STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Congratulations to Troy Fredericks of Year 11 who was presented with the award of ‘TVET Student of the Year’ for 2013 in Maritime Operations at a ceremony at Ballina TAFE on Tuesday night.

Troy studied the Certificate II in Transport and Distribution (Coastal Maritime Operations - Coxswain) at Ballina TAFE last year when he was in Year 10. The coxswains course teaches you to take charge of a vessel less than 12 metres in length with passengers and with engines up to 250kW in safety and operating within inshore limits (up to 15 nautical miles from the coast). The course was supposed to be studied one night a week over a 2 year period but Troy completed it in only 1 year, attending on one and sometimes two nights a week and a lot of at-home study.

Later this year Troy, along with another TVET student will be putting the knowledge they have learnt to the test when they accompany their TAFE Teacher on the “MV Island Trader” to Lord Howe Island where they will gain valuable hands-on experience and practical hours at sea.

Congratulations again Troy and good luck with your future endeavours in following your dream of a life at sea.

Zone Netball Carnival

On Friday the 7th March, 2014, ten girls from Years 10, 11 and 12 travelled to Casino to compete in the Zone Netball Carnival. All 10 girls put in 100% in every game. In the attacking end, Keely Mumford and Taylor-Jane Farnham worked the circle well and shot nicely in each game. Keely Mumford was also selected in the possibles and probables team for her accuracy in shooting. Serena Mangan and Montanah Wood both fed the circle well and were an available option at all times. Rachel Herne was unstoppable in the centre court and was selected in the North Coast team to compete at Byron Bay in two week’s time. In defence, Natasha Smith, Jamie-Lee Farnham and Mia Vallance were strong in the circle and picked up many intercepts throughout the day. Takiah Degail, played both attack and defence throughout the day and was a continual option when bringing the ball down the court. Brianna Pickering was also selected in the possibles and probables team due to her strong defence and constant determination for the ball. Thankyou to Zoe Bellos who umpired for Richmond River throughout the day. Overall, the girls did not give up throughout the day and only just missed out on the final, going down to Maclean High School.

Congratulations and good luck to Rachel Herne at the Regional Netball Carnival.

Miss Birney
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.

Casual Day
Friday 21st March
Gold coin fundraising donation. Please wear appropriate clothing and footwear.

Michelle Atherton (Chaplain)

At Richmond River High School we have a proud tradition of helping those in need. Many of our senior students take the opportunity to save three lives by donating blood at the Red Cross Blood Bank on a regular basis.

We are organising an excursion every fortnight on Friday week A for students over 16 years of age who would like to make a difference and donate. Unfortunately this year the rules have been changed, students less than 18 years of age are only allowed to give once a year.

If you are interested in donating please see me in the HSIE staffroom during a break. Thank you to last week’s donors, Natasha Herring, Troy Fredericks, Aidan Weir and Caitlin Moore.
Richmond River High School celebrated with a lunch time gathering for Year 12 girls, who took part in a workshop given by Mrs Di Williamson called “Inspiring change” this year’s theme for International Women’s Day. The girls were encouraged to make a plan to create change in their lives. The overwhelming theme being that we are in control of our lives, if we have a plan and act positively changes can be made. Students were given the tools to plan for change, thank you Mrs Williamson for the inspiring workshop.

Social
“Classy 1920’s”

Tuesday
25th March
Lismore Workers Club
6 - 9 p.m.
$6.00 entry

Expectations for behaviour at the school social:
• School rules apply
• Drug and alcohol free
• Footwear - no thongs - shoes must be on the whole night
• Appropriate clothing
• School on show
• Bags and clothing outside
• No drink bottles inside - water available inside
• No glassware
• No breakage of glow sticks – pay for damage
• Right money and ID cards in first
• Hand will be stamped
• No-one allowed to leave the social
• Arriving late - note to warn staff and parent to bring you to the door
• Leaving early - only if collected by parents
• Excluded from social - owing detentions overdue, roomed or suspended this term
• Once in the hall no-one is allowed to get things from bags or go to the toilet until all students are admitted into the hall
• If not at school that day they cannot attend the social.

Our RRHS family would like to welcome the new edition to our farm, a brand new calf born last night to Lacey. Our new edition is a Speckle Park bull calf and both mum and calf are doing well.

RRHS PHOTOSHOPGRAPHS CATCH-UP DAY
MONDAY 17TH MARCH

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

All students are required to have their single photo taken, even if they are not purchasing any photos, so they can be allocated a Student ID Card.
From the Principal

Dear Parents and Caregivers

This week I attended a meeting with local principals and deputy principals that was organised by Southern Cross University. The purpose of the meeting was to further build the relationship between the university and secondary schools. One of the programs the university is running this year is a pilot project for our senior students. The program is SCU Access where students enrolled at Richmond River might have the opportunity to complete a university enabling subject through SCU College while still completing their senior schooling. The program which offers students a taste of university life and the possibility of direct entry and advanced standing into a relevant Associate degree. While a number of our Year 12 students have been contacted about this program if your son or daughter is interested in finding out more please let me know as there is an information evening being held on Thursday 3rd April at 6 p.m. at the Lismore campus.

Changes to School Development Day Dates

At the beginning of Terms 2 and 3 there is a student free school development day scheduled. At Richmond River High School I am in the process of moving the Term 3 school development day to Tuesday 29th April so that we will have two consecutive staff development days at the beginning of next term. In other words we will be having student free school development days on both Monday 28th April and Tuesday 29th April and no school development day on Monday 14th July. I will keep you informed of these changes in the next couple of weeks.

Have a fun weekend.

Dave Harvey,
Principal

From the Deputies

Years 7 and 9 Literacy & Numeracy Examinations

During Tuesday and Thursday of next week, Years 7 and 9 will participate in formal examinations in our MPU, focusing on assessing their progress to date regarding literacy and numeracy skills. Holding exams for these year groups at this point in the school year achieves a number of purposes. Most obviously, these exams form an important part of our strategy to prepare students for the conditions they will experience in their upcoming NAPLAN testing from 13th to 15th May (week 3 of next term). A key benchmark through which all schools measure their effectiveness in delivering the full range of curriculum, however, is to look at literacy and numeracy results as the foundations on which learning is based, and to this extent these literacy and numeracy exams form part of our ongoing strategy of lifting academic expectations for all students within an overall culture of academic rigour.

Formal examination periods are set aside throughout Semester One for all year groups. Year 12 will be sitting their mid course exams starting Monday 31st March (week 10 of this term). Year 11 will begin their mid course exams on Monday 19th May (week 4 of next term), while Years 8 and 10 will begin their exam block on Monday 2nd June (week 6 of next term). We anticipate that our students, with a significant experience of formal examination conditions, will be far better placed to achieve success when they eventually come to sit for their final HSC exams.

Student Leaders Formal Induction Assembly

Our annual Leadership Induction Assembly will be conducted on Monday, beginning at 12:15 p.m. in our MPU. Our elected School Captains, Madeleine Moore and Oliver James, along with our Vice Captains, Zoe Bertuzzi and Malachi Joseph will formally assume office for 2014. Additionally, the six elected student representatives from each of the Years 7 to 10, along with the four representatives each from Years 11 and 12 will also be inducted into our Student Representative Council.

Our special guest for the assembly will be the Mayor of Lismore, Jenny Dowell. Parents and carers of all inducted students have received formal invitations to the assembly.

Year 8 Beach Trek

On Thursday and Friday of next week, the majority of Year 8 students will participate in our annual Beach Trek from Byron Bay to Lennox Head. This event always proves to be a fantastic experience for all involved and particular thanks are extended to our teachers who are giving up so much of their time and energy to make the Trek a reality; Mr Dixon, Mr French, Mr Scarrabelotti, Mrs Day, Mr Harrison, Mr Fox, Mr Adams and Ms Birney.

We trust that all students attending will be mindful of “being RRHS” – Respectful, Responsible, Honest and Safe.

Positive Behaviour for Learning

Our PBL focus for the next two weeks falls on Respectful behaviour outside the classroom. This is particularly important, given that students have now well and truly settled in to the routine of the school year and , unfortunately, we are starting to experience the “fall out” from peer clashes which invariably take place during breaks between timetabled lessons. Students will be reminded of the importance of the following in their interactions with one another at school:

- Treat others as I want to be treated
- Respect others and accept difference (nice or nothing)
- Resolve all personal conflicts or disagreements respectfully
- Respect school property (rubbish)
- Use polite and acceptable language.

All of the above is underpinned by the general importance of always valuing and maintaining positive relationships with both peers and teachers. Positive relationships at school are essential if students are to achieve success in learning.

Wishing everyone a safe and enjoyable weekend.

Michael Hensley,
Deputy Principal

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**RRHS - Week 8**

Monday 17/03/2014
- SRC Induction Ceremony 12.15 p.m. in the MPU
- School photos catch-up day
- Year 11 ‘All my Own Work’ Periods 6 - 7

Tuesday 18/03/2014
- North Coast Touch Trials in Goonellabah

Wednesday 19/03/2014
- Year 8 Beach Trek

Thursday 20/03/2014
- Year 8 Beach Trek
- Zone League v Far North Coast in Ballina
- Red Cross Blood Bank

Friday 21/03/2014
- Year 11 ‘All my Own Work’ Periods 6 - 7

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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 9th April 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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**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.