HOCKEY SUCCESS

This year Richmond River High School has had some students who have excelled in Hockey. These student are Joel Johnston, Izaac Johnston, Abbey Harvey & Zac Harvey.

All four students have been a part of the Far North Coast Representative Development Training which ran from November 2012 to February 2013. Joel, Izaac & Abbey were also selected in the North Coast Academy of Sport teams which trained from October 2012 to February 2013. Each training was a full weekend in Port Macquarie, Coffs Harbour, Grafton & Lismore where the players were involved in lots of fitness and skills work. The Academy Games were then held after months of training in Wollongong but unfortunately the games were mostly washed out due to bad weather.

Joel, Izaac & Zac took part in U17’s State Championships in Narellan. All the boys played well. Izaac was also picked in the U15’s NSW Squad from the U15’s State Championships and he also represented at the Indoor Hockey Championships and was picked as a shadow for the state team.

Joel & Abbey were selected in the Combined High Schools Open teams. Both players played well for their teams. Abbey has also been to U18’s State Championships and U15’s State Championships - Abbey is a goalie.

Joel plays A grade for East Lismore, while he also plays Reserve grade with Zac & Izaac. Abbey plays Seniors for Summerlanders & Juniors with East Lismore.

Congratulations to all on a great representative season.

RRHS TAS report

Drawing to the end of another term, Year 7 and Year 8 classes are busily finishing off projects before they rotate to a new context area and new teacher for next term. For Year 7 Food students next week is Fudge Week, where students produce one of the most popular dishes in our curriculum. Ask your child to make sure they bring some home, because often the fudge is eaten before students get off the bus! Year 8 have been constructing clocks and paper towel holders in timber, with candle holders and plastic tooth brush holders constructed in Metals and Plastics. Great examples of our students efforts can be viewed on our Facebook group page.

Next term sees many Year 11 students going out to their first Work Placements for our VET courses. A reminder that Workplacements are a mandatory part of the course and required hours must be completed for the students to receive a HSC in their course. We have had some excellent reports throughout the year with our Year 12 classes on Work Placement, especially Matt Miller in Construction, so Year 11 have a lot to live up to.

Year 12 major works in Textiles and Industrial Technology are due to be marked early in Term 3 and students are busy putting the finishing touches to their efforts. These major works are marked by markers independent of the school and constitute a large part of the student’s final HSC result in the subject. Good Luck to all involved and Don’t Panic!!

Agriculture and Primary Industries students visited Primex at Casino yesterday and a great day was had by all. As usual our students were well behaved and served as excellent examples of the student body we have here at Richmond River High School.
Year 10 Drama Excursion

Last week the Year 10 drama class (and some Year 9 guests) travelled to Brisbane to see “Mother Courage” by the iconic playwright Bertold Brecht. This epic morality play, written in protest as the Nazi tanks rolled into Poland, was given a fresh twist by an all Indigenous cast. Wesley Enoch directed his actors through a harsh, post-apocalyptic Australia where the traditional owners are losing the battle against the mining companies.

The students were exceptional, representing the school in full uniform and mindful of theatre etiquette. On the bus trip back we discussed the conventions and techniques particular to Brecht’s plays and their opinions of the show … we had a lot of time to discuss while stuck in peak hour traffic … Overall the play was considered to be a “really interesting adaptation,” while everyone agreed that “the actor who played Mother Courage had great stage presence.”

A big thank you to all the students who attended and all the parents who were flexible with our delayed pick up time. I look forward to reading your essays on the entertainment and political values of Brecht’s work.

Fiona Passmore,  
Drama Teacher

From the Deputy

More on Positive Behaviour for Learning

On Monday morning all students in Years 7 to 10 attended what turned out to be a highly successful assembly which launched our “new and improved” approach to Positive Behaviour for Learning. The following concepts were presented as the “Guiding Stars” of each student’s “river journey” from Year 7 until their exit from school as a young adult:

- **Mindful**: I can make good choices, develop good relationships and reflect on my behaviour.
- **Grateful**: I am thankful for education, support and opportunity.
- **Respectful**: I can respect everyone I share my school with.
- **Responsible**: I can make decisions which will help myself and others have a great day.
- **Honest**: I can feel good about my actions and decisions.
- **Safe**: I can look after myself and my environment.

Overall, the above “guiding stars” draw on our traditional PBL values, and supplement these with our relatively recent engagement with Mindfulness for students. This message has been expanded on during morning year meetings this week, reinforced by the posting of large signs depicting our central “river journey”, as seen on the front page of last week’s ‘River Views’. Signage is an important component in the success of PBL, as demonstrated by the experience of many other schools which have successfully engaged with PBL. The work of our PBL team will focus now on the placement of more specific signs in classrooms and at key points around the school (eg. stairways, verandahs, canteen) where experience has shown that students need to be reminded of the positive behaviour expected of them.

During next term students can expect explicit teaching in their year meetings which will reinforce the messages presented to them not only through the signage which will appear around the school, but also the central concept presented to them during Monday’s assembly. Our PBL team have been energised not only by the response to students to date, but also through our engagement with “refresher” professional learning. Mr Prince, Mr Scarrabelotti, Mr Tyson and myself, armed with latest in PBL theory, and the strength of our experiences at school, are looking forward to working with PBL to reinforce our positive school culture.

Year 10 Subject Selection

Thanks to the many Year 10 students and their families who attended our subject selection evening on Wednesday. Every attempt was made to present what, in reality, is quite a complex process, laden with “teacher speak”, so that it could be understood in the real world. Thanks to Mr Klose, Mr Tyson, Mr Price and Ms Greenshaw for their efforts. Students and their families are reminded of the importance of continuing to seek advice from class teachers and Head Teachers in the process of filling out subject selection forms for Year 11 2014. These forms are due to Mr Woodward by Friday of next week (28th June).

Wishing everyone a warm and relaxing weekend.

Mr Hensley  
Deputy Principal
From the Principal

Finally I have some news for you on the Principal position. This week Mr David Harvey has been offered and accepted the position. David has been the School Development Officer at Lismore District Office for a number of years and prior to that was a Principal over the coast. He has a vast range of exceptional skills and talents to offer the school and its community. I congratulate David on his appointment and wish him well.

I am really looking forward to heading home to Nimbin Central School in Term 3 after a semester of great fun, good company, supportive collegiality and a very steep learning curve. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time here at Richmond River and walk away with a range of new skills and knowledge for which I am grateful. I thank you all for the efforts you went to ensuring I felt welcome and valued.

The Year 10 Subject Selection Information evening was held Wednesday and a large cohort of Year 10 students and their parents and carers attended. At that meeting I highlighted a few do’s and don’ts around subject selection, and I publish them here for students who did not attend:

“Whatever your aims, whatever your purpose, whatever your motives for your subject selection, you must equip yourself to make the best possible decisions for the person who counts the most . . . and that is you. Listen to everyone, seek information and guidance wherever it is available, do your own research, ask your own questions and be realistic about what you are capable of, and what you have so far proved yourself able to achieve at school.

DO choose courses that interest you.

DO choose courses that your best friend likes and has chosen simply for that reason.

DO choose subjects that you are good at, that you enjoy and that you know you can experience success and satisfaction in.

Do not choose courses based on the fact your favourite teacher is teaching that course.

DO choose courses that will meet your vocational needs and interests.

If you have no idea whether you wish to go to university, get a job, start an apprenticeship or join the armed forces, then choose subjects that you will enjoy, that will intrigue you, that will satisfy your need to know stuff, and that will give you an ATAR, in other words, leave your options open”.

Ms M-J Pell
Relieving Principal

From the Deputy Principal

Leo’s Dinner

On Monday night I had the pleasure to attend the Leo’s club changeover dinner. The dinner celebrated the efforts of the Leo’s clubs at both Kadina High School and RRHS over 2013 and the election of the new board members for 2013-2014.

Congratulations to our new Leo’s Club Board Members for 2013-2014.

President: Jemma Restall
Vice-President: Brooke Restall
Secretary: Elizabeth Cheater
Treasurer: Leah Davidson
Board member: Ariel Cooke

Three new members will be inducted soon:

Zoe Bellos, Rachel Herne and Breanna Picking.

The Leo’s Club meets every Thursday at Lunchtime in Room 43. Mr Yates is the Leo’s Club Teacher Advisor. Leo’s is all about service. It is about giving back to the community, helping people and community groups who are making a difference. It can be about raising money or simply donating time to help out. This is a great opportunity to positively contribute to our school and to the wider Lismore Community. Students are given opportunities to take on leadership roles and grow as individuals and to work towards positive goals with like-minded people.

Emergency Contacts

Today many people change their mobile phone numbers or home numbers and neglect to inform the school. This is understandable with the hectic pace of living life and looking after your family but it is absolutely essential that we have up to date contact records for families. It can be very distressing for students if they are ill or injured if we cannot contact parents or emergency contacts. Please ring the front office of the school to check details or to inform them of a change.

Beautiful Program

This Wednesday 19th June and Wednesday 26th June graduations are being held for the Year 8 girls Beautiful program at the House with No Steps at Alstonville. The program is all about developing positive self-esteem in girls and helping them to realise their own beauty as people. The program is delivered by a dedicated group of women from the Lismore Community who invest their time into helping our young girls grow into strong and confident women. This is the second year RRHS has run the program and students and families have been very happy with the outcomes.

Next term during sport time our Year 7 girls will participate in the program.

Thursday 27th June 12:15 p.m.: Next Thursday we celebrate the achievements of our Years 10, 11 and 12 students in Semester 1 2013. All parents are invited to attend if they wish. Students receiving an award will receive an invitation for parents. There will also be 2 musical items at the formal assembly performed by our talented music students. Please come along and join us in celebrating our student success.

School Holidays in July

School Term finishes on Friday 28th June. School resumes for students on Tuesday 16th July after the School Development Day.

Year 12 Trials

The Year 12 Trial exams begin on Monday 22nd July and run until Friday 22nd August. Students may need some help and support over the period before the exams to get organised and motivated for study. There is still time to make a difference to results and the trials provide an avenue for students to test their skills.

HSC Exam timetables have been published and copies are available at school for students. Making sure appropriate exams and their times are highlighted and that the whole family is aware of the exam dates is very important.

Student Achievements

Kiyan Zwiebel: Kiyan has been selected in the Tasmania State Team for Roller Hockey. Students from all over the country gathered to try out for the state teams in early June. State selectors watched the games and bid for the best players Australia wide to be part of their team. Previously Lismore Roller Hockey players have been successful in attracting ice hockey opportunities in Canada. We wish Kiyan all the best with his further endeavours in this sport.

Joshua Rose: Joshua Rose started rowing, because his dad Peter was part of the RRHS rowing team when he was at school. When the Lismore Rowing Club contacted the school about students members Josh was keen to try it out and give it a shot.

Little did we know that Joshua would prove to be so talented, motivated and driven to achieve. One day at the rowing boat shed, Joshua decided to complete a 2 km rowing trial and he managed to beat a long-standing Australia wide record by 6 seconds. Joshua has been offered a scholarship to an exclusive Gold Coast school but he has decided to remain at home and continue to train. Lismore rowing club are very supportive of his ongoing efforts.

Mrs D Williamson
Deputy Principal
**RRHS - Term 2 Week 9**

**Monday 24/06/2013**
- Gaming Workshop, 9 - 11 a.m. in the River Theatre
- Year 11 Science Excursion to Shelly Beach, Ballina

**Wednesday 26/06/2013**
- Beautiful Girls Graduation
- Year 12 SLR Fishing Excursion to Evans Head

**Thursday 27/06/2013**
- Years 10, 11 & 12 Formal Awards Assembly 12.15 p.m. in the MPU
- NAIDOC Day

**Friday 28/06/2013**
- LAST DAY OF SCHOOL TERM
- EXO DAY

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**Canteen Roster - Term 2 Week 9**

Monday 24/06/2013
Vanessa Ekins

Tuesday 25/06/2013
Deb Richards

Wednesday 26/06/2013
Kelly Wilson

Thursday 27/06/2013
Tania Harvey

Friday 28/06/2013
Kelly Wilson

Canteen volunteers are needed.

If you can help please phone Kathy Claydon on 6621 4890.

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**P&C News**

We will be hosting a **Trivia Night** at Richmond River High School on **Saturday 17th August 2013**.

Please save the date and start to organise tables of 8-10. This will be an adults only evening - come and have some fun!

Cost will be $10 per head.

Any enquiries please call Tania Harvey - 0411 445 442

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**Payment Schedule**

**Year 11 Perisher Blue Cow Snow Trip**

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**June 7th**
- $200 SHOULD HAVE BEEN PAID

**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.

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**Year 11 Perisher/Blue Cow Snow Trip**

**Information Evening at Richmond River High School's River Theatre**

**Tuesday 25th June**

@ 5.30 p.m. - 6.15 p.m.

All Year 11 students who are going to Perisher and their parents/carers are required to attend this meeting.

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**P & C Meeting**

6.00 - 7.30 p.m.
Wednesday 14th August 2013