the group had an enjoyable and fun week with many learning some new skills and taking up new challenges. My thanks to Miss Hall for her fantastic co-ordination of this trip and to the staff team who so willingly supported this experience in school holiday time.

It was great to receive a letter from the Regional Development Authority acknowledging the wonderful participation of our students in the NextGen Challenge late last term. We were given very positive feedback about both the standard and presentation of ideas. Our students have also been commended for demonstrating great team work and innovation which contributed to their success in the competition. Well done to the students involved; you have been great ambassadors for our school.

Celebrating Student Success

In the coming weeks we will be recognising the progress, efforts and achievements of our students following the mid-year report. After a review of the way we celebrate and acknowledge success and achievement where we have collected feedback from students, staff and parents, we have made a number of changes to our approach. We will be holding a special morning tea for each grade where we will recognise students who have demonstrated outstanding effort through their mid-year report. This occasion will replace the Letters of Commendation and highlights the value we place on effort demonstrating the important role that perseverance and a Growth Mindset play in the learning process. On Friday 18th August our whole school assembly will celebrate outstanding academic achievement from the mid-year reports and will recognise students from each grade. We are looking forward to having parents come along to these events. Invites to the morning teas and our upcoming assembly will be coming home in the mail in the next few days and we strongly encourage parents to attend and be involved in these important celebrations of student learning.

Capital Works

I am very pleased to be able to share with you that ARTAS have been appointed as the architects for our Capital Works Project. ARTAS have extensive experience in working in the education sector having successfully completed redevelopments in a range of schools in recent years. ARTAS are currently meeting with us to build a detailed knowledge of our school context, culture and unique needs and in coming weeks a draft master plan will be developed. While there is a long journey ahead of us, this is a very exciting time for Riverside High School and we look forward to a close working relationship with ARTAS through this important process.

Road Safety

With the start of another new term, it is timely to remind students of the importance of safe travel to and from school. We have had feedback from a number of concerned parents and motorists that some students are crossing West Tamar Road on the highway and putting themselves at huge risk. Can I please ask parents to stress the importance of using the underpass and the traffic lights? West Tamar Road is an extremely busy highway especially at peak times, so your support with reinforcing these important safety messages would be appreciated.

Professional Learning (Student Free Day)

On Monday staff began the term with a Professional Learning Day. This was a great opportunity for staff to work collaboratively on a number of our priority areas. Our morning session had a literacy focus where we are continuing to work on strategies to support the teaching of writing in all subjects areas. Staff also spent time working in subject teams undertaking collaborative planning and developing scope and sequences aligned to the Australian Curriculum. Some photos from this very productive day are included.

Education Act Commences

The new Education Act 2016 commenced during the school holidays, with a staged process for the changes now underway. The Act has been shaped by input from education stakeholders, with two years of consultation. As we work through the various changes, I will share information with you in our newsletter. Our article this week focuses on attendance. As you would be aware this is a high priority for us as a school and we are continually working on addressing any attendance issues and providing high levels of support to ensure all students are attending school. Under the Education Act there is now a new limited set of circumstances where a student can be authorised to be absent from school. I would encourage you to read that attached article which provides further details of these changes.

In Closing

A reminder that Parent Teacher Evenings are scheduled for next week and will be on Monday 31st July 3:30-5:00pm and Tuesday 1st August 3:30-6:30pm. These are an invaluable opportunity to have conversations with teachers following the mid-year report and we encourage as many parents as possible to come along. Please be aware that you will need to use the online booking system to make your appointments (details of how to do this was included with reports).

Next week we have a number of in-school performances coming up with visits from Bell Shakespeare for Grade 9 and 10 and the Tasmanians of the Year as guest speakers, who will be talking to Grade 10 students. Next Friday our whole school will attend the Launceston College Production of *In the Heights*. The show will explore many relevant themes and promises to be a great cultural experience for students.

Ms Natalie Odgers



EDUCATION: TASMANIA'S FUTURE



Attendance Matters: Changes to Student Attendance

Did you know that attending school every day has a big impact on how well your child goes at school.

Missing school for whatever reason has a negative impact on students' learning. Because of this, the new Education Act specifies the reasons a child can be authorised not to attend school.

It is important that you discuss why your child is absent from school with the School Principal or a staff member as soon as practicable.

Why is this change important?

The changes to being authorised not to attend school will help address absenteeism, which has been a longstanding issue in Tasmania. The changes to student absences:

- Encourage regular school attendance to help your child to make steady progress with their learning and gain the skills and knowledge needed for success both now and later in life.
- Help your child see themselves as a valuable and enthusiastic member of their classroom with high expectations of their own potential.
- Help you to emphasise to your child the value and importance of their education.
- Ensure there is a consistent statewide approach to authorised absences across all Tasmanian schools.

When can my child be authorised not to attend school?

Reasons your child can be authorised to be absent include:

- Sickness/incapacity
- Medical, legal or related appointments
- Natural disaster or extreme weather preventing your child from safely attending their enrolled school
- Terminal illness of an immediate family member
- Bereavement of a person your child had a close, significant or family relationship with
- Having witnessed or been subjected to family violence
- Being a participant or official at a recognised National or International sporting, academic or cultural event
- An application for home education being received by the Education Registrar and provisional registration being granted.

What will happen if my child is absent for a reason that isn't listed?

- The absence will be recorded as an unauthorised absence.
- Principals receive notifications about the number of unauthorised absences your child has.
- **Your child's school may send you a letter notifying you of the number of unauthorised absences your child has.**
- **They will seek to work with you to increase your child's attendance to maximise their learning if the Principal is concerned about your child's attendance.**

What happens if my family go on holiday during school term?

- Schools have always encouraged family holidays to be planned for during the scheduled school holiday breaks.
- If your family decides to take a holiday during school term, you are encouraged to discuss your plans with the Principal **or your child's teacher.**
- Penalties will not apply if an absence is explained.

Where can I get more information?

- **If you want your child to attend school but need help to do this, your child's school would really like to talk to you about what help you need.**
- **Please contact your child's school for more information.**

SUBJECT IN FOCUS - MEDIA STUDIES AND SHORT FILM MAKING

Among the creative option subjects on offer at Riverside High School, Grade 9 and 10 students have the opportunity to take part in Media Studies and Short Film Making.

Media Studies is a half year course and students are able to explore their interests across the many facets of the changing environment.

As a class, the focus is on creating content for others to consume.

Students work on a variety of mediums including blogging, photography, video, audio and embracing the new media such as social media.

One of the highlights of the Media Studies class during the first semester was Lucas Walker's passion for the Tour de France and the podcast he created. Lucas curates an Instagram account, posting images and news for the iconic cycling race and decided to produce a podcast to compliment this. In the lead up to the event he recorded stage previews and rider profiles. As the Tour was staged, Lucas released a podcast every day and ABC Northern Tasmania played each episode as part of their Drive program.

In first term, students were given the opportunity to enter a Department of Education competition to coincide with the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. The challenge was to create a still image or a 15 second video encouraging the community to **take a stand against bullying. Anna Roberts and Oliva Street's image was awarded as one of the prize winners for 2017.**

City Park Radio runs a program every Thursday afternoon during the four terms called **School's Out**. The 30-minute show is produced and presented by students from different schools around the region. Media students have participated throughout the last ten years including a fantastic rundown of the Antipodeans trip to Cambodia and Vietnam.

Throughout the two terms, students are able to engage in projects of interest to them, expanding their skills in various platforms and learning to use new programs.

The majority of students undertaking the Wednesday Afternoon Short Film Making class do so with the goal of creating a film for the MyState Film Festival. The challenge is to produce a film under five minutes featuring a prescribed item. This year it is a *phone*.

Last year we had a range of entries from Riverside High School. Current Grade 10 students Joel Parkinson, Sienna Cook, Mia Deans and Jessica Faulkner were the winners of the **"Best Use of Feature Item"** category at the awards in December for their film *The Ritual*.

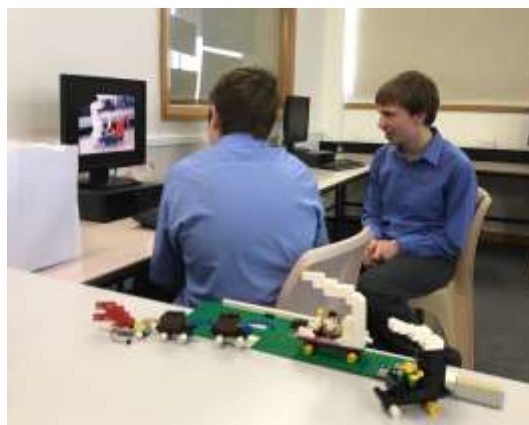
During Term Two, learning the skills of stop animation was the focus for some Short Film Making students. Finn Zehntner's use of Lego and other available resources has seen his ideas and hard work turn into several minutes of film. Isaac Askin's Lego Batman film, complete with sound effects, was enjoyed by the class when the final product was shown at the end of last term.

Student work in the media based subjects at school is regularly presented in class and school assemblies. We look forward to seeing what the creative minds of our students create in the second half of the year.

Mr Adam Child



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SPORT IN FOCUS - SOCCER

SENIOR SOCCER 1STS

The Soccer 1sts have continued their strong season, going from strength to strength and applying themselves sensationally to the game plan. The mix of Year 10 and Year 9 students took some time to gel as a unit to the system, but now being more than half **way through the season, players are comfortable playing in multiple positions. Goals are shared around and best player's votes** are harder and harder to give. The squad has been superbly led by Liam Gilmore and Matthew Owens, with strong support from Ryan Hume, Thomas Moreton and Georgia Wing. The rock of the defensive unit has been Jacob Weeding. He always plays hard but fair, and is rarely if ever beaten. When a corner or an opportunity for him to sneak forward, he becomes an aerial threat in the air, creating chance after chance. One of the highlights of the year so far, has been the improvement of Ben Frost. He put his hand up to be the goal keeper of the 1sts (never played in this spot before) and has simply gone from strength to strength, creating save after save and turning defence into attack. Another highlight has been the way players have adapted to the game plan of attacking **down the wings to get into the 'danger zone' before cutting the ball back towards a fast approaching attacker. Kaidon Cleaver, Jake Walkden, Nash Hill and Jonah Stickler** have all demonstrated this on numerous occasions, creating chances for the likes of Bryley Jordan, who may be leading our golden boot at this stage of the season (Toby McKnight might be closing in rapidly after scoring a **hat-trick in yesterday's victory against St Pats 8 – 0**).

Without getting ahead of ourselves, there is still plenty of work and improvement to do before the end of the season. However, if we maintain our effort, attitude and perseverance we will give ourselves every opportunity of coming away as the premiers for the 2017 season.

Mr Rohan Pooley



SPORT IN FOCUS - SOCCER



SKI/SNOWBOARD TRIP - FALLS CREEK 16TH - 21ST JULY 2017

There was plenty of snowfall on this year's Ski Trip to Falls Creek! The 22 students and four teachers who attended the trip enjoyed five action packed days of skiing and snowboarding, one night of night skiing, a fireworks show and many in-house jokes. Unfortunately we experienced blizzard like conditions with high winds, rain and snowfall on the first two days, however we stuck it out and enjoyed fresh powder snow for the rest of the week. Riverside High School were once again privileged to stay at the marvellous Chorki Ski Lodge where we enjoyed modern comforts and many home cooked meals.

It was so wonderful to see students persevere until they mastered skiing and snowboarding and it was such a pleasure to spend the week with respectful, responsible students. We hope that you cherish your memories of the ski trip forever, we know we will!

On behalf of the teachers who attended the trip, Mr Musovic, Mr Elliott and Mrs Whiley I would like to sincerely thank and congratulate the students for their outstanding attitude and behaviour whilst we were away, yet again Riverside High School students have outdone themselves!

Trips like these provide lifelong experiences and memories and we wish the students all the best with their future skiing/snowboarding endeavours – **it is clear a lot of them “caught the bug!”**

Thanks again for such a wonderful trip.

Miss Bonnie Hall





CHANGE OF DATE - ROCK MUSIC WORKSHOPS

The Rock Music Workshops have had a change of date. Due to circumstances we have to change the two day workshop from 17th and 18th August to Thursday 24th and Friday 25th August. Please do not hesitate to contact Miss de Jong if you have any queries.

Miss Melissa de Jong
Music Teacher/Music Co-ordinator

GRADE 10 STUDENTS

TASTE OF TASTAFE

28 August – 1 September 2017

The Taste of TASTAFE provides the opportunity for Grade 10 students to:

- Explore an industry area of interest
- Experience what it is like to attend TASTAFE
- Talk with teachers, students and apprentices
- Undertake engaging activities

When: Monday, 28 August to Friday, 1 September
Time: 10am – 2pm (4 hours)

There will be over 30 different sessions for students to choose from, such as automotive, cookery, guiding, construction, health **and aged care, hospitality, primary industries, children's services** and many more.

If you are interested, please see Mrs Phair in Staffroom 19 during Home Group.

Mrs Gill Phair
Advanced Skills Teacher

FUNDRAISING AND PUBLICITY PREFECTS' REPORT



Hi, Taylor Fogg and Tom Meyer here. We are your 2017 Fundraising and Publicity Prefects for 2017.

Our role as the Fundraising and Publicity Prefects is to provide the school with the fundraising opportunities such as: barbecues, free-dress days and small activities that require small gold coin donations. Organising these activities involves us freeing up dates, talking to teachers, organising the sale of foods, getting all of the required items for our fundraisers. All of this comes with the cost of having to use our own time, so time management is severely important to us. We are also there to promote Riverside High into the public; an example of this would be our Relay for Life team which we co-ordinated early in Term 1.

The activities we have organised so far, consist of:

- Relay for Life: This activity was our very first activity in our new roles as Fundraising and Publicity Prefects. We had to hold meetings to get our team of 52 together, organise forms (for permission and money) and t-shirts. Considering we were going to be outside, we had to organise tarps and marquees for our team.
- Relay for Life BBQ: This BBQ assisted with raising funds for the Cancer Council. We had to organise the BBQ set up (BBQ, marquee, tables, utensils, etc) and order the food. For this to be done safely, we had to complete the food safety course.
- Purple and Yellow day: This is a free dress day. This too is to raise funds for the Cancer Council. The hardest thing for us to do was find a date! So many great activities were going on around the same time, it was hard not to accidentally double up!

In total our free dress day and BBQ successfully raised \$636.00 which was donated to the Cancer Council.

Term 3 is full of things still to come and we are looking forward to it!

Taylor Fogg and Tom Meyer,
Fundraising and Publicity Prefects

"RIVERSIDE RIPPERS"

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

Our learning culture is underpinned by a Growth Mindset

GRADE 7



Renya Atkins 7E: Renya is an outstanding member of our grade. She represents her class very well on the Student Council, where she offers excellent suggestions and supports the members of the council. She also supports her class members through setting an excellent example in all her classes. Renya is polite, friendly and positive at all times. Well done Renya, your efforts have been noticed and we would like to recognise you as a Riverside Ripper this week.



Sophie Roberts 7E: Sophie is being recognised as a Riverside Ripper this week for the open and friendly manner in which she conducts herself. 7E has been lucky enough to gain new students over time, and Sophie goes out of her way to make them feel welcome and support them in settling in and learning about how 7E likes to operate. Well done Sophie, it is so great to know we have such responsible and outstanding members of the grade to ensure that our values are upheld at all times.

GRADE 8



Alexandria Hansen 8E: We would like to nominate Alexandria as a Riverside Ripper this week and acknowledge her overall friendly, helpful and hardworking manner at school. She is well known for her quiet manner, reliable nature and her ability to demonstrate school values consistently in and out of class. She is a positive role model to those around her and for this we would like to say thank you Alexandria. Well done.



Annabel van der Heide 8E: Annabel is nominated for this award due to her optimistic outlook and her consistent approach to all subject areas. She always contributes to Home Room and Team Time activities in a mature, constructive and sensible manner. Annabel is tolerant of others and shows the ability to work well with a variety of group situations. She is always friendly and respectful towards others and is a student that can always be relied upon to do the right thing. Well done Annabel.

GRADE 9



Gabriela Arriagada-Huyskens 9A: Gabriela has demonstrated outstanding commitment to the School Values of Learning, Respect, Fairness and Relationships. Gabriela has demonstrated a positive Growth Mindset in all aspects of class work, is 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. Gabriela is a delightful young person who makes a positive impression on all who meet her and is an excellent ambassador for our school.



Sam Barry 9C: Sam has had a very busy year! He has enthusiastically taken advantage of extra-curricular activities both in and outside of school. He has shown a Growth Mindset in his sincere approach to his learning in class and the efforts he makes to catch up on work missed as a result of extra-curricular activities. Sam is a genuine friend, has a great sense of humour and is appreciated by those in his immediate friendship group. He has built a positive relationship with teachers and shows all the signs of having a positive future.

GRADE 10



Mackenzie O'Byrne 10B: Mackenzie is being recognised as a Riverside Ripper for the outstanding commitment that she displays towards her studies and the faultless way that she conducts herself each and every day. Mackenzie is an extremely hard working and attentive member of class who is always striving to produce **work of the highest quality.** In addition to Mackenzie's impressive academic results this year, she has also shown that she is a very thoughtful person who always displays genuine care and consideration towards her peers and teachers. It is also very pleasing to see that Mackenzie has involved herself in a vast array of extra-curricular activities and leadership roles this year allowing herself to experience all that Riverside High has to offer. Congratulations Mackenzie on an excellent year of high school to date and for being such a wonderful role model for others.



Oliver Ketchell 10D: Oliver is being recognised as a Riverside Ripper for faultlessly **'living' our Schools Values of Respect, Relationships, Achievement, Safety and Fairness** every single day. Oliver has an impressive attitude towards being focused and achieving his best at every task that he undertakes. It is this attitude that has resulted in Oliver achieving pleasing results across all of his subjects this year. Oliver has consistently shown during his time at Riverside High that he is a kind, caring and extremely supportive member of his grade, who always displays a positive attitude towards his peers and teachers. This makes Oliver a pleasure to be around and an absolute asset to the grade and school. Congratulations Oliver!

RIVERSIDE HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Basketball is one of the most popular sports in Launceston and Riverside High has a proud tradition of participating in the NHSSA rosters and the High School Regional Tournaments. For these competitions to run smoothly, we have always had the support of past students, parents and friends of the school. For a team to participate in a roster/tournament, there must be:

- A coach or manager
- A scorer
- An umpire for home games

This year, Riverside High could potentially have 16 teams, from Years 7 – 9. Without the external support, we simply cannot field these teams. If you can support in anyway shape or form, can you please contact Rohan Pooley at rohan.pooley@education.tas.gov.au or contact the office on 6327 6333. The roster is scheduled to begin on Thursday 14th September.

If you are able to support, we ask that you complete the following registration as part of State Government legislation. If you follow the link, it will take you to the **'Working with Children' section. This can be completed at** any Service Tas centre and costs \$18.36 for 3 years. http://www.justice.tas.gov.au/working_with_children



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.**

Free Meningococcal W Vaccination Program for Years 10, 11 and 12

The Tasmanian Government is funding a free meningococcal W Vaccine for teenagers aged 15-19 years.

The program will commence during Term Three 2017 and run until 30 April 2018 and will be delivered at your school.

The vaccine provides protection against four strains of meningococcal disease (ACWY) and is given as a single dose.

Meningococcal disease is a rare but severe bacterial infection that can cause lifelong disability or death and can affect people at any age.

Meningococcal bacteria are carried in the nose and throat of some healthy people and are spread through close prolonged contact. The bacteria are more commonly found in teenagers and young adults. Adolescents are at increased risk of meningococcal disease

Meningococcal W has increased significantly across Australia from 2014 onwards. In Tasmania, cases more than tripled in 2016 compared with previous years. Tasmania has a higher rate of meningococcal W disease than other states. Meningococcal W is now the most common meningococcal strain in Tasmania.

You will receive further information and a consent form during term three. Please complete the consent form and return to your school.

To learn more about meningococcal disease and the meningococcal W Vaccination Program, visit: www.dhhs.tas.gov.au/menw

WEEK 2 (Term 3)	EXCURSIONS
Monday 31 July	
Tuesday 1 August	
Wednesday 2 August	Grade 9/10 Sport - as rostered Periods 5 & 6 (lunch starts at 12:30pm)
Thursday 3 August	
Friday 4 August	All grades - LC Production - <i>In The Heights</i> (Princess Theatre) 9:30am-1:30pm

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