Japanese Exchange Program

On Tuesday 4th March students from Southern Cross University who are on a Japanese exchange program from Osaka City came to the RRHS school farm to have a mini experience of farm life and to see farm animals up close as most of them had never touched or been around animals as they live in a mega city. The Year 9 Agricultural students and some Year 11 Primary Industries students encouraged the SCU students to get involved with the animals providing them with the opportunity to touch and feel safe around the animals. The Agriculture students showed them safe animal handling, regeneration zone work being done on the river bank to help improve the environment and a general chat around how life is on the North Coast and the learning that the students do here. All students from both SCU and RRHS thoroughly enjoyed themselves, even the ones scared of the chickens.
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Tania Harvey,
P&C President

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Wednesday
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Friday 21st March

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~ Animal balloons ~ Face-painting ~ spot prizes ~

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From the Principal and Deputies School Photos
This important annual event takes place on Tuesday next week, ably coordinated as always by Mr Hanley. School photos are extremely important not only for the school in having accurate records of all of our students, but also for families who value these photos as part of the journey of their sons and daughters growing up. It is for these reasons that students are urged to come to school in full school uniform on Tuesday. Where possible students are asked to wear the white Richmond River polo shirt on the day.

Open Night
Every year, Richmond River High School, along with every other public high school in the State, presents itself to our surrounding community through our annual Open Night. The official purpose of the night is to provide students currently in Year 6, along with their families, a taste of what Richmond River High School has to offer in terms of curriculum delivery, extra curricular opportunities and, overall, a perspective on our approach to teaching and learning along with the culture of our school which underpins everything we do. For some years however, the evening has become much more than that for our school. The evening requires an enormous amount of behind the scenes organisation by teachers and our Front Office staff, it requires teachers to work in teams in order to provide dynamic presentations which go some way towards doing justice to the amazing work that they do with their students each and every school day, it requires teachers and students working together to make these dynamic and interactive displays of learning – in all of its forms – come together on the night and it requires the positive energy of our parents and community members who visit us on the night. Overall, the night represents a genuine drawing together of a huge learning community from all parts of our large and diverse school, and from our surrounding community. Thursday’s Open Night was a shining example of a genuine learning community.

Particular praise is well and truly warranted for Mr Yates, stepping comfortably into his role as an emerging school leader, who coordinated the evening. He was supported in this by many people, both staff and students, but in particular Mr Scarrabelotti, Mrs Williamson and Mrs Marchant in our Front Office. One of the key benchmarks of effective leadership is an ability to draw together a diverse team. Mr Yates, in coordinating our amazing Open Night, has achieved this in spades. Visiting parents and community members, on arrival, were greeted by Mr Yates’ enthusiastic team of student guides, who spent the evening proudly showing groups of parents around our school.

In making their way up to our school hall (the MPU), our visitors encountered Mr Woodward and his able team of agriculture students caring for some of our livestock which regularly receive awards at the annual Lismore show. A brief presentation outlining the purpose and organisation of the evening by our Principal, Mr Harvey, along with Mr Yates, was interspersed by musical performances by our extremely talented Year 12 musicians under the guidance of our always inspiring Music teacher, Mr Wordsworth. It was also great to see the many students Mr Wordsworth and Mr Murray had supported in setting up ‘busking’ stalls around the school, entertaining our visitors, along with other students and staff, as they made their way around the school.

It was truly inspiring to visit all of the learning settings on display as groups of parents were guided around our school during an extremely pleasant early autumn evening. Mr Seller was showing off a fantastic display of “Mixed Material” student works in our Industrial Arts block, along with Mr Stegeman who was able to show off not only the amazing work of his Woodwork students, but, in the process, was able to provide unique reflections on the changing nature of student engagement with his subject over his many years at our school. This was followed up by Mr Czislo’s Library demonstrating the great work being done in his Metalwork room.

Our visitors were then taken to Mr Prince’s Maths room, where even the most extreme sufferers of “Maths phobia” could not help but be inspired by the energetic, student oriented approach to Maths teaching, integrating innovative use of technology, which Mr Prince demonstrated. A visit to the oasis which is our Library followed, where our Teacher Librarian, Mrs Seccombe showed off not only the workings of a 21st century Library, but also examples of Year 8 Personal Interest Projects which always prove to be the high point of our annual Education Week celebrations. Mrs Moverley was also making great use of our Library’s Computer Room, demonstrating the many exciting ways in which our school is engaging with technology, most notably our growing capacity for students to bring their own digital devices to school for use in the classroom.

Downstairs, Mr Price was conducting experiments with liquid nitrogen and its capacity to alter matter. The similarities between this session and watching Heston Bloomenath make ice cream on ‘Masterchef’ were uncanny. Around the corner, Ms Bouveret was inspiring the crowds with visions of artistic excellence in photography, music, drama and visual art. Meanwhile, Ms Lishman introduced a ‘continental’ element to the evening, introducing our visitors to the teaching of French and other languages.

Moving along the verandah, Mrs Ford was reflecting on our fashion designers of the future in the Textiles room. Particularly popular, however, was Mrs Purcell and her extremely hard working band of Year 11 Hospitality students, working in our industrial standard kitchen to produce an outstanding array of canapés, along with espresso coffee, a shining example of our growing capacity to provide students with excellent vocational education.

Last, but certainly not least, was a visit with Mr Laverty and Ms Thomson, camped in the River Theatre with an impressive array of Sports Science and recreational sporting equipment, and how all of these fit in with our outstanding engagement of students with physical activity at all levels. Occasions such as our Open Night are a reminder to us all of how fortunate we are to be part of such a fantastic community, where learning, teamwork and “having a go” are both valued and celebrated. It is an enormous source of pleasure and pride to both work in Richmond River High School and to be part of the broader Lismore community. Wishing all of our community a safe and enjoyable weekend.

From the Senior Executive, Dave Harvey, Michael Hensley and Di Williamson

Being RRHS
Is: Responsible Respectful Honest Safe
RRHS - Week 7

Monday 10/03/2014
• Year 9 Textiles Spotlight Excursion
• International Women’s Day Presentation

Tuesday 11/03/2014
• School Photos
• North Coast Swimming Carnival

Wednesday 12/03/2014
• P&C Meeting 6 p.m.

Thursday 13/03/2014
• Zone Soccer - Boys Goonellabah, Girls Thistles - all day

Friday 14/03/2014
• TVET Open Day
• Zone Touch Football - Hepburn Park, Goonellabah - all day

Attention all
Parents and Carers

Our newsletter the ‘River Views’ is published every Friday and is uploaded onto out 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.

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Canteen ROSTER - Week 7

Monday 10/03/2014
SRC Students

Tuesday 11/03/2014
Des Harris

Wednesday 12/03/2014
Paul Harwood

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Kelly Wilson

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