SES TRAINING

Last week sixteen Year 10 and 11 students participated in an introduction to the State Emergency Services (SES). Throughout the week we participated in lots of activities to show us teamwork, as it is one of the main factors of being in the SES. We went on an excursion to the Westpac Life Saver Rescue Helicopter Service and gained knowledge about helicopters and their roles in rescues. We also visited the Lismore SES headquarters where we were able to experience being winched up in a harness. Here we also got to use the “jaws of life” on a car wreck. Good communication plays a vital role within the SES. We got to use walkie-talkies, as these tools are commonly used in emergency situations. We concluded our week with a trip to Ballina where we were able to see the roles of boats in emergency situations. Here we had hands on experience rescuing a casualty from the water. The merits of the week were discussed over a hearty fish ‘n’ chip meal, which was enjoyed by all.

A big thank you to Mr Klose and Mr Harrison for giving us this wonderful opportunity.
YEAR 8 PERSONAL INTEREST PROJECTS
An important information night will be held on the 21st of August, 2013 at Richmond River High School. The aim of the night is to provide key information regarding our High Achiever Program and the process of entering your child into the program.

The Year 7 Student Advisor for 2014, Mr. Dean French will be available on the night to introduce himself and discuss any queries.

The selection criteria and the process of entering the High Achiever Program are comprehensive. It is crucial that you attend this information evening so that you are fully aware of what is required as well as what your child will get out of our High Achiever Program.

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Richmond River High School’s innovative ‘Percussion Ensemble’ visited South Lismore Primary Schools annual ‘Careers Expo Day’ and put on various workshops and performance for the visiting primary school students. The day was a smash hit! (pardon the pun) We were voted the favourite on the day and have already been booked at other schools to perform. The Students involved were: Joshua Towers, Jack Bateman, Nic Smykowsky, Hayden Jacobson, Sam Weir, Hayden Somerville, Miles Redden and Mahdi Manar. These students can be congratulated on their exemplary behaviour.

Ben Wordsworth  
Music Teacher

Jim Bright will be coming to RRHS to address our Year 10 students with some career inspiration on Thursday August 22nd. A one hour session from 9:10 a.m. - 10:10 a.m.

Below is some information regarding Jim Bright and more information can be found via our school website.

“Jim Bright is the managing partner of Bright and Associates. He has an international reputation as a career development professional based on his award winning innovative career development research, best-selling career development books and his entertaining and informative speaking and training.

Jim has over 20 years of experience in psychology and career development. He has a BA (Hons) and a PhD in Psychology. He has published over 300 books, chapters, journals, newspaper articles, tests and reports. He is a fellow of both the Australian Psychological Society and the Career Development Association of Australia and is a past national chairperson of the College of Organisational Psychologists. He holds Australia’s first specifically-named Professorial appointment in career development at ACU.

Jim writes the Brightside column every week for the Sydney Morning Herald and the Melbourne Age newspapers.”

If you have any further queries please contact Mr. Weir in the TAS staffroom.

HSC Drama and Music Performances

Drama Monday 12th 5 p.m. in the River Theatre

Music Tuesday 13th 6 p.m. in the River Theatre

Next Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th August will be your chance to see our HSC Drama and Music students performing before they sit their HSC exams later this term. The students have been developing the performances throughout the year. In a few weeks time visiting examiners from the Board of Studies will come to our school to assess Drama and later in the term, Music. The showcase next week is an important part of the process, allowing students to gain valuable audience feedback before they are examined.

The Drama night will see students perform their Group devised pieces, as well as a number of monologues. On Tuesday the Music performance will not only star Year 12 Drama students, but some of our up and coming stars from Year 11 as well. There is some remarkable talent amongst this year's HSC cohort - why not come along for the two great nights of entertainment...

Peter Howes  
Head Teacher Creative and Performing Arts
**Croquet - A new sport at RRHS**

Lismore Croquet Club contacted the school to see if there is any interest in our students doing croquet for sport. Sixteen students signed up for it and have been coached by about five ladies. They have been taught Golf Croquet and they are really enjoying it. They played a game on Wednesday and here are the results.

Oscar and Nick defeated Merlin and Jamali 7-0, Team Luke defeated Margaret and Ryan 4-3, Dough and Carmel defeated Emma and Marlo 7-4, Madeleine and Bodhi defeated Jack and Damien 5-3.

It costs $3.00 a week for coaching and we all walk there and back. There will be a maximum of 16 students each sport block.

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**Evans River K-12 School**

**Agriculture - Equine Studies**

School developed Board Endorsed Course

Agriculture - Equine Studies is a 2 unit course approved by the NSW Board of Studies. The Equine Studies course is completed over two years and involves 240 hours of study (120 Preliminary and 120 HSC). Evans River K-12 offers this course to students from all schools in the district.

It offers basic skills in awareness of safe practices, legal responsibilities, necessary insurances, horse management, equitation, team work and communication. It is the only such course offering these skills and has particular value in that it is mapped to the National Coach Accreditation Scheme (NACS), Level 1 Coach (equestrian) and the Sport and Recreation (Coach) Equestrian Training package.

If you are interested in studying Equine Studies through Evans River Community School, please contact Alison McGeary at the school.

Ph. 66 826 666 or fax 66 826 777.

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If your student didn't receive a vaccination envelope today then they can pick one up from the front office on Monday.
From the Principal
Dear parents/caregivers

On Tuesday of next week the Department of Health will be visiting our school to undertake the immunisation of our students against rubella. There has recently been an outbreak of rubella across parts of Lismore and surrounding communities and for this reason the Department of Health has requested that they undertake an immunisation program at Richmond River straight away. Handled to students today is a parental consent form to allow your children to be immunised against rubella on Tuesday 13th August. If you are supportive of your child being immunised please return the consent form signed on Monday 12th August. Forms will be collected at the morning roll call meeting by teachers. Please have a close read of the information that we sent home to you with last week’s newsletter as that includes a bit more information about the disease.

Next Saturday 17th August evening our P&C is organising a Richmond River Trivia Night. The trivia night will be held in the school’s MPU and will begin at 6:30 p.m. Please join in this important fund raising event for the school.

Thank you to Mr Yates and Ms Thomson for their hard work in ensuring that the Year 8 Subject Selection night was such a success. The behind the scenes organisation of Mr Yates ensured that the event went off smoothly and the effort of Ms Thomson in leading the night ensured students and parents have a sound understanding of the subjects on offer for Years 9 and 10.

On next Thursday 15th August the school will be holding its formal Junior Academic Awards Assembly for students in Years 7 to 9. Parents of those students who will be presented with an award will be sent home an invitation to attend the assembly on Thursday. At the assembly the PRINCIPAL’S PRIZE will be drawn for those students who have received faculty merit awards and “Gotcha” awards. In order for students to be included in the prize draw students will need to place their awards slips in the “drop box” in the student services section at the front office. There will be 3 amazing prizes drawn (one for each year) at the assembly. You have to be in it to win it!!

Have a great weekend. Keep the sunshine coming!

Mr Dave Harvey
Principal

From the Deputy Principal
Positive Behaviour for Learning
Celebrating Student Success

Next Thursday will see our Semester One Junior Academic Awards assembly taking place – a tremendous occasion for students and their families who have achieved success in one or more of their classes during the first half of this year. In preparation for this significant event, our PBL team have decided that next week’s focus will be on “celebrating and respecting the achievements of others”. This fits under two of our guiding PBL principles, that we encourage students to be ‘grateful’ for the opportunities presented to them both at school and in the broader community, while also being ‘mindful’ of their own capacity and willingness to engage in these opportunities, and also to respect the achievements of others who have done exactly that.

We believe that our formal assemblies will be all the more positive, both for students who are reward recipients, and those who are not, if everyone has a clear and shared understanding of what the assemblies are all about. The focus on “celebrating and respecting the achievements of others” will be explicitly taught to students throughout next week during our regular year meetings and also through combined “practice run” year meetings for Years 7 and 9 on Monday morning, and Years 8 and 10 on Tuesday morning.

School Improvement Plan

Our executive team have begun the process of evaluating our School Improvement Plan (2012 – 14) which will run into its final year next year. Over the past two years we have experienced considerable success with a number of initiatives which originated from this plan, and which have made a considerable and positive difference in our school. These include:

- Our revised PBL model.
- Our daily year meetings.
- Support for students with learning difficulties coordinated by our Learning and Support Team, under the leadership of our Head teacher Welfare, Mrs Savins.
- Our coordinated approach to differentiating curriculum for students of all ability levels.
- The revision of many of our whole school leadership roles.

It is great to work in a school where so many positive things are happening.

P&C Meeting

A reminder that this Wednesday is the second Wednesday of the month and, accordingly, is the night of our next P&C Meeting, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Any new members are most welcome. Don’t forget the Trivia Night next Saturday (17th August), which is the major fund raising activity for the P&C this year.

Mr Hensley
Deputy Principal

AIME for the Stars

Richmond River High School students have been involved in the Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience (AIME), students will attend Southern Cross University for three sessions over the coming months. AIME provides a dynamic educational program that gives Indigenous students the skills, opportunities, belief and confidence to finish school at the same rate as their peers. AIME also connects students with further education, training or employment. RRHS students were joined by students from BonaIbo, Ten
terfield, Alstonville, Casino and McLean High schools. The most recent session involved Year 10 students learning the power of motivation through talking, students were asked to prepare a speech as if they are the first Indigenous Prime Minister of Australia. The top 5 speeches will be given the oppor-
tunity to travel to Canberra and have their speech delivered to a full sitting parliament. Students were put outside their comfort zone but all rose to the challenge with great motivational speeches. We look forward to the next SCU visit in late August.

Student Support Officer
Scott Harrison

Being Responsible is:
Respectful
Honest
Safe
Thank you to local businesses
CONNECT Work Placement and the school would like to thank the following businesses for their ongoing support in taking vocational students to assist them in fulfilling the work placement component of their VET course.

Dayal Singh Joinery
Elders R Gordon & Son Real Estate
G.J & S.P McNamara
Harvey Norman
Landmark
Laser Plumbing Lismore
Lismore Workers Club
Rural Buying Machinery
Summerland Credit Union
PJ & SL WEIR

National Self Detection Program for Scoliosis (NSDP)
Each year during July and August school Principals receive information relating to the National Scoliosis Self-detection Program (NSDP). The NSDP recommends that parents of girls in Years 7 – 9 download the relevant information from the Scoliosis Australia homepage at www.scoliosis-australia.org and undertake the check. Scoliosis affects about 25 in 1,000 adolescent girls is best managed and treated with early detection.

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

Canteen Roster - Term 3 Week 5
Monday 12/08/2013
Kelly Wilson
Tuesday 13/08/2013
Deb Richards
Wednesday 14/08/2013
Need someone please
Thursday 15/08/2013
Sharyne Price
Friday 16/08/2013
Kelly Wilson
Canteen volunteers are needed. If you can help please phone Kathy Claydon on 6621 4890.

HSC resources to help your child
Is someone in your house preparing for the HSC? Here is some practical advice on everything from writing an essay to helping the rest of the family stay supportive (and sane) while your teen works towards their final exams.


Lismore Workers Swim Team have a sign-on day outside the Lismore Memorial Baths on Saturday 7th September 2013 from 11.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. For further details please phone Kerry on 0416 249 518.

Tracey Webster
Lismore Workers Swim Team, Committee Member

RRHS - Term 3 Week 5
Monday 12/08/2013
- Boys CHS Softball in Newcastle

Tuesday 13/08/2013
- Boys CHS Softball in Newcastle
- Year 7 Gala Day at Evans Head

Wednesday 14/08/2013
- Boys CHS Softball in Newcastle

Thursday 15/08/2013
- Junior Awards Assembly 12 noon in the MPU

Friday 16/08/2013

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

Login: rivers
Password: pentagon
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