Open Night Expo

Richmond River High School’s Open Night Expo was held last night. Current Year 6 students and their parents and carers were able to tour our school to see our facilities and to talk to current students and staff about our school. There were a number of parents at the end of the night who expressed what a positive experience the evening had been. Thank you to all students and staff who helped to showcase Richmond River High in such a positive way.

Mrs Ford
Year 7 2016
Year Adviser
JAPANESE VISITORS

Yesterday RRHS Agriculture students played host to some Japanese Exchange students, affiliated with Southern Cross University. For most of the visitors it was the first time they experienced a “farm” situation or handled an animal. Thank you to Mr Woodward and his assistants, Grace, Ellie, Aaron, Briana, Montanah and Katie, for providing a memorable experience for our visitors.

Proposed CAPA Excursion to Sydney

We are very excited to offer this creative and cultural learning experience for our Year 11 and 12 CAPA students. Expressions of interest went home with most students today with an outline of all activities. Please note the correct dates for the excursion are Wednesday the 6th of May, Thursday the 7th of May and Friday the 8th of May. Students are asked to inform their class teacher or the CAPA Head Teacher of their intention to attend by this Tuesday to enable tours, venues and event bookings to be secured. The excursion is open to all Music, Drama, Photography and Visual Art senior students at RRHS. Any enquiries please phone Ms Savins.

Fishing

Fishing for Sport went well this week in the Wilson River at the Lake Caravan Park where 2 students, Brock and Logan were surprised to catch 2 very healthy turtles which they then released.

Mr Stegeman
Centenary Commemoration of ANZAC Day April 2015

Richmond River High School Remembers

Library Display

We are seeking students, parents, staff and community members to join us in remembering the service or experience of others in times of war. We will be having a display in the school library that commemorates the war service or war experience of relatives or friends of our students, parents and staff.

It can be as simple as a photograph with their name and service history, it may be about life on the home front, or it may be about a person who has been displaced or detained as a result of war. Be creative, interview someone, make a film, a poster, a diorama or keep it simple with a photograph, name and service.

So be involved and honour someone you know or research someone to honour. There would be many RRHS families whose relatives were involved in World War I and other conflicts, this display will honour their efforts.

If you have any questions about this please contact Mrs Seccombe, Teacher-Librarian

WORLD’S GREATEST SHAVE

My name is Georgia Zambelli and I am in Year 10 at Richmond River High School. This year I am participating in World’s Greatest Shave. My hair is about 54cm long when it is in a ponytail and I am hoping to donate it to either Lismore Base Hospital or another place to be made into a wig for people who have cancer. My goal is $1000 and at this point in time I have raised $360 including online and cash donations. My goal is to have raised $1000 by Friday the 13th of March and when I reach that goal I will shave my hair. Any donations are welcome and I will also be collecting donations next Thursday night at the school social. If you wish to donate, please visit: https://secure.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/registrant/FundraisingPage.aspx?RegistrationID=576766#&panel1-1

Thank you,
Georgia Zambelli
From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

There has been a change in the Department’s attendance policy that now indicates that most family trips outside school holidays will count as an “unjustified” absence on a student’s permanent record unless parents submit an itinerary, copies of plane tickets as well as a reason for the benefit of the trip. The change removes family holidays and travel as a formal reason for a child being absent to promote students being at school “every day they are able”. Research shows there is a strong link between school attendance and academic performance and I will provide more information about this in future newsletters.

Last night we held our annual Year 6 into 7 Information Evening for our prospective parents and Year 6 students. It was a great success and provided a wonderful opportunity for parents, students and our teachers to meet and talk about the many great things and opportunities provided at Richmond River. Thanks to everyone who attended and thanks in particular to Mrs Sally Ford for organising the night and for all our staff who gave up their time to attend. A great success!

I would like to congratulate three of our Year 11 students, Oscar Vanaria-Jamieson, Teshan Joy and Bardie Somerville who applied and have been invited to participate in the 2015 program of The Dobell School at the National Art School. The school offers the opportunity to work in a tertiary institution in programs conducted by the National Art School staff. The four day intensive drawing workshop is designed to complement and extend the students’ art studies. Our successful students had to demonstrate a high level of knowledge and skills in visual arts and a capacity to work independently!!

Have an enjoyable weekend!

Dave Harvey
Principal

Social
“Welcome Year 7”
Thursday 12th March at the 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.
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

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

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 -

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 21 4890.

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

RRHS - Term 1 Week 7
Monday 09/03/2015
Leos Fundraiser Cake Stall

Tuesday 10/03/2015
School Photos
Northern Rivers Zone Touch Football

Wednesday 11/03/2015
Year 7 Team Building Day Excursion to Lennox Head

Thursday 12/03/2015
School Social at Lismore Workers Club
6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Friday 13/03/2015
Under 15 9-a-side AFL Gala Day

CANTEN ROSTER - Term 1 Week 7
Monday 09/03/2015
Kerrianne Cawley

Tuesday 10/03/2015
Michelle Butcher

Wednesday 11/03/2015
Meryl Condon

Thursday 12/03/2015
Dorothy Tan & Kelly Wilson

Friday 13/03/2015
Kelly Wilson

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 Weebly. 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 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 student’s name and class and reference number
- the student’s name and date of birth.

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

This is a secure payment system hosted by Weebly 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 aside from print.

Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child’s account. An email has been issued from the payment page and 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 at 6621 5425.

RRHS Leo’s Club - Bake and Spider Stall
Monday 9th March - Lunch time under the River Theatre
 Delicious cakes and spiders nothing over $2
 Funds raised to support charity in particular Georgie Zambelli with the World’s Greatest Shave.
Nominations are now open for the 2015 NSW Training Awards!

The 2015 NSW Training Awards conducted by State Training Services recognises outstanding achievement in the vocational education and training sector.

The Awards honour and reward the achievements of students, trainers/teachers, training organisations, large and small employers.

Applications are now invited for:
- Apprentice
- Trainee
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student
- Vocational Student
- School Based Apprentice/Trainee
- VET in Schools Student
- VET Trainer/Teacher Award
- Large and Small Employer Awards
- Industry Collaboration Award
- Large and Small Registered Training Provider Awards

go to:
www.training.nsw.gov.au/training_awards
to complete your online application

The 2015 North Coast Training Awards Ceremony will be held at the Byron Theatre, Byron Bay, on Friday 12 June 2015.

Please support the awards by nominating or assisting a nomination for learners and organisations.

Please forward this email to any organisation and learners who may be interested in nominating.

There are still sponsorship opportunities available, please call Kerrin Freudenstein on 02 66487330 for further information.
Dear Parents and Carers

This term, our school is taking part in the Tell Them From Me student survey. The survey will provide us with valuable feedback on what our students think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help them improve. The survey is completed on-line and is run by an independent research company, The Learning Bar, which specialises in school-based surveys.

Staff in schools will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. To ensure confidentiality, participating students will receive a unique username and password. Where fewer than five students respond to a question, the results will be suppressed. The survey typically takes less than 30 minutes to complete and will be administered by the school during normal school hours. Once the surveys are completed by students, reports are prepared and in most cases are available to schools within three business days.

As well as schools getting student feedback, the Department of Education and Communities, through the Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation (CESE), will have access to data from across the State and will run a research project to look at state-wide patterns of student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices. The research will look at how these things impact on student outcomes, including academic performance. Individual students and schools will not be identified in any CESE publications, and all information will be handled in accordance with the relevant privacy legislation. Students’ personal information will not be disclosed by the Department to any other person or body other than as required by law.

This research will help schools in New South Wales to better understand how to improve student wellbeing and engagement. It will also help teachers and principals discuss what works to improve student outcomes. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. Your child will not take part if either you or your child do not wish to. If, during the survey, your child is uncomfortable answering any question, he/she should leave it blank and move on to the next one. Your child can stop the survey at any time.

If you do not want your child to take part in the survey, please complete the attached form and return it to your child’s school by Tuesday 10 March.

More information about the survey and the research is available on the CESE website: http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents

Dr Jenny Donovan
General Manager  Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation

If you do not want your child to participate in the student feedback survey, please sign this form and return it to your school by Tuesday 10 March 2015.

I (print name) .................................................................DO NOT give consent

for my child/children (print name/s) .................................................................

of roll class/es .........................to participate in the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey.

Signed…………………………………… Date……………………