### SENIOR AWARDS ASSEMBLY - MAJOR AWARD WINNERS

#### Year 11
- Ava Callachor: Overall Academic Excellence Award
- Adam Friend: Overall Academic Achievement Award
- Ruby Mueller: Overall Academic Achievement Award
- Luke Tonks: Overall Academic Achievement Award
- Zoe Bertuzzi: Overall Academic Achievement Award
- Alana Vidler: Year Adviser’s Award for Diligence & Application to Studies

#### Year 12
- Ruby Gerrish: Overall Academic Excellence Award
- Meg Hill: Overall Academic Achievement Award
- Jaeden Ogston: Overall Academic Achievement Award
- Thomas Hooper: Overall Academic Achievement Award
- Rachel Waller: Year Adviser’s Award for Diligence & Application to Studies

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Zone winners in Premier’s Debating Challenge awarded to:
- Ava Callachor
- Amy Feain
- Montana Hancock
- Ruby Mueller
- Brendan Read

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SCU Royal Australian Chemical Institute Chemistry Titration Competition Gold Winners awarded to:
- Ruby Gerrish
- Arthur Hyde
- Theotius Hall

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Ilford Schools Photographic Competition Winner’s Plaque awarded to:
- Thomas Shannon

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Principal’s Award for Achievement, Attitude and Application in Rugby Union awarded to:
- Adrian Basso
**Year 12 Hospitality**

On Tuesday night Mrs Purcell’s Year 12 Hospitality students completed a major assessment task relating to restaurant service. Students had to create a menu, order the food, trial the recipes and organise the tables and the venue to cater for the 40 invited guests. They also organised other students to provide music on the night. Students were able to invite 4 people and many chose family members, work colleagues and support people. The students worked extremely hard all day and were rewarded with a very successful evening, well done.

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**Richmond River vs Kadina – 1:1**

Our wonderful debaters in the Years 7/8 category did us proud on Tuesday, 24th June in their first debate. The initial crew of Grace and Ellie Price, Sveva-Magdalena Bennett and Breana Hunter argued for the affirmative that we should get rid of NAPLAN. They were just pipped at the post with a close loss to the Kadina A team who amazingly presented some statistics as a part of their case.

The second half of our team won convincingly on the topic that downloading music without permission should be regarded as theft. The team was comprised of Luka Goulding, Seth Taylor-Smith, Jared Duckworth, Sveva-Magdalena Bennett. A special thankyou to the very capable and generous Miss Bennett who no sooner was finished one debate was then whisked off to participate in the second!

The adjudicator was particularly impressed with the manner of all students which covers their presentation, delivery and use of voice. They were also particularly adept at rebutting the other team. I see a bright future for these wonderful speakers.

We wait with bated breath to see the outcome of others in the region to see who we next debate.

*Ms Galea*

*Debating Co-ordinator*
Master Chef’s in the Making

Year 10 students from RRHS took the opportunity to take part in a 14 week Skills for Work and Training Hospitality Program at Wollongbar TAFE. Ten students started this program in Week 6 of Term 1 and completed the program last week. It was a quick learning curve for these students who were put into a commercial production kitchen and treated as adults within the workplace. All students excelled in this opportunity showing they have the ability and drive to perform at a very high standard. It was a great opportunity to see how a working day goes and the professional relationships required in the workplace and how positive communication is vital to have a working team run smoothly and efficiently.

The 10 students who took part were, Romany Jermey Bardsley, Indianna Scarp, Jade Storm, Breanna Haynes, Lilly O’Neill, Jamie Clark, Dylan Lesha, Kevin Warid, Ben Rogers and Sam Hudson. Some of these students entered this course with heads down and not confident about the 14 weeks ahead, the growth and development all students have shown impressed TAFE staff and has also been recognised by staff at RRHS who have noticed these students to be more motivated and engaged with school requirements. The hard work by these students was recognised by TAFE staff, 6 of these students were selected to take part in a 4 week Barista Course also held at Wollongbar TAFE. All 6 students enjoyed the challenges and were able to learn skills they can take with them into the workforce.

I would like to congratulate all 10 students on the effort and commitment they have shown over the past 14 weeks, attendance for all students combined was above 95%, this is a fantastic outcome along with skills learnt and confidence these students have gained by participating, well done to all.

Scott Harrison, Student Support Officer
**Entertaining at the NSW Training Awards**

Conducted annually by the NSW Department of Education and Communities, the NSW Training Awards to recognise the outstanding achievements of students, trainers/teachers, training organisations and employers in the vocational education and training sector.

On Friday the 20th June in the Auditorium of Lismore City Hall, **Jaeden Ogston** of Year 12, representing RRHS, was invited by the Department of Education and Communities as one of four students from North Coast public schools to provide entertainment for the evening. This is the second time Jaeden has performed at this event, with the previous one being in Coffs Harbour in 2012. Presenting two exceptional acoustic pieces, Jaeden's performance was highly enjoyed by many.

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**The Language Perfect**

Richmond River High School participated in The Language Perfect on-line World Championships this May for a ten day French language battle competing against over 1000 schools. Our School came 224th and the students who won the most points for us were:

- Angus Scarrabelotti (Year 7)
- Amelia Gray (Year 10)
- Indigo Kesztler (Year 7)
- Eve Robinson (Year 7)
- and Macie Virtue (Year 7) who all gained more than 1000 points.
- Lachlan Cheater (Year 7)
- Madeleine Cheater (Year 7)
- Chloe Pine (Year 7)
- Sveva-Magdalena Bennett (Year 7)
- Samantha Higgins (Year 7)
- Nicholas Wanstall (Year 7)
- Jack Marr (Year 7)
- Chloe Mills (Year 7)
- Talisa Mayshack-Mendero (Year 7) who all gained more than 500 points.

I am very proud of all participants, well done.

*Miss Lishman, LOTE Teacher*

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**NAIDOC Day Celebrations**

Sixty eight students from Richmond River High School attended NAIDOC celebrations at Lismore Showground this week. NAIDOC celebration day showcased the networks and agencies that are available to assist Indigenous people within our local area. All agencies were promoting their services to school students and those who have left school. This was a great opportunity for students to see the opportunities on offer to assist them with a positive education and transition into the workforce. A great day was had by all who enjoyed the activities and celebrations.

*Scott Harrison, Student Support Officer*
Forensic Science Workshop

Years 7 to 10 students along with students from Kadi-na HS attended a Forensic Science workshop at RRHS today. Students used new found skills to solve a grizzly murder by examining a range of forensic evidence.

"On Monday we attended the Forensic Science Workshop. We participated in solving a murder case using fascinating tools and strategies, in the process answering vital questions, which led to finding out how the victim died. It was an excellent experience, and an inspiration for careers in the future."

Ellie and Grace Price – Year 8

Personal Interest Projects – Year 8

This week, PIP lessons centred on the Habit of Mind – Thinking and Communicating with Clarity and Precision. In pairs, students did an activity where they had describe an image while the other student had to draw what the other student was describing, they then reflected on how they communicated what had to be drawn. Next term students will be writing a reflection statement about their project and preparing their presentation. Parents and carers please discuss with your child their project; projects need to be completed by Week 3 Term 3.

Mrs. L. Seccombe, Teacher-Librarian
Red Nose Day
Leo Club
The RRHS Leo Club organised a casual day on Tuesday, along with a cake and spider stall to raise money for the SIDS and Kids organisation which raises awareness of Sudden Infants Death Syndrome and supports families affected by SIDS. The group managed to raise $790, well done to the Leos and to those who supported the event.

Inter-school Mock Trial Competition
On Tuesday the 24th of June Richmond River High School (RRHS) competed against McAuley Catholic College in the fourth round of the NSW Law Society Inter-School Mock Trial Competition. Our team travelled to Grafton and the trial was adjudicated by Mr Greg Coombes, Magistrate. It was a very close competition with McAuley winning by one point, 239 to 238. RRHS were represented by barristers Joy Knight-Smith and Zoe Bertuzzi and supported by Lucy Serventy as solicitor. Jamie-Lee Farnham-Fry as Court Officer was yet again very efficient in her role of opening and closing the Court and calling and swearing in of witnesses. Special thanks must go out to Jamali Bowden and Luke Egglr from Year 10 for stepping in at the last minute to play the role of witnesses.

The Far North Coast Law Society are to be thanked for their continued financial support that enabled the RRHS legal team of six students and five additional students as moral support members to travel by mini-bus to the venue. All students benefit from opportunities such as this as we take learning out of the classroom into real world situations.

Mrs Zann
HSIE Teacher
Year 7 Beautiful Graduation

On Wednesday the 25th of June our second batch of Year 7 Girls graduated from the Beautiful program with a luncheon at La Vida Restaurant on Keen Street. The event was attended by Mayor Jenny Dowel and Pastor Joy Styles who encouraged the girls to be leaders in our community in the proud tradition set by our Aboriginal women in the past. Jenny challenged the girls to "always know and believe that the inside beautiful is more important than the outside looks we have been blessed with", she said “our friends will always love you for your inside, the community will always value what you do from the inside”. The message of the program was driven home by these kind words and the girls had a wonderful time. Many thanks to Sue Malcolm and her team of volunteer women who have led the sessions each week with topics ranging from self esteem, to using our words well.

Year 8 Beautiful Coming Up!

The Year 8 Beautiful program will kick off next term with a follow up to the Year 7 program. All Year 8 girls are invited to attend and will spend one session each Wednesday morning doing the Beautiful program and one session doing sport with Miss Thomson.

‘Beautiful’ is a practical, value-based course grounded on the belief that each individual girl is created with purpose, and is unique and precious. It is designed to help the girls discover for themselves that they are valuable and beautiful. The course will also equip them with the skills to make good decisions, teach them about some of the practical things of life, and assist them to see a bright future and move confidently towards it.

The Year 8 curriculum is featured below to ensure that parents and students know what will be covered in this course:

1. Introduction – Reinforce the idea that each girl is valuable. Look at Body Image; Media influence on how we see ourselves; Looking at our life with the right perspective.
2. Love Languages – How we give and receive love. Help to build greater understanding of our and others uniqueness.
3. Make-up – Teach the basics about applying a natural looking makeup. Practical session where each girl will do their own makeup.
4. Boundaries – Discuss healthy and unhealthy relationships. Setting personal boundaries and how to build healthy friendships.
5. Creative Session – Using different creative mediums we let the girls express who they are and how valuable they are.
6. Healthy Living – Discuss how to live a healthy lifestyle and discuss eating disorders.
7. Ladette to Lady 2 – In a game show format we teach the girls etiquette and deportment and also how to understand some terminology when ordering from a menu. All content is fully supervised by teachers from Richmond River High School and endorsed by the Welfare team. Content delivered supports teaching in PDHPE classes across Years 7 and 8.

Miss Thomson, PDHPE Teacher
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From the Relieving Principal
The End of Another Fantastic Term
On our first frosty morning for quite some time, it is with some pride that I reflect on the tremendous achievements of our teachers, students and broader community over the course of Term 2.

In our ongoing efforts to reinforce a culture of ‘academic rigour’ among our students, Years 11 and 12 have participated in further workshops conducted by ‘Elevate Education’ addressing study skills and time management. The overwhelming majority of students responded extremely positively to the workshops and we will hopefully see the results of this through their results over coming months. This work has been reinforced through our ongoing senior student mentoring lessons, conducted by experienced teachers from our school.

Meanwhile, Year 10 students have submitted their applications for subjects in Year 11 2015, leading to the process of interviews for each student next term, ensuring that their choice of subjects best suits their needs, abilities and long term goals. Significantly, careful consideration will be given to any TAFE subjects students may have chosen, and how this suits their individual pattern of study.

Additionally, Year 8 students have launched into their annual Personal Interest Projects, thanks to the hard work of Mrs Seccombe. On top of all of the above, students in Years 7 through to 11 have had either school based exams or NAPLAN testing – along with all of the usual assessment tasks and assignments across all courses. Overall a very busy term in the pursuit of academic success.

Outside the classroom, students have enjoyed our annual athletics carnival, other representative sport events, debating, public speaking, mock trial for Year 11 and a multitude of other excursions. Our students have also benefitted from the positive relationships that are reinforced through our annual Year 8 Beach Trek and NAIDOC Week celebrations.

It has been great to see students “stepping up” to take on leadership opportunities this term. Our fortnightly junior assemblies in the Hall are now student driven, with Years 8, 9 and 10 taking their turn to run assemblies. They have chaired proceedings, presented our fortnightly PBL focus and also presented items in varying forms which reflect the positive achievements of students in their cohort this term.

Our school has also engaged in a consultative process in the lead up to writing our School Improvement Plan to cover 2015 to 2017. This has involved our recent teacher, parent and student forums which, with the assistance of Mr Harrison and Mrs Seccombe, have led to the identification of key issues for us to address. A reminder that all of our parents and carers are encouraged to complete the survey which Mr Harvey launched a few weeks ago. This survey will provide us with broader based input and a far more detailed picture of what we need to address. Please use the link below to complete the survey:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SURVPAR

Finally, we have had no less than three parent teacher evenings this term, along with two formal assemblies, the most recent of which was held this week to celebrate the half yearly achievements of students in Years 11 and 12. The assembly was an extremely positive experience for all concerned and was well attended by the families of students receiving awards. It was also an opportunity for our recently appointed Rivers College Chief Executive Officer, Mr John Baker to meet with our school community and contribute to our celebration of student success.

Year 11 and 12 students will have already received their reports for this semester. Years 7 to 10 students will receive their reports early next term.

A reminder that school resumes for all students next term on Monday 14th July.

Farewells
I would like to acknowledge three valued members of staff who have retired this term, Mr Roly Dixon, our much loved and long serving PE teacher and mentor to countless students over his many tears at RRHS, Mrs Grace Pollack, an equally long serving member of our fantastic front office team, who has quietly kept our school running over many years, and Mr Shane Gooley our Careers Advisor.

Two younger members of staff are also moving on to further their careers, Mr Tavis Roberts, one of our valued Learning Support Team members and Mr Ben Miller, a young PE teacher with outstanding potential who has gained his first permanent posting at Tooleybuc Central School.

I wish all of these valued colleagues all the very best.

Equally, I wish all members of our school community a safe, enjoyable and relaxing time with family and friends over the next two weeks, hopefully featuring trips to great winter holiday destinations.

Michael Hensley
Relieving Principal
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. The Link is - www.lowes.com.au/Campuscategories.aspx?depid=305

See the Maths staff to obtain the password.

RRHS - Term 3 Week 1

Monday 14/07/2014
• All students return to school

Tuesday 15/07/2014

Wednesday 16/07/2014

Thursday 17/07/2014
• Year 12 Hospitality Restaurant at RRHS

Friday 18/07/2014

P&C News AGM MEETING
To all Parents and Carers,
It is with much regret that RRHS P&C are advertising the position of P&C Treasurer.
The one difference our treasurer position has compared to others is that we have a bookkeeper, so the position isn’t quite as involved as normally it would be. If you have any questions please don’t hesitate to contact me or you are most welcome to come along to our next P&C meeting on 13th August.

A behalf of the P&C we would like to wish Sharon and her family all the best for the future. Thankyou for all the effort you put into our school.

Tania Harvey, P&C President

SCHOOL BAND REPORT
CAPA is pleased to announce that the school band is up and running with 7 students, comprising a rhythm section as well as trumpet, clarinet and saxophone.
Mr Murray is available for tuition on the trumpet, saxophone, trombone and clarinet.
If you have any unwanted or damaged brass or woodwind instruments could you please consider donating them to the school.

Mr Murray
Music Teacher

CANTEEN ROSTER - Term 3 Week 1

Monday 14/07/2014
Margaret Ryder

Tuesday 15/07/2014
Sue Parrish

Wednesday 16/07/2014
Meryl Condon

Thursday 17/07/2014
Kerryanne Cawley

Friday 18/07/2014
Tammy Allen

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

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The web address is: www.facebook.com/richmondriverhigh

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.
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If you would like a copy emailed to you then please contact the front office on 66 213 456.