The Year 10, 2015 trip to Great Keppel Island was spectacular from start to finish. We arrived to perfect weather, which continued for the entire stay. Bright and early each morning, Mr French and Mr Eakin ran fitness sessions for the very brave few, which provided a refreshing start to the day.

On day two students spent the morning bushwalking and kayaking from Fisherman’s Beach around to Monkey Beach and Long Beach. After lunch we had free time and students were able to enjoy a variety of beach games. Day 3 was spent cruising, snorkelling and boom-netting from the ferry. We were also treated to a very close encounter with some Humpback whales, including an inquisitive mother and calf that popped up about 5 metres from the ferry. Day 4, sadly, was pack-up day with one last opportunity for beach games and generally enjoying the beauty of the island.

Throughout our stay, the students represented true RRHS values and their behaviour received compliments from both the resort manager and other guests. The Great Keppel excursion is an exceptional experience for our students, and we are lucky enough to be invited back each year thanks to the dedication of staff and quality of students that make RRHS a school of which to be proud. Special thanks to Mr Hanley for his organisation and determination over twenty years to make this trip one that generations of students will remember as a highlight of their time at our school.

_Cristy Sulek, Year 10 Adviser_
Year 12 Slave Auction
## YEAR 12 MAJOR AWARDS

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### Fishing for Sport

The sport fishing crew travelled to Ballina on Wednesday. The weather was fantastic and the water was crystal clear. Those conditions are not conducive to catching fish, but Claudia Joseph did catch a nice sized Bream. The smile on her face made the trip worthwhile.

*Mr Stegeman*
Richmond River High
Formal Committee Raffle

WINNERS WERE:
1st Prize: MX350 Dirt Rocket Electric Bike
Charlie Hancock

2nd Prize: Razor RX200 Electric Scooter
Charlie Pickford

Geography Skills
This term Year 7 have been getting their essential Geography skills down pat with a new kit of globes: calculating the size of the Earth, latitude and longitude, using atlases and understanding time zones.

Mr Jim Selwood
HSIE HT

Dixon Shield - Touch Football
Mr Roly Dixon was able to watch the last game of the Dixon Shield yesterday, when a two all draw between the staff and Year 12 students resulted in an overall win to the staff in the inaugural Dixon Shield. The competition has been played in great spirit over the last four weeks. Well done to all the staff and students who participated.
From the Relieving Principal

Today is a special day for Richmond River. Our Year 12 student have finished their face to face studies and celebrated with the traditional early morning breakfast then the Year 12 Formal Farewell Assembly. It is an exciting and sad time for our Year 12 students as they farewell their teachers and friends prior to the HSC Examinations. We are incredibly proud of each and every one of our Year 12 students. Every individual has a story of the challenges they have faced to get to this point and I congratulate not only the students, but their families as well. The journey is not yet over as the students are still to undertake their exams. Teachers are here to provide additional support and advice throughout the examination period. Many staff are holding revision and preparation sessions through the holiday period and I thank them for their commitment. Good luck in your exams Year 12. I’m looking forward to chatting to you and hearing how the exams are going.

Another significant event today is that it is the last day at Richmond River for Mr Dave Hanley. Mr Hanley has gained a well deserved promotion as Deputy Principal at Kyogle High School. Mr Hanley has been at the school since 1988 and for many people in the community he has had a significant impact on their lives. Mr Hanley has played an integral role as teacher and then as Head Teacher English at our school. He has been a valuable member of the Executive team and he is well loved by students and staff past and present. We wish Mr Hanley all the best with his new position.

Have a happy and safe holiday. Looking forward to seeing you all bright and refreshed next term.

Peter Howes
Relieving Principal

To Year 12: Farewell and Best Wishes

Dear Year 12 students
Most of you are now in the position of completing thirteen years of schooling. It is important to note that each of you is a major success, simply by virtue of completing your HSC and or Year 12 equivalent studies. This is a significant achievement and you are to be congratulated for this. I acknowledge the commitment and dedication that each of you has demonstrated during your thirteen years of learning at school. I also acknowledge that as the HSC has approached many of you have had to deal with levels of anxiety and self-doubt when things haven’t always gone to plan. In addition many of you have had to overcome difficult personal circumstances and stresses that have added other layers of complexity for you as you have navigated your way through school and a myriad of course requirements.

The HSC is an important milestone and we wish you every success in the completion of your examinations. I urge each of you to use the time between now and your examinations wisely in order to maximise your performances. Preparation is the key!

Although I ask each of you not to give up on yourselves during the next few weeks and to stay focused I also want to mention that while the HSC is an important credential in spring boarding you to further study or a job it is not the only way to get to the career you want. When you leave Richmond River other opportunities will undoubtedly come your way and take you in directions that you possibly had not even dreamt.

Each of you has made a special contribution to Richmond River during your time here and you will be dearly missed by all of us here! I wish each of you the very best in your future endeavours. I sincerely hope that your lives are full of happiness and fulfilment.

Mr Dave Harvey, Principal

Being RRHS
Is: Responsible Respectful Honest Safe
Dear Year 12 Students,

Southern Cross University has an exciting announcement for students interested in studying teacher education at university in 2016. Entry into SCU teaching degrees will be based on an indicative ATAR 70 with no additional prerequisite entry requirements. SCU education degrees are combined with a Bachelor of Arts to ensure a comprehensive foundation for our Education students in relevant discipline areas like Mathematics, English and Science. SCU have also created pathway courses for students who may not yet have reached the academic level required to gain entry directly into a teaching degree. For students who are academically capable but don't quite reach the ATAR, SCU are offering the Bachelor of Educational Studies which has an indicative ATAR 60. Students who successfully complete the first 8 units of this degree, equivalent to one year of full-time study, can transfer into an SCU Education degree with full credit.

Students who need additional assistance to build their academic skills can apply for the SCU fee-free Preparing for Success Program. After successfully completing this course in the first teaching session of 2016 they can apply to enter an education degree of their choice in second session.

Students can choose from the innovative range of teaching degrees:
- Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Education (Primary/Early Childhood)
- Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Education (Primary)
- Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Education (Primary/Secondary)
- Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Education (Secondary)
- Bachelor of Technology/Bachelor of Education (Secondary)

Or SCU pathway courses:
- Bachelor of Educational Studies
- Preparing for Success

Applications are now open. On-time applications via UAC and QTAC close on 30 September. For more information call our Future Students Team on 1800 626 481.

Mr E Weir, Careers Adviser

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**RRHS - Term 4 Week 1 Week A**

- **Monday 05/10/2015**
  - PUBLIC HOLIDAY

- **Tuesday 06/10/2015**
  - Students return to school

- **Wednesday 07/10/2015**
  - Youth Frontiers

- **Thursday 08/10/2015**

- **Friday 09/10/2015**

**CANTEEN ROSTER - Term 4 Week 1**

- **Monday 05/10/2015**
  - PUBLIC HOLIDAY

- **Tuesday 06/10/2015**
  - Kelly Wilson

- **Wednesday 07/10/2015**
  - Meryl Condon

- **Thursday 08/10/2015**
  - Dorothy Tan

- **Friday 09/10/2015**
  - Kelly Wilson

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

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**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

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**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

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**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

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**P & C Meeting**

6.00 - 7.30 p.m.
Monday 12th October 2015

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Richmond River High School  Telephone: 6621 3456  www.richmondri-h.schools.nsw.edu.au  Canteen: 6621 4890
Sunshine Sugar OPEN DAY!
2016 Apprenticeship Information Session
Broadwater Mill

Sunshine Sugar will be holding an information session for the upcoming 2016 apprenticeship intake. The session will be held at Broadwater Mill on Wednesday 23 September at 10am.

Apprenticeships / Traineeships offered for 2016:
- Fitter / Machinist
- Boilermaker
- Electrician

If you are interested in applying for an apprenticeship or traineeship, come along to the information session to speak to current apprentices and qualified tradespeople to find out more about these career opportunities. Application kits will be available on the day.

Ideal applicants will have completed Year 11, with above-average academic results.

Visitors wishing to participate in a tour of the Broadwater Mill are required to wear long sleeves and pants and closed-toe shoes.

To register your attendance, please contact Marina D’Ursano on 6681 2709 or email mdursan@sunshinesugar.com.au

Your future is BRIGHT!

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Sibling Water Scientist
Program at Hands on HO Water Lab

A youth mentoring program where older students can help to connect, support and develop the scientific curiosity and understanding of younger students.

For: Secondary or Tertiary students 14 to 25 year olds.

Youth commitment:
- A 4 hour volunteer session at Water Lab Wednesday* (in the school holidays), reserve volunteers may be welcome.
- The participants complete an online (or paper copy) survey after their volunteering days (5-10 minutes)
- An information briefing session can be arranged at lunch time or after School at your School, twice and twice (or suit the student).

What participants need:
- An interest in helping younger children have fun while learning.
- A positive attitude to Science – but you don’t need to be a science nerd.
- A manner understanding of how to interact, listen and talk with young children.
- A willingness to help your community through volunteering.

How to apply
Teachers coordinate or ask students to respond individually: Respond your interest to: hands.on.ho@sunshinesugar.com.au or ring Barbara at Hands on Water 6681 2877.

Include in your email your answers to these questions:
1. My age is...
2. I go to School at...
3. My Science Teacher is...
4. I have support of my Parents to participate VTS or ND (OK?i.e.)
5. I would be an awesome Sibling Water Scientist because...

Parent Support:
- The participants have someone who can drive them to Driverly Environmental Education Centre, 2501 Duncan Road on their Water Lab Wednesdays volunteering days. (It is about the corner from Rocky Creek Dam – about 30 minutes from Lismore)
- Parent permission forms to be completed prior to the volunteer day.

Achievements:
- Helping to foster positive science experiences and grow scientific knowledge and engagement of younger children.
- Providing valuable sibling role modelling and mentoring.
- Supporting local community events with volunteer time and effort.

*Water Lab Wednesday
Water Lab Wednesdays is a School Holiday Activity where children 5 to 12 years old with a supervising adult can discover more about water and the environment. Investigations and games. The Water Lab opens at 12pm and closes at 5pm at Driverly Environmental Education Centre. It’s close to Rocky Creek Dam, near the river water supply, as families can make a day of water education has followed by a picnic play or swimming at the Bay. On Wednesdays in each holiday period come out and some easy activities including identifying water bugs under a microscope; Building boats, making music and monitoring the river. The Water Lab is also open during School Term for Year 1 & 2 (April) and Year 3, 6 & 8 (September) with supervised equipment and more student led water excursions to support the new Water curriculum. For more information visit: www.waterlab.lismore.au
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
- 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.