From the Relieving Principal

Welcome back everyone. It is delightful to see the students back at school looking refreshed, relaxed and ready for a good year of learning. The uniform and attitude of the students has been outstanding – a terrific way to start the year. Many of you would now be aware that Mr Harvey has been asked to relieve in the position of Director Public Schools NSW for the duration of Term 1. He has asked me to relieve as Principal while he is away. Mr Laverty will be relieving as Deputy Principal for the next week. We have a number of new staff at the school who you can find out about in this edition of the newsletter. I would also like to extend a welcome to all of our new Year 7 students and new students in other years. I am looking forward to getting to know you.

At the first assembly of the year I outlined my expectations for each and every student which I would like to share with you in summary:

- Teaching and learning is the number one priority and disruption to classes will not be tolerated. Work to your ability. Complete all tasks set by teachers and you be surprised at how well you can do.
- Be respectful to all
- Be responsible for your actions
- Be honest in your interactions
- Be safe with your conduct
- Be mindful of those around you
- Be grateful for the opportunities you have at this amazing school and pursue those options
- Be the best person that you can possibly be.

There are a lot of exciting and innovative learning opportunities and projects planned for this year and I am looking forward to sharing these with you throughout the term. This may also be the last River Views in this format for Richmond River as this term we are transitioning to a new look newsletter with The Rivers College format. I'll be happy to know what you think.

Our newly refurbished canteen has unofficially opened whilst we wait for some equipment to be installed later in the term. The menu will remain as it was last year until the equipment is installed and we have the official opening. The first P&C Meeting of the year is on this Monday, 8th February, at 5.30 p.m. in our Common Room. All are welcome and I hope to see you there!

Peter Howes
Relieving Principal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - WEEK 2 B

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Rachel Herne was selected in the U/19 NSW State Netball Team

Congratulations Rachel on this outstanding achievement. Rachel is the only woman from regional NSW to make the team. Rachel will play for NSW in Perth at the Nationals from 11th April until 18th April. In the meantime she is training in Sydney every Friday, Saturday and Sunday until the Nationals. RRHC wishes you every success at the Nationals.

Blood Bank Community Service

Thank you to the students who are willing to roll up a sleeve and donate during 2016. Many students who donated during 2015 are keen to give again, thank you. To donate you must be: over 16, weigh more than 50kg, not travelled to Far North Queensland or certain countries, no recent tattoos, piercings and dental work. Under 18 years old you can donate once a year, over 18, every three months. Please see me if you are interested in donating.

Parents or carers, If you decide to donate mention your child is from Richmond River High Campus and help promote the good work they are doing.

Scott Harrison
Student Support Officer

Ella-Veit Prince our first donor for 2016.

STUDY TIPS

Tips for focusing in class:
1. Get a good night's sleep. Get at least eight hours of sleep each night.
2. Eat a healthy breakfast.
3. Avoid sitting with friends if they distract you.
4. Remove all distractions such as your device or mobile phone.
5. Look at the teacher and make eye contact.
6. Know your goal.
7. Take notes.
8. Get involved in class discussions.

For more information please email Scott Hogden or Tracy Kelso on:
Scotthogden@det.nsw.edu.au
Tracy.birney3@det.nsw.edu.au

School Canteen Upgrade

During the summer break our canteen has been renovated to a commercial kitchen standard.
Welcome to the new RRHS Staff

**Miss Elizabeth Perry** who will be teaching in the HSIE faculty, Elizabeth has previously taught at The Southport School and Sheldon College both in Queensland.

**Mr Andrew Clark** comes to RRHC from Wollongong and he will be teaching in the TAS faculty, construction, timber, mandatory technology and IT.

**Ms Louise Gresty** has relocated from Coffs Harbour and is in the TAS faculty where she is teaching food and textiles in Years 7 and 8, and Hospitality and Exploring Early Childhood in the senior years.

**Ms Pauline Macleod** is a science teacher and has joined our Science faculty, she has previously taught at Mullumbimby High School.

**Mr Corey Wheeler** has joined our English faculty and he previously taught at Southern Cross High School.

**Ms Nicole Kelly** has joined our PDHPE faculty and she previously taught at Woodlawn.

**Mr Nick Gallagher** has joined our Maths faculty.
From the Deputy Principals

Preliminary HSC Assessments Schedules.
All Year 11 students this week were issued with Assessment Schedules for the year. These outline the tasks for each subject and when they are due. If your student did not receive one yet please see the office and check with students as some tasks have already been issued. It is important that Year 11 start the year well in preparing themselves for the HSC.

Uniform
Students should not wear black shirts as these have never been the school uniform. We are asking that all students wear a collared shirt that is grey or white preferably with the school crest and a red shirt for Wednesday sport. Students who continue to wear t-shirts will be asked to change in the library.

Rivers College Sporting Teams
This week saw the first selection of a Rivers College sporting team in Volleyball. This year the three campuses will compete in Combined High School sports as the Rivers College. This is very exciting, being able to select the best students from each campus. Students will receive notes from the campus of the coach so you may see some permission notes from another campus, all the same processes for returning these and payments will still be made at our office.

Swimming Carnival Transport
All students are to come to school in the morning for roll call and will then be transported by bus to the Lismore Baths. All students including Year 12 are expected to catch the school buses to and from the pool. This has been introduced over the last few years to ensure safety and supervision. No student is exempt from these procedures unless they are collected in person by their own parent or carer from the front gate of the pool. Notes to leave the pool area during the day or at the completion of the carnival will not be approved. Phone calls will not be accepted during the day. All Years 11 and 12 students are to catch the buses. Year 12 students are NOT permitted to drive their cars to the pool. All notes are due to the office by Wednesday 10th February.

Tim Laverty
Relieving Deputy Principal

SRC and Carr Legacy Scholarship Formal Assembly
The SRC for 2016 Induction and the Presentation of the Carr Legacy Scholarship Recipients from 2015 Formal Assembly will be held on Thursday 11th February at 10.10 a.m. in the MPU. Parents and carers of the SRC members and the Scholarship Recipients are welcome to attend this assembly.

Student Recognition-Jayden Morrison
At RRHC we are privileged to have students excelling not only at school, but also in their particular fields of interest. One of these is Year 12 student, Jayden Morrison. Jayden is a promising film maker with huge potential, he has already tasted success in local festivals in the past, this time, Jayden has received the ‘Jury Award for Best High School Short Film’ at this year’s Byron Bay All Shorts Competition. His film, ‘Return,’ sparked interest across the competition. In less than five minutes, Jayden has magnificently “captured” the ocean and how all surfers, ‘need to return’ to where they feel most comfortable. Congratulations Jayden.

Mr D Bordin
Attention all Parents and Carers

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If you can’t make it in person, then join from 5.15 p.m. via Skype.
Send a contact request to: Richmondriverhighpandc
If you have any queries or anything you would like to raise with the P&C:
Email: rrhspandc@gmail.com
Looking forward to seeing you there.

P & C News for 2016

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Our next meeting will be held on:
Monday 8th Feb at 5.30 p.m.
Upstairs Common Room.

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

UPCOMING FORMAL ASSEMBLIES

SRC and Carr Legacy Formal Assembly will be held on Thursday February 11 at 10.10 a.m.

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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RIVERS SPORTING COMMUNITY NEWS

Throughout 2015 the three campuses of the Rivers Secondary College embraced a shared Wednesday morning weekly sports program. Across the College students were able to participate in a greater range of sporting activities than in previous years.

The Rivers Secondary College is made up of Kadina High Campus, Lismore High Campus and Richmond River High Campus. In 2016 we will be entering the NSW CHS KO competition in the majority of team sports as The Rivers Secondary College. Our Rivers Secondary College teams will compete in the largest gifted and talented program in New South Wales schools. Trials to select each sporting team will be held prior to the round 1 play-by-date as per the NSW Combined High Schools draw and teams will enter round 2.

The Rivers Secondary College is excited about expanding the sporting opportunities for all students, as well as allowing all students’ access to expert coaching from our staff across the college.

We will enter Lismore High Campus, Richmond River High Campus and Kadina High Campus in "North Coast only" Competitions (at least 11 sports). Further to this we will enter as separate campus sites in Athletics, Cross Country and Swimming for the Northern Rivers Zone and North Coast School Sport carnivals. If you have any further enquiries, please make contact with your campus Sports Organiser.

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Italo Stars Football Club welcomes all junior players aged 5-16 to join our family friendly club in the upcoming season. 
EVERYONE WELCOME
For more information contact
Ben Perry 0407756439 or Emily Cox 0401887808

SIGN ON DATES
Saturday 6th of Feb
Saturday 13th of Feb
9 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Italo Australia
Club Barrow Lane, North Lismore

LISMORE THISTLES SOCCER CLUB 2016 JUNIOR SIGN ON

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All current and new players are welcome and we have junior teams from Grade 6 to Grade 16 (5 to 16 years).
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Full fees are required to be paid at Sign On or by agreement on the day – however a minimum of 50% of the fees are to be paid at Sign On and the remainder no later than Thursday 29th April 2016.

For further information, contact Wayne on 0401 069242.

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www.lismorethistles.com.au

Dunoon United Football Club
Come and play soccer at Dunoon this year
REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN
register online at myfootballclub.com.au
all new and returning players welcome
any child turning 5 this year can join
miniros (ages 5-11) join us at one of our muster and information sessions
Thursday Feb 11 and 18, 4pm-5.30pm

For more information contact
Rob Gatt (President) 0428884222
Matt Hill (Secretary) 0438509284

Lismore Workers FC
Soccer Sign on
Saturdays February
13th, 20th and 27th.
9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Club House in Brewster St.
(Next to Lismore Square)
Junior Boys and Girls from 5 to 17 years.

www.lismoreworkersfc.org.au
Need more info contact Sharon Lane
0466388422, 66222731 or lanesharon@hotmail.com

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Summerlanders Netball Club incorporated will be holding their annual Sign-on day on Saturday (13th February) at the Marie Mackney Netball Courts - Upstairs Clubhouse, Ballina Street Lismore from 9am - 12noon. Come down and sign on to be a part of Summerlanders 41st year as a club in the Lismore Distric! If you have any questions, please email: summerlandersnetball@gmail.com
Help a young person you know follow their dreams with a $6,000 scholarship! Nominations open now

Youth Off The Streets is a non-denominational community organisation working for young people who are facing challenges of homelessness, drug and alcohol dependency, exclusion from school, neglect and abuse. We provide a range of services to support these young people as they work to turn their lives around.

It is our belief that education is the key to breaking the cycle of disadvantage and poverty that traps so many of the young people we work with. Our National Scholarship Program is a way in which we offer young people in Australia an opportunity to achieve their best.

National Scholarship Program

The National Scholarship Program celebrates the talents and strengths of young people in Australia who exhibit extraordinary promise but lack the personal support networks and resources that will allow them to fulfil their potential.

Every year over 20 young people throughout Australia are awarded scholarships valued at $6,000 to pursue further education or training so they may realise their potential for a positive future. In addition each recipient and their guest will be brought to Sydney to attend a special award ceremony in September 2016 to be formally acknowledged of their achievement.

Who can be nominated?

Nominations are invited from young people aged 16 to 21 inclusive with genuine talent, ability and determination in any education or training course, including (but not limited to): academic skills; visual or performing arts; sport; trade skills; and music.

Nominations must be made by the young person themselves; however assistance in completing the nomination is encouraged and is your opportunity to help a young person follow their dreams.

Please visit www.youthoffthestreets.com.au/programs/scholarship for further information, read the Nomination Guidelines & Conditions, download and complete a 2016 National Scholarship Program Nomination Form or to complete the form online.

Nominations close on Friday, 8 April 2016 at 5pm.

Please forward this email to your relevant networks to ensure all eligible young people have a chance to apply for this great opportunity.

For further information please contact the scholarships team at scholarships@youthoffthestreets.com.au or phone (02) 9330 3537 or (02) 9330 3537

Youth Off The Streets

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Young Writers Group

Do you love to write?

Need help with your writing for school projects, or just want to learn new skills?

Join local author Jesse Blackadder for an expedition into the writing world.

Thursday 3 March

Lismore Library meeting room (ground floor)

5.00pm - 6.30pm

For high school aged participants.

Light refreshments will be provided - please book your place.

Free!

For bookings talk to the staff at the library or phone us on 6621 2464.

Richmond Tweed Regional Library

For other branch locations.