PREMIER’S SPORTING CHALLENGE
On Tuesday, twenty one students from Years 8 and 9, travelled to Banora Point for the Premier’s Sporting Challenge. During the day students participated in two sports of interest and learnt about the skills for teaching younger children. The sports on offer included; Tennis, Rugby League, Rugby Union, Softball, Hockey, Soccer and Golf. During the two hour session the students learnt valuable skills for the specialised sport they selected that was relevant to younger children. The students were lucky enough to gain valuable knowledge from experts in their chosen field and the skills they learnt will be put into place when the students coach primary school students in their specialised sport. Overall, the students represented Richmond River High school with pride and are to be congratulated on their participation during the day.

Miss Birney

AGRICULTURE NEWS
Our Agriculture students have had the educational experience of learning how to handle and look after sheep correctly. The four sheep were kindly lent to us by Warren Wiggins who owns a Dorper Stud at Bexhill.

Thankyou to Mr Wiggins for the unique experience he has given to our students.

We would like to welcome a new baby calf to our farm family, born on 18th November and named ‘Lucky’. Lucky is a Romagnola x Charolais.
Southern Cross University Chess Tournament

Last Friday, 17 students from RRHS journeyed to SCU to compete in the annual SCU chess invitational. This event is coordinated by former RRHS teacher Mr Simalie who now works at SCU.

The day started reasonably well with most students able to participate in the first of seven rounds conducted using the 'Swiss Perfect' method. Swiss perfect uses a computer to generate draws for each 'round robin' style round. The results from previous rounds afford participants a 'Grade' and their reward for subsequent rounds is affected accordingly.

We enjoyed the hospitality of Mr Simalie for the whole day. Students had a chance to roam the campus and explore the faculty areas and shops during our lunch break. It was a great opportunity for students to see what goes on at a university.

The seven rounds flew by and the winner was decided before 2.30 p.m. The student with the highest 'Grade' for the competition was announced and a trophy and certificate presented by Deputy Vice Chancellor McAuley. We are proud of Bodhi Towers, who performed well at last years competition but really pulled out all stops to dominate this year.

Due to a wardrobe malfunction Joshua was forced to miss the first round. As competitors are graded per round and scores created on aggregate, this provided a HUGE handicap. Joshua, the persistent student that he is, was unfazed. He proceeded to trounce all-comers and despite having a disadvantage that would have destroyed a less experienced player, he prevailed. His achievement on the day is to congratulated.

All players from RRHS behaved in an exemplary manner, the organisers we impressed by our good sportsmanship and skill.

If you or someone you know is keen to dip a toe in our Chess Pool, games are played most days in the library or the classroom next to the HSIE staffroom, see our wonderful Library staff for details. We now have a 'Chess Clock' available so you can rip through a few games of speed chess at recess or lunch!

Mr Prince
Maths Teacher
**Camp Lake Fire Excursion**

During Week 5 Year 9 students attended an excursion to ‘Camp Lake Fire’. The students headed to Queensland and Maroon Dam, where Camp Lake Fire is based. During the camp students were encouraged to join in activities such as canoeing, fishing, rock climbing, abseiling, archery and raft building. The camp was held over four days and three nights. All students slept in tents they set up and had to cook breakfast each morning, using camp fires they built. Over the week the Camp allowed us to bond and go camping without their parents. At the end of the trip everyone definitely earned themselves a tan or a bit of sun burn, most people left very grubby, due to the very small showers that were there.

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**Lions Youth of the Year**

Last Monday evening I had the privilege of attending the Lions Youth of the Year competition at The Lismore Workers Club. The night was hosted by the Lismore Lions Club which boasts to be the first Lions Club established in Australia.

Richmond River had two Year 11 entrants in the competition Zoe Bertuzzi and Chris Massey. Each student had to give two impromptu speeches of two minutes each followed by a prepared speech on a topic of their choice for five minutes. Both students performed incredibly well under the stressful conditions. Zoe gave an inspiring speech about what it means to be Australian and Chris gave a speech about brothers which was heartfelt and moving. I was very proud of both students for their courage and effort in entering this competition. They were poised, articulate and intelligent and represented the school with pride. Congratulations.

*Di Williamson*  
Deputy Principal
# MAJOR SPORTS AWARDS WINNERS

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*Images depict award recipients.*
From the Principal
Dear Parents and Carers

The Year 12 Formal was a raging success by any standards. The Year 12 students looked amazing in their outfits on the night! I would like to thank all parents and carers who were able to attend with their son or daughter on the night. The involvement of parents at the end of school Formal really makes it a special and nostalgic event. Thanks to Mrs Sarah Helliwell for all her hard work and organisation in the lead up and on the night. Thanks also to all the staff who attended and helped out on the night. I would like to particularly thank Dave Hanley for being the Master of Ceremony and for Peter Howes for representing me in my absence and to Ben Wordsworth for coordinating the music and for Mr Howes, Mr Wordsworth and Crisit Sulek for staying behind and cleaning up after the event.

We have two formal assemblies for academic achievement coming up soon. We will be changing the time of the assemblies to start at 10 a.m. and not midday as we had today with the Sports Assembly. We are changing the time of these formal assemblies to start much earlier due to the high temperatures we usually experience at this time of year. We are conscious that holding these events in the middle of the day is the hottest time of the day and we want to avoid the extreme heat if possible!

Today we held the end of year formal Sports Assembly. It is so great to see the large number of students who received awards today and demonstrates the depth of student talent as well the quality sports programs on offer at the school. Congratulations to all our students who received awards today.

At the end of this year all exemptions from wearing school uniform will become null and void. This means that every parent who would like their child to be exempt from wearing school uniform must write a letter to me and meet with me early in the new year to present their case. I will be sending a letter home with each student who currently has an exemption to clearly state this process. The community of Richmond River High School proudly supports the wearing of a school uniform and exemptions will only be considered against the criteria contained in the school policy which will be sent home in next week’s River Views Newsletter.

I would like to remind you all that our current Year 11 students who have started their HSC courses are often required to start their lessons at 8:30 a.m. (Period 1). I would appreciate if you could remind your son or daughter about this starting time as quite a few students are not arriving on time to these important lessons. There should only be a small few who cannot get to school by the 8:30 a.m. starting time due to buses arriving a little later. For these students our teachers will be providing the opportunity for these students to catch up on the work missed. Your support with this is really appreciated!

Have an enjoyable weekend.
Dave Harvey
Principal

From the Deputies
ARCO Training
Four staff members from Richmond River have been undertaking an online study module on becoming an Anti-Racism Contact Officer. This equips them for the role in the school of promoting the celebration of diversity and dealing with both informal and formal complaints around racism. The course involves 20 hours of online study and the completion of three tasks which have a positive impact on the school and its student population. The fight against racism is based on education and in students gaining new perspectives from the other person’s point of view. It is about recognising the value of a community because of its diversity. At Richmond River High school we have children of many different backgrounds: Indigenous, Thai, Philippino, German, Norwegian, Lebanese, Indonesian, New Zealander, English, Indian and Fijian just to name a few, all Australian and part of the rich cultural fabric that makes up RRHS. The four staff members who have been trained as Anti-Racism contact officers are: Andrew Broadley (Maths), Jim Selwood (Head Teacher HSIE), Kylie Day (Science and Year 8 Student Advisor) and Di Williamson (Deputy).

School Captains and Vice Captains
Speeches and Elections
The captains’ speeches will be held on Tuesday 25th November in the MPU. Each candidate will be given five minutes to present a formal speech to the student body on the criteria for applying for the captaincy. These criteria relate to uniform, attendance and participation in school life, commitment to studies, extra curricular involvement and being a role model. The captaincy is a serious role and often the public face of the school. Students will be expected to maintain high standards of dress, behaviour and to represent the school with pride at all times.

Voting will occur next week.
Di Williamson
Deputy Principal

R-RISK DAY - COMPULSORY FOR ALL YEAR 11 STUDENTS
Year 11 students are lucky enough to be attending R-RISK Day at Southern Cross University on Monday. This is an important excursion and all Year 11 students are expected to attend. Students will participate in a series of workshops around safe driving, being safe at social events and learn how to manage unexpected events. All Year 11 students must bring a permission note and $3.00 to cover the bus fare. Students are to meet at school by 9 a.m. and will return in time to catch their bus home.

We have commenced trialling SMS messages to parents of the students who skip a class. This concerns only a small group of students. There has been a very positive response from parents who have received the messages so far. Thank you.

Peter Howes
Deputy Principal
**RRHS - Term 4 Week 8**

**Monday 24/11/2014**
- Year 10 Love Bites
- Years 9/10 Basketball
- Year 11 RRISK Day at SCU

**Tuesday 25/11/2014**
- Aboriginal Cultural Experience Day

**Wednesday 26/11/2014**
- Year 6 into 7 Orientation Day

**Thursday 27/11/2014**

**Friday 28/11/2014**
- Red Inc Drama Performance in the River Theatre

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**CANTEEN ROSTER - Term 4 Week 8**

**Monday 24/11/2014**
Vanessa Ekins

**Tuesday 25/11/2014**
Kerrianne Cawley

**Wednesday 26/11/2014**
Meryl Condon

**Thursday 27/11/2014**
Kelly Wilson

**Friday 28/11/2014**
Kelly Wilson

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

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**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](http://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.

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**The official Richmond River High School Facebook page is here:**
[RRHS Facebook Page](https://www.facebook.com/richmondriverhigh)

The web address is: [www.facebook.com/richmondriverhigh](http://www.facebook.com/richmondriverhigh)
Dear Parents and Carers

Richmond River High School will be conducting two Orientation Days this year. The first Orientation Day will be on the 26th November. It is a day for students to get to know each other, build new relationships, participate in a variety of sports and get involved in the musical culture of the school.

We encourage students to bring water, a hat and proper footwear for the day. A barbeque lunch will be provided on the day. However, students need to bring their own recess. The canteen will be available for the students if necessary.

The second Orientation Day will be on the 3rd December. It is a day for students to re-connect with old friends and continue to make new friends. They will attend lessons throughout the day to model what high school is like. Students should bring a pen or pencil with them. Like the first day, a barbeque lunch is provided, however, they will need their own recess and the canteen will be available.

In the morning session of the second Orientation Day (3rd December), we will be running a Parents Matter session. We encourage all parents to attend this session. During this session, we will have speakers presenting key information:

- Susie Hancock – Head Teacher Welfare
- Di Williamson – Deputy Principal for Year 7 2015
- Paula Moverley – Head Teacher Technology
- Dean French – Sports Coordinator
- Carl Moore – School Counsellor
- Kathy Claydon – School Canteen

We would like students to be at Richmond River by 9 am. This will allow us to establish a morning routine similar to what students will experience next year. Pick up times for the days are as follows:

- 26th November – 2.45-3.00
- 3rd December – 3.00-3.10

If students are taking buses, please organise with your child:
- Which bus they need to be on
- Where the bus departs from school, whether it will be on Lake St or Alexander Parade and the time.

Ringing your local bus service will help you get this information. Ensure that you give your child your contact information on the day so that if they do happen to miss the bus or something comes up (e.g. they feel unwell) we can contact you.

I look forward to seeing you and student at our Orientation Days. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact our front office.

All the best

Boden Yates
Year 7 Year Advisor 2015

Di Williamson
Deputy Principal Year 7 2015

Dave Harvey
Principal
Supporting Provisional Drivers (P1 & P2)

- A P1 licence must be held for at least 12 months.
- After passing a hazard perception test, drivers progress to the P2 licence for a minimum of 24 months.
- P1 drivers may drive up to 90km/h and for P2 drivers 100km/h
- A zero blood alcohol limit applies to all L, P1 and P2 licence holders. This means NO ALCOHOL before driving.
- For P1 drivers mobile phone use is prohibited, even hands-free or loudspeaker. P2 drivers can only talk on a hands-free phone when driving; no text messaging.
- P1 drivers under the age of 25 can only carry one passenger under 21 between the hours of 11pm and 5am (some exemptions apply).
- From 1 August 2014, there are new rules allowing P-plate drivers to drive a wider range of turbo, supercharged or V8 vehicles. This means an extra 6500 vehicle models will be available. Some vehicles are still banned, but these are high performance and risky in the first few years of driving. For more information about the new rules for turbo, supercharged and V8 vehicles, see the Roads and Maritime Services website (www.rms.nsw.gov.au).

Tips for Parents
Remember your teenager is still very new to driving. Continue to encourage safe driving by:

- Ensuring they organise their time so they can stick to posted speed limits and adapt to driving conditions, such as rain.
- Getting them to plan their night before they leave.
- Ensuring they observe their license conditions.
- Slowly increasing the amount of independent night driving – this is a time when young drivers are more likely to crash.
- Gradually allowing them to increase the number of passengers in the car once they have progressed to the P2 stage.

Before your teenager goes out, particularly when partying, spend some time discussing options for getting home safely. Some ideas for young people to consider:

- Leave the car at home.
- Catch a bus – check timetables to avoid waiting times at bus stops.
- Catch a taxi: a shared maxi taxi is a cheaper option
- Stay overnight with a friend.
- Arrange to be dropped off and picked up by a parent or other responsible adult.

Also discuss:
- Driving alcohol and drug free.
- Dealing with pressure from friends to drive in an unsafe manner.
- Being a responsible passenger.

For more information about the RRISK program and risk taking visit http://www.rrisk.com.au/
AUDITION FOR LEAD ROLES

The Rivers P-12 learning community is excited to announce that we will be presenting a combined schools musical theatre production of ALADDIN at the Lismore Civic Hall in June 2015.

We are looking for boys and girls from Year 4 to Year 10 with the ability to act, sing and dance to audition for the lead roles in this exciting new event for our public schools in Lismore.

Auditions will be held on:

Thursday, December 4th,
12.00pm to 5.00pm
@Lismore City Hall

To get an information package, please speak to your school’s co-ordinating Teacher or Principal.

Lismore Regional Mission Food Pantry

The Lismore Regional Food Pantry is an opportunity for people to purchase groceries at a highly reduced price. Groceries that are supplied at the Lismore Food Pantry come from Foodbank Australia; they have sourced these products from supermarkets within Australia. Some prices as an example are: Special K 700gram box $1.18, Sunwhite rice 1kg $0.94, Jars of stir-fry sauces $0.25. Groceries vary each week depending on the supplies that come in. Each person shopping also receives free bread and if available fruit and vegetables.

To be eligible to purchase goods you must be the holder of a Pension Card, Health Care Card or Student Card required for registration.

The Lismore Regional Food Pantry is Open Thursdays 9.30 a.m. to 12.00 noon in the Richmond Room (downstairs). You can enter to the right of the Red Dove coffee Shop on Keen Street Lismore; you can also gain entry from the grass area in Woodlark St. While you wait free coffee and tea is available, meals can also be purchased from the Red Dove Coffee shop.

Have a great weekend and happy shopping.
Scott Harrison
Student Support Officer

Health Promotion presents....

ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS: what people working with adolescents need to know
FREE PRESENTATION

Paul Dillon has been working in the area of drug education for 25 years and works with young people across the country. Paul is the keynote speaker at the 2014 RRISK seminars. In this free presentation for parents, health workers, teachers and anyone who works with young people, Paul will share information on:

> Alcohol related violence
> Changes in attitudes towards cannabis
> Novel ways of smoking – sheesha and e-cigarettes
> Methamphetamine
> Changes in the way people are purchasing drugs

LISMORE:
Where: Southern Cross Uni, Wilsenbroeck Theatre (Y block)
Date: Tuesday 22 November 2016
Time: 4.00pm – 6.00pm
TWEED HEADS:
Where: Tweed Civic Centre, Bott St,
Date: Thursday 4 December 2014
Time: 4.00pm – 6.00pm
RSVPs not required

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