YEAR 8 PIP PROJECTS

Last week Year 8 students started their Personal Interest Projects; this is a project where the students design a project that reflects their personal interests. Students thought and wrote about their hobbies, interests, favourite subjects at school and what they might like to do when they leave school. This should give them some direction as to what their Personal Interest Project might be.

We want students to engage with their family and community to explore ideas for their project. Students have until Term 3, Week 3 to complete their project. This week students explored their creative, imaginative and innovative sides by building a tower of straws capable of holding a bowl of water. Please discuss with your Year 8 student their ideas and encourage them with their PIP. If you have any questions, please contact, Louise Seccombe, Teacher-Librarian.
Northern Rivers Careers Expo

Sixty students from Year 10 attended The Northern Rivers Careers Expo, held yesterday at the Goonellabah Sports and Aquatic Centre. The Expo is run to help students make informed decisions about a variety of career pathways, through opportunities to interact with exhibitors and have their questions answered in person. There were also lots of goodies available and interactive displays that allowed students some hands-on experiences.

*Eden Weir – Careers Adviser, Cristy Sulek – Year 10 Adviser, Scott Harrison – Student Support Officer*
Richmond River High School Indigenous students attended the Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience (AIME) at Southern Cross University last Friday. Students from Years 9 to 12 had the opportunity to work with mentors to build and develop skills that are needed while in school and in the workforce or continuing to university. Quest speakers spoke to students about future career opportunities, stressing the importance of believing in your ability and not being afraid of giving it a go.

All students did RRHS proud in the positive approach displayed on the day; they showed impeccable manners and communication ability, and wore the RRHS uniform with pride.

Year 12 students were presented with an AIME hoodie, this is a tradition from AIME to Year 12 students who take part in the AIME program, SIX RRHS Year 12 students graduated this year.

A big thank you to Takiah Degail who thanked those involved for organising the AIME days, Takiah also acknowledged the support and opportunities that are offered to her and all students at RRHS.

RRHS students look forward to the remaining AIME visits for Years 7 to 11 during 2015. Many thanks to Dean Marshall, NORTA NORTA program tutor, who also helped support students during the day.

Scott Harrison
Student Support Officer
From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers

Room Closures
I would like to thank all of you for your ongoing support to our school. I also wish to extend my appreciation to both the staff and students for their patience and resilience shown over this past week. Our timetabling team is relocating classes affected to other areas for lessons. The relocations so far have been working well, with classes so far relocating to other unfilled classrooms, the school library, the River Theatre and the school hall. On occasion we have had to hold lessons in the undercover areas where students assemble for year meetings. Yesterday asbestos experts took air and carpet samples of all the rooms currently closed. This is a precautionary measure and follows the guidelines set out in the Department Asbestos Management Plan. Results from these tests will be available to the school on Monday.

Over this weekend all affected classrooms will have remedial work carried out to fix the window sill issue. In some cases the window sills will be taken out and replaced with aluminium. All of our classrooms will then be ready to be back in use by middle of next week, subject to the results of the tests.

I will keep you posted as I receive more news.

NAPLAN
NAPLAN tests have been held without any interruption this week.

Year 11 Exams
Year 11 examinations commence on Monday in the School’s MPU. I know this is a busy time for our Year 11 students and I wish them the very best over the next two weeks.

Years 7 and 12 Parent Teacher Night
Thanks to all of our parents and carers who attended this week’s Year 7 and Year 12 Parent Teacher night. It was a very positive night and I know many constructive conversations were held between parents and teachers.

Dave Harvey
Principal

From the Deputies
On Monday we had an outstanding presentation for parents on ‘CyberProofing Your Teenager’. Snr Constable Kim Mewing presented in depth information on the pitfalls of online social networking. We are going to be offering more parent information seminars throughout the year. If you have a specific request or idea for a parent presentation please contact the school and ask to speak to one of the friendly Deputy Principals.

The Rivers Secondary College musical, Aladdin is quickly approaching with performances on 15th, 16th and 17th June. A number of RRHS students are playing key roles. The show is looking great. Information on tickets will be available soon.

Have a great weekend.

Peter Howes
Deputy Principal

FAR NORTH COAST DANCE FESTIVAL
The Rivers Secondary College Combined Campus will be performing on Wednesday 3rd June at Lismore City Hall. Students will rehearse at Lismore High School 9:30-12:00 then have dress rehearsal at 12:30 til 3:00 The performance starts at 7:00 p.m. Students meet at Wyrallah Rd Public School Hall, they will open the second half of the show.

Tickets go on sale 8th May, $20 Adult, $15 Student/Concession, Lismore City Hall Box Office ph.1300 066772.

Festival T-Shirts can also be purchased for $22, collect order forms from Miss Dessmann.

Miss Dessmann
PDHPE/Dance Teacher

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Being RRHS Is: Responsible Respectful Honest Safe
Attention all Parents and Carers

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Mr T Laverty
Head Teacher PDHPE

RRHS - Term 2 Week 5

Monday 18/05/2015
Year 11 Half Yearly Exams

Tuesday 19/05/2015
Year 11 Half Yearly Exams

Wednesday 20/05/2015
Year 11 Half Yearly Exams

Thursday 21/05/2015
Year 11 Half Yearly Exams

Friday 22/05/2015
Year 11 Half Yearly Exams
Year 10 TAFE Taster
Red Cross Blood Bank

CANTEEN ROSTER - Term 2 Week 5

Monday 18/05/2015
Kathy Goulding

Tuesday 19/05/2015
Sue Parrish

Wednesday 20/05/2015
Meryl Condon

Thursday 21/05/2015
Dorathy Tan and Kelly Wilson

Friday 22/05/2015
Kelly Wilson

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

Year 11 Ski Trip Payments
All students need to keep up with this schedule, if there are any issues please ring Mr Laverty on 66 213 456.

March 30th - should have been paid $150
April 30th - should have been paid $160
May 18th - to pay $250
June 15th - to pay $250
(If you withdraw at this point you will get 40% back).

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

**Year 11 Half-Yearly Examinations Timetable**

**Weeks 5 & 6 Term 2 2015**

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**Please see over page for Examination Rules**
Richmond River High School
Examination Rules

1. Students should be at the examination venue at least 10 minutes before scheduled start time.

2. The exams are regular school days and as such students should be in school uniform.

3. Students to enter the room at the direction of the supervising teacher.

4. Students to promptly follow all directions of the supervising teacher.

5. All students remain under exam conditions until told otherwise. If the exam finishes before others in the exam room students will be instructed to leave quietly. Exam conditions apply until students are out of the examination venue.

6. Exam conditions mean the following
   - No talking
   - No noise
   - No communication
   - No turning around
   - No distraction to other students
   - No looking at other students work
   - No moving from seat unless instructed to do so by the supervising teacher.

7. Students may only have access to materials during the exam allowed by the examiner. Students will not be allowed to borrow or share material or equipment during the exam.

8. Students are to raise their hands and ask for permission to go to the toilet (only one student to go to the toilet at a time).

9. Mobile phones, MP3 players and Ipods are to be turned off and kept in school bags; they are not to be taken to the exam desk.

10. When the exam time has finished students must cease work immediately.

11. Cheating of any type will result in the student’s paper being cancelled.

12. Students may not leave the exam room until the time for the examination set by the examiner has elapsed.

Failure to comply with these rules will result in a penalty and may result in the cancellation of the student’s exam paper.
STRENGTHENING PARENTING for TOUGH TEENAGERS
Parenting with Love and Limits

School Counsellor gauging parental interest.
Based on training in this area and assistance to parents through Adult Community Education courses in the Byron area, Carl is wanting to gauge whether running a 7 week course specially for parents at RRHS would be warranted. Such a course would probably be on a Wednesday night. Perhaps 6 to 8 p.m., or 7 to 9 p.m.
The course content would follow that used in the Byron courses and is based on the ‘7 STEP PROGRAMME’ coming out of the Savannah Family Institute in USA.

You can read a summary of the 7-Step Process on www.difficult.net
Let Carl know of your interest via the RRHS school website or by phone, 66 213 456.
GIRLS' CHOICES SUMMER SCHOOL

SUNDAY 6 DECEMBER TO THURSDAY 10 DECEMBER 2015

This program is a five day residential university experience for female students in Year 9 from equity target groups across NSW. Students participate in a program of activities, lectures, workshops and industry visits which are designed to inspire students to build upon their potential to succeed in Years 10, 11 and 12 and expose them to a wide range of study and career options that exist for HSC graduates.

The link for the girls to apply

LIVE IT!

SUNDAY 13 TO THURSDAY 17 DECEMBER 2015

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The link for the boys to apply
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.