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PENDULUM

RESPECT, RELATIONSHIPS, ACHIEVEMENT, SAFETY AND FAIRNESS

Riverside High School

Key Dates for 2017

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| JULY | | |
| Sun 16 | Ski Trip depart (Falls Creek) | |
| Fri 21 | Ski Trip return (Falls Creek) | |
| Mon 24 | Professional Learning Day (Student Free Day) | |
| Tue 25 | Term 3 commences | |
| Mon 31 | Parent Teacher Evening 1 | |
| AUGUST | | |
| Tue 1 | Parent Teacher Evening 2 | |
| Fri 4 | LC Production | |
| Fri 11 | Sydney Trip depart (Gr 10) | |
| Sun 13 | Sydney Trip return (Gr 10) | |
| Thu/Fri 17 & 18 | 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) | |
| 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) | |

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| 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,

It is hard to believe that we are at the end of another busy term and half way through our school year. The term has included many highlights, significant learning progress for students and some great achievements. Our whole school assembly today has been a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the end of term and recognise student effort and achievement in a whole range of endeavours where students have participated throughout the term including contributions to community events, the performing arts and a variety of sporting competitions. Our Antipodeans Team were also able to share the highlights of their amazing experience. Well done to all those who were recognised in our assembly this morning and to all those who contributed to making this an enjoyable occasion.

Mid-year reports were sent home on Tuesday providing detailed information about **progress in each subject area. I hope you have had a chance to discuss your child's** report with them, celebrating achievements and looking for ways that improvement can be made for the second half of the year.

A Growth Mindset is central to our learning culture at Riverside High School. How might this influence the conversations you have with your child with regards to their report and recent progress? You may find this quote from Carol Dweck, author of *Mindset thought provoking*.

'If parents want to give their children a gift, the best thing they can do is to teach their children to love challenges, be intrigued by mistakes, enjoy effort, and keep on learning. That way, their children don't have to be slaves of praise. They will have a lifelong way to build and repair their own confidence.'

A reminder that our Parent Teacher Evenings are coming up early in Term 3. These meetings provide an opportunity for you to meet with teachers for a face to face conversation to address any concerns that you have or to discuss how we can work together to best support your child with their learning. Please be aware that based on feedback from parents we have increased the time that teachers will be available for these important conversations. A reminder that you will need to use the online booking system to make your appointments (details of how to do this were included with reports). The reporting letter also included details about teacher availability (please note that Lauren Taylor will now be available for appointments on Tuesday evening which is an alteration to the information published in the letter sent home earlier in the week). Parent Teacher Evenings will be Monday 31st July 3.30-5.00 and Tuesday 1st August 3.30-6.30. We look forward to meeting with parents and strongly encourage you to attend.

A highlight for me this week has been communication from quite a number of parents following the Mid-year report being sent home. It is so encouraging to have parents share positive feedback about the level of support and care their children receive at Riverside High School. These messages have overwhelmingly highlighted that our **teachers 'go above and beyond the call of duty' to provide and ensure quality learning opportunities for our students.** Both our teaching team and I really value parents taking the time to pass on their appreciation and any feedback that helps us to more effectively work with students.

Our average daily attendance is 90%. While attendance continues to be a focus for us, we know that we have very large numbers of students who have consistently high levels of attendance. This morning we have been able to recognise 140 students who have had 100% attendance at school this term. We know that it is not always possible to achieve this as our winter terms do impact more on ill health, but I would like to commend those students who have either been recognised with 100% attendance or who have maintained a very solid attendance record. Please be aware that during the holidays a printout of current attendance for this term will be sent home. This helps to ensure good communication about attendance and that our attendance record is accurate.

Mrs Patricia Beams has been a highly skilled member of our administration team and after 22 years of fantastic service to **Riverside High School has decided to retire. Mrs Beams' 35 years** service to the department also includes working at both Exeter High School and Macquarie District Office (now Learning Services). Mrs Beams is a passionate supporter of our school and has a long association with Riverside High School including being one of the earliest students of the school. Heavily involved in the organisation of the 50th Anniversary of the school, Mrs Beams has a wealth of knowledge about the history of Riverside High and has often been called upon for her expertise in this area. On behalf of our school community I would like to sincerely thank Mrs Beams for her wonderful service and commitment to the school. We wish Mrs Beams a healthy and happy retirement.



We have very few staffing changes for next term, which provides great consistency for students. Mrs Lauren Taylor will be taking long service leave and Mrs Karen Bodell will be returning from her long service leave. Mr Cameron Downie, who has been **taking Mrs Bodell's classes during this term will take on Mrs Taylor's teaching load in Term 3.**

I would like to wish both students and staff a safe and happy holiday. I hope that people are able to relax and recharge ready for Term 3. We look forward to seeing students back at school on Tuesday 25th July.

Students received a chocolate frog at the end of our assembly today. In addition to it being World Chocolate Day, you might like to ask your child what the significance of the frog was.



Ms Natalie Odgers

NAME MIX UP

For those unaware there is a Tim Elliott and a Timothy Elliott that work within the Department of Education. The Grade 7 Leader and HPE teacher is Timothy Elliott whilst the Tim Elliott is based in Hobart. Tim Elliott just returned from Long Service Leave and has forwarded on to me around a dozen or more emails that had been sent to him regarding students here at Riverside High School! So my apologies to anyone who thinks I was avoiding or ignoring their emails – **I just hadn't** been receiving them.

Any correspondence from now on I will refer to myself as Timothy and hope that this can help avoid any confusion.

Timothy Elliott
Grade 7 Leader
timothy.elliott@education.tas.gov.au

7-8 FOOTBALL

Yesterday saw the end to the 7-8 football roster. The final was a hard fought battle with Monash coming out on top: 4.5.29 to Lawson 4.3.27. The Toby Musovic medal going to Jackson Chynoweth from Lawson for a dominant display.

Thank you to Mr Pooley for making sure everything ran smoothly. Also a big thank you to Mr Gardiner and Mr Medwin Smith for helping umpire.

Jarrold Hill
Head Prefect



MONASH HEALTH AND WELLBEING PREFECTS' REPORT



Monash, the house of courage. The strongest, most significant sports house has two leaders and two assistants. Prefects, Aaron Woods and Chiara Hull nominated two house assistants to help in events and the wellbeing of Monash, Meg Connolly and Grace Lambert Steele. Aaron and Chiara have a particular interest in sports. Aaron specializes in soccer and plays for Riverside Olympic and also has a part time job outside of school. Outside of school, Chiara works two jobs as a casual worker, and in her spare time she enjoys keeping fit and socializing.

Monash holds lunch time events that are primarily focused on encouraging and advertising fitness and healthy living. The yearly focus for the 2017 Health and Wellbeing Prefect team is on mental health. In doing so, local organizations like Headspace have assisted Prefects with providing students with hope and introducing student voice. As the year progresses, Monash hopes to come out number one in carnivals and create unforgettable memories.

Chiara Hull and Aaron Woods,
Monash Health and Wellbeing Prefects

CONGRATULATIONS TO GABI BEAMENT (9D)

Gabi has been invited to attend the Gymnastics National Club Championships in Victoria in September. It is quite an honour, as she is the first Rhythmic Gymnast in the North of the State to get this offer in at least 10 years. It is an exciting opportunity! Due to her being the only Northern gymnast, she will travel to Hobart on a regular basis to train with her coach and group (she is competing in pair, trio and individual events). All the best Gabi with your training and good luck with the upcoming Championships in September.

SUBJECT IN FOCUS - COMPUTER GRAPHICS

GRADE 8 AND 9/10

During this past year students who have been involved in Computer Graphics were offered a range of digital experiences to help them explore and gain a better understanding of the world of advertising, photography and 3D design.

The junior classes have been working through a range of tasks that are aimed at giving them confidence in both technical drawing and basic computer skills, such as Paint and Photoshop as well as design and layout skills. Students are given a range of challenges such as T-Shirt design, Flag design and Text art. In the next term we will explore Animation and 3D modelling when using programs such as Blender and Sketch up.

Grade 8 students have worked through a task aimed at providing a focus on problem solving. In a recent challenge, for example, students provided solutions in developing a flag for a new country located in the Pacific Ocean. Their flags were intended to unite the country after recent ethnic tensions. Students have been given the opportunity to study text and how it is modified for communicating messages and how typography is a changing science. Students designed their own text and were asked to compare the functionality of various text manipulation sites. A unit on photography and logo development saw a range of wonderful examples.

The senior classes primary focus this year was to engage students in the aspects of a logo design and the role of branding to identify the features of a business. Students developed a range of business logos and packaging whilst using programs such as Photoshop and Illustrator.

A unit on 3D development was offered to enable students a chance to apply 3D printing into design ideas and develop skills in animation and 3D rendering.

Finally, a housing unit will give senior students a chance to develop concepts and basic architectural skills that related to the average Australian house. Within that challenge students will develop ideas and models for a project that will benefit our school community using 3D modelling programs.

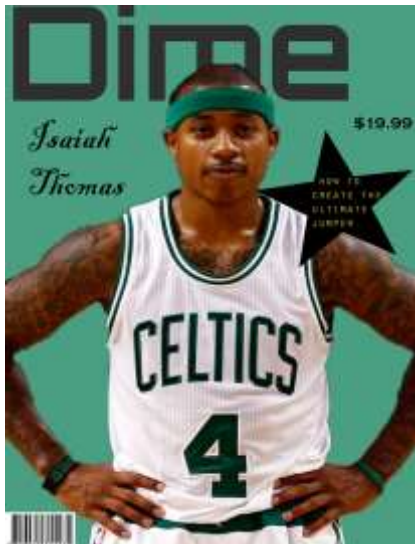
Mr Matthew Hughes



SUBJECT IN FOCUS - COMPUTER GRAPHICS



How to Correctly Throw a Netball by Neve Atkins and Ella Griffin
OVER HEAD PASS



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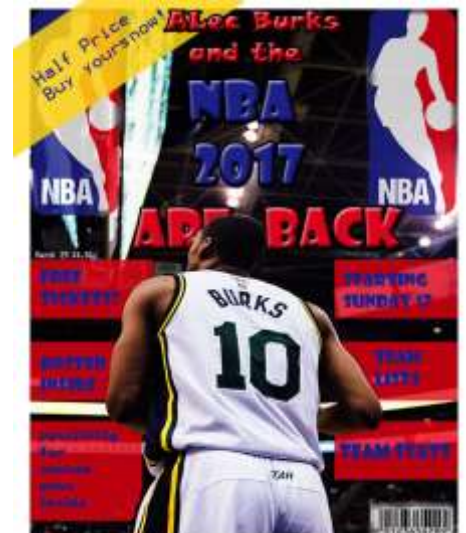
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Combining Images by Solomon Stevenson



SPORT IN FOCUS - HOCKEY

The Riverside High Hockey teams have shown significant improvement from the first few matches of the season to now, at the half way point, where they are starting to develop as whole teams. The two teams (Blue and Gold) consist of a range of abilities from those who had never picked up a hockey stick before the start of this term to those who regularly play club Hockey each week. The experienced players have been a great help to those new to the sport, giving them guidance and direction from the pitch and sidelines.

Since the last report in the Pendulum the teams have played a couple more matches including the Riverside Derby against each other. Highlights of the matches were:

GOLD

Round 5 vs Prospect

Lost 0-6

A very tough game with Prospect relying on a couple of state league players. RHS showed excellent sportsmanship and kept fighting until the last whistle.

Round 6 vs St Pats

Draw 3-3

A very close game with goals coming from Tom, Xavier and Cohen and strong performances on the pitch from Isobelle and Liam.

Round 7 vs RHS Blue

Loss 0-3

With some outstanding saves from Xavier in goal and strong defensive work from Niamh and Liam the team prevented the Blues from scoring too many goals. With a few players missing the game due to illness the Gold team are looking forward to the rematch with the Blues next term!

BLUE

Round 5 vs Campbell Town

Won 6-1

The Blue team were in full control this game, scoring 3 goals in the first half thanks to Jasvin, Gavin and Jack. Followed by another 3 goals in the second half all scored by Jack giving him 4 for the game.

Round 6 – BYE

This week the Blue team all participated in croquet to begin with, which they enjoyed and liked the challenge of a different activity. They then showed their support for team Gold watching and cheering them onto a draw.

Round 7 vs RHS Gold

Won 3-0

This would have to be the Blue team's strongest performance yet with regards to their teamwork and ball movement. They worked on ensuring they carried the ball out wide in attack, before looking for the free players to pass to in the circle.

Rachael Smith and Deborah West
Hockey Coaches

SPORT IN FOCUS - HOCKEY



ALL SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY

On Tuesday 4th July, 15 runners headed off to Symmons Plains for the All Schools Cross Country. Symmons Plains is known for its cold and wet weather, however our team was lucky. There was a slight 10 minute drizzle and the sun was out for most of the day. Overall the day was a great success with everyone participating to the best of their ability. There were a couple of standout performances: Grade 9 Girls, Alyson Wood and Lucy Bransden, finishing in 7th and 8th position respectively and Grade 8, Meg Connolly, finished in 3rd place which gives her a chance in the State Team at National level. Sam Clifford, from Grade 9 finished in 1st place, which gives Sam automatic qualification into the State Team. We would like to thank the school for giving us the opportunity to compete in this event.

Sam Clifford and Hayley Neville



ALL SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY



SPELLING BEE

Earlier this week and last, the Academic Endeavour Prefects, Jacqui Zealley and Georgia Wing held the second Riverside High School Spelling Bee in recent history. The event was a massive success across the entire school with each student competing against other members of their Grade in the first round. The first round was a classic Spelling Bee, where students were asked **to orally spell the given word without the assistance of paper. The Grade 10's started off the competition and the effort of the student's should be commended. Will Elliott 10D was the winner of the Grade 10 section. The following day, a large crowd of Grade 8 students walked into the room ready to spell their way to victory, with Lakshana Sankaramoorthy 8G winning herself the title.**



On Monday 3rd July, the Grade 9's stepped up to the challenge with Bethany De Vergier 9A winning the Grade 9 competition. **The final day of the first round was the Grade 7's. With all of them keen and eager to participate in their first Riverside Spelling Bee, they should all be highly praised for their efforts on the day. Angus Purtell 7C was the winner of the Grade 7 section.**

Thursday 6th July the Spelling Bee Final was held and each of the four Grade winners were invited to participate – after getting over some technical difficulties at the beginning, the final was up and running. The final was a cahoot, an online live quiz. The Grade winners were all given a laptop and at the end of the quiz, Angus Purtell 7C was announced the winner of the 2017 Riverside High School Spelling Bee.

Jacqui Zealley 10D and Georgia Wing 10E.



"RIVERSIDE RIPPERS"

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

Our learning culture is underpinned by a Growth Mindset

GRADE 7



Jack Manix-Geeves 7D We would like to thank Jack for his positive attitude to all facets of his schooling here at Riverside High School. He is a talented athlete but is always endeavouring to produce his best work in every subject, regularly asking for and acting upon feedback given to him. Jack has shown a real Growth Mindset in his approach to his schooling and provided a positive role model for his peers to follow. Congratulations Jack.



Brody Cowling 7A Brody is a quiet and caring member of 7A who has upheld the school values on a regular and consistent basis. He is always striving to achieve his best in all of his subjects whilst maintaining positive relationships with staff and students alike. Brody can be relied upon to stand up for what is right in the classroom no matter the consequence and we thank him for his honest approach to how he deals with every situation. Well Done Brody!

GRADE 8



Max Cipura 8G Max is being recognised as a Riverside Ripper this week for the positive way in which he approaches his studies. He is a co-operative worker with a cheerful disposition and an infectious smile whose behaviour and attitude reflects our school values at all times. This week, as part of the U14 team, Max has been representing the Northern Tasmanian Junior Soccer Association at the Kanga Cup Carnival in Canberra. Congratulations on your nomination as a Ripper!



Nathan Hill 8F Nathan is being recognised as a Ripper this week as a result of his consistent application towards his school work. He has high expectations of himself as a student and so approaches school work with an excellent attitude and work ethic. Nathan enthusiastically nominates himself for many opportunities at RHS; he was a representative for the class on the Effort and Achievement Student Voice group. He has proven to be an excellent role model for his peers and is always willing to assist staff whenever he is able.

GRADE 9



Jacob Horton 9F Jacob is being recognised as a Riverside Ripper this week for his positive attitude, Growth Mindset and commitment towards his learning. He has established a strong work ethic and is continually focused and achieving his very best at every task that he undertakes. Jacob constantly upholds our school values and is a fantastic role model for his peers. Keep up the fantastic work Jacob.



Maddie Elmer 9F Maddie is being recognised as a Riverside Ripper this week for her consistent kindness and caring nature. She is always more than willing to help out in any situation and can be relied upon under any circumstance. Maddie is a hard worker who strives for greatness and is actively involved in our school community. Keep being fabulous Maddie!

GRADE 10



Zeke Lanham 10C has demonstrated some excellent skills with Photo editing programs such as Photoshop. He recently won first prize in a poster competition for his design on the **subject of 'infinity' a competition offered** through the Mathematical Association of Tasmania. Since then Zeke has assisted the Prefect Board with the design of drink bottles for the Riverside High School Houses. It is very pleasing to see Zeke proudly utilising his talents, persisting with design tasks and generously sharing his skills for the benefit of the school.



Jessica Keenan 10B is being nominated this week for a Ripper due to her outstanding enthusiasm to her role of School Photographer. She is currently volunteering to take images that will be used on the new Riverside High School website. By dedicating her time and skills to produce photos that positively promote the school she demonstrates a commitment to our values and the wider school community. Alongside this Jessica has entered her work in the Launceston Grammar SNAP Photographic Competition, a state wide event for students wanting to showcase their talents and creativity in the area of photography. All doing so while still maintaining her keen approach to her studies. Thank you Jessica for your efforts and best of luck in the competition!



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Students from Grade 7 – 10, have the opportunity of joining the PCYC gym for a one month free trial. Some students have had the opportunity to experience this amazing facility and see what they have to offer. If you are interested, please collect a membership form from the office, or online at: <http://pcyclaunceston.org.au/>

What a great way to spend some cold winter days these coming holidays.



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.

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS
SCHOOL RESUMES
TUESDAY 25 JULY 2017**

| WEEK 1 (Term 3) | EXCURSIONS |
|-------------------|--|
| Monday 24 July | Student Free Day |
| Tuesday 25 July | |
| Wednesday 26 July | Grade 9/10 Sport - as rostered Periods 5 & 6 (lunch starts at 12:30pm) |
| Thursday 27 July | |
| Friday 28 July | |

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