Student Achievements

Congratulations to Anna-Leeza Hull Year 12. Anna-Leeza has been selected in the Australian Junior Women's road cycling team to travel to Europe. Anna-Leeza will spend 2 weeks training in Belgium and then 4 weeks in Spain at the World Championships.

Congratulations Anna-Leeza and good luck.

Congratulation to Jaeden Ogston Year 12. Jaeden's audition to the Year 12 Music Festival in Sydney was accepted and he has been invited to perform in the festival this weekend. He will fly down this afternoon and perform two sessions on Sunday at Sydney Grammar School. The performers will be judged and the winner will receive a scholarship for further education after High School.

The competition will be very intense and our best wishes and hopes will go to him for Richmond River High School.

Jaeden sees this as an excellent opportunity to further his preparation towards the H.S.C. Exams later this year.

Congratulations Jaeden and good luck.

Julia and Deana Batten Year 11 have been selected in the finals for the Lismore Young Song Writers Competition. They will perform their own composition on Thursday 24th July at the Lismore City Bowling Club at 6.30 p.m., entry is free.

Congratulations Julia and Deana, we wish you all the best for the Competition.
Personal Interest Projects – Year 8

Projects are to be completed by Week 3 for presentation before a panel of judges and their class members. This week Year 8 have been working on their Reflection Statement, which describes their project, how it reflects their interests, steps in creating and completing the project, how they feel about the final project, what did the project teach them, and if you were to do it again what would you do differently?

Be ready with your project, reflection statement and your presentation.

Mrs Seccombe
Teacher-Librarian

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Year 8 SCIENCE/FORCES

Barry Butler and Toby Thorley building and working out forces

Macie Virtue of Year 8 working out forces in Science
UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

Winter Uniform Junior and Senior Girls
- White or grey Richmond River logo polo shirt
- White buttoned senior shirt (and tie on formal occasions)
- Plain black slacks or black jeans
- Black skirt as supplied by Lowes
- Plain mid thigh length black shorts supplied by Lowes (Tights are not acceptable)
- Red Richmond River woollen jumper
- Red Richmond River jacket
- Red Richmond River sloppy joe
- Plain black stockings (optional)
- Years 11/12 designed school jumper

Winter Uniform Junior and Senior Boys
- White or grey Richmond River logo polo shirt
- White buttoned senior shirt (and tie on formal occasions)
- Plain black long pants or black jeans
- Plain black shorts of an appropriate length supplied by Lowes
- Red Richmond River woollen jumper
- Red Richmond River jacket
- Red Richmond River sloppy joe
- Years 11/12 designed school jumper

Year 11 Jindabyne Excursion
All Year 11 students going on the snow trip need to be at Richmond River High School by 2.30 p.m. tomorrow Saturday, to leave at 3.00 p.m. sharp.

Students will return home next Saturday 26th July at 6 a.m.

Congratulations Lilly Pickford
This year I was accepted into the Head Start program undertaking the course “Communication in Organisations” at Southern Cross University. This course would allow me to have early entry into a course I choose at the end of Year 12, which to me was a great opportunity. I was the only person from RRHS accepted into my course which I found a bit difficult as the other schools had more participants. The course was quite challenging and so was Uni life, I was no longer treated as a 16 year old high school student, I was treated as a 20 something year old uni student and competing against them. It was very challenging learning how to do assignments “the Uni way” and how to meet the standards of a university course. At times it was quite confronting as having to do Year 11 school work, assessments and exams as well as attend Uni and complete the workload required there. No one really knew that I was doing this course, including teachers and students, most had never heard of the program unless I told them which was really hard at times. Because of this course when I do go to Uni it will be easier because I will know what is expected. I completed the course with a Distinction and in my final assignment I received a High Distinction.

Richmond River High School
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You are invited to our
Education Week
Middle School Showcase Evening

- Displays by students from Years 6 and 8
- Personal Interest Project Display
- Year 9 2015 Subject Selection Session
- Year 7 2015 High Achievers Application - Information Session
- Soup available - provided by the “Global Citizens Group”
- Musical Performers - Buskers

Wednesday 30 July 2014
5.00 – 7.00 p.m.
Lake St., North Lismore. Phone: 66213456 for details
Welcome to Term 3
It has been great to see the positive approach taken by both staff and students to the start of another busy term. Year 8 students will be focussing on their Personal Interest Projects over the next few weeks and we certainly look forward to seeing the results of their work during Education Week. Meanwhile, many students in Year 11 may be excused for being preoccupied with their Snow Trip next week, a traditional high point in our school calendar. Many thanks to Mr Laverty, Mr Prince, Mr Yates, Mr Fox and Ms Sulek who will be accompanying Year 11 throughout next week. For Year 12 the next few weeks may not be quite so exciting, given that they are in “final preparation” mode for their second set of in-school exams. These exams will certainly prove to be of enormous significance to their long term academic success in the lead up to their HSC exams in October and November.

School Improvement Planning
Regular readers of ‘River Views’ will be aware of our surveys via “survey monkey” of both parents and students on the strengths of our school, and the areas that need further development. Once again, the link to the parent survey is: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SURVPAR

Next week our school leadership team will need to use the data from these surveys to begin work on our strategic School Improvement Plan for 2015, 2016 and 2017. It is extremely important that as many parents and carers as possible complete the survey so that our data is as accurate as possible.

Our intention is to plan for the ongoing improvement of our great school in an inclusive and transparent manner as possible.

Year 12 Hospitality Evening
It was my great pleasure to attend the evening organised by Mrs Ford’s Year 12 Hospitality class last night. The students were completing their formal “restaurant assessment task” and, in the process, produced a highly professional restaurant experience in our own River Theatre, using the facilities of our industrial standard kitchens.

Parents and teachers in attendance were treated to a fantastic array of entrée, mains and dessert, allowing us the opportunity to enjoy great food and conversation. In addition, Mr Wordsworth’s Year 12 Music students provided exceptional live dinner music, providing a terrific ambience to the evening.

Congratulations to Mrs Ford, Mr Wordsworth and all of their students.

Education Week
In this week’s River Views can be found an advertisement for our Middle School Showcase Evening, to be held on Wednesday 30th July, which is our way of acknowledging and celebrating Education Week.

The evening is important in that it provides the opportunity for Year 8 students and their parents or carers to find out about electives that will be on offer in Years 9 and 10 during 2015 and 2016, along with the process through which they can apply for places in these elective classes. Additionally, the evening will also see an information session for current Year 6 students and their parents or carers who intend to apply for placement in our Year 7 High Achiever class in 2015.

Along with the above curriculum based information for middle school students, the evening will also provide the opportunity for our school to showcase Year 8 Personal Interest Projects, which will have been completed under the guidance of Mrs Seccombe. In addition the display of student work will include Year 6 student work samples which are completed through our “Connected River Community” transition program, coordinated by Mr Wordsworth, which provides students from our far flung network of partner primary schools the opportunity to complete work on-line and have it assessed by high school teachers and students.

I look forward to seeing students and their families from Years 8 and 6, along with the rest of our school community on the night, beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Wishing everyone a warm and relaxing weekend.

Michael Hensley
Relieving Principal

From the Relieving Deputy
The cold weather has welcomed us all back to school and as most of you will be aware the grounds at Richmond River can be very cold, particularly in the morning. Well done to all of the students who have organised their winter uniform in advance, thanks to your parents as well. There are still a few students who are organising their winter uniform, as well as some who seem to believe that tights are pants. Tights are not acceptable as pants at RRHS. It is timely to remind everyone of some of our uniform expectations which are outlined on page 3 of this newsletter.

If students can not wear uniform on a given day then they are to bring a note from home and report to the Library for a uniform pass before roll call. Students may be asked to wear a loan uniform for the day.

Changes to Work Health and Safety laws (2012) require all students working in a Technology practical classroom to wear sturdy leather shoes. Vans, Converse and other canvas shoes are not acceptable.

There are busy times ahead for our Year 12 students as the Trial HSC exams approach. It is particularly busy time for our HSC students who are completing major projects and performances as a component of their HSC. The performances and projects all fall due this term, so these students need lots of support encouragement at home as well as at school. I have already seen glimpses of some emerging performances and projects that are truly impressive.

I’d like to remind all students who ride or bring skateboards to school that they can not be ridden on school grounds. This rule relates to work health and safety. Skateboards are to be stored in the PE staffroom on arrival to school and then can be picked up at the end of the day. If you are riding your skateboard home you are expected to walk until you are away from the bus bay area and make sure you are safe.

Starting next week every Year 10 student will be interviewed by an expert team of staff who will advise them about their best pattern of study for Year 11. It is vitally important that students respond to the advice they are given about their subject selection. The process is aimed at supporting our Year 10 students to engage with the most appropriate pattern of study to help them meet their goals.

The annual Year 11 Ski trip departs tomorrow. This is a terrific and challenging trip which I hope everyone enjoys. Safe travels to all those attending. The students not attending the excursion are expected to come to school. They have been provided with work to do during the week. The early lesson, Period 1 for Year 11 is cancelled next week for Year 11 only.

Peter Howes
Relieving Deputy Principal

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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

STAR Entry Scheme
(Year 12 students)
Southern Cross University's STAR Scheme enables Year 12 students to gain early admission to SCU on the basis of their school Principal's recommendation. The STAR Scheme matches an individual student to a particular SCU course based on their likelihood of success in their chosen discipline.

Registrations opened 16 July 2014 and close 10 September.

Please follow the link below to register or for more information.

Mr E Weir
Careers Adviser
Richmond River High School

Canteen News
I hope everyone had a relaxing holiday. We are desperate for helpers in the canteen. If you could volunteer for 1 day a month or even 1 day a term it would be so helpful. If you are interested please call Kathy Claydon on 6621 4890. Full training is given. I know from experience helping in the canteen is not hard and it's a good fun day out 9-2 p.m.
Tania Harvey, P&C President
LISMORE YOUNG SONGWRITERS AWARDS

@ LISMORE CITY BOWLING CLUB

6.30PM THURSDAY 24TH JULY

FINALISTS PLAY TO LIVE JUDGING PANEL
WINNERS ANNOUNCED!

Contact Lizette Twisleton 1300 878 387