Peer Mentoring Year 7 and Year 10

On Wednesday Year 7 students and Year 10 mentors participated in the first of eight weekly peer support sessions. This program is designed to provide support to the new Year 7 students and ease their transition to high school by developing relationships within their year and with older students in the school. The activities were fun and interactive with the Year 10 mentors taking charge and displaying excellent leadership and organisational skills. The students will be participating in the program throughout Term 1, and aims to enhance their resilience when faced with new or challenging situations.

Ms Sulek,
Year 10 Adviser
## Richmond River High School: Term 1 2015

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From the Principal
Dear Parents and Carers

This week we have seen significant progress in solving our timetabling issues. Our team has spent the last week in realigning the timetable and is in the process of allocating rooms to specific classes. Once again I would like to thank you all for your patience and understanding as we continue to solve these problems. Currently we are realigning class lists so that they are 100% accurate. Once this process has been completed along with our new rooming arrangements we will then be distributing a new and final timetable.

We are currently particularly focusing on fixing elective classes across the grades and as a result some students may be again interviewed in relation to this. I would like to congratulate Ms Sally Ford who has been appointed as Year Adviser for next year’s Year 7 class. Sally will be liaising closely with Mr Boden Yates (our current Year 7 Adviser) in coordinating our Year 6 to 7 Information Night that will be held on Wednesday 25th February.

Both Sally and Cristy will make significant contributions to our welfare team.

Please be reminded that I am asking parents to drop off and pick up students at the back of the school at the beginning and end of the school day. The front of the school is too busy with the buses coming and departing for individual student drop offs. I really appreciate your support with this.

Have a great weekend.

Dave Harvey
Principal

From the Deputies

Swimming Carnival Transport
All students including Year 12 are expected to catch the school buses to and from the pool. This has been introduced over the last few years to ensure safety and supervision. No student is exempt from these procedures unless they are collected in person by their own parent or carer from the front gate of the pool. Notes to leave the pool area during the day or at the completion of the carnival will not be approved. Phone calls will not be accepted during the day.

All Years 11 and 12 students are to catch the buses. Year 12 students are NOT permitted to drive their cars to the pool.

Di Williamson
Deputy Principal

I would also like to congratulate Ms Cristy Sulek who has been appointed as Year 10 Adviser as a result of Ms Thomson being on leave.

News for Senior Students

Next Thursday Year 12 commence their first session of mentoring. This involves small groups of our students working with a staff mentor throughout the year. Mentoring provides an excellent means of supporting our students to set and achieve their goals. The mentoring is particularly important with the Year 12 Half Yearly Exams approaching (keep in mind that our Year 12 started their courses Term 4 last year, so for them half a year of their course will have passed by at the end of term). To further support our students each Year 12 student is soon to be interviewed by the Principal or Deputies to discuss their goals and approach to study. Year 11 will be interviewed at a later stage.

Many of our seniors have enquired about early leave when they do not have a scheduled class. We are postponing the commencement of early leave privileges until the timetable is resolved. I ask that students and parents are patient with us until that point. The good news is that we are introducing the Gold Pass which will allow approved students more privileges. You will hear more about the details of this in the coming weeks.

We need to congratulate Year 12 student Chris Massey who has recently been scouted by the Australian Institute of Sport for boxing. Chris currently trains at the PCYC under the guidance of a private coach from Sydney. Chris fights in a class above his weight division and has a win rate of 92%. He represented Australia in 2013. Under the guidance of the AIS Chris will need to engage in intensive training and a strict dietary program, as well as compete in at least six bouts. Well done Chris!

Peter Howes
Deputy Principal
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 6621 3456.

The official Richmond River High School Facebook page is here: RRHS Facebook Page
The web address is: www.facebook.com/richmonriverhigh

Employment Pathways Program

This year sees the EPP (employment pathways program) revamped with ten new students committed from Year 11. It is an exciting opportunity for these students to achieve their HSC, gain valuable industry experience, and a TAFE qualification. Students will attend school two days, TAFE for one day completing two subjects, and participate in a work place two days a week. Students are choosing a variety of different industries and are looking towards a bright future.

Recruiting 13th Feb at 6 p.m.
Meet at East Lismore, Air Force Road, 41st Barracks. Come along and have fun.

P & C Meeting
6.00 - 7.30 p.m.
Monday 9th February 2015

See the Maths staff to obtain the password.

CANTEEN ROSTER - Term 1 Week 3

Monday 09/02/2015
Kelly Wilson

Tuesday 10/02/2015
Michelle Butcher & Des Harris

Wednesday 11/02/2015
Meryl Condon

Thursday 12/02/2015
Dorothy Tan

Friday 13/02/2015
Swimming Carnival

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

It is now possible for parents to make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students, via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the schools website by selecting $ Make a payment.

Items that can be paid include voluntary school contributions, subject contributions, excursions, sales to students and creative and practical arts activities (these include band, drama and dance). There is also a category called ‘Other’, this is to cover items not covered in the previous headings, ‘other’ can be used to make a complete payment of a school invoice.

When you access the $ Make a payment you must enter:

- the students name and class and reference number
OR
- the students name and date of birth.

*These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system.* There is also the option to enter the Student Registration Number and Invoice number if you are aware of them.

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner, these details are not passed back to the school. You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed.

Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child’s account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page a further receipt will not be issued by the school.

Please ensure that if you use this method to pay for Excursions that you tick the appropriate box on the permission note.

For any enquiries regarding the Online Payment process please contact the School Administration Office on 66213456.
Goonellabah FC 2015 REGISTRATION
Play with Goonellabah FC in 2015
Register NOW at www.myfootballclub.com.au
(for registration directions visit www.goonellabahfc.com.au)
Registration Days at Club Goonellabah, Reserve Street
Saturday 7 & 14 February 2015, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Junior teams from grade 6-16/17, Senior Men & Women's Teams
Contacts: Jon Aldous 0405 161 896
Kevin Franey 0416 218 544

Casino Lions Junior AFL - LIONS AFL KICKS OFF
The Casino RSM Lions Junior AFL kicks off with a coaching clinic and sign-on at 1 p.m. sharp at Queen Elizabeth Park Field 4 on Saturday 7th February. Two Gold Coast Suns players will run the coaching clinic and be available for autographs until final whistle at 3 p.m.
After a splendid year in all grades in 2014 the club is fielding U8’s through to U16’s in 2015. Girls can play too, and this year there will be a girls only U12 competition.
Vacancies are available in all teams so come along and play the truly Australian game. There will be free sausage sizzle for players and parents.
Discounted registration fee includes shorts, socks and player insurance and is $125 except for girls U12’s and boys U8’s where registration is $50. Further family discounts of $50 are available for additional sons and daughters. The first 30 to sign-on will receive a free club shirt. Training is on Wednesdays and Fridays from 4 p.m. For more information phone Dave Heath on 0432 857934. The League Website is www.aflnorthernriversjuniors.com.au.

Simulated UMAT Day 2015 - SYDNEY
Workshop date: Saturday, 14th February 2015
Any students who are in Years 10, 11 or 12 and are considering a career in medicine, dentistry, or optometry, they will need to sit a compulsory entry exam known as UMAT (Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test) before they can apply for relevant placements in the above fields with universities.

The National Institute of Education (NIE) will be conducting UMAT 2015 preparation workshop on Saturday 14th of February 2015.

While the Simulated UMAT Day is extremely beneficial for Year 12 students, who will be attempting the real UMAT on the 29th of July 2015, this workshop is also highly recommended to anyone in Years 10 - 11 and aiming for a head start in UMAT preparation.

The workshop includes an overview of the entire UMAT process - exam, scores, standardising, applications, university requirements, interviews, past experiences, professional advice, performance expectations, and more. Each student is individually assessed and fine-tuned for peak performance. Strategic problem solving and tuition in each of the three UMAT constructs. The workshop will be conducted by two highly experienced and expert lecturers who will define and explain each UMAT construct. A full practice test conducted under exam conditions, followed by a feedback session. This intense full day preparation workshop allows students to identify and explore their true strengths and weaknesses.

Cost: $249 (Food and refreshments will be provided). Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Sasha Tymoshenko
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0404 197 178, 1300 974 187. enquiries@nie.edu.au, www.nie.edu.au