Last Wednesday Year 11 students participated in the Dairy Spectacular at the North Coast National Show where they were involved in various activities including parading and judging cattle. Students gained valuable knowledge and skills.

On Thursday selected Stage 5 students participated in a Bovine Education Day. The students observed clipping, presenting beasts, leading, parading and judging of steers. These students have furthered their knowledge and skills in this area.

On Friday our students participated in the School Steer Competition where over 30 steers were entered from local and out of region schools. Our students demonstrated community involvement through running the scales ensuring that all steers were in the correct weight categories. The students also led the various calves in their breeders groups, winning the best Poll Hereford steer of Lismore National Show. Students also led the calves in the school competition and although they did not win an award an honourable mention was made of the quality of the school steers. Students also led our new Eaglehawk Stud Angus heifer and picked up a fourth place.

On Saturday students led the calves in the open competition and the sale. Our school calves sold above average and feed-back from the carcass results demonstrated that our calves were of an exceptional quality. On Saturday afternoon our students also led cattle for various studs in the Grand Parade.

The students wish to thank Goldmix Stockfeeds, Sunnydale Romagnola Stud, Eaglehawk Angus Stud, Wyatt Artificial Breeders, Franco Hereford Stud, RRHS P&C and the Lismore National Show Society for the fantastic opportunity provided to them.

Mr Woodward
Agriculture Teacher
U14’s Round Robin Cricket

On Wednesday, the U14’s RRHS cricket team took on Evans Head High School at the local McKenzie Park. The home ground showed little advantage with RRHS losing the toss and being sent in to bat. After a few quick wickets, taking the score to 4-5, Sam Weir and Brad Smith came together to put on a 50 run partnership. The combination showed some solid defence and aggressive attack similar to that seen in the recent one day matches being played in India. Unfortunately this partnership came to end and a few more wickets off some good bowling saw the home side score a respectable 85.

In scorching temperatures the Evans Head batting side took to the RRHS bowlers chasing down the runs in 25 overs with 8 wickets to spare. Bradley Smith, Jayden Allen and Sam Weir were the pick of the bowlers, bowling good line and length and getting some bamboozling swing.

The RRHS team played in a fair and sportsmanlike manner where all students received a fair go and despite the hot temperatures enjoyed their time in the sun. Unfortunately the competition is a knock-out arrangement so the boys will need to start preparing for a stronger performance next year.

Mr Hogden
Cricket Coach

SRC Regional Meeting

Three consistently hard working students from your Student Representative Council (SRC), Gabrielle Crawley, Quinn Moore and Eve Kheir, attended the SRC Regional Conference at Ballina Surf Club on the 16th of October. Here they met lots of other dedicated SRC students from schools in our region which included: Bonalbo, Ballina, Evans River, Kadina, Kyogle, Mullumbimby, and Southern Cross. They heard reports from each school about SRC activities and how different schools run the SRC; this gave the SRC members plenty of ideas for the future.

The students were given tips on public speaking and leadership qualities. The meeting also involved game playing and fun activities. All the students at the Regional meeting were given an opportunity to nominate to attend a state wide conference and represent the north coast. Richmond River SRC is planning on hosting the regional meeting in Semester 1, 2014.

Eve Kheir
SRC Representative
From the Deputy

New Head Teacher Technological Applied Sciences (TAS)

It is with great excitement and enthusiasm that congratulations are extended to Luke Woodward, who has been successful in the merit selection process and gained appointment as our substantive Head Teacher TAS, ahead of a large and talented field of applicants for the job.

Luke has been our Agriculture teacher for the past seven years, and a Year Advisor for the past four. He will certainly prove an asset to our school’s leadership team as he picks up a very strong faculty left to him by our departing Head Teacher TAS, Steve Clayton.

Luke is highly respected across our school community and I look forward to working with him over the coming years.

North Coast National Show

Last week saw the running of the annual North Coast National Show at the Lismore Showgrounds. Our school is extremely proud that, as a result of the hard work, skill and dedication of many of our students and staff, Richmond River High School was acknowledged as the best school at the show for 2013.

Highlight included Todd Gunther gaining first prize and Jeremy Garland second prize in the Woodwork section, a number of students including Darcy Travis, Rheanna Hudson, Grace Obirek-Gailey, Sarah McCabe, Casey Dillon, Maddie Zambelli and Rachel Waller all gaining first prize in their respective Textiles or Handicraft sections. Many other students gained second prize in the same area, including Taylah Fredericks, Gabrielle Cawley, Eden Silalahi, Ariel Cook, Kaitlyn Spek and Maddie Zambelli. We hope to have some photos of these students and their achievements in next week’s ‘River Views’.

Additionally, a number of students also performed exceptionally well in the Dairy Spectacular, the Bovine Education Day, the School Steer Competition and the Grand Parade. Please see Mr Woodward’s detailed report on the front page of this edition of ‘River Views’.

I would also like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of Mr Woodward, Ms Varley and Mr Stegeman in guiding their hard working and talented students.

Year 11 Interviews on Monday

Next week begins with a very important series of interviews for Year 11 students beginning their Higher School Certificate pattern of study, leading in to the completion of studies in Term 3, 2014. Based on their experiences and results from Preliminary Course work, concluding at the end of last term, some Year 11 students have now, hopefully in consultation with their parents and carers, decided to “drop” a subject where they have not been able to achieve satisfactory results, and which may not, over the next four terms, lead to results which would contribute to their final desired Higher School certificate score.

Such a decision is an extremely important one, as it can often be the difference in achieving the score necessary to enter a chosen tertiary course of study, or to qualify for a scholarship related to further education or employment. Equally though, students need to be sure that they are making subject choices at this high level of study, with so much at stake, for the right reasons, and in such a way that takes into account the many factors across their entire pattern of study which may impact on their capacity to achieve a desired final score.

Accordingly, on Monday, Ms Ryan, the Year 11 Advisor, Mr Klose, our Transition Advisor and Mr Price, our Head Teacher of Science and timetable, will interview all Year 11 students who intend to “drop” one of their courses, in order to ensure that their intended pattern of study will prove to be in their long term best interests.

Parents or carers of students being interviewed who have any concerns or questions, should contact any of the above staff at school after Monday.

Positive Behaviour for Learning

Next week, during daily Year Meetings, we will continue our focus on safety in classrooms, with a particular emphasis on the rules of specialist learning spaces. Science Labs, Woodwork & metalwork rooms, our Textiles room and even our Photography and Visual Art facilities contain resources and materials which are potentially harmful and many of our students, in their enthusiasm for learning, often need reminding of the importance of being mindful of their own and other’s safety when working in these areas.

Such a focus is also particularly timely given the imminence of visits from Years 5 & 6 students from our partner primary schools over coming weeks, who will be experiencing these facilities for the first time while working with older RRHS students.

Mr Michael Hensley

Deputy Principal

Dob in a Job

Dear Community Members,

The RRHS community is broad with its members having many different social and work related contacts. The RRHS transition team would like to utilise this network to assist our students find employment.

If you are aware of any employment opportunities, whether part time, full time or casual, please contact either Lachlan Klose or Scott Harrison at the school.

Kind Regards

RRHS Transition Team

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Lachlan Klose: Transition Advisor
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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

Being

RRHS

Is:

Responsible
Respectful
Honest
Safe
RRHS - Term 4 Week 4

Monday 28/10/2013
- Year 11 Course Interviews
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Tuesday 29/10/2013
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Wednesday 30/10/2013
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Thursday 31/10/2013
- Beach Volleyball
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Friday 01/11/2013
- Year 9 PASS to Lennox Head
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P & C Meeting
6.00 - 7.30 p.m.
Wednesday 13th November 2013

Canteen Roster - Term 4 Week 4

Monday 28/10/2013
Vanessa Ekins

Tuesday 29/10/2013
SRC students

Wednesday 30/10/2013
SRC students

Thursday 31/10/2013
Meryl Condon

Friday 01/11/2013
Lee-anne Gibson
Canteen volunteers are needed. If you can help please phone
Kathy Claydon on 6621 4890.
Half Day or Full Day

Lismore Public School
$20.00 Portrait Fundraiser
Framed 10"x13" Family Portrait
Sunday 10th November

*Limited offer one voucher per person/family
*Parent/guardian to view own portraits or p&h applies
*No refund for failure to keep appointment

Sharon - 0466 388 422 or 6622 2731
lanesharon@hotmail.com
See sample portraits and invite a friend:
www.laurajean.com.au
www.facebook.com/laurajeanfundraising

Year 8 and 10 Drama Performance

This Wednesday 30th October at 5 p.m. Year 10 and 8 Drama will showcase their talent by presenting two plays. ‘Bus Stop’ will be performed by Year 8, whilst ‘The Ants,’ and anti-war play will be performed by Year 10. For Year 8 this will be their first formal public performance, whilst Year 10 are experienced and looking to shine, as this will be their last ‘gig’ as a class. Year 8 are bringing their play to life under teacher direction, whilst Year 10 students have taken on full responsibility to produce the play. During rehearsals we have already seen some amazing talent emerge. Parents and students are invited to join us at 5 p.m. in The River Theatre. The show runs for 1 hour, from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. We ask for a gold coin donation at the door to help cover costs. Please be prompt so we can start on time. See you there!

Mr Howes and Ms Galea
MEDIA RELEASE

Wednesday 25 September 2013

YOUNG VIEWS SOUGHT FOR NSW

Minister for Citizenship and Communities Victor Dominello today called for applications from young people who want to make a real difference in NSW to join the 2014 Youth Advisory Council.

Mr Dominello said council members provide advice to the NSW Government on policies that affect youth. The council is made up of 12 members, all aged under 25 years.

“The Youth Advisory Council makes a valuable contribution to the NSW Government’s work and the way we deliver services for young people in NSW,” Mr Dominello said.

“Representations from the Youth Advisory Council, for example, helped learner drivers in NSW to cut their compulsory supervised driving hours by one-third, to 80 hours, if they enrol in a Safer Drivers Course and conduct 10 hours of professional driver training.

“These young leaders also examined how to increase opportunities for young people to participate in their communities, particularly through volunteering, and how to improve information to young people on the risks of sexual transmitted infections.

“They meet regularly throughout the year to discuss significant issues facing young people as well as monitor and evaluate policy and legislation that affects young people across NSW,” Mr Dominello said.

The NSW Government is seeking to attract a diverse range of applicants, including a balance of gender, cultural and linguistic backgrounds including young Aboriginal people, as well as metropolitan, regional and rural residents.

“I’ve really enjoyed working with the 2013 council members and I look forward to welcoming new faces next year,” Mr Dominello said.

Chair of the Youth Advisory Council, Ms Astha Rajvanshi from West Pennant Hills, said that being a member was a great opportunity to learn more about the processes of government.

“It’s been a rewarding experience to be part of the Youth Advisory Council, especially as the Council gets to actually inform on specific policy for the betterment of young people in NSW,” she said.

Advertisements inviting young people to apply for appointment to the 2014 NSW Youth Advisory Council will appear in a range of metropolitan, regional and multicultural newspapers over the next few days.

For more information and to apply, visit www.youth.nsw.gov.au/youth-advisory-council or contact yac@yac.nsw.gov.au or (02) 8762 9844.

The closing date for applications is Monday 4 November 2013 at 5:00pm.

The names of the current Youth Advisory Committee follows on the next page.