Attention all parents and carers

School Development Day Dates

At the beginning of Term 2 there will be two school development days:

Monday 28th April and Tuesday 29th April

All students will return to school on Wednesday 30th April

Richmond River High School
Telephone: 6621 3456
www.richmondri-h.schools.nsw.edu.au
Canteen: 6621 4890
This week’s blood donors heading off to the Blood Bank.

If you are a donor at the Blood Bank you can join our Red Club group and add to our tally of lives saved, when you next donate.

At Richmond River High School we have a proud tradition of helping those in need. 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 this week’s donors Douglas Barker, Claudia Beucker, Regan Galea and Yasmin Rogers.

Michelle Atherton
(Chaplain)
Year 12 HSC Half Yearly Examinations  
Monday 07/4/14 to Thursday 10/4/14

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**Examination Rules**

1. Students should be at exam room at least 10 minutes before scheduled start time to ensure the exam starts on time.
2. The exams are regular school days and as such you should be in school uniform.
3. Students will enter the room at the direction of the supervising teacher.
4. Students will follow all directions of the supervising teacher promptly.
5. All students remain under exam conditions until told otherwise. If your exam finishes before others in the exam room you will be instructed to leave quietly; Exam conditions apply until you are out of the exam room.
6. Exam conditions mean the following:
   - No talking
   - No noise
   - No communication
   - No turning around
   - No distraction to other students
   - No looking at other students work
   - No moving from seat unless instructed to do so by the supervising teacher.
7. Students may only have access to materials during the exam allowed by the examiner. Students will not be allowed to borrow or share material or equipment during the exam.
8. Mobile phones, MP3 players and Ipods are to be turned off and kept in school bags, they are not to be taken to the exam desk.
9. When the exam time has finished students must cease work immediately.
10. Cheating of any type will result in the student’s paper being cancelled. Students may not leave the exam room until the time for the examination set by the examiner has elapsed. YOU MAY NOT LEAVE EARLY.
11. Student Examination numbers are to be written on all exam papers.
   - Richmond River students enrolled in LCOSS subjects will complete all exams at Richmond River High School

Failure to comply with these rules will result in a penalty and may result in the cancellation of student’s exam paper.

SPORTS SELECTIONS FOR TERM 2

Sport selections and payments for Term 2 are being processed on Tuesday 8th April.

No selections or payments will be accepted after Tuesday 8th April unless prior approval by the Sports Organiser, Mr French in the PDHPE staffroom.
From the Principal

Dear Parents and caregivers

As the end of the term fast approaches I would like to take the opportunity to thank staff, parents and students for a very successful term. It has been very rewarding seeing our students focus on their studies and as I walk around the school on a daily basis it heartens me to see such dedicated teachers and so many students really engaged with their learning in class rooms.

At the end of next week, Mr Lachlan Klose will be leaving Richmond River to take up a promotion as Head Teacher Science at Banora Point High School. Mr Klose’s appointment has been very much deserved and was a direct result of the hard work and commitment to the students at Richmond River. Mr Klose will be dearly missed in his roles as relieving Head Teacher Administration, Transition Coordinator and teacher of science. Congratulations Mr Klose!

I would like to remind parents and caregivers that we will be having 2 school development days at the beginning of next term, so that school will commence for students on Wednesday 30th April.

Enjoy your weekend.

Dave Harvey,
Principal

From the Deputies

Positive Behaviour for Learning

In line with our planned Cross Country carnival at the end of term, our PBL focus for the last two weeks will be on ‘Sporting Activities in the Community’. Students are being encouraged to enjoy their day at Lennox Head in a positive way by acting at all times to promote a positive image of Richmond River High School. In particular, students have been reminded of the importance of using polite and acceptable language and of respecting the property of others and of the school.

With particular reference to the purpose of the day, students have been asked to be respectful of all ability levels, and to be responsible for wearing appropriate clothing and being sun safe. The Cross Country carnival at Lennox Head has always been a fantastic day, and our current students have been reminded that they are the current caretakers of the extremely proud reputation our school holds in the broader community, and of their responsibility in maintaining this reputation.

Staff Professional Development

Next Tuesday, all Richmond River High School teachers will be engaged in professional dialogue based on the Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership Professional Standards. Teachers will be working together to evaluate their work against these standards in order to measure our ongoing engagement with the new national curriculum, digital technology in the classroom and ways in which academic rigour can be encouraged in the emergent learning experience of the 21st Century learner.

The afternoon should prove to be an extremely positive experience as it will determine priorities for professional learning for the remainder of the year, but also will provide a very real means through which we can measure our success in addressing our identified priorities for school improvement.

After such an intense afternoon, staff will certainly be looking forward to our upcoming day at Lennox Head, and the vacation period to follow.

Wishing all of our school community 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.

Peter Howes,
Acting Deputy Principal
**LISMORE LOCAL AECG MEETING NOTICE**

**DATE:** MONDAY 7 APRIL 2014  
**TIME:** 2:00 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.  
**WHERE:** AUNTY FAYE ROOM  
**LISMORE TAFE**

The Lismore Local AECG invites Aboriginal Parents, Carers and Community to come along, listen, have an opinion and talk about improving Aboriginal People’s outcomes.

In Aboriginal Education and Training  
Contact Cassie Ryan – Secretary 6623 5947

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**RRHS - Week 11**

**Monday 07/04/2014**
- Year 12 Exams

**Tuesday 08/04/2014**
- Year 12 Exams
- Knockout Bill Turner Cup Football

**Wednesday 09/04/2014**
- Year 12 Exams
- Physics Excursion to Dreamworld

**Thursday 10/04/2014**
- Year 12 Exams
- North Coast Rugby at Kempsey

**Friday 11/04/2014**
- Cross Country at Lennox Head
- Last day of Term 1

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**CANTEEN ROSTER - Week 11**

**Monday 07/04/2014**  
Nola Mangan, Jo James & Janelle Schulzech

**Tuesday 08/04/2014**  
Des Harris

**Wednesday 09/04/2014**  
Meryl Condon & Janelle Schulzech

**Thursday 10/04/2014**  
Janelle Schulzech & Kelly Wilson

**Friday 11/04/2014**  
CROSS COUNTRY AT LENNOX HEAD  
Canteen volunteers are needed.  
If you can help please phone  
Kathy Claydon on 6621 4890.

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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)

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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.richmondriverhigh.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.richmondriverhigh.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.
Free parenting programs at Family Support Network: Bookings essential for all parenting programs. Please phone 6621 2489 to book a place in the free program.

Engaging Adolescents parenting group with Marie
When: Tuesdays on June 3, 10, 17 & 24 (4 weeks) from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Who: For parents of adolescents.
Where: Family Support Network, 143 Laurel Ave, Lismore
What: Engaging Adolescents is developing the art of having those tough conversations with our teenagers.

Dear Parents/Caregivers,
A 19 year old Belgian girl (French and English speaker) is looking for accommodation in Term 3 and/or Term 4. If she is placed with a family, she will come and assist in French classes at Richmond River High School from Term 3. This is a great opportunity to improve your child's confidence in speaking French and for them to have a unique cultural experience. If you can help please contact Naomi Lishman in the HSIE staffroom at RRHS asap. Thank you.
SOUTHERN CROSS CULTURAL EXCHANGE

SCHOLARSHIPS 2014
to the Northern Hemisphere

"Fall" into a U.S. High School!
Depart Australia
August 28
Depart USA
Jan 22
WIN A SCHOLARSHIP WORTH...
$4000

Les feuilles mortes
Autumn in France
Depart Australia
Sept 4
Depart France
Jan 23
WIN A SCHOLARSHIP WORTH...
$3000

Foglie d'autunno
Harvest in Italy
Depart Australia
Sept 10
Depart Italy
Jan 23
WIN A SCHOLARSHIP WORTH...
$3000

im Herbst
Festival in Germany
Depart Australia
Sept 2
Depart Germany
Jan 23
WIN A SCHOLARSHIP WORTH...
$3000

How to apply
Download an application form from S.C.C.E. website or obtain from our brochure and submit with a 1500-2000 word essay by email or post to S.C.C.E.

Essay topic
Why I deserve/need a Scholarship and why I choose that particular country for my exchange.

Application deadline
April 14

Announcement
Winners will be notified on April 21.

Note: All scholarship applicants will automatically receive a $500 discount if they choose to continue with their application for a 5 or 10-month program.

Email: scceaust@scce.com.au
Address: 14 Ranelagh Drive, Locked Bag 1200, Mt Eliza VIC 3930
Phone: 1800 500 501  Website: www.scce.com.au
National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy 2014

LETTER TO PARENTS

In May 2014 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. NAPLAN has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy skills of students across Australian schools.

The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child’s level of achievement. Each student’s level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard.

Background information (student name, gender, date of birth, language background and Aboriginality) will be collected as part of the National Assessment Program. This information is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that every student’s right to privacy is maintained.

The NAPLAN tests will be conducted from 13 - 15 May 2014.

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In the Numeracy tests students do not require any measuring tools such as rulers or protractors. In Years 7 and 9 there will be two Numeracy tests: one where a calculator is allowed and one where calculators are not to be used. For the calculator test, the student should use the calculator that they currently use at school.

In 2014, as in previous years, the Writing task will be a single common task for all students. The 2014 Writing test will require students to respond to either a persuasive or narrative Writing prompt. However, the genre of the prompt will not be disclosed prior to the test period.

Wherever possible, schools will organise for individual students who are absent at the time of testing to complete missed tests at another time during testing week. Individual students are not permitted to sit tests after Friday 16 May 2014.

Students may be considered for exemption from the tests if:

- they are newly arrived in Australia (less than one year before the test) and with a language background other than English, or
- they have significant intellectual disability and/or significant co-existing conditions which severely limit their capacity to participate in the tests.

All other students are expected to participate in the tests. Disability adjustments which reflect the student’s normal level of support in the classroom may be provided. Large print, Braille, coloured paper versions and electronic tests are available to meet the needs of individual students.

Access to disability adjustment or exemption from the tests must be discussed with the school Principal and a parent or carer consent form must be signed. Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents in consultation with the Principal. If you wish to withdraw your child from the tests, a parent or carer consent form must be signed.

Please make an appointment with the Principal of the school your child attends if you would like to discuss your child’s participation in NAPLAN.

Additional information about NAPLAN can be found at www.nap.edu.au/NAPLAN/Parent_Carer_support/index.html.
Hi everyone. I am the School Liaison Police Officer. The topic for this week is:

**LASER POINTERS**

Laser Pointers can harm members of our community.

Battery operated hand held Laser Pointers are now classed as dangerous implements. Changes to the Weapons Prohibition Act 1998 requires a permit to be issued for you to own a laser pointer exceeding one milliwatt. Regardless of the milliwatts, no laser pointer can be carried or used in a public place without a reasonable excuse.

**Penalty: Maximum of 2Years Jail or $5,500 fine.**

Police have the power to request a person in a public place to submit to a frisk search if the officer suspects on reasonable grounds that the person has a laser pointer on them. The laser pointer can then be confiscated.

*If you have a genuine reason for the use of such a laser pointer you must make a permit application to the NSW Police Firearms Registry Ph 1300 362 562*

**STAY SAFE!**

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**Kids: These tips are for you!**

If you need to contact your School Liaison Police Officer
Ph: 0266260574 Email: mewi1kim@police.nsw.gov.au