

RICHMOND RIVER HIGH CAMPUS NEWSLETTER



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From the Principal

This week brings the good news that all those nasty rumours around town that there was an intention to close Richmond River High Campus have finally been put to rest, by the Minister of Education Mr Rob Stokes himself. So, just as we were prior to this revelation we will carry on with the excellent work of educating your young people.

Now, I believe the rumour mentioned in the paragraph above was possibly a direct result of the subject of this paragraph, that is, the flood that occurred earlier this year. In Week 10 we will lose the use of 14 rooms in the school in order to commence the last stage of flood reparation work with the hopes of having everything shipshape by Day 1, Term 1, 2018. This means that it is impossible for us to run our timetable and as a result of these works we will be running activities on Monday 11 and Tuesday December 12. All students in Years 7 to 11 will have received information regarding these activities and by now will have made choices, all except those Year 11 students who are enrolled in Shared Curriculum subjects as they, by College agreement, must run. Wednesday will be Sport in the morning as usual for Years 7 to 10 with the possibility of some alternative programs in the afternoon. Thursday sees our Formal Assembly as well as River Idol in the afternoon. Friday there will be no formal timetable running due to the before-mentioned difficulties and we are as yet to decide how Friday December 15 will operate. Stay tuned.

I hope you stay dry and safe in the next few days if the predicted 'significant rain event' actually happens.

Mary-Jane Pell

Principal

Rural Summer School at UNE

Congratulations to Indigo Keszler and Tahi White of Year 10 who participated in the UNE Rural Scholars Summer School during Week 6. Only 24 students across the region gained the opportunity to participate and UNE indicated there were a large number of competitive applications. Indigo and Tahi had a great time and experienced the town of Armidale, the University Colleges, and ultimately what it is like to be a Rural Medicine student for a week. The University of New England is passionate about promoting quality medical care in our local and rural communities. Thank you to UNE for this opportunity and well done to Indigo and Tahi.

Eden Weir

Careers Adviser



Deputy Principal News

Hello RRHC community

It has been another busy week at The River.

All students have now completed a survey developed here at RRHC to inform the school on how to best support students and identify areas of concern across the school. This data will help guide the direction of the school plan. I would like to thank all students for the valuable insight they have provided and thank Mr Selwood for developing the survey.

Due to the repairs being undertaken on the school many classrooms will be unavailable during the last week of school. Students have been asked to select from activities that are fun and engaging. Please ensure that notes and money are returned as soon as possible for the smooth running of these activities. A massive thank you to Mr French and supporting staff for organising these activities.

Last week MADD CAPA night was a success with students showcasing their talent in a night of entertainment in the River Theatre. This is a result of the willingness of the dedicated CAPA staff who are prepared to give up their time and provide these opportunities to our students. It is experiences like this that remind us of how talented the students of our school are.

Year 10 have been provided the opportunity to complete the 'All my own work' course this week. This is mandatory and students who have not completed this course are not eligible for a HSC. If a Year 10 student has been absent today they must make arrangements with Ms Helliwell to complete this as soon as possible.

Next Tuesday, 5 December, will be the second and final Year 6 into Year 7 transition day. The students will spend the day with their Year 9 peer support leaders starting off with some small group activities, and then spend the rest of the day in taster lessons to get a feel for what school will be like next year.

To end with a quote: *Do activities you're passionate about - which make your heart and soul feel perky - including things like working out, cooking, painting, writing, yoga, hiking, walking, swimming, being in nature, being around art, or reading inspiring books.* (Karen Salmansohn)

Have a happy and safe weekend.

Luke Woodward

From the Front Office

Due to the new NSW public schools Finance System we are unable to hold any money overnight and so we do not have any change for payments.

If possible when making payments for your student, can you please provide the correct money.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused.



Please note: Payments to the Front Office will close at 3.15pm on Thursday 14 December.

No further payments will be taken after this time.

Receipting will resume on Tuesday 30 January 2018.

MADD - Outstanding success

Congratulations to all the students who participated on Thursday night last week. The evening kicked off with a display of art, photography and ceramics, with the Hospitality students providing tasty canapés and mocktails to the delight of visitors. Music and Drama students then entertained the packed River Theatre audience with outstanding performances. Well done to the students and staff who made the evening such a success and thank you to our wonderful community who supported this showcase of student talent.

Ben Wordsworth
CAPA Relieving HT



Year 11/12 Agriculture - Industry Tour

On Monday 20 November Year 11/12 Agriculture students set out on their School to Work Agriculture Tour. First stop was the National Marine Science Centre in Coffs Harbour. Students were given a tour of the amazing facility by Stephan Soule. He spoke to students about the facility, current research projects being undertaken by students and career options related to marine enterprises. We then travelled on to UNE where we stayed the night at St. Albert's College before attending the University of New England, Armidale National Agriculture Day Cattle Clinic. Students attended sessions related to feeding ruminants, impact of genetics, cattle handling and the science of meat. I would like to congratulate the students on their behaviour and how well they represented our school.

Sally Ford
Agriculture Teacher



Year 11/12 Primary Industry Farm Visit – Sheep Enterprise

We would like to thank the Cotroneo family for their generosity in hosting RRHC Primary Industries students for an industry visit. Students were able to watch a variety of demonstrations related to sheep handling and management skills. Students were then allowed to practice these skills under supervision. It was a fantastic day enjoyed by all.

Sally Ford
Agriculture Teacher



Carl's time at Rivers College ending

After fourteen and a half years based at River's College, my seventeen year career as School Counsellor is ending at the end of Term 4. I will finally be leaving school after 60 years, having started school at age five and being employed in schools most of the sixty years.

It's been a very pleasant time working as a School Counsellor/Psychologist in Lismore and surrounds, having worked at Lismore South, Whian Whian, Upper Coopers Creek, Dunoon, Wollongbar, Lismore, Alstonville, Wilson Park and Albert Park Public Schools, whilst based at RRHC. Prior to this I worked as School Counsellor in Walgett, Collarenebri and Lightning Ridge, then in Glen Innes and district.

For the last three years, through the great kindness of my RRHC Principals, in approving part time leave without pay, I have been in Private Practice, as a 'Medicare-approved', registered, Generalist Psychologist, over in Mullumbimby. Even though I am retiring from this Public Service position I will continue my Private Practice, increasing it to three days per week in 2018.

Over the years, whilst working in Lismore, I have followed many, many other pursuits, including stage acting, musical performing, caring for dying people in their own homes, community development projects, alternative technology projects, living an alternative lifestyle, Adult Community Education, annual travel to Donegal, Ireland, etc, etc. I am extremely grateful that the paid leave, demands and hours of this work has allowed pursuit of these other passions. These will continue. *From these there is no retirement.*

Over the years I have especially enjoyed, and deeply appreciated, the respect and professional recognition that I have received from students, parents, community members, workers in associated agencies and fellow school staff. I am deeply grateful for this. This has been a source of great thanks, joy and personal satisfaction. There are a few Staff Members with whom I have experienced deep 'connection', and I will miss the daily experiences of this.

Farewell from Carl Moore.

Ancient Greece comes alive through newspapers

Year 9.6 HSIE voted to study Ancient Greece for their end of year unit in HSIE. Students have spent some time recreating the weapons that Sparta used as well as some of the Ancient Greek gods. Using only newspaper, sticky tape and sticks, students have used their problem solving and design skills to create some brilliant items over the last few lessons.

Elizabeth Perry
HSIE Teacher



Basketball Gala Day

Years 9 and 10 were invited to participate in the 'Aussie Dent King' Basketball Gala Day at the Lismore Stadium last Friday. RRHC fielded one boys team and added two girls to a mixed team on the day.

Macie Nixon and Tyler Thorley were disappointed to lose Shoshanna Toben to injury and this loss, along with the other girls who were unable to attend on the day, meant we were unable to field a complete team. Tyler and Macie formed a team with some other players and had a wonderful day. Unfortunately the girls from Xavier Catholic College, Ballina, were too strong on the day.

The boys team had a little more success with games against Kadina HC, Lismore HC, Woodenbong Central School and Xavier College which saw some hard matchups well contested. The boys lost point guard Cameron Bosel early in the day to an injury, leaving the team under resourced. Angus Scarrabelotti stepped into the breach and worked hard to keep our centres well supplied. Callan Rigby and Charlie Pickford worked well in the paint, supported by a massive effort from Charlie Miller who soldiered on through a persistent ankle issue. Thomas Faraway was solid in offence, taking opportunities no one else saw. Luc Veit-Prince took advantage of Cameron's safe hands while they were available scoring more threes than Xavier College thought possible. Special mention must be made of award winner Luka Goulding who really excelled under the hoop.

The boys had success against Woodenbong CS and Xavier College but suffered at the hands of gala day champs Kadina HC. The game against Lismore HC was close but the clock ran out before the boys could get on top.

Our players represented RRHC with maturity and enthusiasm, a credit to their capacity as sports people. Many thanks to Angela Richardson and the support staff at the Lismore Stadium for coordinating the day. Congratulations to Jacob Leu for initiating the event and a BIG thankyou to local business 'Aussie Dent King' for supporting the day. Sincere appreciation to the parents of our team players who always step up with transport and assistance on days like this - without you we would not have had success!

Cameron Prince
Team Coach

2016 Post School Destination Survey – Kalindi wins movie tickets

Kalindi Salvo Sampson has collected her prize from the post school destination survey draw. Kalindi graduated in 2016 and is now a fulltime trainee Office Junior Secretary. She is working locally at Somerville Laundry Lomax Solicitors and will finish her traineeship in March 2019, completing a Certificate III in Business Administration and Legal. Her best memory of RRHC is the music played and all the CAPA staff. Congratulations Kalindi and thank you to all the RRHC 2016 Year 12 graduates who participated in the post school destination survey.

Eden Weir
Careers Adviser



CALENDAR

TERM 4 - Week 9A

4 December

Lismore Waste Facility Visit - Year 9 Ag.
Djura Norpa Performance

5 December

Year 6 into Year 7 Transition Day

6 December

7 December

Year 7 Air Factory Excursion

8 December

Storyboard Workshop Years 7-8

CANTEEN ROSTER

4 December - Help needed

5 December - Kerrienne Cawley

6 December - Meryl Condon

7 December - Dorothy Tan

8 December - Ian Hooper

If you can help, please phone
Kathy Claydon on 6621 4890.



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We would like to respectfully acknowledge the Elders past and present of the Wiyabal Wiyabal people and other peoples of Bundjalung Nation. We acknowledge that they are the first peoples of this land on which our school stands.

To view all current events at
Richmond River High Campus, please
refer to our Facebook page at:

[RRHC Facebook](#)

(you do not have to have an account on
Facebook to access our page)

Or alternatively go to our web site and click
on the link at the bottom of the page.

Please let us know if you have problems
accessing it.

To view The Rivers Secondary College
SMORE newsletter go to

<https://www.smore.com/1n9qd>

Canteen Specials Week 9

Monday 4 December

Salad bar - Small \$4, Large \$6

Tuesday 5 December

Honey soy chicken legs and fried rice - \$6



Thursday 7 December

Pulled beef or bean tacos and salad - \$6

Friday 8 December

Pesto chicken and pesto pasta -
Small \$5, Large \$7



QUOTE OF THE DAY

*"Alone we are smart.
Together we are brilliant."
(Steven Anderson)*

From the Canteen
If anyone has an abundance of
fresh fruit and would like to
donate it to our Canteen, it
would be greatly appreciated.



Senior Rivers College Volleyball teams

On Monday 27 November, the Senior Boys and Girls Volleyball teams from RRHC played against Kadina High Campus to select the Rivers College Team. The girls played against a very good Kadina side, losing 2 sets to 1. Congratulations to Tiffany Hull, Savannah Smith, Gabby Allen and Maia Stone - all selected in the Rivers College Team. Our senior boys side, led by Alby Pickford, played a very strong game and were victorious 3 sets to 0. Congratulations to Alby Pickford, Nathan Blanksby, Jayden Allen, Joel Willis and Jacob Ross who all gained selection to attend the Evans Head Gala Day on Thursday Week 9. Congratulations to not only the students selected but all students who competed on the day with fantastic sportsmanship and camaraderie all day.

Nick Gallagher
Team Coordinator



NDIS for School Leavers

Come and learn about how the NDIS can support participants in achieving their employment goals and aspirations after finishing Year 12.

School Leaver Employment Supports (SLES) is an early intervention approach designed to assist Year 12 school leavers who are NDIS participants with the transition from school to employment. SLES is expected to deliver vocational skills development and contribute to the participant achieving an employment outcome. SLES may include job skills, travel and communication training. This information session is for participants to discover what employment supports are available for them as they become NDIS ready.

Tweed Heads
Seagulls Club
Gollan Drive
Tweed Heads NSW 2485
Lismore
Lismore Workers Sports Club
202 Oliver Drive
Goonellabah NSW 2480

Tuesday 5 December 2017
3:00pm – 4:30pm

Thursday 7 December 2017
3:00 – 4:30pm

Register here:

Tweed Heads – Tuesday 5 December 2017

[NDIS for School Leavers - Tweed Heads](#)

Lismore – Thursday 7 December 2017

[NDIS for School Leavers - Lismore](#)

Please direct any forum enquiries or specific accessibility requirements to engagement@ndis.gov.au.

Note that if an Interpreter is required we will need five days' notice.

SUMMER THEATRE WORKSHOPS

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AT NORPA



NORPA are offering three exciting acting workshops for young people aged 8-18 years. Each workshop explores the crazy ways in which NORPA makes theatre — from the physical and dynamic to the bold and downright silly. Join us for a deep dive into the world of performance, imagination, physical expression and collaborative theatre-making strategies (which is just the grown ups way of saying we'll play lots of games).

22-25 JANUARY 2018 | 10AM – 4PM

STEPPING INTO IMAGES
WITH BARRY LAING
15-18 years

Bridge the space between imagination and physicality by exploring the intersection of image, movement, music and text. Explore collaborative strategies for theatre-making, creating images that emerge from young people's concerns and interests.

NOT A WORD
WITH KATE WALDER
12-15 years

Spend a week exploring how much you can say without actually saying anything. Discover how physical theatre can help us express a range of emotions and explore clowning and mask work.

EMPOWERED PLAY-MAKING
WITH AJITA CANNINGS
8-12 years

This workshop holds children's natural joy and inherent inquisitiveness as performers and creators at its heart. An exciting and safe environment to explore performance.

LOCATION Lismore City Hall | 1 Bounty St, Lismore

PRICING \$260 per student
\$740 early bird price if paid by December 22, 2017
\$210 for second and subsequent children from the same family

* A limited amount of financial hardship scholarship are available to low socio-economic families. please contact education@norpa.org.au

norpa Shaping contemporary theatre
from regional Australia
norpa.org.au

CONTACT Ajita Cannings - Education
02 6622 0300
education@norpa.org.au

From the Library - Book Amnesty

Following our Library stocktake there are some Manga books not on the shelves and not loaned out to students. These are very popular books and our students are wanting to borrow them. We ask that parents/carers and students please check at home and bring/send in any that are found. Below are Series lists with copies missing. Thank you for your assistance.

Hack series
Blue Exorcist series
Prince of Tennis series
Soul eater not! Series
Yu-Gi-Oh! series
Yu-Gi-Oh! 5Ds series
Yu-Gi-Oh! GX series

TEXT BOOKS

Could all text books and English novels be returned through the Library as soon as they are no longer needed. Students are waiting to borrow them.

Louise Seccombe
Teacher/Librarian

Lost property at the Front Office

There is quite a lot of lost property including assorted jewellery and some keys at the Front Office. If you recognise anything in these photos please come and collect it. If it is not collected all items will be donated to charity at the end of Week 9.



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CAN YOU HELP?

FRIENDS OF RRHS.
CAN YOU SPARE 2 HOURS
FROM YOUR DAY
TO HELP IN THE CANTEEN?

**EVERY LITTLE
BIT COUNTS**

CALL KATHY CLAYDON ON
6621 4890

Knit & Chat



**Wednesday Lunch in
Library**

ALL Welcome


In support of "Wrapped With Love" charity

ATTENTION

All Parents/Carers

LOWES

You can 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

 **THE RIVERS
SECONDARY COLLEGE**

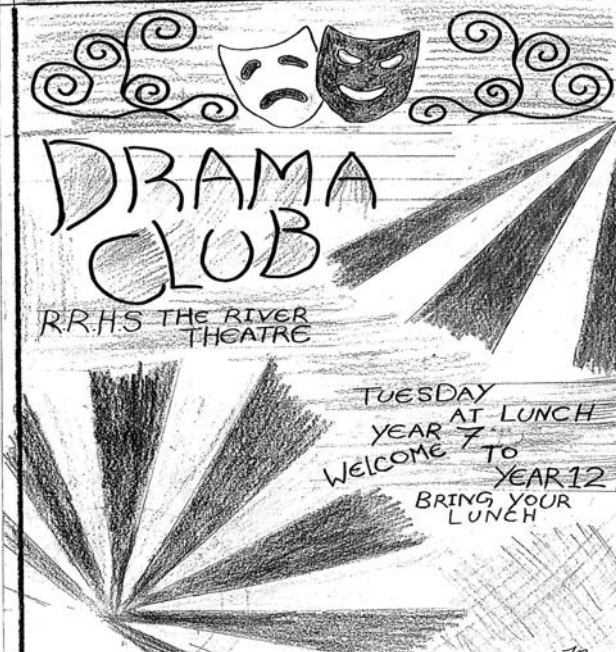
**Breakfast
Club
Every day
8.15-8.50am
Chill Out
Room**

**START YOUR
DAY RIGHT AT
BREAKFAST
CLUB**

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**Attention all Parents
and Carers**

Our newsletter 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 Library to collect a
paper copy at 3.15pm on Friday
afternoons.



**DRAMA
CLUB**

RRHS THE RIVER
THEATRE

**TUESDAY
YEAR 7
WELCOME TO
YEAR 12
BRING YOUR
LUNCH**

Need someone to talk to?

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Lismore HEADSPACE 6625 0200
Mental Health Line 1800 011 511
Beyond Blue 1300 789 978