Byron Bay Writer’s Festival Workshop

On Tuesday afternoon, Year 11 Advanced English students and the students of Year 10 High Achievers were involved in a writing workshop program put together by the Byron Bay Writer’s Festival Road Show.

Year 11 Advanced English students were in the River Theatre with authors Zacharey Jane and Lian Hearn, expanding on their creative writing skills. Students were asked to delve deeper into characterisation, through voice and feeling. The students responded well to the activities and were fully engaged.

Year 10 High Achieving students were split into two groups to partake in different writing modules, designed to inspire and engage young writers. Zohab Zee Khan took poetry to a new and exciting level and Mark Dapin and Chris Flynn explained what being an author was all about and what to expect in the world of writing.

Some of our Indigenous students were also lucky enough to have Ellen van Neerven speaking to them about identity and writing for country. This was a fantastic experience for those students.

I would like to thank all the teachers who helped with the organisation and running of the workshop and the guest speakers who were excellent and engaging. Lastly, to the students involved, they were extremely well behaved and highly inquisitive.

Mr D Bordin
English Teacher
Long Way to the Top ‘Unleashing Talent’

On Friday evening our Year 11 and Year 12 music students held a very successful showcase of their talents and as part of The Rivers Secondary College music students from Kadina High also performed. A fantastic night of music. Great effort by all the students involved and thanks to all the staff who organised and assisted the students Ben Wordsworth, Anthony Mitchell and Brad Redden. Quote from Mr Dave Harvey, Principal, "I was impressed with the skill, enthusiasm and professionalism of our students. The performances were inspirational and it was such a privilege to be in the audience. One of the things that was just so obvious on the night was the dedication and enthusiasm of both Ben Wordsworth and Anthony Mitchell."
Debating Success

Ellen Welstead-Cloud selected to represent the region in Sydney

Recently our Years 9/10 Zone winning debaters went to Coffs Harbour to compete in the regional finals. The two days were jam-packed with tutorials on the technical aspects of debating. Interspersed between these there were numerous debates also scheduled.

The team comprised of Ellen Welstead-Cloud, Anna-Lena Qualmann, Chloe Willis and Georgia Zambelli, all from Year 10, competed in three debates with two of these resulting in convincing wins. The adjudicators were particularly impressed that they were able to incorporate the lessons from the workshops into their debates reflecting that they not only absorbed the knowledge but were also able to apply it effectively. The purpose of this camp was to establish the finalist winners for the region – in this case Macksville narrowly won out and select individuals from the approximately sixty students attending to create a master team to represent the region in Sydney. For the second year in a row Ellen Welstead-Cloud will be a part of the team competing with schools from all over the State in the finals.

As usual the students were confident, organised and passionate in their deliveries reflecting particular skill in rebuttals. In fact the adjudicators noted that their arguments were often sophisticated with close to university standard concepts that just required some further development. It is wonderful to see such positive young leaders emerging from our school recognised on a regional and state level.

Ms P Galea
Debating
Year 11 Snow Trip 2015

Fifty-four Year 11 students and five staff members recently travelled to Jindabyne for the annual RRHS Snow Trip. This year’s trip got off to a sensational start with three consecutive "blue bird" days at the Blue Cow and Perisher Valley snow fields, allowing for perfect conditions to learn and extend their skiing and snowboarding skills. Many of the students took on brave challenges conquering a great range of Green and Blue runs including Zali’s, Pleasant Valley and Roller Coaster, as well as some cheeky Black runs including Kamikaze and Show Boat. As the week progressed we saw our more advanced skiers and boarders take on the adventurous and breathtaking views of Guthega - tackling the Green, Blue, Double Blue and Black runs it had on offer. Our fourth day presented us with a drastic change of conditions - yet not even the rain, ice fall and freezing winds stopped us from hitting the slopes, even if it was to create snow statues and epic snowball fights, our students still finished the day full of adrenaline and positivity. Our final day began with some weary bodies, determined minds and perfect snow fall to make our final day at the snow a memorable one. It was fantastic to see all of our students present their instructors with gifts to show their level of appreciation for the week’s lessons. It was a very proud moment for the teachers to witness our students representing RRHS in such a mature and respectful manner. As the day came to an end and we set ourselves up for the long trip home... The bus was buzzing of comments of how many of our students can’t wait to take up skiing or snowboarding on a more regular basis and for those who experienced the snow for the very first time where all very thankful for this outstanding opportunity. Thank you Year 11 for making RRHs annual Snow Trip so successful!

Thank you to the organising and supervising teachers: Cameron Prince, Tim Laverty, Jack Scarrabelotti, Emma Turner and Elise Dessmann.
Thank you to local businesses
CONNECT Northern Rivers
and the School would like to
thank the following businesses for their ongoing
support in taking vocational students to assist them
in fulfilling the work placement component of their
VET course.

BLUE kitchen
Elders R Gordon & Son Real Estate
Goanna Bakery & Café
Henry’s Bakery Café
New Tatts Hotel
Skullcandy Oz Grom Open Surf Contest
Southside Studio 4 Hair
Taste at 8 Café
Wollongbar TAFE College Hort Dept.
Wollongbar TAFE IT Faculty

The Rivers College are proud to announce
‘Rivers MADness’
– a spectacular evening of Music, Art and Drama
that will showcase the brilliant talents of our Year 12
HSC Creative and Performing Arts students.

Richmond River High, Lismore High and Kadina
High Campuses will join forces on Tuesday the 1st
of September for the inaugural Rivers College CAPA
event. The evening will commence with the exhibition
of HSC artworks, at 5 p.m. at the ‘Bank Café’
Molesworth St Lismore. Guests will be greeted with
drinks and canapés, from 5 p.m. and Mayor Jenny
Dowell will officially open the evening. From 6 p.m.,
Guests will take a short stroll to the Star Court Thea-
tre for the commencement of the Music and Drama
performances at 6.15 p.m. The evening is expected
to conclude at approximately 8 p.m.

‘Rivers MADness’ is set to be an amazing presenta-
tion of our public school community’s most talented
at their creative best! The culmination of our stu-
dents continued dedication and love of the arts is on
display for one night only, so come and share in their
special talents and be inspired by their passion! We
look forward to seeing you there!

Society and Culture
Year 12 Society and Culture students have recently
submitted their Personal Interest Projects to the Board
of Studies. The PIP is an individual piece of extensive
social and cultural research on a topic of personal
choice. Students demonstrate the use of a variety of
research methods in their investigation and write a final
report on what they have discovered. The PIP contrib-
utes to 40% of the overall HSC mark in the subject. The
topics chosen for the PIP must reflect the nature of the
HSC Society and Culture course. This year’s topics in-
cluded –

- “Go back to where you came from” – Is this the
  reality for refugees coming to Australia
- “Are we afraid of the unseen?” – An analysis of
  how Australians perceive female muslim head
dress
- “Is beauty in the eyes of the beholder?” – what
  creates an individual’s perception of beauty?
- “The princess and the Higher School Certificate” – the significance of the formal for Year 12
  students
- “Gender Offenders” – an insight into what as-
  pects of a child’s life influences their gender
- “Does society need feminism like a fish needs a bicycle?” – an investigation into the perceptions
  of feminism and its relevance in contemporary
  western culture
- “Is technology taking the personality away
  from the people in the quest to find love?” –
  how has the dating game changed?
- “Stupid feminist propaganda is ruining Holly-
  wood” – an exploration into the representation of
  women in popular films
- “Praise the Lord and change the channel” “-
  the roles of Christian themes in children’s media
- “It’s just a game” – the representation of females
  in gaming.

Congratulations to all students on their selection of such
interesting topics and for their commitment to their PIPs
over the last year. “PIP, PIP HOORAY”

Mrs B Gray and Ms K Sheldon
Personal Interest Photos from
Year 8 – Classes 8.2, 8.3 and 8.5
### Upcoming Assessment due dates from the HSIE staff

**Year 7** Geography assessment task "Investigating Environments Fieldwork Report" is due on 24th August in Week 7.

**Year 8** History assessment task "Medieval Europe - Magna Carta" is due on 17th August in Week 6.

**Year 9** Geography assessment task "Nature of Australia" is due on 24th August in Week 7.

**Year 10** History assessment task "Popular Culture in Australia" is due on 13th August in Week 5.

Tasks are to be submitted to the HSIE staff Room before Roll Call.

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### Richmond River High School

**Year 12 Trial Examinations Timetable**

**Weeks 4 & 5  Term 3  2015**

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### New South Wales Selection

Harry represented the Northern Eagles Under 18 team at the National Touch League that was played in Penrith earlier this year. From this he was selected as one of 30 players for the New South Wales Under 18 development squad. Harry travelled to Sydney for a final training/selection day when the final team of 14 was selected and he was successful in making the team. He will now travel to Sydney for several training weekends and play at Caloundra against Queensland Regions and both NSWCHS and NSWCCC teams.

**Tim Laverty**

*Head Teacher PDHPE*
**THE RRHS AND THE RIVERS FOOTBALL TEAMS**

The Rivers girls are playing on Wednesday nights in the Southern Cross Interschool Football Competition at the Pacific Institute Football complex against Richmond River High Campus, Woodlawn and Trinity. Mr Wilson and Mr Eakin are inspiring many to take their football to the next level. A fantastic opportunity for the Rivers.

*Mrs S Laverty*
*Head Teacher (Acting)*
*The Rivers Secondary College*

RRHS girls Sienna Weekes and Taylor Small assisting with the Rivers Primary School sports challenge.
Dear Parents and Carers

Gonski Meeting
I would like to invite you all to a meeting with Tim Danaher to talk with you about the “I give a Gonski” campaign. Tim is currently employed full time to talk with school communities to co-ordinate a good news campaign about the benefits of the additional Gonski funding currently coming to public schools. The purpose of the campaign is to ensure that the additional funding continues for the full length of the 6 year commitment.

The meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Monday 10th August at school just before the P&C meeting.

See you there!

Dave Harvey
Principal

Social
“Farewell Year 12”
Pyjamas/Onesies

Tuesday
18th August
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 warm 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.
Attention all Parents and Carers

Our newsletter the 'River Views' is published every week 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 6621 3456.

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

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

Free School Uniform Polo Shirts
The Library has a number of brand new polo shirts available in the following sizes, limit of 1 per student.
White – Sizes 18, 20 & 22
Red – Size 8 (2 only), Sizes 12 & 14
Grey – Size 6 (1 only), Sizes 18, 20 & 22

Need someone to talk to?
CALL:
Kids HELPLINE 1800 551 800
Lismore HEADSPACE 6625 0200
Mental Health Line 1800 011 511
Beyond Blue 1300 789 978

See the Maths staff to obtain the password.

RRHS - Term 3 Week 5

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Attention all Parents and 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

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Hi Year 12, below are the current universities visiting RRHS. UNE will also visit RRHS and I will post the dates when received.

Universities will discuss courses offered, Scholarships available and assist with early entry applications.

**Thursday 27th August** - Year 12 Southern Cross University visit 1 p.m. to 1:40 p.m. – Library

*Mr E Weir*

*Careers Adviser*

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**Connect Academic Excellence Bursary is about to open**

Applications will open on Monday 20 July 2015 and close on Wednesday 30 September 2015.

The Griffith Connect Academic Excellence Bursary is awarded to a high achieving student from each Griffith Connect Partner schools and is valued at $3000. All high achieving students who are completing Year 12 in 2015 at a Griffith Connect Valued Partner School are invited and encouraged to apply. To apply, eligible students can submit their applications through the scholarships website.

From 2015, all student scholarship application forms are submitted via the one application form. Griffith University will consider students who submit a scholarship application form for every Griffith University scholarship they are eligible to apply for.

https://www.griffith.edu.au/scholarships

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**Telephone**: 6621 3456

www.richmondri-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

**Canteen**: 6621 4890
SURVIVING ADOLESCENCE TOGETHER

Adolescence is one of the greatest transitions a family must face. Extensive research has shown that the most protective factor in helping teens develop into resilient adults is a close, supportive relationship with a parent or caregiver. This parenting course is designed to support parents/carers to understand and respond proactively to the challenges of adolescence, and to help strengthen the parent/teenager relationship.

Topics covered: adolescent development, how relationships are protective, risks teens face, challenges parents face, how parents and teens push each others buttons and how to positively influence your teen.

When: Thursdays 3rd, 10th & 17th September (these are not separate seminars)
TIME: 10.30am to 1pm
WHERE: Northern Rivers Social Development Council, 16 Keen Street, East Lismore
COST: Free
CONTACT: Steve 0429 190 210 or Monica 0417 026 585

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

GIRLS IN - Engineering, Science & IT

Women are taking on the world - and taking up exciting careers in Engineering, Science and Information Technology.

Whether you are about to choose school subjects for your senior years or are looking for a career change, the GIRLS IN – Engineering, Science and Information Technology event provides a chance for you to investigate your options.

The evening will include guest speakers from industry as well as students talking about these areas - so you will hear first-hand what these careers are all about and have the chance to ask those curby questions.

Thursday, 20 August 2015
6.30 to 7pm followed by refreshments and networking
Ballina Surf Club
65 Lighthouse Parade, East Ballina

Attendance is FREE but please do RSVP to manee.savins@scu.edu.au for catering purposes.

This event is open to men and women.

ENERGY REBATE

Just a reminder to all about the Energy Rebate available to families who receive family tax benefit part A/B. The link below will take you direct to the online form that takes about 4 minutes to fill in, you need your CRN, and details from your electricity account.

The rebate this year is $150 that will be taken off your next power bill, you can apply for this rebate after you have done your 2014/15 tax return.

Year 10 Work Experience Opportunity

Dear Parents/Carers,

There is an opportunity for your child to participate in work experience if he/she is not attending the Year 10 Great Keppel excursion in Week 9 of Term 3.

For your child to participate in work experience during this time he/she must approach an employer and seek their approval to participate in five days of work experience from Monday to Friday, 7th - 11th September 2015.

The following information must be obtained from the employer and returned to Mr. Eden Weir (Careers Adviser) by Friday, 21st August 2015.

Business Name: ___________________________ Contact Person: ______________________________
Contact Number: ___________________________ Employer Address: ____________________________

- Once the student has submitted the above information, the employer will be contacted to confirm suitability and complete work placement forms.
- The employer will supply details to the school outlining the work experience activities. The student will be required to follow the link below to complete a work-ready activity. www.go2workplacement.com
- Parents will be supplied with the work experience details to view, sign and return to the school.
- The school will approve it once all documents are completed and received. The school must receive all documents by Thursday, 3rd September – otherwise placement cannot proceed. All documents must be received and school approval granted before any student can participate in work experience.

It is always recommended that students approach prospective employers to seek work placement, as employers generally prefer to meet the person undertaking the placement. (Not sure what to say? Here’s a simple script: Hi, I am a Year 10 student at Richmond River High School and I would like to know if I can participate in work experience here between Monday and Friday, 7th - 11th September 2015 please).

It is recommended that students undertake five consecutive days of work experience (Monday to Friday) to gain a good understanding of what is involved in the industry; please take into account transport to and from the employer.

It is recommended that a student completes a minimum of six hours per day (working times are flexible and are to be established initially with the employer).

For more information please contact Mr. Eden Weir on (02) 66213456

For the workplace learning guide for parents and carers go to:
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 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.

Section A

PARENT/CAREGIVER CONSENT

I give permission for my son/daughter student’s name: ___________________________ to attend the excursion to (venue) on (date)
I understand that the excursion is approved by the Principal and involves travel by (travel mode)
I give permission to use my child’s photo for publicity purposes. I understand that this may involve publishing of photos on the school website.

☐ I have made an online payment. My receipt number is: ___________________________
Signed: ___________________________ Date: / /

Section B

MEDICAL INFORMATION

For any enquiries regarding the Online Payment process please contact the School Administration Office on 66213456.