Chris Riley - Student Success - Rugby Union

Chris was successful in making the NSW Combined High Schools Under 16 Rugby Team which is a great honour for him and reward for the hard work that he puts in. Chris travelled to Sydney to trial for a place in the NSW Team at the end of last week. This was the second year that Chris has trialled for this team, he had earlier made the North Coast Open Rugby Team as a 16 year old. His first match as part of this team will be against the Combined Catholic Schools team in Sydney on Sunday 31st of May. Well done and good luck, Chris.

Blood Donors – Community Service

Well done to our blood donors this week, Harrison, Lexi, Lucas and Nathan. Thanks to Scott Harrison, Student Support Officer, who organises RRHS students to participate in this community service. To participate in this community service, you must be 16 years or over, weigh at least 50 kg, have not travelled overseas or had a piercing or tattoo in the last three months. Photo identity is necessary on the day, as well as having breakfast plus being well hydrated in the previous twenty-four hours. This activity takes place every two weeks, if you are interested please see Scott Harrison for permission note.
Dear Parents/Caregivers,

A mandatory segment of our Year 12 Community and Family Studies curriculum is to complete an Independent Research Program (IRP).

For this research project I, along with the rest of my course, must create a subject on which to research. We then conduct questionnaires to assist in the summarisation of our findings. My chosen subject is 'What are the consequences of binge drinking by 13-16 year old girls?'

To complete this I am providing anonymous questionnaires to the girls within this age group at Richmond River. This is completely voluntary.

All questionnaires will remain anonymous without exception and respect will be maintained regarding all participants. If you have any objections to the possibility of your child being involved in this questionnaire you are welcome to contact Mr Eakin in our PDHPE department (Phone: 02 66 213 456).

Thank you for your time.

Jade, Year 12 Student

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**Personal Interest Projects – Year 8**

During PIP lessons this week, we have been looking at how to “Manage Impulsivity”, **think before you act**, by playing Pick Up Sticks. Students had to make careful choices during the game and this skill is important when tackling their Personal Interest Project and throughout their future lives. Students also wrote a proposal for their project, the hardest part of the PIP is deciding on what to do, some students still have to decide. Parents and carers please discuss with your child their project, projects need to be completed by Week 3 Term 3, if you have any queries please call me.

*Mrs L. Seccombe*  
Teacher-Librarian

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**English and Mathematics Competitions**

Any students who wish to challenge themselves in English and/or Mathematics there are currently opportunities to compete from Years 7-12 in the annual “International Competition and Assessments for Schools” ICAS. It is a great way to challenge yourself and test your knowledge.

Any interested students should see Mr Mitchell for more information and an entry form.
A host of exciting events and opportunities have been happening for RRHS CAPA students over the past few weeks, here are the highlights….

During the last week of the school holidays, Teshan Joy, Shannon Richardson, Oscar Vanaria-Jamieson and Bardie Somervielle attended The Dobell Drawing School. The School is held at the National Art School (the old Oxford Street Gaol) and provides a week of tertiary drawing training for gifted and talented Art students. The students commented on how quickly their skills developed when immersing themselves every day in drawing.

HSC Intensive Studio Practice selection
Congratulations to Teshan Joy and Shannon Richardson, both girls have been successful in winning a place at the Prestigious National Art School (NAS) Intensive Studio Practice. This is a highly sought after Board of Studies course that is selected by portfolio submission. The girls will attend the NAS for a week in the July holidays, complete course work at RRHS over Term 3 and attend a final week at NAS in the October holidays. They will have successfully completed 1 unit of their HSC for 2016.
The Sydney Senior Excursion for CAPA students in Week 3 was a resounding success with students engaging in two action packed days of workshops, exhibitions, educational tours, live performances and the sights of Sydney.

Students from Drama, Music and Photography attended a fantastic HSC group devised workshop at NIDA (National Institute of Dramatic Art). One of the highlights at NIDA was the amazing “all paper” costumes made by the current 2nd year Costuming students. At the BELVIOR Theatre, Drama students attended a group devised workshop, focussing on students creating theatre from spontaneous moments.
Visual Art students participated in life drawing classes at The Whiteley Studio in Surry Hills, before a guided case study tour of Brett Whiteley’s life and works. They also underwent educational tours at the MCA (Museum of Contemporary Art) and all students spent an afternoon exploring the many and varied exhibitions at the Art Gallery of New South Wales. Music students enjoyed an all ages concert of British rock/pop band You Me at 6 and toured the music shops around the inner city.
We spent our lunch times enjoying the foreshore of the harbour from McMahons Point and Circular Quay, where several students were interviewed by Aussie legend Mickey Robins for an Australian Museum project ‘101 great moments in Australian History’. Mickey was impressed by the quality of the responses from our students and stayed chatting with our group for some time.

By far the biggest highlight of the entire excursion was the Rocky Horror Picture Show, held at the Lyric Theatre in Pyrmont. The entire show was phenomenally professional and polished; with the sets, costume, singing, dancing, music, and lighting absolutely amazing. We all left the show buzzing with excitement and exhilarated by the experience of live theatre.
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

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 - should have been paid $250
June 15th - to pay $250
(If you withdraw at this point you will get 40% back).
Mr T Laverty
Head Teacher PDHPE

Canteen volunteers are needed, If you can help please phone Kathy Claydon on 6621 4890.
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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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."
Are you interested in studying Chiropractic (or related health professions)?
Goonellabah family chiropractic are providing an information evening.
When: Thursday 28th May
Where: 9/27 Rous Rd, Goonellabah (next to Goon Wah Chinese take-away)
Time: 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Please RSVP to Bridie on 66244405
http://www.goonellabahfamilychiropractic.com/
Eden Weir
Career Adviser/VET Coordinator

Dunoon United Football Club are urgently seeking boys or girls born 1999 or 2000 to join teams playing soccer this season in the Grade 15 Mixed and Grade 16 Girls competitions.
If interested, please contact Lisa Jacka (Registrar) via email at dunoonunit-edfc@ffnc.net.au

Year 12

UMAT is developed by the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) on behalf of the UMAT Consortium universities. The test is used specifically to assist with the selection of students into the medicine, dentistry and health science degree programs at undergraduate level at the universities listed on this website.

Prospective applicants to graduate-entry programs in medicine or dentistry must take the Graduate Australian Medical School Admissions Test (GAMSAT)

UMAT registration is closing soon.
5th June.
http://umat.acer.edu.au/register

DISCOVER ENGINEERING

Topics
Areas to be addressed include:
- Why be an Engineer?
- What do Engineers Do?
- How do you Become an Engineer?
- What is it Like to Study Engineering?

Guest Speakers include:
- Engineering professionals
- University representatives
- University students

Register
Registration essential by Monday 29th June 2015

Please CLICK HERE to register your attendance

Dunoon United Football Club are ur-
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
- 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.