Anti-Bully and Violence Poster Competition

As part of the National Anti-Bully and Violence Day on 15th March, Richmond River High School Equity Group held a poster competition. All RRHS students over the week showed enthusiasm and support regarding this issue that affects many people in our society. Students who entered the competition took the issue of bullying and violence to an even higher level in expressing their support through positive messages they produced using their own thoughts and artistic skills. Thank you to all who entered, everyone did a fantastic job and it was difficult for judges to select one winner. These posters will be used within the school to promote a strong message that RRHS students and staff will not tolerate bullying and violence in any form.

And the winner is!
Congratulations to Chloe Harvey in Year 8 (Pictured below), Chloe’s poster was chosen by the RRHS Equity group as the winner of $25, well done Chloe.

All other entries are pictured here in group shot:

Many thanks to RRHS Equity Group and Ms Purcell, RRHS SRC members and Ms Varley, and Ms Bouveret in the art department for promoting the poster competition with her students.
Scott Harrison,
Student Support Officer

CHS SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The students performed amazingly well at the CHS swimming carnival which was held at the Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre Homebush on 4 - 6th April with Samuel Nilon swimming 4 personal bests and finals in every event he swam (8) which meant he finished in the top ten in every event. He also won a bronze medal in the 400 Individual Medley. Sam has been selected in the CHS team to compete at All Schools in the 400 Individual Medley and 100 Freestyle.

Madeline Nilon also did an amazing job, 7 personal bests from 10 swims, finals in 8. She won a bronze medal in the 100 butterfly. Madeline has also been selected in the CHS team at All Schools in the 50 backstroke.

Madeline was also awarded the Eyeline female encouragement award for the carnival for 2013. Team managers from each region nominated a male and female swimmer who they thought showed potential and should be encouraged to keep swimming. She then swum in the 100m freestyle final and did a great job finishing 7th and then backed up to win her bronze medal in the butterfly after heading into the final seeded 5th.

Ryan Everson came 11th in the 100 breaststroke, Hayden Blanksby came 11th in the 800 freestyle, 23rd in the 200 freestyle, 26th in 100 backstroke and 14th in the 100 breaststroke.

Congratulations to all of you and good luck Sam and Madeline at the All Schools Competition in Sydney on Thursday 9th May.
Our RRHS senior Visual Art students have been inspired, amazed and exhausted in a whirlwind three day art immersion tour of Sydney. Students experienced life-drawing classes in the Brett Whitely Gallery, as well as a tour of the artist’s studio where he lived, painted and exhibited his works right up until his death. This ‘up close and personal’ engagement with an artist’s practice was inspiring for our budding young artists and was the highlight for many of the students. Our planned ‘lunch on the foreshore’ at Circular Quay was adjusted to ‘huddled under the Cahill Expressway’ due to the inclement weather, however it did not dampen our spirits and we continued with two guided tours of exhibitions at the MCA (Museum of Contemporary Art) to end day one. On Friday morning we boarded the Ferry in Darling Harbour and enjoyed the sights of inner Sydney from the water, passing by Luna Park before going under the Harbour Bridge, past the Opera House and into Circular Quay. Despite my dubious navigation skills – we made our way through the botanical gardens to the Art Gallery of NSW for an educational tour of the gallery’s contemporary collection and of course – ART EXPRESS – an exceptional collection of the best of the HSC submissions from last year. After lunch, students explored the Antiquities and European sections of the gallery. Almost exhausted by now we dragged ourselves to the other end of town to the White Rabbit Gallery – a gallery dedicated entirely to contemporary Chinese art, most of which is banned in China due to its political nature. We capped off our tour with dinner in China town and a happy birthday cake for Tahlia, before boarding the bus for the overnight trip home. Thank you to Ms Bouveret for her incessant marshalling of the troops, thank you to all the parents for supporting the excursion (and for being so prompt in the early hours of the morning to collect your children), Its value is already evident in the motivation the students are displaying.

For the entire journey, the engagement of the students in the experiences offered, and their insights and understanding of artworks presented was exceptional – as was their behaviour – they were wonderful ambassadors for Richmond River High School. I think the trip can be best summed up by one of the educators, who was literally moved to tears as she said, “this is the most wonderful group I have had in over thirty years”

Ms Savins,
Very proud art teacher
ANZAC DAY MARCH
This is an invitation to all RRHS staff and students to participate in the ANZAC Day Commemoration activities on Thursday 25TH APRIL 2013 during the second week of the school holidays.

Assembly for the main march will be at the Clyde Campbell Car Park at 8.30 a.m. Moving off promptly at 9.00 a.m. Students are required to wear full school uniform.

Suggested Payment Schedule
Year 11 Perisher Blue Cow Snow Trip

PRICE:  
$960 SNOWBOARDERS  
$920 SKIERS

NUMBERS:  
If students drop out, the cost will go up.

You must tell Mr Laverty if you are not going! Late withdrawal will mean you lose your money.
Note: commitment to travel – Mr Laverty must book accommodation, bus and package so a strong commitment is needed once the deposit is paid.

This is your payment schedule. You may pay it off sooner if you wish, but any missed payments will make your seat vacant. The difference in hire cost between a double decker bus and a single bus is over $1000. As with all typical holiday bookings they require advanced deposits and I must have genuine and committed travellers to secure accommodation, bus and the snow component. Failure to make regular and full payments as set out below prior to departure will exclude you from the excursion. If you withdraw you will lose your $70 deposit.

March 11th   - $70 deposit to secure seat on bus. This is non-refundable. (SHOULD HAVE BEEN PAID)
March 25th    - to pay $100 (SHOULD HAVE BEEN PAID)
April 12th    - to pay $200 (SHOULD HAVE BEEN PAID)
May 9th      - to pay $250
June 7th      - to pay $200
June 21st     remaining balance paid prior to going  SKI - $100  BOARD - $140

Note: June 28th is the last day of Term 2 prior to school holidays, we leave at the end of the first week back in Term 3 and all monies must be finalised before the holidays.

Sport - Term 2

Students, parents and carers please note we are making some small changes to our sport selection process to allow more students to get the choice they want and ensure we cover costs.

Last Monday all students Years 7-10 were given a sports selection sheet including costing details for each available choice. They were asked to give a preference for their sport during class time. The preference lists will only be used to ensure we have the numbers to run our key sports.

Student placement in their chosen sport will not be guaranteed until the permission note and payment has been received by the front office. The final day for payment will be Friday the 3rd of May or the end of Week 1, Term 2.

You will notice a smaller cost for sports this term since it is a shorter term of only 9 weeks. New sports will begin on Wednesday the 8th of May. Students will attend their Term 1 sport for Week 1 only.

As always a number of non paying sports will be offered to allow all students to participate in a meaningful sport choice. Paying sports this term will range in cost from $5 to $50.
**From the Principal**

Well, the term is over, and hasn’t it been huge. I must say I have thoroughly enjoyed my term with you here at Richmond River High School and have learnt an enormous amount. Massive thank you to all those young people who greet me off the buses each morning, you have made me feel welcome and very much a part of your school. At this stage it looks like I will be here at RRHS for a little longer, the first four or five weeks of Term 2. Whilst I am missing Nimbin Central School enormously, I am happy to continue to work here at RRHS in the short term. I hope you all enjoy a relaxing break, stay safe and look after each other and don’t forget to say hi to me and any of your teachers if you happen to see us out there in the real world. I look forward to a strong and productive second term full of excellent sporting achievements, strong productive relationship building and some fine academic results from all our students.

Years 11 and 12 students, take a well earned break but keep in mind that at this stage you should all be working to a reasonably strong study plan and, over time you can only reap the rewards of what you put in . . . now is the time to put it in!

A Thought:

“If you think education is expensive, try ignorance”. ~Attributed to both Andy McIntyre and Derek Bok

**Ms Mary-Jane Pell**

**Principal**

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**From the Deputies**

**A Busy Final Week of Term**

We have had an extremely positive end to Term 1 with our students having the opportunity to hear from, and ask questions of a number of 2013 Australian of the Year award recipients on Tuesday afternoon. Our visitors included Superintendent Luke Freudenstein from Redfern Police and Australia’s Local Hero of the Year, Corey Payne, annex NRL rugby league player and the NSW Young Australian of the Year, and Ron Allum, a submarine designer and the NSW Regional Office in Goonellabah. Di will be returning to Richmond River High School for the start of Term 2. It will be fantastic to see Di back, she has certainly been missed by all of her colleagues, and also by the many students for whom she has always made such a difference. I look forward to again working with Di next term.

Sadly though, this will also be the last week during which I will be working with Peter Howes who has been relieving Deputy Principal for over a year now. Peter’s time in the Deputy’s chair has been tremendous for our students, and I look forward to working with Di next term.

**Our School’s Leadership Team**

This week is the last week of Mrs Di Williamson’s secondment to our Regional Office in Goonellabah. Di will be returning to Richmond River High School for the start of Term 2. It will be fantastic to see Di back, she has certainly been missed by all of her colleagues, and also by the many students for whom she has always made such a difference. I look forward to again working with Di next term.

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**Next Term**

A reminder to all of our parents and carers that next term begins with two Staff Development Days on Monday 29th April and Tuesday 30th April. Normal classes resume for all students on Wednesday 1st May.

Having covered all of the above, I would like to wish all of our families a safe and enjoyable school holiday period.

**Mr M Hensley**

**Deputy Principal**

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**Being**

**RRHS**

**Is:**

Responsible

Respectful

Honest

Safe

From a list of entrants auditioning to play at Bluesfest, Year 11 music student, Jaeden Ogston, was fortunate to be one of five Grommet Buskers invited to perform on the Bluesfest Buskers Stage over the Easter Weekend. In the midst of light showers on Easter Sunday, Jaeden went on to perform solo, three of his own original written songs and a blues cover. Congratulations Jaeden – well done!
YOUR INVITED TO AN OPEN DAY

Whether you're considering furthering your studies or seeking to professionally develop yourself for a successful career in the creative media industries in 2013, our next Open Day, Saturday 13 April, 11 A.M.—3 P.M. couldn't be better timing.

Check in for a tour of our unrivalled facilities, view our on-campus residency options, get a profile of the higher education pathways we offer, student work, and careers in the creative industries including audio, film, animation and web design.

Ask us about our new suite of competency based VET Diploma courses coming soon to Byron Bay designed to provide you with even greater access to higher creative media education pathways including the:-

Diploma of Screen & Media (Animation)
Diploma of Screen & Media (Digital Video Production)
Diploma of Interactive Digital Media (Web Design)
Diploma of Sound Production

Of course, all our study programs are Australian Government Accredited meaning that you may be eligible to study now and pay later through FEE HELP for VET and HE courses.

See you at Open Day, Saturday 13 April from 11 a.m. We know you'll be inspired!

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CRANKFEST 2013
CRANKFEST XTREME

REGIONAL CELEBRATION OF YOUTH ARTS & CULTURE
27TH APRIL 2013
EVANS HEAD SURF CLUB ESPLANADE
8 am - 4 pm

- LIVE MUSIC - CIRCUS - SKATE JAM - SURF COMP -
- HIP HOP DISPLAYS & WORKSHOPS - MARKETS -

FREE BUSES FROM CASINO, KYOGLE, NIMBIN, LISMORE & BYRON

Contact: 6682 6577 or www.crankfestxtreme.com.au

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