Softball

On Monday 5th of May eleven girls from Years 7 to 12 played softball at Albert Park in the CHS Knockout Competition. All the girls who represented Richmond River High School showed great sportsmanship throughout the day. The first game was competitive against Alstonville High School. At fulltime the score was a draw, so extra time was needed. At the end of extra time Richmond River High School won by 2 runs. This meant that Richmond River High School went through to play Lismore High School. This was another close game, however, Richmond River came through to win by 3 runs. Stand out players were Samantha Dransfield, Zoe Gillespie and Emma Dillon. Overall, the girls put in 100% effort for both games. The team also consisted of: Ruby Mueller, Georgie Morris, Hunter Mircev-Cox, Jemima Restall, Abby Casson, Georgina Park-Caeser, Montanah Wood and Emma Sidhu. A big thank you to Jackson Robinson and Dean Gillespie who were involved in scoring and umpiring on the day.

Ms T Birney
PDHPE Teacher

Greater Northern Rugby League Selection

Lochlen Perren and Cameron Pollard represented the North Coast Open Rugby League team at Port Macquarie on Wednesday 7th May. The team played against Hunter Region and were defeated 36-22.

From this trial both boys were selected as part of the Greater Northern Rugby League team and will travel to Toronto where they will play 3 games from 26th - 28th May. From these trials the New South Wales Combined High School team will be selected.

We wish the boys all the best for these trials.

Mr T Laverty
PDHPE Head Teacher
**INSTRUMENTS WANTED**

If anyone has any damaged or unwanted woodwind or brass instruments that are no longer needed and are willing to donate them to the school band, could you please drop them into the school office.

Thank you.

*Music Department*

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**Assessment - Year 10 History**

The task on the ‘Freedom Ride’ will be completed in class next week, therefore preparation for this task should now be well under way.

*Mrs G Reynolds*  
*HSIE Teacher*

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**Rigorous Rhetoric**

Bleary-eyed and in the dark of night two eager public speakers made the long trek to Coffs Harbour High School to compete in the Public Speaking Competition. Amy Feain and Ruby Mueller, both from Year 11, had to present a speech of 8 minutes in length on a topic of their choice. Amy chose Individuality - does it really exist? She proposed that teenagers are heavily influenced by media and pop stars (who she deems the leaders of their generation) and struggle to truly discover their own identity because they are too busy trying to be what mainstream media has deemed ‘the perfect human’. Her argument was reinforced by references to George Orwell and pop culture throughout history. Ruby on the other hand addressed the area of bullying and prejudice that is rife in society – for those who are flame-haired Gingers. She also referenced pop culture and the despairing lack of tolerance in a supposedly enlightened society.

Both spoke with passion and flair keeping the audience entranced with their wit and energy. They were met with very supportive comments from the adjudicator. Following this each presenter was given an impromptu topic to discuss, namely: ‘It is important to question everything. They were allowed a mere three minutes to gather their thoughts before delivering their speech. Both students delivered competent speeches but were pipped at the post by a male student from Coffs Harbour Senior Campus.

However, both young ladies with their insightfulness and passion for creating a united, compassionate world that celebrates diversity are a beacon of hope for the future of our world.

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**Debating Competition**

Our Years 9/10 students created two teams to compete against Kadina in a baptism by fire. The first team included Ellen Welstead-Cloud, Anna-Lena Qualmann, Lilly Allen-Moon and Georgia Zambelli. It is always difficult to argue a position that you fervently disagree with, as was the case when they spoke from the affirmative position for the topic: ‘that all schools should have CCTV cameras in all areas where students congregate’. They capably argued the validity of closed circuit television to supervise students to ensure the protection of students from bullying in its many facets including by teachers. This was reinforced with the team line: ‘Have control without controlling’. They managed to make it seem an exciting means of protection and saving funds from the insidious virus that is vandalism. Their determination and innovative argument won them the debate despite tough competition.

The second team comprised of: Kira-Jade Yeigh, Alex Larsen, Kimberley Vidler and Isabella Glue were also arguing for the affirmative position but for the new topic of: ‘All exams should be replaced with assessment tasks’. Their team line was that students have the right to perform without pressure. This was their central argument which is valid in a society that has an increasing incidence of mental disorders such as anxiety and depression, particularly in our adolescents. Unfortunately, they were pipped at the post by the able Kadina team who have been together since Year 7.

Both teams were very adept at rebutting the other team’s arguments with clear and concise deliveries. The adjudicator Louise Owen was very supportive and encouraging in her criticism. She also provided some pearls of wisdom to take into their next debate. All students would be proud of their achievements.

*Mrs P Galea*
# Richmond River High School Year 11 Examinations Timetable

## Weeks 4 and 5 Term 2 2014

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Congratulations Anna-Leeza Hull

Anna–Leeza Hull, a current Year 12 student, has just competed in the Mersey Valley Tour at Ulverstone in Tasmania. The tour was Anna-Leeza’s first National Road Series (NRS) event, and saw her compete for the first time against the best elite women cyclists in Australia. The 3 day race is held annually in the mountainous regions of Northern Tasmania, and has a long term reputation as one of the most gruelling cycling races for women in Australia. In the 3 day event, Anna-Leeza’s results were: 7th Stage 1 – 16.9 km Individual Time Trial (2nd U19 Women), 3rd Stage 2 – 81km Road Race (1st U19 Women), DNF Stage 3 - 80km Road Race (leading with 5km to go before being involved in a heavy crash), Winner – Queen of The Mountain Jersey.

Anna-Leeza has cemented her reputation as one of the most outstanding and promising women road cyclists in Australia at the age of 16 years 11 months. The Mersey Valley tour was the 3rd qualifying event in the 2014 season for selection in the Australian U19 Women’s Team to compete at the Junior World Championships in Spain from September 21st to 28th this year, which is Anna-Leeza’s ultimate goal for 2014, the Australian Team is announced in July.

Anna-Leeza was awarded the Lismore City Council’s 2014 Junior Sports Person of the Year Award at The Australia Day celebration in January, as well as both the North Coast Academy of Sports Cyclist of the Year, and Overall Athlete of the Year at their Annual Awards Dinner held in Port Macquarie.

Anna-Leeza will now concentrate on recovery from the injuries in her fall and compete in the remaining events in the NRS program, next of which is at The Battle on The Border held in the Tweed Region, May 16th to 18th.

Good luck Anna-Leeza.

ATTENTION ALL PARENTS/ CARERS

You can now purchase school uniforms online from Lowes.

It is free delivery for orders over $100 and you can exchange sizes at the shop if needed.


Year 8 Beach Trek

The boys camp is on Wednesday 28th and Thursday 29th May.

The girls camp is on Thursday 29th and Friday 30th May.

Students will receive an information sheet closer to the dates.
From the Principal
Dear Parents and Caregivers

It was great to see so many parents and carers turn up for our Year 7 and 8 Parent Teacher Night last night. It was an opportunity taken up by many parents to find out just how each student is progressing in their respective subject areas.

Next week Lismore Council will be installing fencing in front of the school in Lake Street to assist us in the management of students arriving and leaving school by bus. The bus bay is such a busy area with buses pulling up and then departing the new fencing will help us manage the huge numbers of students getting on and off the buses in a more manageable way adding to the safety of students. I have been informed that the work will begin on Tuesday and should take around three days to complete.

The school is currently evaluating and modifying its student assessment policy. The policy provides advice to teachers and students about the assessment expectations in each grade and across the differing subject areas. Please find below 3 handy hints for parents to assist their children with their assessments.

Parents can assist their son or daughter:

- To organise their diary and time management, eg. Due dates on the family calendar
- By regularly reminding and encouraging them to work towards the completion of the set task well before the due date
- By reminding them to submit the task on or before the due date (9.10 a.m. cut off).

As I mentioned at the end of last term shortly I will be contacting a random sample of parents to provide feedback about the criteria for students whose parents wish to be conscientious objectors to the school uniform. Once we have advice back from parents, students and staff we will be clarifying the rules around this option.

Have an enjoyable weekend.

Dave Harvey
Principal

From the Deputies
Upcoming Parent Teacher Evenings
It’s time to meet with your student’s teachers and discuss their progress to date in relation to educational outcomes.

- Years 9-11 Parent Teacher Evening - Tuesday 20th May 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- Year 12 Parent Teacher Evening - Monday 26th May 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Students will be issued with booking sheets next week and students are encouraged to book in for a 10 minute interview with each teacher. We hope that all parents can attend as these interviews are so vital to improved student outcomes. Educational feedback and discussing with teachers ways to support your students learning is important. These evenings help to develop a partnership between students, the parents and carers and the school.

- Year 12 reports will be issued on Thursday 22nd May.
- Year 11 reports will be issued Week 9 of Term 2.
- Years 7, 8 and 9 will be issued in the first few weeks of Term 3.

Di Williamson
Deputy Principal

NAPLAN Testing
Next week sees the annual NAPLAN testing for Years 7 & 9 in high schools across the country. As always, students in Years 7 & 9, and their families, should be aware that these are not tests that need to be studied for, rather, they are tests which are designed to establish an accurate “snapshot” of students capabilities and achievements as they currently stand in the areas of literacy and numeracy. The results from this testing form part of the data which is then used to determine levels of state and federal funding our school is entitled to. Further, the data is also made available to us and we are able to use it, along with other sources of data, in our planning for 2015 and beyond.

Accordingly, while we do not want students to become anxious about the tests being conducted next week, we do want them to do their very best, so that the “snapshot” which the tests provide is as accurate as possible. This, in turn, will allow us as a school to allocate all of our resources in the best possible way in order to support all of our students in achieving their very best during their years at Richmond River High School.

Positive Behaviour for Learning
Next week, all year groups, with the exception of Year 7 who will be involved in NAPLAN testing (see above) will have specific purpose Year Meetings which will focus on their current assessment requirements, upcoming excursions and significant events and student driven presentations on our weekly PBL focus. Next week, this focus will be on respectful behaviour in the classroom.

Students will discuss the importance of respecting the right of the teacher to teach and of other students to learn, respecting their learning environment, respecting the property of the school and others and finally respecting themselves as learners.

Year Advisers will be working with students in the lead up to Wednesday’s junior school Year Meetings in what we hope will be a dynamic and positive experience for everyone.

Wishing everyone a great weekend.

Michael Hensley
Deputy Principal

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RRHS
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**RRHS - Week 3 Term 2**

**Monday 12/05/2014**
- Years 9/10 and 11/12 Debating Competition

**Tuesday 13/05/2014**
- Naplan - Years 7 and 9
- Global Leaders Convention, Year 10, Carrara
- Unibound, Year 8, RRHS

**Wednesday 14/05/2014**
- Naplan - Years 7 and 9
- North Coast Careers Expo

**Thursday 15/05/2014**
- Naplan - Years 7 and 9
- North Coast Careers Expo

**Friday 16/05/2014**
- Red Cross Blood Bank
- TAFE TVET Taster, Year 10, Wollongbar
- TAFE
- Zone Cross Country, Lismore Turf Club

**CANTEEN ROSTER - Week 3 Term 2**

**Monday 12/05/2014**
Jo James

**Tuesday 13/05/2014**
Des Harris & Elizabeth Ball

**Wednesday 14/05/2014**
Meryl Condon & Janelle Schulzech

**Thursday 15/05/2014**
Kelly Wilson & Janelle Schulzech

**Friday 16/05/2014**
Kelly Wilson

Athletics Carnival Tues 3rd June at Riverview Park, are you able to help, half day or full day?

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

**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.

**P&C News AGM MEETING**
To all Parents and Carers,

Our AGM has been held on 2 previous occasions and to date we have not had enough support to be able to re-elect our committee members for the new year.

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

The next meeting will be held on 14th May 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.

Hope to see you there and thank 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.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.

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

**P & C Meeting AGM**
6.00 - 7.30 p.m.
Wednesday
14th May 2014
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 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 are interested in this please contact Naomi Lishman in the HSIE staffroom at RRHS ASAP. Thank you.

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**ACCOUNTANCY TRAINEESHIP**

**Wca** chartered accountants with offices based in Lismore and Ballina, are a local accountancy firm established in 1922. We are pleased to offer traineeships to locally based, motivated and career orientated Year 12 school leavers with a number of positions available starting February 2015.

Accountancy Traineeships combine university study with practical experience in the workforce. Trainees are given exposure to all areas of taxation, auditing, accountancy and small business management. Trainees should be self-motivated, have good communication skills and enjoy travelling and meeting people.

Trainees are asked to complete an external business degree at Southern Cross University, with the eventual aim of becoming a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia. Trainees are provided with study leave and in-house training to assist them in successfully completing their degree. External studies are usually completed over a 4-5 year period depending on the number of units completed each semester.

Trainees are encouraged after graduation to complete the CA Program, which then entitles them to membership of The Institute of Chartered Accountants, one of the most respected business organisations in the world today. As with university, both study and financial assistance are provided by **Wca** Chartered Accountants to trainees undertaking to complete the CA Qualification.

Any questions on Accountancy Traineeships can be directed either to your careers adviser or Tony Bazzana, Partner, at **Wca** Chartered Accountants on 66212581 or via email tbazzana@wcagroup.com.au.
Colour your world with a fun filled family outing

Lismore's 24th Annual
Gemfest

2 Full Days  Saturday 17th May, 9am-5pm
Sunday 18th May, 9am-3pm

Venue  Lismore Showground

Entry  $5 per adult, $1 per child (under 5 yrs free)

Features  Gold, Sapphires, Jewellery, Opals
Gems & Crystals, Rare Fossils,
Meteorites, Healing Crystals,
Raffles, Kids Activities, Food Stalls
& Lucky Gate Prizes

Lismore City Council has received funding from the Federal
Government for construction of a new roundabout at
the intersection of Molesworth and Orion Streets in Lismore.

To facilitate quick construction and minimise traffic disruptions,
Molesworth Street between Orion and Zadoc Streets will be closed
for approximately four (4) weeks.

Traffic will be detoured via Keen Street as shown overleaf.

Access to Cambrian Street and the Lismore Greyhound Raceway
will be via the southern end of Molesworth Street at Zadoc Street.

Council apologises for any inconvenience caused by this
temporary road closure.

If you have any concerns during construction please contact the
onsite supervisor. If you would like to discuss any of the works
further, please contact Council’s Urban Works Engineer,
Mr Dean Baldwin, on 1300 878 387.

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