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For a Great Trivia Night
Dear Parents and Caregivers

Last Saturday night’s Trivia Night was just fantastic. Over 140 tickets were sold and parents, staff and school support staff turned up to raise much needed funds for the school while at the same time having a fun and relaxed evening. I would like to thank the P&C executive, Cathy from the canteen as well as Kay Varley from the school who coordinated and managed the event. They did a tremendous job in organising the event and gaining so many sponsors from local businesses. A BIG thank you.

This week our Year 10 students had the opportunity to meet Mr Jim Bright. Mr Bright is an expert in careers education and was able to provide some inspiration and guidance to our students in their thinking about future career opportunities. Thanks to Mr Eden Weir for organising this great opportunity.

The Information Night for parents of students currently in Year 6 who are thinking about applying for the Year 7 High Achievers program was held on Wednesday night. The night was an important time for parents and students to ask any questions that they might have and to gain as much information as possible about the program. Thanks to Mr Dean French and Ms Justine Thompson for their hard work in visiting each of our partner primary schools prior to this night and for providing further information to parents on the night. Also, thanks to Mr Boden Yates for organising the night and all our staff who were able to attend.

At the moment, Head Teachers are in the process of identifying those students who are at risk of not meeting their study and course requirements for Year 11 and Year 12 courses. I have asked Head Teachers to do this so that I can meet with individual students to try and instil in them the importance of meeting their Board of Studies study requirements. These requirements include that students must complete all assessments and these requirements are the same for all secondary schools.

Have a great weekend.

From the Principal
Mr Dave Harvey
Principal

Positive Behaviour for Learning – Being Respectful in the Classroom

Next week, students will continue their consideration of the respectful behaviour that is expected of all students in our classrooms. The specific focus will be on students bringing everything they need for each lesson and, once they are there, doing their best in all assigned work and therefore being able to take pride in their achievements.

It is important for students to understand that taking the time to make sure they are correctly equipped for all timetabled lessons is the most practical way in which they can demonstrate their respect for teaching and learning time. It is extremely disruptive for teachers and other students when lessons have to be delayed in order to accommodate students who have not come to the lesson properly equipped. This could be something as simple as not having a pen or workbook, or, in the case of practical lessons, not having acceptable and safe footwear. Catering for students who arrive to class without their correct equipment always means loss of learning time for everyone.

Our core business at Richmond River High School is to support students working to their potential and therefore achieving success. While this is always a focus for all teachers, our concern is that this may not always be a focus for some of our students. Accordingly, our second PBL focus for this week will see students reflecting on their ability to work to their potential and to then take pride in their achievements. This is quite a timely focus, with Year 8 having just completed their Personal Interest Projects and Year 10 having participated in the Jim Bright Careers Workshop during the past week.

The PBL team are looking forward to making use of PBL teaching time during Daily Year Meetings to develop a respectful, mindful and grateful appreciation among all of our students of the fast approaching Year 12 Graduation Assembly at the end of term.

Student Recognition and Reward Scheme

During our recent Junior Academic Awards Formal Assembly, our Principal, Mr Harvey, awarded three students who had submitted their return slips, as part of our Student Recognition and Reward Scheme, with a mini ipad. The intention is to encourage students to take pride in their work and in positive contributions they can make around the school, and to be recognised for this through either Faculty Merit Awards or through “Gotcha’s” which recognise whole school service. All students are able to earn Faculty Merits and whole school “Gotcha’s” and provided they submit their return slips to the drop boxes in the Front Office, will become eligible for either a Faculty or School Achievement Award and, further along the track, a Principal’s Award once the appropriate number of slips have been accrued. The Principal’s Award carries with it a number of automatic privileges and entitlements.

Further to the above, students who consistently return slips and progress to Faculty or School Achievement Certificates will be eligible for future Principal “mystery prizes” during coming Formal Assemblies.

Great Keppel Island

Spring must be only around the corner – Year 10 students will be doing their swimming competency tests on Thursday next week in the lead up to our annual Great Keppel Island excursion for Year 10. This is always an eagerly anticipated part of the school year for Year 10 students. It is timely then, to remind students and their parents and carers of the responsibility all students accept on such trips to cooperate completely with staff at all times and to act in a manner which will enhance the positive image of our school in the broader community. Students should also be mindful and grateful that supervising staff are “putting in” far and above their usual duties, and are spending a week away from their own families in order to provide students with this unique and highly memorable experience.

Wishing everyone an enjoyable weekend.

From the Deputy
Mr Hensley
Deputy Principal

Josh Rose Rowing Success

Josh Rose of Year 11 has been successful in being selected in the North Coast Academy of Sport for rowing. Congratulations to Josh for his ongoing success and rewards for his training and efforts.

Kids In Community Awards

Kids In Community awards are being held on 17th September at the Lismore Workers Club. Tickets are just $30 per head for a 2 course dinner. This is a fantastic evening where the community celebrates the success, compassion and efforts of our students. This year a number of students and teachers have been nominated.

From the Deputy
Mrs Williamson
Deputy Principal

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Congratulations to Year 8 on your outstanding projects, certificates were awarded to all students; Outstanding, Highly Commended, Credit or Participation. Students were marked on creativity of project, preparation of presentation, eye contact and confidence, content, research and design. Students who were awarded Outstanding received a $30 voucher to Book Warehouse. Thank you to the staff and community members who were part of the judging panel.


Thank you to the parents, staff and mentors of Year 8 for supporting the students, as they completed their projects.

Mrs L. Seccombe, Teacher-Librarian.
Society and Culture

Year 12 Society and Culture students have recently submitted their Personal Interest Projects to the Board of Studies. The PIP is an individual piece of extensive social and cultural research on a topic of personal choice. Students demonstrate the use of a variety of research methodologies in their investigation and write a final report on what they have discovered. The PIP contributes to 40% of the overall HSC mark in the subject. The topics chosen for the PIP must reflect the nature of the HSC Society and Culture course. This year’s topics included:

“Mind your manners” – An investigation into the manners and etiquette of modern society
“Something to consume” – The power of consumerism and its role in adolescent identity
“Picture this” – Does film reflect society?
“You do win friends with salad” – The rising popularity of vegetarianism
“The sexualisation of teenagers” – The influence of the media on today’s youth
“Inglish aint wot itusetobe-LOL” – Are technology and youth culture destroying the English language?
“Just the two of us” – Influences of individuality and identity in twins
“Searching for connection/reception” – The impact of technology on communication
“Youth interest in politics” - Are young people interested in politics?
“Obsession with self image” – When did our striving for perfection begin and where did it evolve from?
“They have bad manners, contempt for authority and disrespect for their elders. They argue back, eat with bad manners and frighten the life out of their teachers... the youth of today are worse than ever before” (Socrates 500BC) - The perceptions of older generations about young people

Congratulations to all students on their selection of such interesting topics and for their commitment to their PIPs over the last year. “PIP, PIP HOORAY”

Mrs Bev Gray
OUR KIDS CHRISTMAS CD
Richmond River Students will participate in the Our Kids recording session at Southern Cross University this Friday. Students involved are: Deanna Batten, Julia Batten, Joshua Towers, Jaeden Ogston, Macaulay Smith, Jess Martin, Chloe Willis, Madisson Stanton, Taylah Hampson, Takani Dillon, Megan Marchant, Jodi Morris and Macie Virtue.

The CD will be jam packed full of Christmas carols from schools all over the area. All proceeds from the sale of the CD will go to the childrens ward at Lismore Base Hospital.
Thanks to all those students involved. Well done.

Ben Wordsworth - Music Teacher

YEAR 12 NEWS

Formal news
Our formal will be held at the Workers Club on Friday November 15th. Tickets will be on sale as soon as the cost of the meal is finalised. At present there is room for each student to bring 3 guests.

Chemistry News
The Year 12 Chemistry titration team of Luke Parrish, James Smith and Kimberley Armstrong have received their final placing in the RACI NSW Titration Competition and were placed equal 26th out of 379 teams who participated in the competition. The NSW competition was won by Evans River Community School, a great achievement for North Coast public education. Well done to our successful participants.

Sarah Helliwell - Year 12 Advisor

From the HSIE Department
Year 7 and Year 9 Geography classes have been issued with assessment tasks that will be due in the next week or two.
Year 7 is working on a field work task based on the area around their local environment.
Year 9 are working on a 30 day journey around Australia.

A reminder - the Year 8 History task is now overdue for those students who have not yet submitted it for marking.

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.

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Helping learner drivers become safer drivers

FREE workshops for parents and supervising drivers

To provide practical advice about:
- Current laws for L and P licence holders.
- Supervising learner drivers.
- Completing the Learner driver log book.
- The benefits of supervised on-road driving experience.

The next workshop in your area will be held:

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