2014 Zone Swimming Carnival

On Tuesday 26th of February, 26 students from Richmond River High School, competed at the Lismore Memorial Baths in the Zone Swimming carnival. All students participated at a high level and Richmond River High School obtained some great results.

One student who had outstanding results was Maddie Nilon. Maddie came first in the following events: 200m Freestyle, 100m Freestyle, 100m Breastroke, 100m Backstroke and she gained 2nd place in 50m Freestyle and she was the 16 year old girls age champion. As for the boys, Hayden Blanksby was hard to beat. Hayden was placed first in the 200m Freestyle, 100m Freestyle and 100m Breastroke. Hayden also gained 2nd position in the 100m Backstroke and 50m Freestyle and he was the 16 year old boys age champion. Other students who finished in high positions were: Sam Gibson, Nathan Blanksby, Ryan Everson, Michaela Cameron and Nicholas Eggler. Richmond River High School came 3rd overall on the day.

Also, thankyou to all the students who went to the swimming carnival as officials. These students were involved in time keeping for the competitors and they did a wonderful job. Well done to all the competitors and officials and good luck to those students who will compete at the Regional Carnival on the 11th of March, 2014.

Mr Scarrabelotti, Ms Thompson & Miss Birney
The official Richmond River High School Facebook page is here: RRHS Facebook Page

The web address is: www.facebook.com/richmondriverhigh

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OPEN NIGHT EXPO

For Year 7, 2015 Students and their families

Thursday 6 March, 2014
5.00 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.

5.00 p.m. Meet in the MPU (Multi Purpose Unit)
View displays of student work.

5.20 p.m. Musical Performance

5.30 p.m. Official Welcome to Open Night Expo
Welcome from the Principal and 2015 Year Advisor

5.45 p.m. Continuous School Group Tours
Supper
Tour of school facilities

7.30 p.m. Farewell from Deputy Principals and Vice Captains

Please ring the School on 66213456 for information

I was impressed with our RRHS students today at the Zone PSSA Primary schools swim carnival, they were very professional. It was a long day. Look for a photo in the Northern Star!

The message below is from the PSSA Carnival Convener who is also one of our most supportive mums! ‘Thanks for your help today, please pass on to the school and students today what a credit they were to their school and themselves. They did a fabulous job’.

Mr Dixon
PDHPE Teacher

SCHOOL FEES
A friendly reminder that school fees are now due for payment. They can be paid at the front office by either cash, cheque or eftpos. You can also pay over the phone by credit card if you wish.

SCHOOL PHOTOS
SCHOOL PHOTO ENVELOPES HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO STUDENTS.

THESE ENVELOPES ARE TO BE RETURNED TO THE PHOTOGRAPHER BY THE STUDENT ON TUESDAY 11TH MARCH WHEN THE PHOTOGRAPHS ARE TAKEN EVEN IF YOU ARE NOT PURCHASING ANY PHOTOS.

FAMILY PHOTO ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM THE FRONT OFFICE.

Catch-up day for students who are absent on 11th March for photographs will be on Monday 17th March.

From the Principal
Dear Parents and Caregivers

This week we held an emergency lock down drill. It is a requirement under the Work Health and Safety rules for schools that drills of this nature are to be held on a regular basis. The drill went well and we have asked for feedback from staff to ensure that when we next hold another drill it will be even further fine-tuned. Next term we will be organising for an emergency evacuation drill.

As part of the process for schools to ensure the safety of students and staff at school is it absolutely important for all our visitors, including volunteers, parents and tradespeople to sign in and out at the Front Office. This is vital when we are holding drills of any nature so that the school can clearly identify those people on site.

I hope that you have a great weekend.

Dave Harvey,
Principal

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From the Deputy

The Return of Elevate Education

Several weeks ago, a presenter from Elevate Education, an internationally recognised educational consultative group, visited our school to initiate the journey of our Years 11 & 12 cohorts towards embracing our school’s revived culture of academic rigour. The focus of these presentations was fostering self belief, goal setting and time management.

Next Tuesday, Elevate Education will return, speaking to our Year 12 students on strategies that will support them as they prepare for their coming mid course exams at the end of this term. During their recent interviews with Senior executive, many students in Year 12 have expressed great enthusiasm for further support in preparing for formal assessments and examinations. We certainly hope that next Tuesday’s presentation will be a boost to our Year 12s as the whips start cracking.

Additionally, the Elevate presenter will present our Year 7 students with the ‘Kick Start’ program designed specifically to assist Year 7 students in settling in to high school. We hope that this program will supplement our pre-existing ‘Personal Interest Project’ initiative for Year 8 students so that, in combination, an aligned approach to academic rigour in the middle school can be established.

Open Night
Next Thursday night sees our annual Open Night for prospective Year 7 students in 2015 and their families. The evening, comprising interactive displays of the high quality curricular and extra curricular learning opportunities on offer at Richmond River High School, follows on from our Year 5 student experience days conducted last term. The intention is to provide every opportunity for our prospective Year 7 families to make an informed decision as possible in terms of where their son or daughter will go to school in 2015.

The night is also open to all members of our broader school community. It begins at 5:00 p.m., we hope to see you there.

Academic Concerns Week
Next week our teachers are asked to reflect on the progress to date of all students in their classes and ensure that students who have been of concern in not working to their potential are made aware of these concerns. A letter is also sent to the families of these students – all well in advance of our parent teacher evenings and report writing time. A problem identified early is, generally, far easier to solve.

Positive Behaviour for Learning Next Week

With the approach of our Student Representative Council Formal Induction Assembly on Thursday 13th March, our PBL focus for the next two weeks will be on student citizenship, drawing on the “Respectful” and “Honest” components of our PBL teaching matrix. In particular, students will be asked to reflect on their sense of student citizenship, and how it matches up with the following expected positive behaviours in our school:

- Act at all times to promote a positive image of the school.
- Respect others & accept difference. Nice or nothing.
- Use polite & acceptable language.
- Wear school uniform with pride.
- Put my rubbish in the bin.
- Be honest regarding the property of the school & others.
- Maintain a clean and safe environment.

Wishing all of our school community a safe and enjoyable weekend.

Michael Hensley,
Deputy Principal

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P&C News - AGM

MEETING

It is the beginning of a new school year, which means we will be having our AGM on 12th March at 6 p.m. in the upstairs common room.

All positions will be vacated. We will be needing a new President, 2 Vice Presidents, Treasurer and Secretary. Full support will be given to the new committee members.

P&C involvement means you get to have a say in your child's school and education.

The P&C, through the canteen, donates up to $25,000 each year to enrich the education of your children.

We only meet once a month for a couple of hours excluding school holidays. Please come and give us your support.

Thanking you for your help.
Tania Harvey,
P&C President

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P & C Meeting
6.00 – 7.30 p.m.
Wednesday
12th March 2014

Being
RRHS
Is:
 Responsible
Respectful
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RRHS - Week 6

Monday 03/03/2014
• Year 12 Metal & Engineering Work placement

Tuesday 04/03/2014
• Year 12 Metal & Engineering Work placement
• U15 Touch Football

Wednesday 05/03/2014
• Year 12 Metal & Engineering Work placement

Thursday 06/03/2014
• Year 12 Metal & Engineering Work placement
• Year 6-7 2015 Orientation Night 5 p.m. - 7.30 p.m.

Friday 07/03/2014
• Year 12 Metal & Engineering Work placement
• Zone Netball
• Blood Bank - Red Cross

Attention Year 7 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.

RRHS PHOTOGRAPHS 2014

Richmond River High will be hosting school photographs on Tuesday, March 11th 2014. New legislation requires parental permission for photographs of students to be taken and photographs of students to be displayed. If you do not wish your student to be photographed in a group photo to be distributed to all students in that year, please contact the school and register your position.

Organisational requirements for a successful photographing day are as follows. All students:
• must be in full school uniform for the photographs.
• must return their envelopes on the day regardless of whether they are purchasing photos or not. Spare envelopes will be available for students who didn’t receive individually coded envelopes.
• family photographs will be available.
• photographs of groups such as SRC, LEOs and Equity Group will be available at lunch-time on Tuesday. Consult your group organiser for details.
• will present for individual photo to receive a 2014 student ID card. If you have any concerns regarding the school photographs on Tuesday 11th March, contact the school on 6621 3456.

CANTENE ROSTER - Week 6

Monday 03/03/2014
Nola Mangan & Jo James

Tuesday 04/03/2014
Toni Woodland

Wednesday 05/03/2014
Meryl Condon

Thursday 06/03/2014
Kelly Wilson

Friday 07/03/2014
Lee-anne Gibson & Kelly Wilson

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

See the Maths staff to obtain the password