Cows Create Careers

On Wednesday 17th July our Agriculture students attended the Cows Create Careers Program which is run every year by Dairy Australia.

Our students performed very well gaining equal 1st and 3rd in the junior section and 2nd and 3rd in the senior section.

Richmond River High School also took out ‘Best School in the Region’ for the senior section with $500 being donated to the Agriculture Department.

All the students had a wonderful time and actively participated in all activities including embarrassing Mr Woodward by making him dress in a cow’s apron and head piece. Mr Woodward won the ‘Smartest Teacher Competition’ once again this year.

A big thankyou to Dairy Australia, the Weir Family and Norco.
Year 11 Jindabyne Excursion

Could all students who are attending the Jindabyne Excursion please be at Richmond River High School by 2.30 p.m. tomorrow, Saturday. We are leaving promptly at 3.00 p.m.

Hope all have a safe and wonderful trip.

Personal Interest Projects – Year 8

Projects are to be completed by Week 3, for presentation before a panel of judges and class members. Students have been working on Reflection Statements (about 250 words) this week, and this needs to be handed in with their project and should include the following:

- Describe your project
- How does your PIP Project reflect your interests?
- What were the steps in creating and completing your project?
- What were the quality tests you set for your project?
- Are you satisfied with the final product?
- What did your project teach you?
- If you were to do this project again, what would you do differently?

As I discuss projects with students, it is evident that many have enjoyed the support of family members mentoring them as they work on their project. Thank you to all who have assisted students as they complete their projects.

Next week we will be working on presentation techniques, students will be presenting their projects in their core classes on Monday 29/7 - 8.2, Tuesday 30/7 - 8.3, Wednesday 31/7 - 8.6, Thursday 1/8 - 8.4, Friday 2/8 - 8.1 and Monday 5/8 - 8.5. A timetable of presentation times has been emailed to all Year 8 students.

Mrs L. Seccombe
Teacher-Librarian

Student Medical Forms

During Terms 3 and 4 we will be updating our medical records systems to ensure we have the most up-to-date information on your child’s health.

If you have a child with a medical condition you will receive a copy of the new forms in the mail and will need to fill them out and return them to us as soon as you can.

The good news is we have already started collecting some of this information, which means less for you to do.

The new forms will help us collect your child’s important medical information and the introduction of new systems will mean we’ll be able to better manage the daily and emergency health needs of your child.

We appreciate your support as we start collecting the information, and if you have any questions please call.

Sarah Helliwell
Year 12 Advisor

Year 12 Chemistry Excellence

On Thursday 13th June, three Year 12 Chemistry students, Kimberley Armstrong, Luke Parrish and James Smith, competed in the RACI Titration Competition at Southern Cross University. Our team won that day and then went on to be second overall in the Northern Rivers with an Excellence Award for an overall penalty score of 78. Congratulations to our students for their strong and committed performance.

Sarah Helliwell
Year 12 Advisor
From the Principal
Dear parents

While I have met a number of parents over the last few days I would like to say hello to all our parents and to let you know that I have been appointed as the new principal to Richmond River High School. I feel very privileged to be the principal because I have heard many good things about the students and staff at the school.

I understand that the school provides a comprehensive range of quality programs to support student learning and I look forward to working collaboratively with you through the school’s P&C Association in order to build on the good work already being undertaken by the staff and students.

Thank you to all our teachers who stayed back last night for our Year 7 parent and teacher meetings. There was a great turn out of parents who came up to the school for the interviews and I know the teachers really valued catching up and chatting with many of you face to face.

In relation to parent and teacher meetings, we have scheduled 30 July from 3:30 - 7:00 p.m. for our Years 9, 10 and 11 students. Please keep this date and time free and take the opportunity to meet with your children’s teachers.

Very soon the school will be reflecting on the school plan and as a part of this process we will want to find out from parents your views as to how the school is progressing in many of its priority areas for 2013. As a part of this process some parents will be contacted to fill in a short survey and then this information will be included with information provided by staff and by students through the SRC.

Mr Dave Harvey
Principal

From the Deputies

Year 11 Snow Trip
One of the great traditions of our school is the annual Year 11 snow trip. A significant proportion of our Year 11 students will be out of the school during next week engaging in an entirely different set of learning opportunities to those they would normally experience. All of these students, along with their parents and carers, will be well aware of the expectations of the school in terms of conduct, cooperation and participation. Thanks to Mr Laverty, Mr Dawson, Mr Prince, Mrs Turner and Mr Fox for spending a week away from their own families to make this trip possible. No doubt both students and staff will have a fantastic time.

Year 11 students not attending the snow trip will be expected to attend school next week as normal. While these students will not attend normal timetabled classes, they will be following an alternative timetable ensuring they are supervised at all times by teachers who will be able to assist them in completing work provided by their normal class teachers.

Year 12 Exams
Year 12 will begin their second “block” of exams on Monday, concluding on Friday 2nd August. It is extremely important that all students perform to their full potential in these exams as they not only form part of the formal assessment of all HSC courses, but also provide invaluable exam experience for the final HSC exams conducted by the Board of Studies in October.

Year 12 students have been asked to focus not only on the structured program of study which, no doubt, has been taking place for the last three weeks as a minimum, but also on the ways in which they prepare for exams during the evening before, and the morning of each exam. Our intention is to use scheduled Year 12 meeting time after the exam period to encourage students to reflect on their preparation for their exams, and the ways in which this could be refined in order to improve their potential for success during the final HSC exams in October. We will be using resources left for us by ‘Elevate Education’ who presented a study skills seminar for Year 12 last term.

We certainly wish all Year 12 students the best of luck during the coming exam period.

Year 7, 2014
Planning is already well under way for the transition of Year 6 students, zoned for Richmond River High School, from across our 27 partner primary schools in order to ensure a smooth and positive transition process into high school.

During coming weeks, our zoned Year 6 students will meet Mr French, who has been appointed as their Year Advisor. Mr French will be visiting all of our partner primary schools, not only to meet our incoming students, but also to work with our colleagues in the primary schools to ensure all students get the most out of their transition into high school.

Positive Behaviour for Learning
The focus for our teaching of PBL during daily year meetings this week and continuing into next week has been all about our expectations of respectful behaviour in class. In particular, this week we have focussed on the need for students to wait quietly at the beginning of each class for their teachers to begin the lesson, and for students to respect other classes in progress through their behaviour choices while not in class.

Next week, our focus will move to expectations when students have settled into their lessons. Specifically, students will be asked to think about their ability to allow both themselves and others in their class every opportunity to learn, and treating others as they want to be treated and giving others a fair go.

It is good to see the majority of students responding well to our weekly PBL focus.

Merit Awards
On a similar note, our SRC, under the guidance of Ms Varley, are to be congratulated for their initiative in using daily year meeting time to acknowledge students before their peers who have earned faculty merit awards or “gotcha’s”. Students who return their award slips to the drop boxes in the Front Office can look forward to each Friday morning and the possibility of having their name drawn during their year meeting and being awarded a $5:00 canteen voucher. Further to that, an accumulation of merit awards can lead to a Principal’s Award during whole school formal assemblies later in the year.

Trivia Night
A reminder to all of our school community to support our P&C’s Trivia Night on Saturday 17th August. Tickets are $10.00 a head and attendees are asked to come as part of a table of 8 to 10 in order to participate. This is the P&C’s major fundraising event for the year and will hopefully prove to be a great success. Trivia nights are a lot of fun – many of our staff are looking forward to the night.

Mr Hensley
Deputy Principal
RRHS - Term 3 Week 2

Monday 22/07/2013
- HSC Trials
- Year 11 Jindabyne Excursion
- Year 10 to 11 Subject Interviews

Tuesday 23/07/2013
- HSC Trials
- Year 11 Jindabyne Excursion
- Year 10 to 11 Subject Interviews

Wednesday 24/07/2013
- HSC Trials
- Year 11 Jindabyne Excursion
- Year 10 to 11 Subject Interviews
- Boys Cricket

Thursday 25/07/2013
- HSC Trials
- Year 11 Jindabyne Excursion
- National Chemistry Quiz

Friday 26/07/2013
- HSC Trials
- Year 11 Jindabyne Excursion
- Indigenous Mentoring SCU

Small Setaria Hay Bales For Sale
$15.00 wrapped
$11.00 not wrapped

Small Feed/Mulch Hay Bales For Sale
$5.50
Please ring the school on 66213456 and speak to Mr Woodward in the TAS Dept.

P & C Meeting
6.00 - 7.30 p.m.
Wednesday
14th August 2013

Canteen Roster - Term 3 Week 2

Monday 22/07/2013
Vanessa Ekins

Tuesday 23/07/2013
Des Harris and Deb Richards

Wednesday 24/07/2013
Kelly Wilson

Thursday 25/07/2013
Lisa Voaden

Friday 26/07/2013
Linda Grey

Canteen volunteers are needed. If you can help please phone Kathy Claydon on 6621 4890.
Richmond River High School P & C

Trivia Night

Saturday 17 August 2013

At: RRHS MPU
Time: 6 p.m. for 6.30 start
Cost: $10 per head

Tables of 8-10
Adults Only

BYO Nibbles + Drinks + Alcoholic beverages
Come and have some fun with games, raffles and of course the Trivia

Create your own theme for your table
Prize for the best table!

* Lucky Door Prizes * Raffles
*Toss the Coin * Tombola*

Tickets can be purchased at the School Office
Ph: 66213456
**Paws In The Park - 2013**

When: Sunday August 4th, 2013
9.30 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.
Lismore Rugby Union Grounds, off Brunswick St.

This is a fabulous fundraising dog walk organised by Keen Street Vet Veterinary Clinic in Lismore, with the day’s takings being donated equally between Animal Welfare League and Northern Rivers Animal Services. The day starts with registering at Davidson Oval (off Diadem St., behind Trinity Catholic College and the PCYC), and then a gentle walk over to the Rugby Union Grounds off Brunswick Street Lismore.

There is an entry fee (or gate fee if you wish to enter but not walk) of $10 per dog.

The charity fun day is planned for dogs and their humans to spend time socialising, exercising and participating in some fun activities throughout the morning. There will be morning tea and a BBQ run by the Northern Rivers Wildlife Carers, with profits from the canteen going to this wonderful group. Paws in the Park also aim to promote responsible pet ownership and the safe co-habitation of cats and dogs with our wildlife.

There will be prizes for the many competitions and games being staged: A fun day for all! Please contact Keen St Vet Clinic (6621 9811) or myself on behalf of NRAS for further information.

Michela Brown
Northern Rivers Animal Services
nras@live.com.au 6681 1860