SWIMMING CARNIVAL RESULTS

This year's carnival was a great success. Participation was very high with many students attending the Memorial Baths to enjoy the spectacle.

Behaviour was outstanding with the senior students leading the school by example.

Records were broken in the pool where Freeman had a resounding victory.

Special thanks to Mr Dixon and Mr French for organising the event and to all students for doing the right thing.

Zone Swimming Carnival will be on Tuesday 24th February at Lismore Baths.

New school records set by:
Rattanawadi Bowyer
Nicholas Eggler
Michaela Cameron
Jazmin Bertuzzi
Samuel Gibson

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Points Tally:
Freeman: 570  Kewell: 226  Gilchrist: 228  Thomas: 150
The Rivers Secondary College Year 7 2016 Transition Information Evening

Stage 3 students and parents are invited to come along to the Lismore Workers Club Auditorium on Wednesday 25 February from 6 p.m. - 7 p.m. to find out more about The Rivers Secondary College, how it works and the benefits for students as they move into high school. You will hear from John Baker, Executive Principal of The Rivers Secondary College, and have the opportunity to meet, hear from and speak to students and other key personnel.

This evening is designed to give an overview of The Rivers Secondary College prior to each high school holding its individual session in coming weeks: Kadina HS on Wednesday 11 March; Lismore HS on Tuesday 10 March; and Richmond River HS on Thursday 5 March.

The Rivers Secondary College Year 7 2016 Transition Information Evening

An Invitation To Our

YEAR 6-7 2016
OPEN NIGHT EXPO

Thursday 5th March 2015
5.00 -7.30 pm
Please welcome our latest addition to our farm family. Our Stud Angus mum ‘Booramooka’ welcomed a bouncing baby heifer calf on Wednesday night who has been named ‘Choc Chip’. Choc Chip is a Angus x Speckle Park.

Basketball

On Thursday, 12th of February the Open Boys and Open Girls Basketball teams competed in the Combined High Schools Knockout Carnival at Lismore Basketball Stadium. In the first round the boys came up against Maclean High School which was a tight match. At full time it was a draw which meant the boys played 10 minutes of basketball in extra time. Unfortunately Richmond River went down 25-22 to Maclean in extra time. For the girls they had to compete against Woodenbong Central School and went down 16-6. In the second round the girls played against Maclean High School and unfortunately went down by 1 point at full time. The boys then played against Lismore High School and came home with a win. A special mention goes to Ryan Everson and Wade Whitney who were selected in the Open Boys North Coast Basketball team, as well as Lachlan Brown who was selected as a reserve. For the girls Ella Veit-Prince was selected as a reserve for the Open Girls North Coast team. All players represented Richmond River High School with great pride and showed excellent sportsmanship throughout the day.

Miss Birney
NSW Health - 2015 Vaccination Program

NSW Health offers vaccines for adolescents as part of the school vaccination program. In 2015 the following vaccines will be offered:

Year 7 students – Vaccinations Thursday 26th February

- dTpa (Boostrix) vaccine (Diptheria, Tetanus & Pertussis (whooping cough)) as a single dose
- varicella vaccine (chickenpox) as a single dose; and
- human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine in a 3-dose schedule at 0, 2 and 6 months.

Year 7 will be having dose one of HPV and the Boostrix vaccination on 26th February, which is Thursday of Week 5.

Please note that for the HPV vaccine parents/guardians must record their Medicare Number (all 10 digits and the 11th number beside your child’s name) on the consent form, as this is required to record the student’s information on the National HPV Vaccination Register and (for female students only) link to the National or State Cervical Screening program.

Year 11-12 students – Vaccination Forms need to be handed in next week.

A Record of Vaccination will be provided to each student vaccinated at each clinic. Guardians should ensure that this record is kept for future reference and should not assume that their child has been vaccinated if they do not receive this Record of Vaccination.

If you have any question please phone, Mrs Louise Seccombe, Girls Adviser.

School Photos 2015

Richmond River High School photographs will take place on **Tuesday 10th March.**

Photos will include a year photograph and individual student photographs. There will be time organised for family groups, and special groups such as SRC.

A 'catch up' photo day for individual student photographs will take place on **Monday 16th March 2015.**

Students and parents/carers are reminded that these photographs are official school photographs used not only to celebrate the year but for official school procedures. As such it is required that all students dress in full school uniform with minimal jewellery on the day. Your support on this matter is much appreciated.

**Mr Dave Hanley**
**Co-ordinator**

“The Rivers”
University and North Coast TAFE Showcase

**RRHS MPU**
Tuesday 24th February at 1.45 p.m. - 3.15 p.m.

Representatives from Universities and TAFE Institutes will be present to give Year 12 students an opportunity to explore a variety of post-school university and TAFE options.
Dear Parents and Carers

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Stay dry and safe

Dave Harvey
Principal

Social
“Welcome Year 7”
Thursday
12th March
Lismore Workers Club
6 - 9 p.m.
$6.00 entry

Expectations for behaviour at the school social:

- School rules apply
- Drug and alcohol free
- Footwear - no thongs - shoes must be on the whole night
- Appropriate clothing
- School on show
- Bags and clothing outside
- No drink bottles inside - water available inside
- No glassware
- No breakage of glow sticks – pay for damage
- Right money and ID cards in first
- Hand will be stamped
- No-one allowed to leave the social
- Arriving late - note to warn staff and parent to bring you to the door
- Leaving early - only if collected by parents
- Excluded from social - owing detentions overdue, roomed or suspended this term
- Once in the hall no-one is allowed to get things from bags or go to the toilet until all students are admitted into the hall
- If not at school that day they cannot attend the social.

From the Principal

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Employment Pathways Program
This year sees the EPP (Employment Pathways Program) revamped with ten new students involved 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.

P&C News - AGM MEETING
It is the beginning of a new school year, which means we will be having our AGM on 16th March at 6 p.m. in the upstairs Common Room.
All positions will be vacated. We will be needing a new President, 2 Vice Presidents, Treasurer and Secretary.
Full support will be given to the new committee members.
P&C involvement means you get to have a say in your child's school and education.
The P&C, through the canteen, donates up to $25,000 each year to enrich the education of your children.
We only meet once a month for a couple of hours excluding school holidays. Please come and give us your support.
Thanking you for your help.
Tania Harvey,
P&C President

RRHS - Term 1 Week 5
Monday 23/02/2015

Tuesday 24/02/2015
- Northern Rivers Zone Swimming Carnival
- Senior Volleyball North Coast Selections

Wednesday 25/02/2015
- Year 7 2016 Rivers College Transition Information Night, Lismore Workers Club 6 p.m. - 7.00 p.m.

Thursday 26/02/2015
- Year 7 HPV & Boostrix Vaccinations

Friday 27/02/2015
- Northern Rivers Zone Soccer
- Red Cross Blood Bank

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

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

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.

The official Richmond River High School Facebook page is here: RRHS Facebook Page
The web address is: www.facebook.com/richmondriverhigh
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 school’s 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.
The GAP YEAR CHALLENGE

The ADF GAP Year Program provides an opportunity for young Australians who have finished year 12 (or equivalent) and are aged between 17 and 21*, to experience military training and lifestyle whilst gaining new skills and pay over their GAP Year. GAP Year opportunities are available in the Navy, Army and Air Force.

The life skills and job training that you will acquire during your GAP Year experience will be valuable, regardless of what career you ultimately undertake.

When would I start?
The GAP Year program will commence in January/February 2015.

What jobs are available?
Navy GAP Year, Army GAP Year (Administration Clerk, Artisan, Private, Driver, Maintainer) and Air Force GAP Year.

What would I do during my GAP Year?
After completing basic recruit training and your specific trade training, you would be immersed in the Navy, Army or Air Force lifestyle while continuing to learn on the job. You will learn valuable skills, meet new friends and may even receive recognised qualifications to help progress your future career.

To find out more information about the ADF GAP Year program please visit defencetjobs.gov.au/gapyear

*Vocational applicants must be aged between 15.5 and 20.5 years old by 8 April 2015. Army applicants must be aged between 17 and 21, while Air Force applicants must be aged between 15.5 and 20.5 years old by 8 April 2015.

Bluestar Citizenship

The Blue Star Citizenship Program is the first step in the leadership journey for young people at PCYC. The program introduces them to PCYC and gives them both basic and formal training opportunities in leadership, and self-development. In addition to this they will have the chance to meet young people from all over NSW, and form friendships to last well into the future. The formal outcomes of this part of their journey, the Citizenship Program includes:

- Certificate I in Active Citizenship
- First Aid Certification
- Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award

In conjunction with the formal qualifications of the program, the young people learn the program having dedicated at least 20 full meeting hours to their community. Increased self-confidence, leadership skills, communication skills and a greater understanding of what responsibilities a ‘good citizen’ brings to their community.

Bluestar Leadership

The Bluestar Leadership Program is the next stage of the program which helps young people to become young leaders within their community and gives them the tools to develop and lead an activity project at their local PCYC. The program gives them the opportunity to be a young leader or Citizenship camp in the future and experience the role of a young leader amongst peers. The formal outcomes of this part of the Bluestar journey, the Leadership Program includes:

- Completion Certificate II in Community Activities
- Certificate II in Active Citizenship
- Completion of 7 hours of highly effective teaching
- Organising and execution of a project at their local PCYC

Expanding safety and harm of students with cognitive disability

The SCU Centre for Children and Young People invites you to a

SEMINAR

Led by Dr Sally Robinson

Students with cognitive disability experience higher rates of abuse, neglect and exploitation than students without disability. This session will share the results of recent research that investigated what students, their families and other key supporters such as teachers, disability, and child protection workers think about personal safety in and around school, together with their perceptions on what might make things better. The research was supplemented by an exhaustive analysis of relevant law and policy in this area.

The seminar will provide insights into students’ experiences, the responsibilities of education providers, and the support structures and processes available to support resolution of abuse. Discussion will focus on addressing barriers, strengths and possibilities for change in educators, legal and policy arenas.

A panel of young people with cognitive disability will provide a valuable personal perspective on what helps promote safety in schools. Invited speakers will provide legal, education and family perspectives on the research findings.

The seminar will be of interest to education, disability support, child protection and legal practitioners, and families of children and young people with disability.

Date: Thursday, 20th February, 2015
Time: 9.30am – 12 noon
Venue: Northern Rivers Community Legal Centre
56-58 Carrington St, Lismore (lift access to level one)
RSVP: By 20th February, 2015
Ph: 02 6620 3685

Free to attend, but please RSVP for planning and catering purposes.
VET (Vocational Education & Training) SCHOLARSHIPS for 2015 ACADEMIC YEAR - NOW OPEN -
CALLING FOR APPLICANTS!

Scholarships are up to $5,000 for full-time study $2,500 for part-time study.
Students could be studying at a registered VET institution e.g. College or TAFE courses, on campus or by distance learning.

Applicants will all have one thing in common – a desire to play an active part in the future of rural NSW.

Applications close 22nd February 2015

Applicants for a VET scholarship must:
· Be enrolled in or applying for study in any accredited VET course at an approved Australian education provider
· Demonstrate a desire to contribute to the future of rural NSW
· Demonstrate how a scholarship would assist them in achieving their education or training goal
· Be an Australian citizen or permanent resident

To apply and/or find out more information please visit http://www.rasnsw.com.au/RASF-VET-Scholarships-2553.htm

NSW Schools Physical Activity and Nutrition Survey 2015

Dear Parents,

Some of you may have heard about the Schools Physical Activity and Nutrition Survey (SPANS) and involves over 100 schools in NSW. I am delighted to announce that our school has been invited to participate. This is a great opportunity for our students to be involved in helping health professionals better understand children’s lifestyles such as their physical activity, fitness, food habits and movement skills. A team of specially trained teachers will collect the information on almost 8,000 students from Years K, 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10. The survey is being managed by a research team from the University of Sydney.

Students in selected classes in Years 8 and 10 will bring home information about the study and a consent form. Please read carefully the information statement: if you agree to allow your child to participate, please complete the consent form and send it back to school as soon as possible.

The survey will take place at our school on the Tuesday 3rd March 2015.

YOUR TEENAGER CAN LEARN SKILLS FOR LIFE!

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Macquarie First Aid is offering classes over the school holidays so you can get nationally recognised and accredited in first aid.
· Improve your job seeking opportunities
· Receive first aid and CPR
· Classes run over either one day with prework – or two days for ages 14+
· $190 students / $199 parents

Bookings or enquiries, call Nancy on 1300 275 628

if you want to HAVE FUN, HELP your COMMUNITY and gain NEW SKILLS, go to
www.pcycbluestar.org

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