

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



Farewell Year 12

Our Year Twelve students had a very emotional farewell at the end of Term Three. Currently they are undertaking their external HSC examinations. We will have an opportunity to meet one more time when we gather for the formal at the Lismore Workers Club on November 10th. For the rest of the school it is business as usual with Year Eleven students entering in to their HSC pattern of study. For students in other years formal examinations will be held in the MPC in coming weeks. The timetables for these examinations are published in this newsletter, and on the Facebook page.

Calendar

27 October

Zone boys cricket

27-29 October

CHS Tennis

29 October

SCU Seniors Careers Day
Under 14's cricket

9 November

P&C meeting— all welcome

10 November

Year 12 Formal

13 November

SCU chess

17-18 November

NC boys cricket

20 November

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Kadina Science visits Lismore Heights PS



During term 3, Kadina Science teachers were asked to help out primary schools with their science lessons. It is always great to encourage and support students and fellow colleagues. Being asked to contribute to an already beautiful learning environment was a great opportunity to enlighten primary students in the many aspects of Science.

One day a fortnight I presented information on Matter and Earthquake topics to Yr 5/6 at Lismore Heights primary. In doing so experiments and challenges were demonstrated where the primary students stepped up and proved to themselves and others that they were quite capable of achieving a range of varied tasks.

Well done to all involved, this was an excellent opportunity and rewarding experience for us all and we are now looking forward to future opportunities to connect with our Primary Schools of The Rivers P-12 Learning community.

Geoff Wilkes

Science teacher (pictured)

Opening new possibilities for Australia's STEM teachers

Science and mathematics teachers from all over Australia gathered in Canberra over the recent school holidays to boost their knowledge and teaching practices in new and creative ways during a week-long national intensive program.

Our teacher Vanessa Eden was one of the participants selected from a national field of applicants following an Expression of Interest process.

The program, titled *National Mentoring for Science and Maths Teachers*, aims to help teachers deepen their knowledge and understanding of how to get key ideas and difficult concepts in science and maths across to students in effective and engaging ways.

The University of Canberra is the lead partner in the design and delivery of this innovative program in collaboration with Questacon, the Australian National University, the Australian Science Teachers Association and the Australian Association of Mathematics Teachers.

University of Canberra professor of education and project director, Michael Gaffney, said: "The preparation of maths and science teachers is critical to ensure the next generation is best-equipped for the increasingly scientific, technological and mathematical demands of their day to day life, as well as their workplaces.

To quote Ms Eden 'I have just returned from a fantastic week of professional development in Canberra. The program was inspiring and excellent in so many ways, I am very fortunate to have been able to participate. I now have a mentor with whom I will be corresponding with over the next 18 months or so in order to improve my practice and keep those lessons inspiring and creative'

Pictured here are Vanessa Eden, Ian Chubb (Australia's chief scientist—presenter on the day) and fellow attending teacher from Lismore Matt Simpson.



2015 Lismore Office Education Awards



On Thursday September 17th The Rivers Secondary College, Kadina High Campus hosted the 2015 Lismore Office Education Week Awards. Recipients in the categories of Student Contribution, Staff contribution and Community contribution to public education were all recognized.

Lucinda Gray and Dominic Waters received students contributions at Kadina High, and Mr Zane van den Berg and Mrs Mari Ensby for staff contribution recognizing their continued support of our school campus.

On the evening there were a number of our Kadina community involved - Thank you to Tahlia Brice for her rendition of the National Anthem and Acknowledgement of Country. The Kadina Soul Band supported by Ms Johnstone and Mr Sassi for their musical performances, and the hospitality students, with a little help from Ms Russell, for catering the event.



Gazetting of The Rivers Secondary College

Our community should have noticed a change in naming on our Official web page and Face Book page. On 12 August 2015 the Minister for Education approved the proposed name for The Rivers Secondary College, Lismore High Campus, Richmond River High Campus and Kadina High Campus.

The Rivers Secondary College communication team is developing website and social media communication, logos, letterhead, banners and clothing logos to ensure we present a consistent message to our College community. We look forward to continuing our work to ensure improved opportunities for our students across the three campuses.

Please take a look at [The Rivers Secondary College website](#) where you will find regular updates about activities, events and successes of student and staff of The Rivers Secondary College.

AIME - Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience



Kadina Year 10 and 11 students had a fantastic time at their recent AIME (Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience). The students came from as far as Maclean and Casino and were all enthralled by the great speakers, who spoke about their achievements in many different areas.

Isaiah was very proud to meet idol his Cleveland McGhie. Kadina students were very empowered by attending AIME this year.



Welcome Mr Hayden

Welcome to Mr Hayden who has taken up the position of Head Teacher TAS at Kadina High Campus. Mr Hayden has come to us from the Coffs Harbour region. He has a wealth of skills and knowledge in the TAS area with particular expertise in VET (Vocational Education and Training) and WH&S (Work Health and Safety).

Mr Ippolito will take up the position of Head Teacher English at Ballina High School and leaves us at the end of week three. Mr Waugh will relieve as Head Teacher English for the remainder of 2015 with Ms Sue Page taking up the substantive position from 2016.

We have had confirmation of two new staff commencing in 2016, Ms Hannah Scott in Science replacing Ms Narelle Scott, and Mr Larry Pollack replacing Mrs Farrell in HSIE.



Kadina and Lismore High Snow Trip 2015



As promised last newsletter - photos of last terms combined annual snow excursion to Thredbo for Kadina High and Lismore High Campus's of The Rivers Secondary College.

Thanks to Catriona Fraser, Year 10 Advisor from Lismore High Campus for these photos.



Junior Exams



All Junior students Year 7 to 10 will sit end of year exams over the next few weeks. Year 7 will attend normal classes and their tests will be in their usual classrooms as directed by their teachers. Year 8, 9 and 10 will sit their exams in the MPC as per the timetables below. Students have been advised of the following instructions:

- *Students will attend normal classes when they do not have an examination.
- *Please be punctual so that exams can commence on time.
- *Phones must be turned off and left in bags at the back of the hall.
- *Students may not leave early. There will be no talking/communicating during the exam.
- *Each student is responsible for providing their own pens, pencils, calculator, ruler etc.
- *Any student who misbehaves in the exams will be referred to the Deputy/Principal.

Year 8	Yearly Exam	Timetable
Week 5A	Mon 2/11	Tues 3/11
Roll Call		
Period 2&3	English 9.25 - 10.25	HSIE 9.25 - 10.25
Recess		
Period 4&5	Maths 11.20 - 12.20	Technology 11.25 - 12.25
Lunch		
Period 6&7	PDHPE 13.50 - 14.50	

<div>Years 9 and 10 Yearly Exam Timetable</div>					
Week 4B	Mon 26/10	Tues 27/10	Wed 28/10	Thurs 29/10	Fri 30/10
Roll Call					
Period 2&3	Yr 10 Science 9.25 - 10.55	Yr 9 English 9.25 - 10.55	SPORT	Yr 9 Elective 2 9.25 - 10.55	Yr 10 Elective 1 9.25 - 10.55
Recess					
Period 4&5	Yr 10 English 11.20 - 12.50	Yr 9 Maths 11.25 - 12.55	Yr 9 Science 11.25 - 12.55	Yr 10 PDHPE 11.25 - 12.25	Yr 9 HSIE 11.25 - 12.55
Lunch					
Period 6&7	Yr 9 Elective 1 13.40 - 15.10	Yr 10 HSIE 13.40 - 15.10	Yr 10 Elective 2 13.40 - 15.10	Yr 10 Maths 13.40 - 15.10	Yr 9 Elective 3 13.40 - 15.10

White Ribbon Day



FAMILY FUN DAY with face painting, jumping castle, BBQ, food stalls and much more!

THE RIVERS
P-12



is hosting...

White Ribbon

Day



Raising awareness about
domestic and family violence

9 AM

Sunday 22nd November

Hepburn Park Goonellabah

Walkathon through Butterfly Walk

Best dressed individual. Best dressed team.
Best dressed business. Raffles.

'Rivers P-12 100m dash race- GIFT'

\$2 entry. Proceeds to White Ribbon and community organisations
supporting women and families in crisis.

For more information contact Sonya: sonya.lavery1@det.nsw.edu.au

SOUTHERN CROSS CULTURAL EXCHANGE: Department of Education is seeking volunteer families to host international students from February 2016. More info 1800 500 501, scceast@scce.com.au, www.scce.com.au
GREEN ARMY: 17-24yr olds. Paid an allowance, training & experience, 6 month projects Australian Govt initiative with Envite Environment. Apply online www.envite.org.au, more info www.environment.gov.au/green-army, 6627 2800, greenarmy@envite.org.au

CELEBRATING STUDENT VOLUNTEERING COMPETITION: for U25's prize \$1000. Entries close 30/10. Take a photo with 25 words caption describing your experience of student volunteering. For more info: <http://www.volunteering.nsw.gov.au/volunteers/youth/celebrating-student-volunteering> or contact Emma Byrne, NSW Volunteering Project Officer at emma.byrne@facets.nsw.gov.au or on 8753 8453.

YOUNG WRITERS GROUP: for high school students looking to improve writing skills for fun or for help with school work. 5/11 Lismore Library 5-6.30pm. Book & more info; 6621 2464.

LISMORE BASE HOSPITAL (United Hospital Auxiliary) FUNDRAISING FETE : 31/10 10am-3pm Pathology North/ Mental Health Unit Car park, LBH campus, Hunter St. More info 66202354 Lynn Weir or Diane Loza

EMPOWER U PROGRAM: for teenagers 2 days; taking control of your life, achieve new sense of worth, direction and empowerment. Brent Williams- 1300 039 662 www.tomorrowsyouth.com.au

STUDENT EXCHANGE AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND LTD: 15-18 yrs Student exchange Scholarship (\$2500-3500) and early bird discounts available- closes 31/10. visit www.studentexchange.org.au or 1300 135 331