



Riverstone High School



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BULLETIN – 27 May 2019

Tuesday 28 May

Deadly Dreaming
Literacy Week Assembly

Wednesday 29 May

Musical Rehearsals
Literacy Week

Thursday 30 May

Literacy Week
Zone Athletics

Friday 17 May

Literacy Week
Zone Athletics
Community Access

Tuesday 4 June

Deadly Dreaming

Wednesday 5 June

Musical Rehearsals
P & C Meeting

Thursday 6 June

EVET Program

Friday 7 June

Community Access

“We live in a shortcut world. Can you imagine a farmer ‘cramming’ in the fall to bring forth the harvest, as students have done and still do, to pass examinations? Can you imagine a mile runner ‘pretending’ speed and endurance, or a concert pianist ‘putting on the appearance’ of skill and proficiency” - Stephen Covey

P & C Meeting

5 JUNE 2019 – 7.00 PM

School Library

ALL WELCOME



LITERACY WEEK

27 May – 31 May

TOP PRIDE POINT EARNERS

YEAR 7	-	Safwan J
YEAR 8	-	William R
YEAR 9	-	Jireh B
YEAR 10	-	Anita Y
SUPPORT	-	Shaliah SN

SUBJECT TASTER DAY AT WYNDHAM COLLEGE

On Monday 3 June, Year 10 students will be attending Wyndham College to experience senior school. Students will select six subjects to engage in throughout the day that they will select using an online subject selection process. All students in Year 10 have been sent instructions to their Department of Education email account. Students are to arrive at Wyndham College at 7.45am for a prompt 8.00am start in the school hall. T

The day will conclude at 3.00pm. Attendance at the Taster Day is compulsory for all Year 10 students. For further information, please contact Ms Hughes.

WHITE CARD TRAINING

On Wednesday 5 June, Riverstone High School will be running a White Card training course. Students who are interested in working in a trade in the future are encouraged to attend the day. The cost of the course is \$100. To be able to work on a construction site you must have a White Card. The course will take place in the school library from 8.30am-2.55pm. For more information, please see Ms Hughes.



BIGGEST MORNING TEA

Riverstone High School hosted Australia's Biggest Morning Tea on Friday 24 May 2019. If you would like to make a donation please follow the link provided. The SRC hoped to raise \$400 through online donations, our cake stall and by students and staff wearing Yellow and Blue mufti colours for a gold coin donation. All money raised goes towards the Cancer Council. The SRC thanks everyone for their support.

<http://nsw.cancercouncilfundraising.org.au/RiverstoneHighSchool>



SCOOTER RACK

As from Monday 27 May our students will not have to carry their scooters upstairs. There are new scooter racks provided for you located at the side of the hall near the bike racks. Please provide your own padlock.



MURIEL'S WEDDING EXCURSION

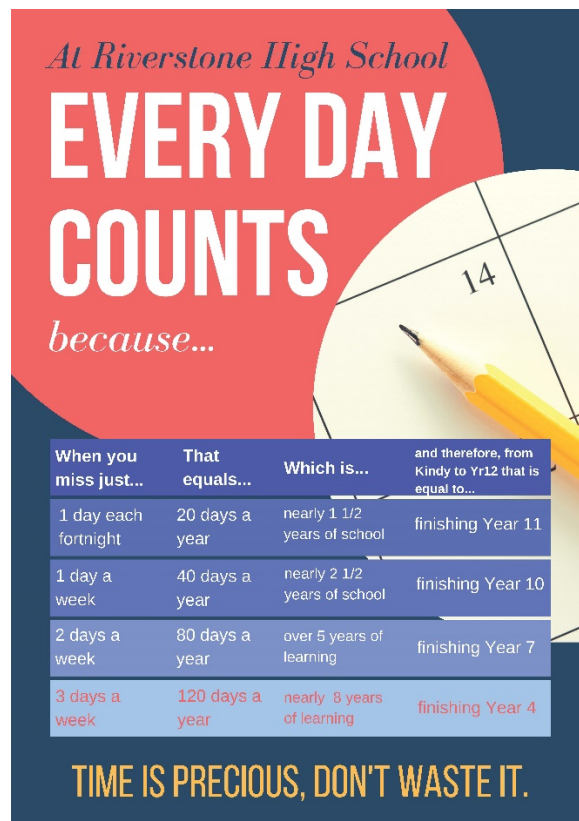
Every year we do a range of excursions as part of our 'Theatre Immersion' program. Our second excursion this year is to 'Muriel's Wedding'. This award winning Australian musical is based on the successful film of the same name. Muriel makes the big move to Sydney from Porpoise Spit to fulfil her life-long ambition of becoming a bride. Along the way she finds out what friendship really is and exactly what she can offer the world.

There are only 20 tickets available. First in best dressed! Please collect a note from the English/HSIE Faculty.



LIBRARY

Literacy Week is next week and the Library is at the centre of each activity. This year's theme is "Literacy is the Recipe for Success," and each day the library will host a different activity, starting on Tuesday with a Book Tasting. A book tasting is a chance for students to get a "taste" of different genres and try out new titles. This will be the library's first book tasting, so make sure you take part!



PRIDE LESSON TERM 2

This term's PRIDE lesson focused on the importance of attendance and how every minute of every day is important for your child's education.

BARISTA PROGRAM

On Wednesday 22 May, Riverstone High School launched the new school cafe to staff, parents and the Riverstone community. Students involved completed their Barista qualification early in Term 1. During the launch students were able to make a range of different coffees for their families and the community. The aim of the program is for students to gain a qualification that will increase their employability skills and also gain experience in a working environment. Students will continue to make coffee for staff members throughout the year. Well done to all students involved in this program

EVERY DAY COUNTS - HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education. Students learn new things at school every day – missing school puts them behind.

Why it's important

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of their education and life.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading.

If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of high school they'll have missed over a year of school.

Getting in early

Attendance patterns are established early – a child regularly missing days in year 7 will often continue to miss classes in the later years, and receive lower results than their classmates. It's vital that students go to school every day.

What we can do

The main reasons for absence are:

Sickness – There are always times when students need to miss school, such as when they're ill. It's vital that they're only away on the days they are genuinely sick, and setting good sleep patterns, eating well and exercising regularly can make a big difference.

It's vital that holidays are planned during school holidays where possible, and not during the term if it can be avoided.

Day off – Think twice before letting your child have a "day off" as they could fall behind their classmates – every day counts!

Truancy – This is when students choose not to go to school without their parent's permission. There can be many reasons for truancy. The best way to address this is for the school and parents to work together.

If for any reason your child must miss school, there are things you can do with your school to ensure they don't fall behind:

- Speak with their classroom teacher or year adviser and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.
- Notify the school of any planned absences ie holidays, in advance to allow the school time to prepare work while your child is absent.

Openly communicating with your child and the school about all absences is a good way to prevent attendance issues.

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with the school as early as possible.

Repeated attendance issues may be escalated to a Home School Liaison Officer. A Home School Liaison Officer is a Department of Education officer who has authority to follow up attendance issues. Attendance issues that are escalated can lead to legal action and possible fines. If you're having attendance issues with your child, please let your school know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.