Year 11 have returned from the annual snow trip with memories of great times, sore legs and mile wide smiles.

49 students travelled by bus overnight to Jindabyne where we launched straight into lessons on the mountain at Blue Cow.

Record snow falls in the preceding weeks provided the best cover since 1993. 1.5m of snow covered all resorts, allowing us to take advantage of the conditions at Perisher, Guthega and Blue Cow. Temperatures hovered around 0 degrees with 3 days delivering sparkling sun - 'blue bird' days.

Our host at the Nettin Chalet in Jindabyne - Big Al was most accommodating, everyone enjoyed his entertaining patter. We were served fantastic meals for breakfast and dinner. We had warm rooms, fresh sheets and wonderfully hot showers.

The group acknowledged the tremendous work done by the trailblazing Mr Dixon by enjoying a wonderful meal in the Dickson Mall in Canberra on the way home.

In Canberra, we had the good fortune to visit the War Memorial where students had the chance to see their relatives names on the Honour Roll. A sobering reminder of the sacrifice our country has made in conflict.

We all had a blast in Sydney, each staff member took a group for a walking tour. Some lucky students got to enjoy a free meal at BBQ KING in Chinatown with Mr Prince. Students were overheard saying that they had never had better char siu!

Exhausted but elated we arrived home on Saturday morning, into the arms of waiting parents and carers.

We look forward to the next trip with Year 11 in 2015, anyone who is interested see Mr Prince or Mr Laverty for a training routine so you are in top condition for the slopes!
On Thursday, 31st August, Richmond River High School Open boys Baseball team competed against Holsworthy High School from the inner south western districts of Sydney in the 3rd round of the Open Boys Baseball Knockout Competition.

After confidently beating a young Alstonville side in Week 6 of Term 2, the RRHS side were matched against the Sydney team with a nervous approach to playing the rumoured ‘sporting school’. The nerves that were brought into the game influenced the first 5 innings with the RRHS side down 3-0 at the bottom of the 5th, however, with a few heroic events, this pattern soon changed.

The RRHS 5th innings saw a unexpected readjustment of the rules which resulted in the game being shortened from the usual 7 to a 5 inning game. This meant that within their 5th innings RRHS needed to score 3 runs to further the game or 4 to end the game and win. Amazingly, Captain Luke Allen snuck home to steal the 3rd run shortly before Jacob Grey was struck out, levelling the scores and pushing the game into the 6th innings.

Holsworthy batted well in their 6th innings scoring an additional 2 runs resulting in them taking the lead at 5-3 which put the pressure back onto the RRHS side to level or better the score once again. Another stellar effort from Luke Allen, Reece Marsden and Lachlan Currie saw the team run home 3 runs to lead and ultimately win the game 6-5.

Individual performances that stood out on the day include Reece Marsden on the pitching mound, throwing for the full 6 innings, Damon Mitchell catching superbly, Luke Allen, Lachlan Currie, Jordan Williams and Jacob Grey performing with the bat and little Sean Allen taking out MVP for his stellar catching in the field.

A whole team effort from the RRHS team produced an outstanding comeback to allow the North Coast side to potentially compete amongst the most competitive and well-resourced sport schools in the State in the 4th round of the knockout. The RRHS team played competitively with an outstanding level of sportsmanship and pride for the school. They displayed the school values at every opportunity and their coach was extremely proud of their sporting and behavioural performance.

The next round will be played against either Tamworth or Davidson High School over the next 3 weeks.

Scott Hogden
Baseball Coach
**PIP Presentations – 8.1 and 8.2**

Congratulations to the students of Year 8 who this week presented their Personal Interest Projects to a panel of three judges. Whilst most students were nervous about the presentation, all performed better than they expected. Well done for the effort put into the projects and the presentations. Thank you to the family members, friends and teachers who assisted the students with their projects. A lot of the students spoke very positively about the opportunity to work with a family member, friend or neighbour whilst completing their PIP. Thank you also to the community members who formed part of the panel this week.

*Mrs Seccombe*

*Teacher-Librarian*
Year 12 News

Year 12 are fast approaching the pointy end of their schooling, with exams, end of school, more exams and the formal in the near future, and it's really exciting!!

We have some notable celebrations to share:

- Anna-Leeza Hull has been selected in the Australian Junior Cycling Team by the NSW Institute of Sport and will be spending the last six weeks of her time at High School in Spain. Well done, Anna-Leeza. Make sure you keep revising!!
- The Chemistry Titration team, who won the Regional Competition, will be competing at the National level in September – watch this space for further announcements!

The end of school Formal Assembly will be held on Friday 19th September and all parents and carers of Year 12 students are cordially invited to come and share in the graduation of their students.

Planning for our Formal is well underway. The Formal will be at 6 p.m. on Friday 14th November at the Lismore Workers Club. Tickets will be on sale from the beginning of Week 6 – the week following the trial exams. Tickets are $36.00. This covers the cost of a two course meal. If you are vegetarian, please make sure your student lets the Year Advisor know when they buy your tickets. At present tickets are limited to 4 per student – this includes the students own ticket. If you will need more than this, your student will need to talk to the Year Advisor.

As I am sure you are aware, the next two weeks are an examination period for our Year 12 students. For most students, the examinations are complete by Thursday 14th August and they are required to return to school and normal lessons from this day. Please make sure that your student attends all of the remaining lessons to ensure they get the best possible preparation for the HSC examinations.

Our HSC examinations are held at the Lismore Workers Club as it is much quieter than the atmosphere at school. The examinations start on Monday 13th October and will be completed by Friday 7th November. Students will be given comprehensive timetables as soon as they are available from the Board of Studies.

Sarah Helliwell
Year 12 Advisor

Years 7, 8 and 9 Assessments

Year 9 History have now received their first major assessment for the semester. It is researching either a slave to the Americans or a convict sent to Australia and describing their experiences. It will be due in Week 5 beginning August 11.

Year 7 Geography - Fieldwork assessment task is due in Week 6 (starting August 18th).

Year 8 History - The Medieval assessment task is due in Week 5 (starting August 11th).

Mr Reynolds
HSIE Department

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed for Year 12 Trials and HSC Examinations. We are in urgent need of parents to act as Readers and Scribes for the Trial Exams in Weeks 4 and 5 of this Term and the HSC beginning Monday 13th October. Volunteers will need to know that some exams will not finish until 5 p.m. All adult volunteers must have a "working with Children Check - Volunteer" which is obtainable from the RTA.

Volunteers please contact Susie Hancock or Jane Ryan at the school.

jane.marie.ryan@det.nsw.edu.au

Ms J Ryan, Learning and Support Teacher
Richmond River High School
Year 12 HSC Trial Examinations Timetable
Weeks 4 & 5 Term 3 2014

Please note: All examinations have an additional five minutes reading time – except English Advanced and Standard Paper 1 which has 10 minutes reading time.

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Please note: All Year 12 students (except those undertaking exams) are expected to return to school and resume their normal classes from Thursday, 14 August 2014.

PLEASE NOTE: English Extension 1 examination is now on Wednesday 13th August
From the Relieving Principal

Dear Parents and carers,

Another busy week at Richmond River High School. This week saw Year 8 students present their Personal Interest Projects to their peers and a panel of markers. It is amazing what our students are able to create and special mention of Mrs Seccombe who facilitates this important school initiative.

Tuesday night saw music students from Years 7-10 perform in the MPU. This was an excellent showcase of the musical talent within the junior school. Thanks goes to the music teachers Mr Wordsworth, Mr Murray and Mr Mitchell.

Our Education Week celebrations were held on Wednesday with a showcase of the Year 8 PIPs held in the library. Students were busking around the school and soup was available courtesy of Ms Thomson and the Global Citizen students.

The Year 11 students who went to the snow enjoyed some of the best conditions for their 5 days on the snow. The students behaviour was outstanding with them being complemented on this from all the places we attended.

Years 7 and 9 students received their reports today and Year 8 and 10 students will get theirs next Friday. Year Advisors will have the reports of those students who were away when they were distributed.

We wish Year 12 good luck in their trial exams for the next two weeks.

Tim Laverty
Relieving Principal

From the Relieving Deputy

Recently, several students have come late to school without explanation. So, it is timely to remind everyone of our school procedure for lateness. Unexpected events happen to us all at times, so we have a procedure to follow when arriving late. In the first instance we ask parents to either send their student to the office with a note upon arrival, or to make a phone call to the office. Students who come late without a note are sent to the Deputy's office and a second instance of unexplained lateness may result in an executive detention.

Next week Year 12 students commence their exams. They are expected to wear full school uniform. These exams will be a great trial before undertaking the formal HSC exams in Term 4. It is important for each student to approach the exams wanting to do their best. Here's some tips:
- eat healthily, avoid junk food and drink lots of water
- get plenty of sleep
- study your exam timetable and plan out the next two weeks
- use the times when you are not sitting exams to consult your teachers
- make sure you have a quiet place to study
- try doing some revision with some classmates to share your knowledge with each other
- make sure you wear warm clothes for your exams, it's easy to get cold when you sit for a long time.

Year 12 students can leave the school after they have finished their exams and do not have to attend on the days they do not have a scheduled exam. Classes resume on the Thursday of the second week. Best of luck!

Peter Howes
Relieving Deputy Principal

Fin du Voyage

HSC Drama Night
Tuesday 5th August at 5.30 p.m.
in the River Theatre

Pierre de Coubertin

Serena Mangan recently spent the day with 50 other students from schools around New South Wales and learnt all about the Olympic movement through some inspiring speeches from four Olympians; a swimmer, a gymnast, a hockey player and a long distance runner (1500m).

It was an awesome day and she received a Pierre de Coubertin award in a ceremony at the end of the day.

Serena really appreciated being nominated and a big thank you to Mr Laverty and Mr Dixon.
**Canteen Roster - Term 3 Week 4**

**Monday 04/08/2014**
- Nola Mangan & Jo James

**Tuesday 05/08/2014**
- Toni Woodland

**Wednesday 06/08/2014**
- Meryl Condon

**Thursday 07/08/2014**
- Kelly Wilson

**Friday 08/08/2014**
- Kelly Wilson

**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

**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/Campuscategores.aspx?depid=305

**P & C Meeting**
AGM
6.00 - 7.30 p.m.
Wednesday
13th August 2014

The official Richmond River High School Facebook page is here:
RRHS Facebook Page
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.

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.

Canteen volunteers are needed. If you can help please phone Kathy Claydon on 6621 4890.
RRHS wellbeing initiative for Years 10 and 11

On Tuesday the 12th of August, Brainstorm Productions will be presenting ‘WIRED’ - a play exploring the reasons why young people can become stressed and/or depressed. The show will also act as a springboard for discussion about physical and emotional wellbeing.

For more information about the company follow this link or go to www.brainstormproductions.edu.au

This student welfare initiative is being substantially subsidised by RRHS to ensure whole school participation in our welfare and anti-bullying policies, however, students are asked to contribute a gold coin donation, collected at the door, on the day of the performance.

(Years 8 and 9 participated in a similar event entitled ‘The Hurting Game’ in Term 1 – it was very well received and had all students (and staff) thoroughly engaged.)

An information letter and opportunity for you to choose for your child to be excused from the event will be sent home with students shortly. Parents are reminded this is an “opt out” event – you are only required to return the note if you DO NOT want your child to attend.
Teen Night: Hair and Make-up Information Session

Learn tips and tricks from TAFE qualified experts!

Thursday 14th August
5 pm - 6:30 pm
at the Lismore Library

Refreshments provided
For bookings and enquiries call 66212464