Thank you to the Gold Coast Cultural Centre who hosted Richmond River and Kadina students last term for a day of Japanese dancing and traditional food. Students were impeccably well behaved and we hope to run a similar excursion next year. Thanks to Kirsten Rowan for helping to organise the event.

Miss Lishman
LOTE Teacher

Year 11 SCU Fitness Testing

Last week Year 11 PDHPE students attended the Southern Cross University for fitness testing and to see what was available to them at the university.

Anna-Leeza completed a lactic acid test on the bike, they then used this data to develop her new bike training program.

Mr Tim Laverty,
PDHPE Head Teacher
P & C Donation to the RRHS Library

This year the RRHS P & C has kindly donated $2500 to the library, this has been spent on fiction and non-fiction books that appeal to our readers, books that students had requested as well as resources to support some of our senior courses in particular History and English. Thank you to the hard working group that makes up the RRHS P & C, your support for the library is valued by the entire RRHS community. These are just a sample of the new books arriving in the library and currently being processed, so please come and browse the new book stand and borrow. Below is a link to a lecture by Neil Gaiman, a very popular young adult author amongst RRHS readers, explaining the importance of reading, read this and be inspired to escape into another world through reading.


Mrs Seccombe
Teacher-Librarian

Year 6 into 7
Sports Gala Day

About 40 Year 6 students braved the heat to participate in the annual Year 6 into 7 sports gala day. The students divided up into 8 teams to play touch, basketball, soccer and volleyball. It was a great day had by all with a lot of new friends made. A big thank you to Mr Laverty’s Year 8 SLM class who ran the activities and participated along with the Year 6 students to encourage enjoyment in sport. At Richmond River High School we take great pride in our participation in physical activity regardless of individual talent or ability. We look forward to these Year 6 students joining us next year for more PDHPE and Sport and would like to congratulate our Year 8 Sport Leadership students as well as Lily O’Neil and Elijah Parmenter who contributed to the day’s success.

Mr Dean French
Year 7 Year Adviser 2014

Student Success - Andrea Cameron
Andrea Cameron of Year 9 entered a competition at the Lismore Square and won. Andrea thought she had very little chance of winning the competition but was lucky enough to be taken surfing by Sally Fitzgibbon, a world renowned professional women’s surfer. Andrea spent 2 hours in the water surfing with Sally as a coach. She was also involved in a professional photo shoot with Sally and was given a range of products by Roxy who are one of Sally’s major sponsors. Andrea arrived at school after this great experienced energised, enthused and motivated after her time with such a positive and important role model.

Student Success - Elly Wearne
Elly Wearne is a Year 10 student at Richmond River High who has been studying a Certificate II in Hairdressing at TAFE. Elly has won the Hair Mania Competition for TVET students and has been offered a work experience placement at a hairdressers in Ballina which will hopefully lead to an apprenticeship. There is an article about Elle in the Ballina Advocate this week. Elly has been quoted as saying- “I just knew that this was right for me. I love it and will hopefully one day be able to open my own salon”. Elly has been working very closely with the RRHS Transition Team to help her achieve her goals. Congratulations to Elly and to Mr Klose our Transition Coordinator and the entire Transition Team.

Mrs Di Williamson
Deputy Principal
From the Principal

Dear Parents and Caregivers

The Primary School Public speaking competition was held yesterday at the Town Hall. Over 36 primary schools participated in the competition as part of the Rivers P-12. Thanks to our school captains for doing such a great job with the Acknowledgement of Country and to our students who performed at the beginning of the day. Their band was sensational and the primary students really enjoyed their entertainment.

Congratulations Michelle Stroud Watts (Principal of Jiggi Public School) for organising such an outstanding event. Her dedication and planning ensured a very smooth day which highlighted many wonderful aspects from across The Rivers P-12 community. The primary students got a great deal from the experience, both the speakers and audience members.

Year 11 Semester 2 reports are currently being finalised. Thanks to all our teachers for their dedication to providing quality comments about Year 11 student progress. It will be really important to have a close look at these reports to ensure our students make the very best decisions about courses for their HSC year.

Enjoy your weekend.

Mr Dave Harvey
Principal

From the Deputies

YEAR 12

HSC Exams - It is important that students arrive well before the start of the examination and that they abide by the rules of the examinations. Please make sure you are aware of rules regarding mobile phones, ipods, calculators or other items that you may wish to take into exams.

If your child is unable to attend an exam due to illness or misadventure please contact the school immediately. Misadventure forms need to be collected from the school or head examiner and completed by the due date. Missing an exam due to illness will require a doctor’s certificate.

Sign-out days for Year 12 are Friday 25th October and Friday 8th November.

Help during the HSC period - Year 12 students are most welcome to meet with teachers re any concerns or questions they may have about the upcoming exams. Please be aware that teachers will still be teaching Years 7-11 classes and may not be available at any given time - please contact the teachers re meeting times.

Mrs Di Williamson
Deputy Principal

Senior Student Class Attendance

Students in this year’s Year 11 have enthusiastically begun referring to themselves as Year 12, reflecting their enthusiasm for “rising through the ranks”. With this change in status and self perception, however, also comes an ongoing and growing level of responsibility and commitment to study.

It is extremely important that our senior students attend school on every day that they are fit to do so and further, that they attend all of their timetabled classes when they are at school. This certainly includes the classes of subjects which they currently believe that they are going to “drop”. There are two very good reasons for this. Firstly, the school has a duty of care in regard to the safety and wellbeing of all of our students. In order to operate this duty of care, we need to know where our students are at all times, which will not be the case if a student chooses not to attend a timetabled class. Secondly, Mrs Williamson is in the process of completing ‘N-Award’ interviews relating to the eligibility of a number of students in completing all assessment components of their Preliminary Course subjects. Further, many Years 11/12 students will be interviewed on Monday 28th October, once Preliminary Course report information has been collated, regarding their capacity to “drop” any courses and still be eligible to qualify for the Higher School Certificate. Students who choose not to attend classes they believe they are going to “drop” will not only be dealt with as truants, but also may be jeopardising their eligibility to graduate from school next year.

More broadly, the school’s executive has made a decision to adopt a “zero tolerance” approach to truancy from senior classes. Our focus very much going into 2014 will be to re-ignite a culture of academic rigour, particularly among our senior students, which has resulted in a proud history of student success in our school over past years. Consequently, Years 11/12 students who persist in truanting classes will be dealt with according to our school discipline policy, with the possible result of a short suspension from school, followed by an interview at school with the student and their parent or carer to discuss the ways in which the school can work with the student’s family to support their success in senior study. Students who are over 17 years of age may also be asked to reflect, with the support of their families, on whether or not their needs and interests may be better served by leaving school and seeking opportunities for further learning or employment elsewhere.

Years 7, 8 & 9 “Reward Excursions”

Later this term, our traditional “reward excursions” to the various Gold Coast theme parks will take place. These excursions are open to students who have exemplified what it means to be a Richmond River High School student throughout the year, or who have demonstrated consistent improvement after one or two poor decisions that may have been made earlier in the year.

The respective Year Advisors for these year groups will be working with senior executive over coming weeks to determine which students are eligible for “reward excursions”. Any student who would like to attend a “reward excursion” but is uncertain about their eligibility, should speak to their Year Advisor at the earliest opportunity.

Positive Behaviour for Learning

On the subject of being an exemplary Richmond River High School student, our PBL focus for next week will direct student’s attention to safe behaviour in classrooms. Specifically, students will be asked to consider the importance of maintaining a clean and safe environment and also of reporting all damages that may occur in classrooms. To support this, teachers will be highlighting to students their ongoing work in ensuring classrooms are always left in a more tidy condition than that in which they were found, making a record of all reports of damage and insisting students take responsibility for the cleanliness of the learning area they have been using.

Looking forward to another positive week of learning next week.

Enjoy your weekend, which might hopefully bring with it a bit more useful rain.

Mr Michael Hensley
Deputy Principal
### Choosing the right shoes
School shoes may all look the same but the cost can vary from about $30 to $120 and beyond. Does a more expensive shoe mean a better shoe? Find out more: [http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/choosing-the-right-school-shoes](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/choosing-the-right-school-shoes)

### NSW public school terms and holidays

### Year 12 News
- There are two sign out days for students on Friday October 25 and Friday November 8. Students must collect a Leavers Form from the main office and return all school textbooks, library books, other equipment and pay outstanding costs for subject fees or lost equipment.
- There is a mandatory Formal practice for students on the 15th of November (the day of the formal) at the Workers Club at 9.00 a.m. It is very important that all students attend.
- If any parents or carers are available to assist in decorating the Workers Club auditorium in preparation for the formal on Friday the 15/11 can you please contact Mrs Helliwell at the school.

*Thankyou,*

*Mrs Helliwell*

### P & C Meeting
- **RRHS - Term 4 Week 3**
  - Monday 21/10/2013
    - Open Boys Cricket at RRHS McKenzie Park
  - **Tuesday 22/10/2013**
    - Year 7A Koori Mail Excursion 9.20 a.m. - 10.40 a.m.
  - **Wednesday 23/10/2013**
  - **Thursday 24/10/2013**
    - Year 11 Southern Cross University Seniors Day 9.20 a.m. - 2.45 p.m.
    - Year 10 V8 Supercars Community Program at the Gold Coast 7.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m.
  - **Friday 25/10/2013**

### CANTEEN ROSTER - Term 4 Week 3
- **Monday 21/10/2013**
  - SRC students
- **Tuesday 22/10/2013**
  - Kelly Wilson
- **Wednesday 23/10/2013**
  - Meryl Condon
- **Thursday 24/10/2013**
  - Kelly Wilson
- **Friday 25/10/2013**
  - Linda Grey
  - Canteen volunteers are needed. If you can help please phone Kathy Claydon on 6621 4890. Half Day or Full Day
COME CELEBRATE!

Modanville Public School IS TURNING 85!

11.30: Arrival and catch up with friends of long ago.

11.45: Whole school Assembly and welcome to country by a current student. Recollections of original students from 1928 and other years. Children’s Performances.

12.30: Tour of current classrooms to view student artworks, library and school grounds. The library will be open to view historical documents and photographs and the opportunity to talk to past students and share memories.

1.00: Sausage Sizzle and refreshments provided by the Modanville Public School P & C.

We look forward to you joining us in our celebrations.

25th October 2013
Modanville Public School
Phone number 66282234

Please note: The Library will remain open until 4.30 pm for anyone who is unable to make the earlier celebrations.