Rugby League RRHS v Kyogle
Both the University Shield (Opens) and Buckley Shield (Under 14’s) travelled to New Park, Kyogle, last Tuesday, 26th May, to play the second round of these competitions.

Buckley Shield
This was a very even contest with Richmond River going into the haltime break leading 10-8. Kyogle came out in the second half and took the lead but with only minutes left on the clock Jack Pittman crashed over making the final score 18-14. This was a great team effort and special mention of Jackson Turner’s defence. The team now goes onto play Maclean in Maclean on Monday, June 1st.

University Shield
The team was made up of some experienced Rugby League players and some first time players. Scott Adamou one of the first timers opened the scoring. The boys played really well as a team going down 26-14 with Kyogle getting two 90m intercepts this being the difference. Adrian Basso up front was very strong and along with his front row partner Luke Tonks. Other players that stood out on the day were Malachi Joseph, Luke Daly, Harry Brown and Ryan Everson in what was a great team effort.

Mr Laverty
PDHPE Head Teacher

SCU – Uni-Bound High School Program
Last week Year 8 students participated in a "Thinking about Uni" workshop. Students met with university staff and student mentors to investigate the benefits of higher education through presentations, games and activities designed to build knowledge, awareness and confidence around university concepts and career choices.

Mr D. French
PDHPE
Wrap with Love – Knitting starts in the Library next week Tuesday 2nd June lunch time, for the Wrap with Love charity, if you like to knit or wish to learn how to knit, join us and participate to help others. Mrs Seccombe and others will be available to teach you how to knit, join us and participate to help others. Needles and yarn are provided. During 2014 we managed to make 5 wraps, special thanks to Meryl for sewing the squares into wraps.

We are seeking donations of 8 ply acrylic yarn and 4mm needles, any donations gratefully accepted. If any community members would like to knit squares, you could also send them to the library; visit the Wrap with Love website for pattern details. http://www.artsandcraftsnsw.com.au/Wrap.htm Mrs Seccombe, Teacher-Librarian.

Cows Create Careers

Year 8 and 9 Agriculture students have been caring for and monitoring two dairy calves at RRHS for the past four weeks, as part of the Cows Create Careers program run by Dairy Australia. Students have had to do all the necessary tasks relating to their welfare, feeding, looking after their environment, cleaning, exercising, weighing and measuring. The calves are leaving RRHS this Friday, and returning to Mr Dennis Rose’s dairy, thank you to Mr Rose for lending the calves so that RRHS could be part of this program. The students now have a project to complete which they will present at a Presentation and Awards Ceremony early next term, they will compete against other schools in our region. This program provides an opportunity to learn about the dairy industry and what it entails. Mrs S. Ford, TAS staff

P&C Funded Sporting Uniforms

Thank you to the P & C for providing $1400 to purchase our new multipurpose sports uniforms, modelled by Year 10 students. Mr D. French, PDHPE.
RRHS Debating Success - Vim and Vigour leads to Victory!

Tuesday, 26th May was our first debate of the season for the junior years via video conference. After an impromptu training session the previous day the teams were very excited to begin.

The Year 7/8 team comprised a new combination for 2015: Sveva Bennett, Luka Goulding, Seth Taylor-Smith and Rhiannon Davies. The topic debated concerned the mandatory teaching of a language throughout high school. While our team took the part of the negative, our first speaker Sveva, ably rebutted the affirmative’s first point and added a definition, scope and model. This is crucial to the debate as it reflects the parameters to be discussed. The affirmative team from Bonalbo focused on the advantages for students as travellers in a globally accessible world. They also stated that it was a means of broadening empathy for other cultures. Our team contradicted these arguments by stating that there would be minimal effectiveness as a tourist as syllabi limited the availability of teaching all languages, and that while it was a means of introducing appreciation for other cultures it would also be excluding a significant number of cultures that are prolific in our multi-cultural society such as Greek or Spanish. Luka further extended the argument by highlighting the costs involved in restructuring the public education to support such an idea. He also highlighted the increased stress that senior students would need to endure which could lead to a multiple of mental health issues. The case was eventually awarded to our team who were confident and engaging in their delivery with a slightly stronger case.

This success was echoed by the Year 9/10 team comprised of Lena Qualmann, Ellen Welstead-Cloud, Chloe Willis and Georgina Zambelli. Their arguments were well-developed and sustained through the speakers. They displayed an extensive vocabulary with a passionate delivery and unique perspective on the question posed: that we should ban sexualised music videos. The adjudicator commented that the debate was the best she had witnessed all year, with Richmond River offering an argument that had not been presented before, (most questions are recycled in some variance each year). While the Affirmative team from Bonalbo Central school focused on the dangers of promiscuity and various states of nudity as their focus for banning the videos they were unable to support this with multiple perspectives or supporting evidence other than the Anaconda video clip with Nikki Minaj. In contrast, our team reflected on the inequality of the sexes, with men able to reveal everything except their genitalia without repercussions, while women were expected to ‘cover-up’ and be modest or they received rude comments. In addressing the promiscuity angle this was also reinforced as a gender inequality issue- woman have the power to choose who and how many they sleep with and should not be tarnished due to their personal choice. (It should be stated here that these views are not the opinions of the debaters, merely a means of presenting an argument). Lastly, they reflected that music was an art form not dissimilar to Michelangelo’s ‘David’, who is nude or the many baroque tapestries which are taught in history and art classes in public schools around the country. They posed the question: ‘Why is music to be held to any different standard than its counterparts? Especially, as it is a reflection on society.’ They lastly, countered that there are child proof restrictions for computers and televisions for parents to stop the access for younger children to this type of music video. Overall all students were to be commended on their passionate deliveries. Once again they are a fantastic representation of our school.

A special thank you to Mrs Paula Moverley for her technical skills in establishing contact with our opponents. Mrs P. Galea
Debating Co-ordinator
Year 12 Community and Family Studies (CAFS) Research Survey

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
From the Principal
Dear Parents and Carers,
I would like to congratulate Shannon Richardson, Teshan Joy, Oscar Vaneria – Jamieson and Bardie Somerville for their successful selection into the National Art School HSC Intensive Studio Practice for Drawing and Painting. The opportunity is offered to all Year 11 students across the state who are achieving at the highest standard of excellence in their Preliminary Course and who are demonstrating a mature attitude towards their studies. There are very few places offered across the state and to have four students being successful is a significant achievement! Well done!

Over the last week or so we have held interviews for both our Aboriginal Education Officer and Head Teacher Science positions. I would like to congratulate Mr Tyrone Connors for being successful in gaining the Aboriginal Education Officer position. Mr Connors is currently working at Casino Public School and I am sure will make a significant contribution to our school and in particular to building the school’s connections with our local Aboriginal community and students.

I would also like to congratulate Mr Boden Yates for being successful in gaining the Head Teacher Science position. Mr Yates has been one of our hard working Year Advisors up until this term when he then undertook the relieving Head Teacher role. Big congrats to Mr Yates.

Both of these appointments are subject to a 10 day appeal process. Have a great weekend.

Dave Harvey
Principal

From the Deputies
The Year 11 Exam period concludes today with a few practical exams. It will be an informative time for Year 11 students over the next few weeks as they receive feedback from their teachers. It is important that each student pays attention and responds to the feedback. Teacher comments and advice are much more useful for improvement than the actual mark received.

Monday will see the commencement of Year 8 and 10 Formal Junior Exams in the MPU. Whilst many of the students in Year 7 and 9 will be undertaking assessment in their classrooms. Students are encouraged to check in with their teachers if they have any questions about the exams. Revise class notes at home for each subject. It is important for everyone to try their best in the exams.

Parents can support their children by ensuring that they eat a healthy breakfast, drink lots of water, get lots of sleep, do some exercise and have the correct equipment. We wish you best of luck in the upcoming week. For students in Year 9 and above don’t forget to access Your Tutor online!

We need to see everyone in school jumpers next week. We are following up for students out of uniform with detentions and a parent contact when it becomes continued. Do not hesitate to contact the school if you need assistance with uniform.

Today Richmond River High School have been lucky enough to host the Far North Coast Boccia competition for students who have a disability. Richmond River’s team faced off against Bexhill Public, Casino High, Lismore High and Southern Cross K-12, Ballina. Peter and Sue from Boccia NSW have been on site scouting for Paralympic stars of the future. Let’s keep our fingers crossed for the Richmond River High students.

Peter Howes
Deputy Principal

Aladdin The Musical
Due to the high demand for school performances Richmond River High School has only been able to obtain around 70 tickets for a matinee performance on Wednesday 17th June. Tickets will be offered to students sometime next week. Please listen carefully to the student bulletin for more information.

Lantern Parade.
Students have been asked to participate in the Lantern Parade on Saturday 20th June. Students from RRHS will be dressing in Mexican clothing and having their faces painted as “Sugar Skulls”. If any student would like to be part of the fun celebration please see Mrs Williamson to put your name down for the big event. More information as soon as it is available. We are also having our percussion group perform in the parade and some of our buskers and bands performing on the night.

Di Williamson
Deputy Principal

General Admission Performances will be on:
Wednesday June 17 Evening @ 6:30pm
Thursday June 18 Matinee @ 1pm
Wednesday June 17 Evening @ 6:30pm

General Admission Ticket prices are available from Lismore City Hall Box Office from June 1st. ph: 02 66 22 0300 or www.lismorecityhall.com.au
$18 Adults $12 (Concession / Children)
This will be an event not to be missed!

Being RRHS
Is: Responsible Respectful Honest Safe
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.

RRHS - Term 2 Week 7

Monday 01/06/2015
- Years 8 & 10 Junior Exams
- Baseball at Albert Park 9 am - 1 pm
- Year 11 Advanced Photography to Lismore CBD Periods 6-7

Tuesday 02/06/2015
- Years 8 & 10 Junior Exams
- Year 10.1 Photography to Lismore CBD Periods 5-7

Wednesday 03/06/2015
- Years 8 & 10 Junior Exams
- Aboriginal Student Leadership Program
- Science and Engineering Challenge at Southern Cross University
- Year 10 PASH Workshop in Byron Bay
- FNC Dance Festival

Thursday 04/06/2015
- Years 8 & 10 Junior Exams

Friday 05/06/2015
- Years 8 & 10 Junior Exams
- Year 10 TAFE Taster
- Year 10.2 Photography to Lismore CBD Periods 4-5
- Red Cross Blood Bank

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 website is -
www.lowesschoolwear.com.au

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

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/richmonriverhigh

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

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.

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Richmond River High School  Telephone: 6621 3456  www.richmondri-h.schools.nsw.edu.au  Canteen: 6621 4890
Year 12

For all those interested in QUT please see the below link for event dates.

https://www.qut.edu.au/study/events

*Eden Weir*
Career Adviser/VET Coordinator

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**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

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**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
**Vikings are coming to Lismore!**

Rognvald’s Lith, Lismore’s medieval re-enactment group, are recreating an authentic Viking village to celebrate the Winter Solstice on Saturday 20th and 21st June 2015. The Viking Village Solstice will take place on Jolly Field (corner Uralba & Dawson streets) Lismore, in conjunction with the Lismore Lantern Parade.

The Viking Village Solstice will showcase many aspects of Viking life, from the battle techniques the Vikings were known for, to the domestic activities that they engaged in on a daily basis. Handcrafting activities such as weaving, woodworking, bone carving, sewing and the older skills of sprang weaving and naalbinding (a kind of Viking knitting) will be demonstrated by members of our group. There will also be weapon demonstrations and combat between our warriors, as well as archery and axe-throwing competitions. All our re-enactors will be authentically dressed, and we will be joined by re-enactors from Brisbane, Armidale and Coffs Harbour. Our Village will have authentic tents and living spaces, as well as traditional cooking and food preparations.

We would like to invite you to come and see our Village - this is a great opportunity for you and students to see what life was like for the Viking age people. We would also be very glad to answer any questions, and also to receive any input from teachers as well. Rognvald’s Lith currently perform school shows in the local area, and we would be interested in hearing how to make this more applicable to classroom content. In addition, we are giving some thought to extending the Viking Village Solstice to a weekday in the future, to allow school students to enter into a more interactive experience of Viking life. We would be grateful for any feedback on our event, especially on ways that students’ experience of living history might further illustrate the depth enquiry topics in their study of Vikings within the National Curriculum.

We look forward to seeing you at our event. We would like to offer free admission for teachers who bring a copy of this letter. If you have any questions about the day or about any of our activities or displays, please feel free to contact me via email at rognvaldslithvikings@gmail.com, or visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/VikingVillageSolstice.

*Eloise Bredenhof*

*Program co-ordinator, Viking Village Solstice*

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**Come and join the celebration on Saturday June 20th for a full day of kids activities, concerts and market delights starting at 10 a.m.**

**Oaks Oval - tickets on sale now!** Don’t miss out on all the excitement from 4 p.m. Come grab the best seats in the house to see the Viking battle, circus excitement, and live music before the lantern parade performance followed by the Fiery Finale concert. BYO picnic blankets and smiles.

For more details and tickets, go online at lanternparade.com, over the counter at Lismore Visitors Centre and PowerMax or by phoning 1300 87 83 87.

To be involved as community members to carry lanterns in the parade and receive free tickets for the Fiery Finale Concert at Oaks Oval call (02) 66226333 or email festival@lanternparade.com.
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 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.