SES Cadetship Program

Students from Richmond River High School took part in a 5 day SES Cadetship Program run at RRHS, students also visited the SES headquarters in Lismore and Ballina to do rescue practice in the SES boats. The SES major responsibilities are to assist with flood and storm operations and also provide the general rescue effort in the rural parts of the State. This also includes road accident rescue, vertical rescue, bush search and rescue, evidence searches and forms of specialist rescue that may be required due to local threats.

Students visited the Lismore SES facility to see the West Pac rescue helicopter facilities; students used the Jaws of Life to cut a car open and learnt about the operations that are in place to keep this valuable service going. On the last day students took to the water in the SES rescue boats in the Richmond River in Ballina. SES members showed students how to do river rescues using a dummy that is equivalent to an average human in weight; students were then given the opportunity to see how difficult it is to do while also trying to keep all people safe. All students were enthusiastic during the entire week and benefited from the experience. Some RRHS students have approached the SES about becoming junior volunteers to help with emergency situations that may one day hit our area and require SES assistance.

Many thanks go to Chad Ellis from SES, the trainers and volunteers for giving this opportunity to students. This experience has enabled these individuals the opportunity to develop skills that can be used throughout life. I would also like to thank RRHS staff Mr Tyson, Mr Bale, Mr Moses and Ms Birney for assisting with the activities throughout the week.

Congratulations to all students, you did a great job and RRHS proud.

Scott Harrison
Student Support Officer
YEAR 8 PIP PROJECTS

SES CADETSHIP PROGRAM CONTINUED
Debating

On Thursday the 14th of August, our passionate debaters trekked to Casino where they represented the affirmative in discussing the topic: ‘All poker machines should be banned from pubs.’ The capable team consisted of: Sveva Bennett, Seth Taylor-Smith, Breana Hunter, Ellie Price and Grace Price. Their manner was eloquent, clear and concise in discussing the effect of gambling on health, families, the individual and society in general. The opposing team rebutted strongly, insisting it was a safe and well-regulated past time that fosters communication, while also being a valid form of stress release. Unfortunately, this time we were narrowly defeated.

Thankyou to our students for representing our school with grace and pride.

Mrs Galea

Byron Bay Writer’s Festival

On Thursday 31st July, 38 students from Years 7-11 attended the Byron Bay Writer’s festival Secondary Schools Day. Students heard some interesting discussions by authors such as Poe Ballantine, Bob Brown and Robyn Davidson on a range of topics from surfing to travel. It was a good opportunity to interact with some of the other schools in our region. A great day was had by all.

Lismore Art Gallery

On Tuesday 5th August, High Achievers class 9.1 attended the Protest Songs: Artful Actions exhibition at the Lismore Regional Art Gallery. There were some very interesting artworks including songs and posters by local and national artists and activists who use art or creative means to give visibility to issues. Students were given a learning tour that gave us insight into the history of protest in our region and beyond.

Ms H Lovegrove

English Teacher

40 Hour Famine

This weekend students from RRHS are undertaking to do the 40 hour famine. Students are giving up many different things in order to raise much needed funds to help alleviate world hunger and malnutrition. Please encourage your child if they are undertaking this challenge. The famine begins at 8 p.m. tonight (Friday) and concludes 12 noon on Sunday.

Chaplain

Michelle Atherton

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed for HSC Examinations. We are in urgent need of parents to act as Readers and Scribes for 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

Year 7 Geography and French and Year 10 French Assessments

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

Year 7 French assignment on hobbies is due Monday 18th August to Miss Lishman in the HSIE staffroom.

Year 10 French music review and profile assignment is due Monday 18th August to Miss Lishman in the HSIE staffroom.

Mr Reynolds

HSIE Department
From the Principal
Dear Parents and Caregivers

I would like to congratulate Mr Michael Hensley for being merit selected as the next Principal of Kingscliff High School. Mr Hensley has been an outstanding Deputy Principal and school leader at our school for over 7 years. Mr Hensley has worked tirelessly in the interests of our students and I know that he will be very much missed from our school. I am very confident that he will make an outstanding Principal at Kingscliff—our loss and their gain. Congratulations!!

Congratulations also to our Year 12 students who have just completed their mid-year Year 12 examinations. I understand it has been a very stressful time for them, however we wish them well and hope they have achieved to their best ability.

Our teachers and staff met yesterday evening after school for the first of two working evenings to look at developing priorities for our next 3 year plan. The ideas that were identified during this workshop were based on information from parents, students and staff forums and surveys as well as school performance data in NAPLAN and HSC tests. Thanks very much to all our staff for such a successful evening.

We were notified earlier this week of the death of Mr Peter Luke who had taught at our school for a number of years up until 2013. Mr Luke had taught some of our current students and still had some very close friendships with many of our current staff members. We pass on our deepest condolences to his family and friends at this very difficult time.

I hope you all have an enjoyable weekend.
Dave Harvey
Principal

From the Deputy
Rewards and Recognition Draw… the Big Lotto!! Thursday 21st August
Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 Awards Assembly will be held on Thursday 21st August at 12:15 p.m. As usual we will have a short keynote address, followed by Year 10, Year 9, Year 8 and Year 7 awards. Selected junior music students will also perform two items as part of our assembly.
At the Formal Assembly the major prize draw will take place for semester one at RRHS. Students are asked to cash in all their Gotcha and Merit Certificates and make sure that they have deposited the white slips for any Supa Dupa, Faculty Merit and School Merit Certificates in the boxes in the front office to be eligible for the draw.
Prizes will include – ipods and mini ipads…
You have to be in it to win it.

Youth Cattle Camp - Casino Show Grounds – Saturday 30th to Sunday 31st August. Cost $40.

The Bos Indicus Society is holding an event to improve student’s skills in preparing, leading and handling cattle. Students will also be given pointers on public speaking and will be able to work with cattle, lead them and experience competition judging.
You don’t need your own cattle but need to be in touch with the organisers as soon as possible to organise your attendance.
Please see Mrs Williamson for information.

I hope that the Year 12 students have been able to study and prepare well for their exams. There is still time to make up marks in the final external exams and assessments by continuing to apply yourself over the next 7-8 weeks. Organising your time and investing in your future is important. You can never be defined by your HSC score but getting those extra marks could make the difference in some extra bonus opportunities… open as many doors as you can and then choose the most appropriate for you.

Di Williamson
Deputy Principal

Back from Long Service Leave
It’s great to be back at Richmond River. I did enjoy travelling in Europe with family but being back at school is great. We have such wonderful students at our school and such caring and dedicated staff. I consider myself very lucky to be able to return to such a caring and dynamic workplace.

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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.

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/Campuscategories.aspx?depid=305

CANTEEN ROSTER - Term 3 Week 6

Monday 18/08/2014
Kathy Goulding

Tuesday 19/08/2014
Sue Parrish

Wednesday 20/08/2014
Linda Simpson

Thursday 21/08/2014
Kelly Wilson

Friday 22/08/2014
Kelly Wilson

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

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

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