Parent Information Night for Year 9 Laptops - 3rd April 5.30 p.m.

New arrangements from 2013 for DER Laptops

The Australian Government’s DER National Partnership Funding finishes at the end of 2013. Students who have already received laptops or alternate technology under this program (i.e. Years 10, 11 and 12 2013) will continue to use them under the terms of the Laptop User Charter while remaining at a government school, with transfer of ownership on final completion of Year 12. In 2013 there will be a roll out of laptops to schools, similar to previous years and this is to be based on Year 9 student numbers.

The '2013' laptops allocated to schools will become school property and will not be considered part of the state wide pool. There will be no transfers of laptops between schools so a device will only be allocated to a student as a ‘Loan’ and must be returned on leaving. Each school can choose whether to issue loan devices to their Year 9 students or to make class sets to benefit other year students. Parents will be required to sign a ‘Laptop Loan Charter’ if a device is to be issued.

Richmond River High School has decided to issue their Laptops to this year’s Year 9 students and will continue to plan for future integration of new and emerging Information and Communications Technology (ICT) for better teaching and learning.

Parents and Carers of Year 9 Students who would like their children to have access to a 'Year 9 Laptop' will need to attend the 'Information Night' on Wednesday the 3rd of April at 5.30 p.m. to receive a 'Laptop Loan Charter' and to acknowledge the cost/responsibilities of being issued one.

On return of signed 'Loan Charters' the long process of allocating each device to a student and then issuing them in class will begin. This will take a few weeks and I imagine ‘hand out’ will start in the 2nd/3rd week of next term.

Regards
Brad Redden
DER-NSW Technology Support Officer
Digital Education Revolution NSW
Richmond River High School

Congratulations to the students who trialled for the CHS Zone Rugby Union team on Wednesday. Harley Thistleton, Michael Fredericks and Cameron Pollard were outstanding on the day and all three players were selected in pivotal positions. Harley as Scrum Half, Cameron as number 8, and Michael as Fullback. They are part of a very strong team that will play in the regional trials in Grafton on the 9th of April.

Mr B Price,
Rugby Zone Convener

SISTER CITY STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Each year during September/October school holidays Lismore City Council organises a trip to Japan to our Sister City, Yama-to Takada. I would like to extend an invitation to your students to join in the opportunity.

The total cost is $2,900 for this experience. Accommodation is home stay as well as an overnight stay in Hiroshima.

For further information please do not hesitate to contact Colleen Virtue on 66 895 040. All applications and deposits of $1,000 will need to be received by 27th Match, 2013.
Young Women In Public Affairs Award
Presentation Night

is being held at Invercauld House, Lismore on Friday 22nd March
from 6.30 p.m.

The evening will commence from 6.30 p.m. with canapés and drinks prior to the presentations. We usually have a short introduction about Zonta and the Awards program before each finalist is asked to speak. Our guest speaker this year is Kate Olivieri, a local candidate for the Girls in Government ticket in the recent local government elections. Our speaker concludes the night with their presentation along with announcing the winner of the Award.

The winning entry will progress to the Zonta District 22 finals.

Tickets for family and friends are available for $20 Adult, $15 Students or $50 Family of four. A licensed bar is available for the purchase of refreshments.

Many thanks for your support and we look forward to celebrating with you the potential of young women in our region.

Mrs L Seccombe
Teacher-Librarian
Richmond River High School
Ph: 66 213456
Fax: 66 222928

On Saturday March 16th three of our students proudly represented the school as the country Norway in the Mock United Nations Assembly run by Rotary. Natasha Basso and Zoe Galea (both Year 12) were accompanied by Madeleine Moore (Year 11) dressed in full regalia and had a beautifully designed table. They impressed the judges with their passionate arguments for each resolution argued. There were some robust discussions with the US and other countries that argued Afghanistan was a ‘lost cause’ and should not draw any more funds or support as it drained Global coffers needlessly. However, they won out with an overwhelming majority to continue to stimulate and support cooperation including funding and infrastructural connectivity projects.

A further three resolutions were passed with an emergency resolution banning the proliferation of nuclear weapons also being accepted. The proposed amendments were largely unsuccessful with four being rejected by Madam Secretary General before our girls presented theirs which was accepted and then voted for by the assembly with 24 for, none against and one abstaining. Theirs was one of only three accepted reflecting the skill and diligence of our group. Unfortunately we lost out to the winners of the last three regional assemblies: AB Paterson College.

The trio are still to be congratulated for representing us with such vigour, eloquence and dignity. Well done girls!

Ms P Galea
From the Principal

I hope you are all truly enjoying the sunshine that I am very glad to say is hanging around at the moment. At home I have a very fat horse who desperately needs to be ridden, and a new slasher that needs to be put to use before the weeds are actually taller than I am, so let’s hope the sun lasts for the weekend!

Year 12 are currently in the middle of their half yearly exams and by the looks of some of them, their hard work has paid off and the smiles are big ones. By the looks of others, there is currently a review of the study plan going on! To all of Year 12, I urge you to seek advice and assistance from your Year Advisor Mrs Helliwell, your teachers and of course the Deputy Principals and myself if we can help with anything at all. Remember that Mrs Savins and the welfare team, including the school counsellors Carl Moore and Emma Rolfe are all available to provide assistance, advice and encouragement.

For the parents of Year 12 students, if you have any concerns about the welfare of your young people, please do not hesitate to contact any of the people mentioned above. At present the Year 7 interim reports are being prepared and the parent/teacher night is set for Tuesday 2nd April from 3.30 p.m. - 6.00 p.m. We hope to see all the parents of our new Year 7 students on the night. If you have not yet heard of this event or your student has not yet handed you a booking sheet please ask your young person about this. I look forward to meeting many more of you on the night.

A thought for the week:

“People forget what you say, they forget what you did, but they never forget how you made them feel.”
Maya Angelou

Mary-Jane Pell
Relieving Principal

From the Deputies

It’s now Week 8 and we have settled into the school year. This week’s PBL theme has been “Respect”. Being Respectful around the school and the way we demonstrate Respect for people and property through not only our words but our actions. It is an important lesson. There are many changes that occur to teenagers as they pass through secondary school and into adulthood, none the least changes that occur in our friendships and our peer groups. Our friends of primary years may not be the friends we choose to spend our time with in high school. This is a natural change. While we may not be as friendly to others as we once were we still need to demonstrate respect towards them in our words and actions. Of course there are those who we have never been (and probably will never be) friends with, and while at times it may seem hard we need to demonstrate our respect for these people too. Respect for their values, their lifestyle, their culture. Remember, being respectful at school is a good, right and honourable thing to do. Being respectful shows that we value other people and that we care about more than just ourselves.

Have a great weekend. Year 12 have exams in the next short week, before a short holiday for Easter.

Stephen Clayton
Relieving Deputy Principal

Hairy moment for Brave Girls

Last Friday, six students and a parent from Richmond River High School shaved off their locks for the annual World’s Greatest Shave for a Cure.

Year 11 students Sarah McGuiness, Jackson Marks, Amelia Jacobson, Georgie Savins, Joel Johnston, along with Year 9 student Abbey Harvey and Sarah’s mother Margie McGuiness, had their locks lopped at Stephanie Hair Design in Warina Walk Arcade yesterday afternoon, after raising more than $3000 for the Leukaemia Foundation. In addition, all the girls with the correct hair length donated their hair to the Princess Charlotte Alopecia Foundation to make wigs.

While all had varying reasons for shaving, most felt they wanted to do their part because they had a choice to shave their head or not, whereas those suffering from cancer weren’t granted the same choice. For Sarah, who had lost her maternal grandmother to cancer last July and then her paternal grandfather to cancer in December, it was quite an emotional day.

Before her grandfather passed away, she told him she would shave her head in the Shave for a Cure and she wanted to make sure she kept that promise. To her it’s simply hair: “It’ll grow back.”

Margie said she was very proud of her daughter for getting involved in the cause, however was a little bit scared to be cutting her own hair. “I’ve always wanted to do it but Sarah decided she wanted to do it, so I thought I’d do it with her – it’s easier than doing it on my own” Margie said.

There were, of course, a few tears during the process, as they each had their hair snipped.

(As published in The Northern Star on Saturday 16th March, 2013).

MADE THE CUT: Schoolmates (from left) Georgi Savins, Sarah McGuiness and Amelia Jacobson, all in Year 11 at Richmond River High School, having their hair shaved off.

Video Game Development

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When: Wednesday 27th March 1-3 p.m.
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Cost: $45
See Ms Moverley for more information.

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Join our
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Thursday 11th April
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At the Lismore Library

Pizza and drinks provided
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