Lismore Junior Cricket

Congratulations to Luke Allen, Damien Vidler and Angus Scarrabelotti in winning major awards in Lismore Junior Cricket. Luke had the best bowling average and was runner-up with the most wickets in the under 17’s. Damien was the overall ‘Player of the Year’ in the under 17’s and Angus was the overall representative ‘Player of the Year’ in the under 12’s.

Mr Scarrabelotti
Maths Teacher

North Coast Swimming Representatives

The following students gained a place in the North Coast Swimming team.

Madeline Nilon - 1st in 16 years girls 100M Breaststroke, 100m Butterfly, 100m Backstroke, 200m Individual Medley and 2nd in 100m and 200m Freestyle and 3rd in 50m Freestyle. Madeline was named 16 years Regional Age Champion.

Ryan Everson was 3rd in 16 boys 100m Breaststroke.

Hayden Blanksby - 2nd in 16 boys 200m Freestyle and 100m Breaststroke and 3rd in 100m Freestyle.

Nicholas Eggler - 2nd in 12 years boys 50m Freestyle and 100m Butterfly.

Mr T Laverty
Head Teacher PDHPE

Seniors Week

A photo of some of our "Friends For Ages" students with the banner they worked on with their resident friends at Caroona.

Mrs B Gray
Year 7 students have been visiting the library during their English classes and participating in the Premier's Reading Challenge. In order to complete the PRC, students have to read 15 PRC listed books and 5 books of their own choice. This is a great opportunity for students to be exposed to many wonderful books. Please encourage students to read at home, reading has many benefits including: mental stimulation, stress reduction, knowledge, vocabulary expansion, memory improvement, thinking skills, better writing skills, tranquillity, improved concentration and if borrowing from a library it is free.

Mrs L Seccombe
Teacher Librarian

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.

Zone Hockey Trials
Two of our students attended the zone hockey trials at Murwillumbah yesterday. Izaac Johnston Year 11 and brother Joel Johnston Year 12 were both selected in the North Coast open boys Hockey team to contest the state titles later this year in Wollongong.
Congratulations to both students and good luck in Wollongong.

Mr D Hanley
Head Teacher English

DEBATING SEASON BEGINS WITH STUNNING SUCCESS!

Wednesday 19th March our team of Senior Debaters made the long trek to Grafton to face off in their first debate of the season. The team, comprising of: Ruby Mueller, Ava Callachor, Amy Feain and Brendan Reed, who presented in that order, were strong from their opening lines right till closing.

It was a difficult topic as they were designated the negative position for: ‘The teaching of Scripture should be banned in Government schools’. While they would have preferred the affirmative position they presented a strong argument with strenuous rebuttals over the definition of Scripture. The Affirmative team proposed that Scripture referred to purely the Christian writings while our team purported it encompassed every religious text. Their stance centred on banishing ethnocentricity by removing stigma, religious bias and false assumptions about specific religions. The desired outcome would be an emerging youth that is culturally and socially literate. They also stressed that the teaching of Scripture is aimed at discouraging discrimination and eliminating ignorant stereotypes.

Richmond River can be proud that we have such articulate, intelligent and creative representatives who can adapt to present an excellent debate.

Congratulations on your successful win.
Ms P Galea
Debating Coach

If you like to write poetry, you have an opportunity to enter the Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Awards. Entries are open now and close on the 30th June, if you would like to enter please see Mrs Seccombe in the library or your English teacher. Check out the website http://www.dorothea.com.au/.

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From the Principal  
Dear Parents and Caregivers
Our School Captains and Student Representative Council induction this week was very impressive. I believe we have a strong team of captains and vice captains this year who will be in a position to work closely with our SRC to ensure an effective student voice. Congratulations to Madeleine Moore, Oliver James, Zoe Bertuzzi and Malachi Joseph. I would also like to specifically congratulate each student elected to the SRC. This is a representative body that looks at ways to address and improve things around the school.
Currently the school is having a lot of difficulty with students who are inappropriately using their mobile phones while at school. It is absolutely vital that students do not have the mobile phones out while they are in class. Teachers are being interrupted by having to regularly ask students to put their phones away and not use them during class. The only times phones are allowed to be used in class are when teachers give specific directions to do so. This problem is having a negative impact on the flow of lessons and I would appreciate if parents could talk with their children about this issue. Big thanks!

Dave Harvey, 
Principal

From the Deputies
Positive Peer Relationships
A number of familiar and annually recurring features of school life provide a reminder that we are now well and truly heading towards the end of Term 1. These features include, but are not limited to the steamy, wet days of early autumn, the start of footy tipping and the emergence of peer clashes among students.
The first two of these hints that we are approaching the end of Term 1 are unavoidable. However, the third “hint”, which relates to the way students interact with one another, is most certainly avoidable. Peer clashes are generally the result of one or more of the various forms of bullying:
- Physical bullying: unwanted and deliberate physical contact
- Verbal bullying: name calling, taunts etc.
- Social bullying: exclusion, rumour spreading
- Psychological bullying: “dirty looks”, indirect unwanted comments.

Over the past week or two, the school has had to deal with a number of issues, some of which have, unfortunately, resulted in students being suspended from school, which have found their origins in one of the above unacceptable behaviours. The significance of these issues for teenagers cannot be overstated, not only in the short term where otherwise well intentioned students may be provoked into unacceptable response, but also in the longer term, where a student’s emotional and psychological well-being may be impacted through their experience of bullying behaviours that have led to peer clashes.
Our school is a PBL school (Positive Behaviour for Learning) and one of our four “pillars” is that students are expected to be Respectful, in particular:
- Act at all times to promote a positive image of the school.
- Respect others and accept difference – nice or nothing
- Resolve all personal conflicts or disagreements respectfully
- Use polite and acceptable language

None of the above four points are “rocket science” and yet, if observed by the majority of our students the majority of the time, will certainly have a significant impact on both the smooth functioning of our school and the amenity of school life for all members of our learning community.

Senior Mentoring Lessons
Following the work of ‘Elevate Education’ with all of our seniors in recent weeks, along with goal setting interviews for most of our Years 11 and 12 students conducted by the school’s senior executive, mentoring lessons for Years 11 and 12 will continue during Thursday and Friday of next week.
These lessons form the foundation of our school’s ongoing insistence on a culture of academic rigour. They focus firstly on experienced teachers working with small teams of students in order to ensure they are “keeping up” with their assessment tasks and their preparation for examination periods. Further to that, however, teacher mentors will be using follow up resources provided by ‘Elevate Education’ in order to continue working with students to clarify their short and long term goals, and the strategies they plan to use to achieve these goals, along with more specific issues such as setting priorities, meeting deadlines and time management. Additionally, these mentoring lessons will provide an ongoing opportunity for teachers to work with students in order to ensure that study periods at school (ie when students do not have timetabled lessons) are being used wisely. In order to do this, all seniors will need to have kept their Study period Log Book up to date, and will need to have this log book with them on Thursday and Friday of next week.
Wishing everyone a safe and enjoyable weekend.

Michael Hensley, 
Deputy Principal

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 28th March
Gold coin fundraising donation.
Please wear appropriate clothing and footwear.
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Canteen volunteers are needed. If you can help please phone Kathy Claydon on 6621 4890.

Under 14’s Players urgently needed to make up a team to compete in this year’s 2014 Junior AFL competition. So come along and sign up at the Lismore Swans Junior Australian Football Club. Details Below: U14’s Coach is Ron Meldrum, Ph-026621502, or 0407479733. Registrations: Wednesday’s or Friday’s from Feb 19th onward, 4:00- 5:15 pm, Rodder Oval (temp), Brewster St., Lismore. Age groups include Auskick, U8s, U10s, U12s and U14s as well as U13 and U16 Girls.

The official Richmond River High School Facebook page is here: RRHS Facebook Page
The web address is: www.facebook.com/richmondriverhigh

KARATE - Do
Commencing 5th May
REGISTER YOUR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST AT LISMORE PCYC - 6621 6276
TEACHER: SENSEI MICHAEL O’KEEFE, 6TH DAN
Shotokan Karate International – Australia

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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

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.