Opens Rugby League

Last Friday the Opens Rugby League Team ventured to Yamba to play Maclean High School in the third round of the University Shield. The boys played well in the first half and went into the break at 16 all. But in the second half we were hit with injuries to key players and had to make considerable changes to our side. With players playing out of position and poor ball control we were soundly beaten 54-16. A big thank you to Mr Laverty for driving the mini bus and running the water on the day.

Mr French

Beautiful Program

During Term 2 Year 7 girls have been participating in the Beautiful Program which focuses on understanding our personal values and making good choices in our lives. On Wednesday our first group of girls attended their Beautiful Graduation Lunch to celebrate finishing the program. We were joined by Lismore Mayor Jenny Dowell and our team leaders who have volunteered their time each week to run the program with us.

Ms Hinchey & Ms Thomson

The Beautiful program helps with self-esteem, we were told we were all beautiful inside and out. We learned how to take care of our hair and skin and how to be lady like. We also learned you should treat people the way you want to be treated, it was a great program.

Macie Nixon Year 7

Beautiful was a great experience. It not only tells girls they are all beautiful but more importantly to value themselves. It was fun and gave us great information, about how to look after our skin and hair with practical classes. I think it definitely helps girls to be confident and show that you should value yourself. Thank you to Joy who started Beautiful and all the volunteers and Kay my leader.

Christie Willis, Year 7
Personal Interest
Projects – Year 8

This week PIP lessons have centred on the Habit of Mind – Persisting, students were challenged to put together a puzzle made from an Escher drawing. Afterwards students reflected on how they went about putting together the puzzle. Students wrote about when they lack persistence and what skills are needed to persist. Only approximately 6 weeks before the projects are due. Parents and carers please discuss with your child their project, projects need to be completed by Week 3 Term 3, if you have any queries please call me.

Mrs L. Seccombe,
Teacher-Librarian

State Drama Camp

Amy Feain, Ruby Mueller and Montana Hancock are travelling to Sydney for State Drama Camp next week. They will be learning about different techniques of theatre, with an emphasis on skills development and group devised performance and meeting students who are as passionate about drama as they are.
Year 8 CAPA art have been carving lino blocks to make some remarkable prints. Samuel Loveday and Jakira Vallance created these this week.

Photography Award for Tom Shannon

Tom Shannon from Year 12 has taken out the Best Photograph in the Years 11 and 12 Digital Photography section of the Ilford Schools Photography Competition Term 2. Tom will receive $75 and a trophy. His photograph “Sharp Rocks” was taken on the rocks of Watego’s Beach in Byron. “I took this photo using an infrared filter to capture light on the infrared spectrum; I took a long exposure which created a ‘silky’ looking ocean. The final photo was converted to black and white for a dramatic effect.” - Tom Shannon
Year 11 Biology, Senior Science and Earth & Environmental Science students attended a Dorroughby shared field excursion to Woody Head yesterday. Below are some photos of the students conducting quadrats on the rock pools. The students also conducted a report that will be listed on the Climate Watch website as they identified some species of interest that included Black Periwinkles, Crimson Sea Anemone and Neptune’s Necklace.

Ms Day
Science Teacher
Dear Parents and Carers

Next week I will on leave and Mr Hensley will be relieving as Principal. At this point I would like to thank all our parents and carers for their ongoing work in supporting our school. In particular I have really appreciated the hard work and commitment of our P&C and the school canteen for the financial contributions they make to our school.

I would also like to congratulate a couple of staff who are retiring at the end of this term. Grace Pollack who has been with the school for over 28 years will be retiring. Grace has been an integral member of the school’s administration and finance team. I would like to thank Grace for all her dedication to the school over many years and wish her the very best from all of us at the school.

Mr Shane Gooley will also be retiring at the end of this term. Mr Gooley has been the Careers Advisor at the school for around 10 years and assisted many students with their career planning. I wish Mr Gooley the very best in his retirement.

Mr Ben Miller has been appointed as a permanent PE teacher to Tooleybuc Central School. Ben has been such an asset to the school and the PE faculty in particular. While we are very happy that Ben is leaving Richmond River High. We wish Ben the very best in his new appointment!

Tavis Roberts, one of our longer term temporary teachers is also moving on. I would also like to thank Tavis for of his hard work here at the school.

Have an enjoyable weekend.

Dave Harvey
Principal

From the Deputy Principals

Formal Assembly – Senior Academic Awards

Next Thursday the school will conduct its first formal Academic Awards Assembly for the year. Students in Year 11 are over half way through their Preliminary Course, having completed their first set of exams only a few weeks ago. Most students will be in the midst of completing many formal assessment tasks as Term Two draws to a close. Meanwhile, Year 12 classes are preparing for their upcoming exams beginning in Week 4 of next term, after which they will begin their final run towards the end of Term Three, an extremely valuable time to work with their teachers to ensure they are fully prepared for the final exams, conducted by the Board of Studies, in October and November.

For now though, our school community will pause to acknowledge and celebrate the achievements of our senior students to date during next Thursday’s Formal Assembly. Families of award recipients will have already received invitations to what should prove to be a positive and inspirational afternoon.

Positive Behaviour for Learning – Celebrating and respecting the Achievements of Others

During the final week of term, students and staff will reflect on the importance of acknowledging academic success. Equally, consideration will be given to the importance of respectful, responsible and mindful conduct in doing so.

Richmond River High School prides itself on its culture of academic rigour and of celebrating student success. Accordingly, students will consider the following points in the lead up to Thursday’s Formal Assembly:

- Respectful & mindful entry into the school hall
- Respect for speakers and award recipients on stage during formal assemblies
- Respect the achievements of award recipients
- Respect for visiting guests and families of award recipients
- Being mindful of the purpose of Formal Assemblies and why they are important for award recipients
- Reflect all of the above through appropriate formal assembly behaviour.

Positive Recognition for Student Contributions & Achievements

In a similar vein to the purpose of Formal Assemblies, Year Advisors in recent weeks have begun to collate data on students making positive contributions in their classes and around the school. These students have been recognised through the ‘School Achievement Award’ being presented to them during our fortnightly assemblies for Years 7 to 10.

These awards entitle students to go into the draw for the Principal’s Draw at our upcoming Junior Academic Achievement Formal Assembly conducted next term. In the past, students who have returned their ‘School Achievement Award’ slips to the Front Office drop box, have been in the running to win items from a range of electronic and digital wizardry, including ipods, ipads and other ‘i-things’.

We look forward to another extremely exciting opportunity to celebrate student achievement.

Wishing everyone a safe and enjoyable final weekend of Term Two, and anticipating another great week next week in the lead up to the Winter holidays.

Michael Hensley
Deputy Principal
Wednesday 25/06/2014
- Beautiful Graduation
- School Leaders NSW Parliament visit
- Year 12 Primary Industries Quad Bike Course

Thursday 26/06/2014
- NAIDOC Day Celebrations
- Years 11 and 12 Formal Awards Assembly

Friday 27/06/2014
- LAST DAY OF TERM 2
- Red Cross Blood Bank

Canteen volunteers are needed.
If you can help please phone Kathy Claydon on 6621 4890.
The Leo Club is running a fundraiser next **Tuesday** to raise money for SIDS Research.

The day will include:

1. A Casual Day - students will be encouraged to wear red and to pay "a gold coin donation".
2. A cake and spider stall at recess and lunch.