Personal Interest Projects – Year 8

Projects are to be completed by next week so that students can present them before a panel of judges and their class members. This week Year 8 have been working on their presentations, which should be 2 to 5 minutes in length. During their oral presentation, students will need to explain their PIP, what research they needed to do, the process of completing their project (actions and materials), what went well and any problems they had, who helped them, what have they learned and how do they feel about their project. Students should also practice their presentation at home.

Mrs Seccombe,
Teacher-Librarian

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Be ready with your project, reflection statement and your presentation

Students assisting Madhi Manar with his project.
Year 9 Textile and Design students spent Term 2 designing and constructing “Hoodies”. This project has given them skills in manipulating knit fabrics. They have done a fantastic job and some now have a warm jacket/jumper suitable to wear to school.

Skateboard Riding for Sport

Equipment

A hard shell helmet of a Standards Australia approved design must be worn. Helmets designed specifically for skateboarding, roller and in-line skating are commercially available. Standards Australia approved design cycling helmets are also suitable.

In addition to helmets, inexperienced and beginning participants who have not mastered the basic fundamentals of skateboarding must wear knee, elbow pads and wrist guards.

Students must wear wrist, knee and elbow guards when using and learning tricks on ramps.

Students are to be instructed to keep skateboards in good operating condition.

Students should wear comfortable clothing (preferably long sleeves and long pants) and soft-soled sports shoes.
From the Deputies

Years 9-11 Parent Teacher Evening Tuesday 30th July 3.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. MPU

Please come along to see teachers concerning the progress of your student. It is the ongoing partnership and communication between parents and teachers that can really enhance student outcomes and parents involvement in the education process. Students have booking sheets and teachers are encouraging them to make bookings at suitable times for parents. Teachers have allocated 5 minute time slots to talk to parents. If you require more time to discuss your child’s issues you can negotiate a time on another day to complete any plans for your student.

Junior Awards Assembly

Years 7, 8 and 9 is on Thursday 15th August 12.15 p.m. This is a formal assembly to reward the students who have performed well in Semester 1 and have been acknowledged by the school for their achievement. Students will receive invitations from their Year Advisers closer to the date. We will also have two musical items to be performed on the day thanks to Mr Wordsworth and the fantastic music students.

Harriet and Claudia Beucker - NSW State Championships for Aerobic Gymnastics

Harriet and Claudia attended the competition last weekend in Sydney and both girls were selected for the NSW team to attend the National Championships in Brisbane in September. Despite a sprained ankle Claudia managed to be selected on her excellent past performance and Harriet came second in the state. Congratulations to both girls who truly deserve the rewards and accolades.

Joshua Rose - Star Rower

Joshua has recently competed in the SE Queensland School Rowing Championships at Lake Kawana. He gained 1st in his heat, 3rd in his semi–final and 7th place in the single sculls final over 2000m. On Saturday Josh paired with a student from Queensland to row in the Double sculls Boys Open over 2000m. These two boys have only rowed together on three occasions and managed to gain second place, 1.47 seconds behind the leaders. Josh has only been rowing about two years and is making incredible progress. This is always something that Josh has had an interest in and he made it happen. He has been contacted by the North Coast Academy of Sport with an offer to try out for the North Coast Academy Rowing Team. Trials will be held in Maclean on the 27th and 28th July and we wish him all the best. If you are interested in rowing the Lismore Rowing Club is always looking for members, please contact Josh Rose Year 11, Dougall Fisher on 66293285 or Mrs Williamson.

Rugby League Camp

Two weeks ago three of our Year 7 boys attended a Titans Rugby League camp at Kingscliff. Students worked hard all day completing drills and working closely with Titans players. This was a very inspirational day for our aspirational students who are seeking a career in the future in professional Rugby League. Good luck to our students Jacob Fittock, Roan Beucker and Toby Thorley. Congratulations to these students for chasing their dreams and putting in the day to day effort.

Long Service Leave - I am on leave until Tuesday 13th August. My daughter will be getting married in early August and this will enable me to enjoy time with my extended family visiting from Sydney and Victoria.

Attendance

Our school is beginning an attendance blitz. Students whose attendance is below 85% will be interviewed. The process will begin with student interviews and will progress to parent conferences if student attendance does not improve. Please see the document on page 8 of this newsletter relating to compulsory school attendance. Each week we will feature information related to attendance for your information.

Jaeden Ogston was selected to perform at Lismore Performing Arts Festival (LPAF), to be held Week 7 Wednesday and Thursday 26th and 27th August at Lismore Workers Club.

Julia Batten and Deanna Batten go into the recording studio to produce an original single for the Triple J High School Unearthed competition. Best of luck to the twins on this opportunity.

Mrs D Williamson
Deputy Principal
**From the Principal**

Dear parents and caregivers,

This has been another busy week at the school and with Year 11 away on their Snowy trip. We look forward to hearing all about the interesting, fun and educational activities the students and teachers were involved in during the week. This week our 12 students have been highly focused sitting their trial HSC examinations. We know that this can be a challenging time for our students and we wish them well as they continue into next week.

Earlier this week the subject selection interviews were held with our Year 10 students. This is such an important activity for students to be best placed into subjects and courses for Year 11 that take into account the knowledge, skills and interests of our students. I would like to especially thank Mr Woodward, Ms Hamer, Mr Price, Ms Ryan and Mr Klose for being available to interview our Year 10 students and providing them with quality support and advice.

Since being at the school I have noticed the whole of school focus on our Positive Behaviour for Learning program. I am impressed with the way our students are actively joining in the discussions around the school's core expectations, in particular, being respectful and responsible citizens and what that means at school. Congratulations to all our students for really taking this on!

**Mr Dave Harvey**  
**Principal**

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**From the Deputies**

**Personal Interest Projects**

Next week is officially ‘Education Week’ across NSW public schools. At Richmond River High School we traditionally celebrate Education Week by conducting the marking of Year 8 Personal Interest Projects, which are the result of ten school weeks, along with many hours of time at home (often involving families and friends), and which reflect the interests and passions of our Year 8 students.

The Year 8 Personal Interest Project (PIP) program has proven extremely successful over a number of years now, with our current Year 12 cohort being the first group to complete their PIP’s, as Year 8, back in 2009. The projects, as always, will be presented by students to a marking panel consisting of teachers, the school executive and parent representatives over the course of next week.

Many thanks to Mrs Seccombe, our Teacher Librarian, who coordinates this program every year and provides all of our students with the opportunity to shine in front of their peers, teachers and community. Mrs Seccombe’s energy, enthusiasm and passion for student achievement provides the foundation for the enormous success of this amazing program.

**Junior Curriculum Night & PIP Display**

All parents and carers of Year 8 students should be aware of our Junior Curriculum Night, coming up on Wednesday 7th August. The range of elective choices for Year 9 2014 into Year 10 2015 will be presented, and the subject selection process explained. All of our faculty head teachers will be present to answer any questions you may have.

In addition, Year 8 PIP’s (see above) will be on display in the Library. Please come along and celebrate your student’s achievements this year, and plan for their future success in Years 9 and 10.

**Student Merit Awards & “Gotchas”**

Many thanks to Mrs Varley and the Student Representative Council who have taken on the role of coordinating a draw of student awards every Friday morning during year meetings. Students need to have received a faculty Merit Award for good work in class, or a “Gotcha” for around the school good deeds, and then need to have placed their return slip into the drop box located in our Front Office in order to be eligible for the weekly draw.

“Winning” students will be able to collect a Canteen voucher to the value of $5.00 from our Principal, Mr Harvey, each week. Furthermore the draw, students who accrue enough awards are eligible for a Principal’s Award at one of our Formal Assemblies later in the year.

**Positive Behaviour for Learning**

Our focus next week will continue to be on the expectation that all of our students can behave in a Responsible way in their classrooms. Specifically, during morning meetings, students will be discussing the importance of treating others as they want to be treated, and of always behaving in a manner which will promote a positive image of our school.

Congratulations are to be extended to the vast majority of our students who, through their daily choices, are consistently being “RRHS” (Respectful, Responsible, Honest and Safe).

**SES Cadet Training**

Thanks are also extended to Mr Klose for his work in coordinating SES Cadet training for 17 of our Years 10 and 11 students. Over the course of next week these students will participate in a range of activities, both at school and on the premises of a range of emergency services providers across Lismore. This will, no doubt, provide these students with learning experiences which are very practical, enjoyable and unique, while also opening up future opportunities for extremely positive community involvement.

Wishing everyone an enjoyable and relaxing weekend.

**Mr Hensley**  
**Deputy Principal**

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**Senior Drama Excursion**

Last Friday night six enthusiastic Drama students braved the cold to see the play *Frankenstein* at NORPA. The production has been on tour around Australia at various venues including Sydney Opera House. The play is closely based on Mary Shelley's novel. The performances were amazing. We were lucky enough to attend the first performance in the renovated City Hall. Following the performance we were lucky enough to be invited to meet the cast - Fantastic!

Pictured are Year 11 students Melissa Mills, Calliope Margetts-Graham and Nicola Shipard with two of the actors who played Dr Frankenstein and his Monster.

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**Nimbin Film Competition**

Entries are open for the Nimbin Film Competition. RRHS students have a great reputation for film making. A number of our students have won the competition over the past few years. Great prizes up for grabs. Why not enter? Entries close at 5p.m. 6th September. For more information or enquiries contact organiser Darmin on 0428 337 088 or email darmincameronon@gmail.com

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Being

RRHS

Is:

- Responsible
- Respectful
- Honest
- Safe

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Richmond River High School  
Telephone: 6621 3456  
www.richmondri-h.schools.nsw.edu.au  
Canteen: 6621 4890
P & C Meeting
6.00 - 7.30 p.m.
Wednesday
14th August 2013

Grafton Regional Library

Artextexpress is an exhibition of outstanding works by 2012 Higher School Certificate Visual Arts students from schools in NSW.

Opening hours:
Tuesday - Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Exhibition opens Wednesday 28 August 2013 and closes on Sunday 20th October 2013.

Canteen Roster - Term 3 Week 3

Monday 29/07/2013
HSC Trial Exams
SES Training at RRHS

Tuesday 30/07/2013
HSC Trial Exams
SES Training at RRHS
Year 9 Unibound
Years 9-11 Parent/Teacher Night in the MPU 3.30 p.m. - 7.00 p.m.

Wednesday 31/07/2013
HSC Trial Exams
SES Training at RRHS
Year 9 Unibound

Thursday 01/08/2013
HSC Trial Exams
SES Training at RRHS
Years 10 and 11 Byron Writers Festival

Friday 02/08/2013
HSC Trial Exams
SES Training at RRHS
North Coast Athletics Carnival

MyMaths online.com.au

Our password for MyMaths has changed.
Make a note of the new details.

Login: rivers
Password: pentagon

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**
Youth Connections North Coast is now calling for entries for the Nimbin Youth Film Comp 2013. The competition has uncovered some fine local talent and encouraged many others to try their hand at making a short film.

So, now is the time to grab a camera and start shooting.

Ari McKinlay, the winner of last year’s first prize for her film *Imagine This*, a film about the impacts of suicide said, “Winning the Nimbin Youth Film Competition was incredible! It was amazing to watch my film on the big screen and then for people to tell me that it helped them, is just unbelievable. Winning has given me so many opportunities, I want to thank everyone involved.”

The competition is open to any young person aged up to 20 who lives within 40 kms of Nimbin. The films can be from 2 to 10 minutes in length in any category from documentary or fiction to music video, as long as it has been locally produced and directed by a young person within the last two years.

Entries close at 5 p.m. on Friday 6th September with the winners announced and prizes awarded on Saturday 14th September Nimbin Town Hall. Last year a few entrants missed out because they didn’t make the deadline, so note this date!

All the winner’s films and selected entries will be shown on the award presentation afternoon. Last years viewing was a fantastic affair with a big audience, big screen and big sound. There is an open invitation to everyone in the Nimbin region to come along and support our local Tarantino’s. Entry is free!

Entry forms will be available from Nimbin Youth Centre, Nimbin Neighbourhood Centre, and Youth Connections North Coast main office at 17b Keen St. Lismore. There will also be boxes for your entries at those locations.

The competition requires all entries to be on standard DVD format and playable on a standard DVD player No other formats will be accepted. Entries will not be returned so please send copies only.

For more information or enquiries contact organiser Darmin on 0428 337 088 or email darmincameron@gmail.com

It’s My Life is a project funded under Department of Family & Community Services, Community Builders.
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.