North Coast National - Celebrating Country Life

At the show last week RRHS had a lot of entries in various categories. On Thursday approximately 60 Agriculture students spent the day at the show. Despite not being allowed on any rides, a good day was had by all.

As show co-ordinator it was my job to organise entries in the Schools Section of the show. We entered the cooking, textiles and woodwork. The following students received first prize in textiles: Grace Obirek-Gailey, Amelia Gray, Indiana Mulzer, Ellen Welstead-Cloud and Zoe Bellos. Hamish McMahon was first in woodwork. Cooking first prizes: Andrea Cameron, Holly Doyle, Connor Shur, Shae Spencer and Matthew Cawley. Second prizes in cooking: Katelyn Eyears, Malachi Stebbing and Nicholas Hyde. Second prizes in Textiles: Amelia Gray, Jessica Martin and Emma Field.

Congratulations to all students who entered and especially Cassie Wilcox who won $50 for the Junior Encouragement Award. Richmond River High also won $50 for ‘Best Schools’ exhibit.

Mr Stegeman

Agriculture plays a major role at the North Coast National and our students did a great job participating in the education day and preparing, and leading both RRHS steers and other studs cattle. The students participated in the school competition and won second with our Angus steer led by Dylan Walsh. The other calves only just missed a place with a notable mention of our Speckle Park. The students then prepared the steers for the open competition where we were the only school with steers in the top eight of the most competitive class, the middle weights. During the open class and the sale, the students showed their excellent steer handling skills and our calves averaged $4.70 with 3 steers selling for $4.80. This shows the quality of the steers RRHS is preparing. Some students on Friday and Saturday helped out in the dairy section stewarding, presenting ribbons and promoting dairy by walking around in “onesies” giving out vouchers and stickers. The results of the hook competition were presented on Saturday and we got a third and fifth in the light weight class with our Speckle Park and Murray Grey. Our Hereford steer got best purebred and we also won Best crossbred Hereford steer with a Hereford Romanogla cross. Many people commented to me on the friendly and mature way our students conducted themselves and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the students, Sunnydale Romanoglas, Franco Hereford stud, the Wyatt family, Norco, Goldmix Stockfeed and the Show Society.

Mr Woodward
Head Teacher TAS
Students in Years 11 and 12: The SCU library offers local senior secondary school students access to all its resources. So if you are working on research for school assignments, studying for exams or looking for a book to read you can use the SCU library in Lismore. To become a member you only need to fill out an application form which is available from Mrs Seccombe or from the SCU website. [http://scu.edu.au/library/index.php/36](http://scu.edu.au/library/index.php/36)

Success for Alyssa Barkas Year 7 at the North Coast National in the horse section where she won Champion exhibit with her Shetland pony.
**Under 14’s T20 Cricket - Woodlawn**

On Wednesday the Under 14 cricket side competed in a T20 gala day at Woodlawn. The side was boosted by the inclusion of some strong players. In the first game RRHS lost the toss and were sent into bat by an extremely strong Woodlawn side. The bowling was strong and the River’s boys struggled to put runs on the board. Best with the bat was Tyler Thompson who opened and scored a solid 9. The middle order collapsed and RRHS could only manage to score 34 runs. Just after RRHS started to bowl, the rains came and the wet conditions made fielding difficult. The Woodlawn side batted very aggressively and zoomed past our total comfortably.

Against Lismore High School, Captain Jayden Vidler won the toss and elected to bowl. Openers Jacob Fittock and Adam Walker started the innings extremely well, bowling tightly making it difficult for the Lismore students to score runs. Jayden Allen came on and took 3/4 off his 4 overs and was superb. During this game our fielding improved and this was exemplified by Roan Beucker’s run out. The boys also held most of their catches. Best of the bowlers were Jacob Fittock and Jayden Allen. Lismore High School managed a total of 49, which for RRHS was very achievable. Opener Tyler Thompson again opened the shoulders and hit a few great shots for his 10. Unfortunately the middle order collapsed with a few ducks, nervous times! Jayden Allen and Justin Tonks steadied the ship and got us to 32 before another lower order collapse. The scene was set, RRHS were 9/34 with only 1 wicket left and 4 overs remaining as Sean Allen confidently walked out to join Justin Tonks. The first ball he hit was a slog shot over midwicket for 4 and the second ball ended up in the same spot. The boys batted for a total of 45. Sean Allen was on strike on the last ball of the 18th over, the bowler bowled a shorter length and Sean using his “baseball” eye, dispatched it over the fence for 6. RRHS ended up on 51 with Sean Allen and Justine Tonks both not out. WINNERS! All the boys were extremely well behaved and played the game in the right spirit. It was a great day out and the boys enjoyed themselves. Well done lads!

*Mr Bordin  
Cricket Coach*

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**Gifted and Talented Maths Quest**

On Wednesday, eight of our talented Year 9 Mathematicians travelled to Ballina to compete in the 2014 North Coast Region Year 9 Gifted and Talented Maths Quest. The two teams competed in individual challenges, a team problem solving exercise and a relay event to round out proceedings. All of our students showcased their talents exceptionally well throughout the day and achieved outstanding results. Our boys team was placed 4th out of the 13 teams competing which is an outstanding result. A special mention goes to Peter Mills who achieved third place in the individual activity.

Our Mathematicians were: Peter Mills, Shane Rapmund, Ezra Margetts-Graham, Jayden Herring, Jess Martin, Anna-Lena Qualmann, Ellen Welstead-Cloud and Georgia Zambelli.

*Mr Anderson  
Mathematics Teacher*
AIME – Aboriginal Indigenous Mentoring Experience

On Thursday our senior Aboriginal students attended Southern Cross University for an AIME day. Guest speakers included: Luke Carroll, television and film actor, Caleb Binge, Titans Rugby League player and the Editor of the Koori Mail. The speakers inspired our students to fulfil their dreams by staying in education as a stepping stone to reach their goals. The students then participated in workshops to develop their own goals. They were also able to question the Aboriginal celebrities during another session, and then enjoy some music and a barbeque lunch. Our Year 11 girls Maleena O’Neill and Emma-Jane Ross were recognised for being mentors, well done.

Mr P Bale
Teacher

STUDENTS COMMENDED FOR THEIR ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE IN THE INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS) THIS YEAR

One hundred and sixty students achieved outstanding results in the ICAS this year and were awarded with 1 High Distinction, 11 Distinctions, 32 Credits, 22 Merits and 94 Participation Certificates.
### Richmond River High School

#### Year 8 Yearly Examinations Timetable

**Week 4 – Term 4 – 2014**

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- Regular Year 8 timetabled classes will run when there are no examinations occurring.

**TAS:** All Year 8 TAS practical examinations will be held in class during regular timetabled class time.

**CAPA:** All Year 8 CAPA elective examinations will be held in class during regular timetabled class time.

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### Richmond River High School

#### Year 10 Yearly Examinations Timetable

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**CAPA:** All Year 10 CAPA examinations will be held in class during regular class times.

**PDHPE:** The Year 10 PDHPE elective examination (PASS) will be held in class during regular timetabled class time.
From the Principal
Dear Parents and Caregivers

On page 7 of this newsletter is additional information from Mr John Baker in relation to the current activities associated with the Rivers College. This information gives a solid account of the current activity around The Rivers College. I would like to emphasise the importance of the first meeting of the 4 working parties this week. A great initiative that enabled representatives from the three secondary schools and our many partner primary schools to come together to start planning for joint schools transition, curriculum, student wellbeing and professional learning activities. It was great to have teachers from many schools interacting and working together. The combined schools musical extravaganza being organised for next year is just one obvious activity that we are excited about.

At our next P & C meeting I hope to brief our parents about progress towards next year’s strategic plan. It would be great to have as many parents as possible attend this meeting.

Congratulations to Mr Peter Howes for being appointed as Deputy Principal at Richmond River High. Peter has been relieving in the role on and off in recent times and has taken a leading role in school planning and all the responsibilities associated with Mr Hensley’s previous role. We are very fortunate to have Peter in this permanent role and I look forward to continuing working closely with him as a member of the leadership team of our school. Well done Mr Howes.

Big congratulations to our Year 12 students who are in the final stages of their HSC examinations. In particular I would especially like to congratulate Christopher Mitchell and Tessa Nicolaou for the successful completion of a university unit of work as part of the Southern Cross University Access program. The above students were required to complete their university study at the same time as their Year 12 HSC studies. Chris and Tessa will now be eligible to gain direct entry and advanced standing in a variety of Associate degrees offered at Southern Cross University.

Dave Harvey
Principal

From the Deputies
The Rivers College

The Rivers College Working parties met on Tuesday 21st October to look at the strategic plan for the River College and begin the planning for implementation of each of the milestones identified.

It was a fantastic experience to work with Primary colleagues developing plans that extend from Kindergarten to Year 12. We also looked at the needs of our students and staff and how we will respond as working parties to achieve improved student and staff outcomes. The plans are about building our capacity as a learning community to deliver high quality education and opportunities for our staff and students.

The working parties have set targets and dates for continued planning opportunities and professional learning. The day was facilitated by John Baker Executive Principal of the Rivers Secondary College and Kim Edwards – Head Teacher Strategic Plan Implementation.

Lions Youth of the Year - Year 11

It is that time of the year again. If you wish to enter the Lions Youth of the Year please see Mrs Williamson as soon as possible. Entries are limited.

DI Williamson
Deputy Principal

Year 12 have been given their HSC Assessment Booklets for 2014/2015. This booklet contains all the due dates/weeks for assessments and exams for all subjects. Students have also been given a summary sheet to plot the assessments for their particular pattern of study. Please encourage them to use this and devise a schedule to meet these deadlines. This will ensure they are aware of the workload and commitment so they can attain their best in the HSC.

Mrs K Varley
Year 12 Adviser

YEAR 12 IMPORTANT DATES

SIGN-OUT DAYS AT RRHS
Thursday 6th November
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DANCE PRACTICE FOR FORMAL AT RRHS
Tuesday 11th November at 1 p.m. in the River Theatre.
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DANCE PRACTICE FOR FORMAL AT WORKERS CLUB
Friday 14th November at 9 a.m. at the Workers Club.
(This is a compulsory attendance for all Year 12)
The Rivers Secondary College and Rivers P-12 Learning Community

Working parties in the areas of Student Wellbeing, Transition, Curriculum and Professional Learning have formed and have commenced to meet and work through their plans for implementing The Rivers Strategic Plan. Each working party has teacher membership from the secondary schools, as well as Lismore town and out of town schools.

The Rivers Council, a significant advisory group, is scheduled to have its first meeting on Wednesday 5 November. This advisory group will provide two way communications with the wider community within and around Lismore. The Rivers Council has representatives from the P&C association, Lismore City Council, TAFE, Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG), The Lismore Chamber of Commerce, staff from schools, The NSW Teachers Federation, and students.

Planning continues to develop the concept of a high quality Rivers Musical for 2015. I will write further as this concept develops, but I can report that there is significant support for this idea as a K-12 initiative.

The Rivers Public Speaking Grand Final was on this week at the Lismore City Hall and I was very excited to witness the high quality that was on show. I congratulate each student that participated in this wonderful opportunity. Thank you to all of the organising teachers for providing such a pathway for our future public speakers to further develop their skills and confidence in such a way.

Travel arrangements for the more than 65 Year 11 students during 2015 to access cross campus courses are now finalised. Buses and taxis will ensure that these students will be moved safely and on time for their chosen subjects.

I can be contacted via Kadina High Campus on 0266 243133 or via john.william.baker@det.nsw.edu.au

John Baker - Executive Principal, The Rivers Secondary College
Attention all Parents and Carers

Our newsletter the ‘River Views’ is published every Friday and is uploaded onto our website: www.richmondri-h.schools.nsw.edu.au and emailed to parents whom we have received their email addresses.

We do not provide paper copies unless specifically requested by parents and the students need to come up to the front office to collect a paper copy at 3.15 p.m. on Friday afternoons.

If you would like a copy emailed to you then please contact the front office on 66 213 456.

Canteen volunteers are needed. If you can help please phone Kathy Claydon on 6621 4890.

The official Richmond River High School Facebook page is here: RRHS Facebook Page

The web address is: www.facebook.com/richmondriverhigh
Parties - Will You Allow Alcohol at Your Adolescent’s Party?

Many parents and carers will be helping young people in their family celebrate birthdays, special occasions, finishing their school year or leaving school.

It is time for careful planning so that everyone enjoys themselves. Some parents may not be aware of their responsibilities in relation to supplying alcohol to under 18’s.

Regardless of where the function will be held, it is against the law to obtain for, or supply alcohol to anyone under 18 years of age - even at private parties. This activity is called secondary supply of alcohol - an offence that carries a maximum penalty of $5,500 per offence or $11,000 and 12 months prison in very serious circumstances. On the spot fines of $550 can also be issued by police.


Points to consider:

♦ What do you do if an underage guest arrives with alcohol?
♦ What do you do if they arrive intoxicated?
♦ What do you do if your alcohol has been consumed during the course of the party?
♦ How can you plan a successful party that addresses these issues?

It is much easier to plan and control what happens at your next party if you follow some simple guidelines. Here are some suggestions that can make a difference:

♦ Ideally RSVP invitations should be issued, giving as many details as possible about times of starting and finishing, the nature of the party, a dress code, how it will be supervised and how guests will return home. Indicate guests will be required to bring their invitation for party entry.

♦ On the invitation, suggest guest parents contact host parents to fine tune details and discuss any concerns. This will ensure parents are not pressured against their better judgement and gives everyone permission to talk about supervision, safety, alcohol and drug issues etc.

♦ Have only one entrance or exit to make it easier to control who attends your party.

♦ Guest lists should be kept to a manageable size. If guest numbers are large, ask other parents to assist with supervision or consider hiring security personnel.

♦ Host parents need to be aware of appropriate return transport for guests and/or provide overnight, supervised accommodation.

♦ Make it clear in advance it is an alcohol free party. (Parents are reminded of the NSW Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing penalties cited earlier).
Canteen News
We are desperate for helpers in the canteen. If you could volunteer for 1 day a month or even 1 day a term it would be so helpful.
If you are interested please call Kathy Claydon on 66214 890.
Full training is given. I know from experience helping in the canteen is not hard and it’s a good fun day out 9 - 2 p.m.
Tania Harvey, P&C President

SCHOOL BAND REPORT
CAPA is pleased to announce that the school band is up and running with 7 students, comprising a rhythm section as well as trumpet, clarinet and saxophone.
Mr Murray is available for tuition on the trumpet, saxophone, trombone and clarinet.
If you have any unwanted or damaged brass or woodwind instruments could you please consider donating them to the school.
Mr Murray
Music Teacher

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Alcohol at parties is not easily supervised. Alcohol can easily be consumed in advance or mixed with soft drinks prior to the party. Alcohol may be left outside in cars or hidden in bushes. Although these problems can occur, they are less likely if the party is well supervised.

Confiscate BYO alcohol from under 18s. Return it to their parents or carers.

If guests are a mixture of under and over 18s, there is less control over the consumption of alcohol. A nominated adult should serve alcohol.

Actively serve non-salty food throughout the party. This will slow down alcohol consumption for those who are drinking.

Attractive non-alcoholic drinks should always be provided. For example, “Mocktails”, non-alcoholic punch-es, soft drinks, fruit juices, coffee, tea and of course, water.

If under 18s consume alcohol or other drugs during the party, their parents should be contacted and asked to collect them. Parents should be advised of unacceptable behaviour.

Be firm about excluding gatecrashers. If admittance is by invitation only, gatecrashers are less likely. Prior to the party, encourage students not to broadcast party details in the school community, via the Internet or mobile phone. If gatecrashers arrive, ask them to leave immediately or tell them the police will be called.

Parents should be present and provide active supervision throughout the party.

If you are planning a large party, it may be a good idea to employ security guards.

Register your party with NSW Police
NSW Police have developed a range of strategies and an online Party Sign Up form which must be completed at least 72 hours before your party. Register your party at www.mynite.com.au. This way local Police will know that you are having a party and can offer support. Have emergency numbers handy and call police before the situation gets out of control. Advise neighbours of your party as common courtesy.

Other useful websites to help you plan a successful party and avoid problems:

This website has current safe partying information, games, and competitions on how to party safely for young people and information for parents

Look for information about the RRISK Program and risk taking at our website www.rrisk.com.au
CALLING ALL YOUNG WOMEN - LET’S GET CREATIVE ON CLIMATE CHANGE!

The IUCN (International Union for the Conservation of Nature) is holding its World Parks Congress in Sydney this year from 12th to 17th November. It’s a prestigious global gathering that only comes around once every 10 years.

1 Million Women is holding a very special event at the Congress on 14th November, which will explore ‘Youths expression of climate change’. It’s a unique opportunity for our younger 1 Million Women members to get involved!

THE COMPETITION

How do you feel about climate change? What does it mean to you?

We want young women of high school age to submit a short creative piece (maximum of 3 minutes), which explores the theme ‘Youths expression of climate change’.

The creative piece can be any one of the following - a SONG, DANCE, POEM, MONOLOGUE, SHORT SKIT OR FILM, AN ARTWORK… OR ANYTHING that can visually communicate climate change through the eyes and hearts of young women.

HOW TO ENTER?

Send us a video of you performing or presenting your entry (3 minutes max). It can simply be filmed on a mobile phone or camera.

• Or take a photo of the entry if it’s an artwork.

Or if you are submitting a short film or any other digital entry (3 minutes max), you can upload the file directly.

Your piece can embrace the challenges we face or it can be a positive inspiration for taking action. It can be anything you want that captures how you feel about climate change.

Entries can either be submitted by individual students or it can be a duo piece (maximum of two students performing together). Larger groups cannot be accommodated.

Entries close 9th November at midnight AEST. Winners announced at 9 a.m. on the 11th November.

SUBMIT YOUR ENTRY ONLINE HERE
http://www.1millionwomen.com.au/2014/10/13/1mwcomp/

THE PRIZE

We will choose 8 winning entries. This includes 6 lucky students who will have the opportunity to attend the World Parks Congress for a full day (valued at $110 each and a unique experience) and 2 winners will have their entries showcased via video at our event.