French Tasting

A big merci to Robert and Danielle, the French couple who came to school last week and made delicious French pancakes and dealt out ice creams like they were going out of fashion! Students enthusiastically ordered in French and Robert and Danielle were impressed with their French speaking abilities and good manners. Thank you for your support.

Naomi Lishman
Language Teacher

RRHS athletes going onto State in North Coast Athletics Team

Eve Ivan 1.48m High Jump and Hurdles
Adrian Basso 13.13m Shot put
Zach Clements 28.30m Javelin
Tahila Cook 16.56 Hurdles
Madison Fielder 10.13m Long Jump and Triple Jump
Georgina Morris 10.22m Shot Discus and Javelin
Laura Read 16.39 Hurdles
Michael Daly, Cameron McNiff, Damon Mitchell and Donovan Conlon 14 years boys relay team.

Relay teams that competed at Regional Carnival

Richmond River High School - A Caring School of Excellence
Excellent opportunities
Innovative programs
Quality teaching
Student success
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.

| 5.30 – 6.00 p.m. | Opportunity to view work from local primary schools in the Connected Rivers College |
| 6.00 – 7.00 p.m. | Year 7 2014 High Achievers Program Presentation |

Semester 1 Major Award Winners

**Year 7**
- Tiffany Hull: Overall Academic Excellence Award for Semester 1
- Jacqueline Bodill: Overall Academic Achievement Award for Semester 1
- Matilda Hrotek-Jones: Overall Academic Achievement Award for Semester 1
- Luna-Rtree Hall: Overall Academic Achievement Award for Semester 1
- Oliver De-Milford: Year Adviser’s Award for Diligence & Application to Studies

**Year 8**
- Anna-Lena Qualmann: Overall Academic Excellence Award for Semester 1
- Jessica Martin: Overall Academic Achievement Award for Semester 1
- Georgia Marr: Overall Academic Achievement Award for Semester 1
- Sophie Tate: Overall Academic Achievement Award for Semester 1
- Peter Mills: Overall Academic Achievement Award for Semester 1
- Luke Mitchell: Year Adviser’s Award for Diligence & Application to Studies
- Keira Weatherburn: Year Adviser’s Award for Diligence & Application to Studies

**Year 9**
- Robin Gough: Overall Academic Excellence Award for Semester 1
- Merlin Bennett: Overall Academic Achievement Award for Semester 1
- Roshanna Johnston: Overall Academic Achievement Award for Semester 1
- Brooke Restall: Overall Academic Achievement Award for Semester 1
- Lindley Schneider: Year Adviser’s Award for Diligence & Application to Studies

Congratulations to all the award winners and to Riley McIntyre, Jamie-Lee Farnham-Fry and Phyllis Billin for winning the Mini Ipads in the Reward Draw.

Raising funds for the Rescue Helicopter

On Tuesday the Hospitality students sold hot dogs to raise money for the Rescue Helicopter. It was a very successful day raising $256.00 for this very important service. The total raised for both days from the SRC last week and the Hospitality students this week was $339.33. Thank you to Mr E. Weir and his Year 11 Hospitality class and the wonderful SRC members who helped make this day such a success.
CHA Teachers Mutual Cup Open Boys Softball Knockout

On the 12th, 13th and 14th August, nine young men from years 7, 10, 11 and 12 travelled down to Newcastle to compete in the state wide Combined High Schools Open Boys Softball Knockout. The students competing in the knockout were captain Dean Gillespie, Sam Nilon (Yr12), Luke Allen, Damien Vidler, Reece Marsden (Yr11), Luke Tonks, Lachlan Currie, Hendrik Hoogendoorn (Yr10) and Sean Allen (Yr 7). With a bare minimum 9 players, the boys showed their stamina playing 4 games over 2 days, where they won 3 from 4 to take out the Teachers Mutual Bank Plate.

The first game was played against The Hills High School, a sporting school from Sydney, and unfortunately the RRHS team was defeated against a better team; 14-4. This led to the RRHS team being placed in easier Pool B, however, this meant they were still in contention to play for the NSW CHA Teachers Mutual Bank Plate; previously won by RRHS in 2006. The young men from the Northern Rivers needed to back up for another game that afternoon where they put the defeat behind them and came out with a win. The 19-9 victory saw a team effort with the bat and some individual brilliance in the field.

The next day, and after a healthy dinner with some fine company, the Northern Riverians took on Merewether High School with the Plate victory in sights. What followed was a fine display of hitting from captain Dean Gillespie, scoring two home runs and taking the $20 bet from the adored teacher Mr Hogden’s wallet. The 16-7 win meant that the RRHS boys were to now take on another North Coast team, Coffs Harbour High School, in the Plate final. The final was a well fought match with RRHS confidently scoring 4 runs in their first innings to Coffs Harbour’s 1 run. A late comeback by CHHS in the 4th innings saw the score at 5-4 to a nervous RRHS side. Experience, tact and incredible skill from the RRHS men led to them scoring a further 4 runs in the final innings to triumph with a score of 9-4 and receiving the Plate for the first time in 7 years.

Overall the RRHS students displayed pride for their school, behaved fantastically and played with competitive but friendly sportsmanship. Special thanks go to Toby Horden from Toby Hordern Bus Charters for getting the team down and around safely and for also contributing to an enjoyable trip. Also a huge thankyou to Trish Gillespie for not only scoring but also providing nutritious lunches and being a motherly figure for all of us! Congratulations boys and Newcastle should be prepared for an even more competitive team next year.

Softball Coach: Scott Hogden
Dear Parents and Caregivers

I want to congratulate all our students who were given academic awards yesterday at our Formal Assembly. 192 students received awards for academic excellence across the range of key learning areas. I was very proud to be able to congratulate each student for their achievements. I was also impressed with the two bands that entertained us during the assembly—what an amazing number of talented students at Richmond River High. All our students were very respectful of the event and appreciate of the importance of such an occasion.

On Wednesday night 21st August we are holding our information night for parents of students who are thinking about applying for our High Achievers program for Year 7 in 2014. The evening starts at 5:30 pm with a viewing of work from local primary schools, followed by a presentation explaining how the application process works for high achievers.

Next week our school is involved in the “Jim Bright” Careers Forum. On Thursday 22nd August our Year 10 students will have the opportunity to listen to Mr Jim Bright (an expert in Careers Education) to give our Year 10 students with some career inspiration. Jim 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. This should be very worthwhile.

Just a final reminder that the P&C’s Trivia Night is being held this Saturday night in the school’s MPU. It is not too late to organise a table. It would be great if you could come along and support the night.

Have a great weekend

From the Principal
Mr Dave Harvey
Principal

Positive Behaviour for Learning

This week, the PBL team has focused its efforts on working with all students in Years 7 to 10 to develop an understanding of the importance of celebrating and respecting the achievements of others in the lead up to Thursday’s Formal Assembly. This involved not only the usual explicit teaching of expected Formal Assembly behaviour during Year meetings, but also “practice assemblies” on Monday and Tuesday mornings, during which students were asked to consider:

The many reasons why it is important to acknowledge and respect academic achievement.

Appropriate and positive behaviour and dress choices when attending celebratory events such as Formal Assemblies.

As a result of this work, the atmosphere during Thursday’s assembly was extremely positive and certainly a credit to our student’s ability to show respect when required.

Next week’s focus should also prove both timely and beneficial for many of our students who are beginning to experience “mid term blues”. Staff will continue to explore with students the notion of being ‘Responsible’ in the classroom. Students will be asked to consider their use of language at school, and whether or not it is always polite and respectful.

In addition, during Year Meetings, students will be reminded of what the school’s expectations are in regard to wearing uniform. Consideration will also be given to the importance of appropriately worn uniform as reinforcing student’s sense of purpose when attending school and entering their classrooms.

Academic Concerns Week

Next week is our “Academic Concerns Week” for Semester Two. Teachers will be reviewing their mark books and determining which, if any of their students are of concern in their application to study. Students who have not been meeting expectations in class will receive correspondence home detailing their teacher’s concern, accompanied where appropriate with advice on ways in which the student can improve their efforts.

High Achiever Information Evening

Next Wednesday evening from 6:00pm we look forward to welcoming parents of current Year 6 students, zoned for Richmond River High School, who intend to apply for the Year 7 High Achiever class in 2014. The evening will feature a brief and practical outline of the school’s application process, in particular what our High Achiever selection panel will be looking at in student’s work portfolio’s. There will also be an opportunity for parents to ask any questions of our presenters in regard to the application process.

In addition, the evening will feature a display of work completed by Year 6 students who will be attending Richmond River High School, completed as part of our “Connected River Community” Middle School (Years 5 – 8) transition program. The work display will also feature selected Personal Interest Projects completed by our current Year 8 students as part of the Middle School focus.

From the Deputy
Mr Hensley
Deputy Principal

Being RRHS
Is:
Responsible
Respectful
Honest
Safe
**Sport Term 3**

Many thanks to those parents, carers and students who have made sport a success during Term 3 by paying on time, returning permission notes and conducting themselves in a responsible manner while at sport. This term over 300 students have been travelling to outside venues for sport each week and many more participate in sport within the school. We have seen two very successful new sports begin with Crossfit down at the 912 gym in town and Croquet at the Lismore Croquet club. Both Mr French and Mr Stegeman cannot speak highly enough about these two exciting options. Tennis has had an excellent term with a new manager at the Lismore Tennis Courts taking time out to provide personal coaching to our students. At school the Year 7 Beautiful girls self esteem program has been a great success for the second year running thanks to Sue Malcolm and her amazing team of volunteers from the combined Churches of Lismore. Walking has had a great stint of weather and has been out enjoying the fresh air, while MPU games has finally made it back into the MPU for an exciting array of team games.

**Sport Term 4**

Term 4 is fast approaching and we would like all parents, caregivers and students to remember that we have an up front payment system for sport in order to enable us to meet the considerable cost of our many sporting options. As always there are many free options available to all students as well as paying options ranging from $10 to $60. In preparation for sport selections in week 7 we would like to remind everyone of the process for ensuring students can take part in their chosen sport:

1. Students choose a sport at school during week 7. This usually takes place as a year level and reminders are issued for students who may be absent on the day.
2. Students return their permission note and any payment necessary to the front office. Payments are accepted from sport selections (week 7) until the final day of term the September the 20th.
3. Students who have paid for their paying sport are placed on the rolls based on cross referencing with the front office accounting system. All other students will be placed in 'At School Sport', a free option allowing students to rotate through a range of sports at the school.

As you can imagine sport administration takes a considerable amount of time and late payments or sport changes present a significant amount of work for our school support staff.

For this reason NO PAYMENTS will be accepted after the 20th of September without prior arrangement with Miss Thomson or Mr Laverty. If a payment plan is requested the entire cost of the sport must be paid. A reminder that sports with a payment, make up only half of our sporting options.

Next week we will publish the full list of sport options along with payments for each sport in order to enable you and your child to make a good decision. Heading into summer we can look forward to a new range of summer sports such as swimming and cricket.

*Ms Thomson*
*Sports Co-ordinator*
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

Silent Auction on Trivia Night
Saturday 17th August
2 tickets to a major league baseball game in Sydney and return travel for 2 with Simes Bros Coaches. This prize is valued at $1500.00. This is an auction – what you bid is what you will be expected to pay. The winning bid needs to be settled by 23/08/13 at the school office.

Thank you to our major sponsor
Simes Bros Coaches
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.


We would like to thank the following businesses for their kind donation of goods for our RRHS Trivia Night - "Please support the businesses that support our school"

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GET YOUR GAME ON

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Sign On
27th, 30th Aug & 3rd & 6th Sept 13
Goonellabah Sport & Aquatic Centre
4.00pm – 6.00pm
www.futsalfnc.com.au

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