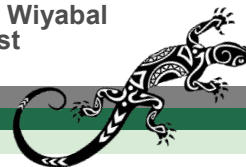


We would like to respectfully acknowledge the Elders past and present of the Wijabal Wiyabal people and other peoples of Bundjalung Nation. We acknowledge that they are the first peoples of this land on which our school stands.



The Rivers Secondary College

The Rivers Secondary College continue to work towards building a closer community between our schools. This has been evident with several events in recent weeks.

This week representatives from Kadina High, Lismore High and Richmond River High P&C executives met with the three campus Principals and the executive principal to discuss how the campus P&C's might build a closer connection in 2016.

On November 11th the student leaders and staff representatives attended the Remembrance Day Service at the Lismore Memorial Baths. Wreaths were laid as a sign of respect.

On Sunday November 22nd the Rivers P-12 Learning Community is hosting Lismore's Inaugural White Ribbon Day at Hepburn Park Goonellabah. This is to show a united front with regards to domestic violence and all members of our community are invited to attend (see last page).

Students in Year Ten who will be studying shared curriculum subjects in Year 11 2016 (travelling between campuses) have this week had an opportunity to meet with their teachers and next Friday will participate in an Orientation Day visiting the campuses where they will attend their shared curriculum subject.

Calendar

22 November

Rivers P-12 March for White Ribbon Day

23 November

The Rivers Secondary College Brand Ambassadors Workshop

23-25 November

Premier Sports Challenge—Lake Ainsworth Year 10

25/26/27 November

CAPA SHOWCASE Years 7-10

30 November

Movie World Excursion Year 8

3-4 December

Thunderbird Park Year 7

14-15 December

Excursion Year 10

11 December

Next Newsletter issued



Congratulations to all involved In the Year Twelve Formal. The students looked fantastic and it was an emotional event for all. There a number of photographs on the school Facebook page.

YEAR 12 Graduation Assembly 2015



It was with great honour as Year Advisor that I was able to take part in the Year 12 Graduation Assembly on Friday September 18th. It was an outstanding assembly and an emotional event for students, families and staff. The Year 12 students received their academic achievement awards as well as their portfolios which included their year 12 reports. There was also an inspiring speech by ex-student James Forbes, who is now the Head of Finance at St Vincent's Hospital Lismore. His message to students was to set realistic goals and to work hard at achieving them. The assembly was also an opportunity to introduce the new school captains for next year, Sarah Franey and Craig Price, both of whom spoke beautifully about the outgoing year 12s.

The Year 12 students were very supportive of each other and the staff; there was plenty of 'love' in the MPC. Celebrations continued in the Staff Common Room and quadrangle after the assembly where many final goodbyes, hugs and photos took place.

I wish the students all the best for their future endeavours.

Daniel Sassi

Year 12 Advisor, 2015



Year 12 Formal



On the evening of Tuesday November 10th 2015 our Year 12 students celebrated the completion of their HSC by attending their formal at the Lismore Workers Club.

The students attired in their formal dresses and suits arrived from 5.30 to 6.00pm in their fancy cars like rock stars, waving to the swooning and admiring crowd who was waiting for them outside the club.

After thirty minutes of parading and having their photographs taken, the ceremony began with the official parading of the students inside the hall. As the students were introduced by me with their school partners they had more photographs taken, and of course the whole year group photo. The students then completed their formal dances, the third of which they were asked to complete with their parents.

The speeches were the next part of the formalities. Dominic Waters spoke first on behalf of the students and was followed by Mr Davies, and then by Ms Jess Smythe who gave a teacher perspective. Mrs Teena Brice then spoke on behalf of the parents. She was followed by Georgia Knight who thanked the parents, and then by Mark McPhail who completed the speeches of thanks for all concerned. We then had the cutting of the cake after which the rest of dinner was served.

Throughout the evening students said goodbye to teachers and visa versa, while groups of people were having more photographs taken, including a few humorous ones inside the photo booth.

It was a great night. All the students looked fantastic and the mood of the event was joyous and happy.

I would like to express what an honour and privilege it has been to be the Year Advisor for this cohort, especially over the last twelve months in the most challenging part of their journey. I wish you all the best for your future and am looking forward to catching up over the next few years to hear some great stories and adventure.

Mr Daniel Sassi

Year 12 Advisor, 2015



Power Up Day 2015



The Rivers Secondary College, Kadina High Campus held a Power Up Day this month. As a college, the three campuses work towards supporting the whole person, which includes not only academic pathways but also pastoral care programs. The Power Up Day, named by the students was an information day for the whole Kadina High Campus.

The aim was to empower students with knowledge and strategies to cope with difficult life events such as anxiety and stress; domestic and relationship breakdowns; violence and drugs and alcohol. In working with Mental Health Month the campus arranged a number of guest speakers to present work-shops to students including speakers from Headspace and The Buttery. Other strategies include well-being skills and the use of physical activities to manage emotions. A free barbecue lunch was provided to all students. One student Chloe said:

"The day was a great opportunity to work with students and staff to gain a greater understanding of what members of our local community deal with on a day-to-day basis and to develop strategies to help yourself and others."



Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM)



Kadina High Campus organised a two day course, managed by The Engineering Link Group, to show students the exciting application of Mathematics and Science to engineering. Day One involved working with local engineers, the students completed hands-on projects designed to demonstrate the engineering paradigm.

On day two teachers from a number of local schools examined context-based teaching, met local engineers, gained a better understanding of the breadth of engineering as a discipline and experienced Southern Cross University's facilities and programs.

There has been growing concerns in the media over the declining spiral of mathematics, particularly in New South Wales schools where only one in ten students studied Advanced Mathematics in Year 12 last year. There is also a very clear collapse in female students studying Mathematics and Science. A gender breakdown shows nationally just 6.6 per cent of female students sat for Advanced Mathematics in 2013, half the rate for male students and represents a 23 per cent decline on the figure since 2004. Incredibly, in New South Wales only 1.5 per cent of female students take the trio of advanced Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry.

By accessing programs such as the Engineering Link Project Kadina High Campus has demonstrated to male students and female students alike that an exciting and fulfilling career in STEM and especially Engineering, is not only possible, it is essential for the future of Australia's prosperity.



The Rivers Secondary College Brand Ambassadors



During October nine Students from Kadina High Campus, nine students from Richmond River Campus and four students from Lismore High Campus arrived at Richmond River High Campus for a Communications-Brand Ambassador Forum. The forum was led by communications team consultant for The Rivers Secondary College Kylie Wilkinson and Acting head Teacher of The Rivers Secondary College Mrs Sonya Laverty.

Our focus was improving communication across the college and getting our wonderful stories, photos and many talents out into the Lismore Community. The students who represented The Rivers Secondary College, gained insight into the other campus activities, what their school is really like, how they structure their day, subjects they offer, as well as the many and varied opportunities offered throughout their school year. From hearing these stories, our Brand Ambassador team were very inspired.

Some interesting points/ quotes from our experiences were:

"Well, I had never been to Richmond River before, so this was a good opportunity to meet the people, and form my own opinion about the school. It also showed me what the college was trying to achieve."

"It will be a wonderful opportunity to be able to share learning resources and techniques with the other Campuses of The Rivers Secondary College. "I'd like to get together more in these forums, to get with like minded people my age and have days where we can do what we love together."

Students will meet again prior to the end of the year with The Rivers Secondary College Senior Captains and Vice Captains to plan for 2016. Thanks must go to Richmond River High Campus for their hospitality, as well as the opportunity to work in such an amazing Library! Thanks Mrs Secombe (Richmond River High Campus Teacher/ Librarian)- we hope to come back and visit you and your amazing variety of books (and lollies) very soon.



Sothorn Cross University Chess Competition



Kadina High Campus recently took part in the SCU Chess Competition, Kadina played extremely well taking the top five positions for school students. Congratulations to all who took part and well done 1st Wesley, 2nd Jake, 3rd Nicholas, 4th Jaco, 5th Brandon. It was a very successful day.



CAPA/TAS Showcase



SHOWCASE fever is rapidly building and the event is almost upon us!! Make sure you mark Thursday 26 and Friday 27 November in your diaries for our annual extravaganza. This year TAS will be joining CAPA in showcasing our junior students' classwork and extra-curricular activities. As always, there will be something for everyone, and students are busy rehearsing and preparing for our big nights.

This year supper will be prepared by Ms Russell and her Food Technology students; a fantastic bonus! Hot food will be available for a small price at the canteen before the show (6pm) so don't even think about cooking! Give yourself a break and while eating the yummy food prepared by Ms Russell and her students, know that you're supporting the TAS department at Kadina. Supper will also be available during interval at the canteen.

In addition to the evening shows, a matinee will be held on Thursday during periods 4 and 5 for the Year 6 orientation students and other primary school classes. All students performing at Showcase need a signed permission note. They are available from Ms Johnstone and Mr Sassi.

For the matinee and evening shows, students may wear smart casual clothing and appropriate footwear. They are to wear school uniform to and from school next Thursday. We look forward to spending an evening with you next week.

SEE YOU THERE!

Ms Johnstone



November



Kadina High will be holding a Movember assembly this term to highlight mental health for males. We will have speakers, a moustache competition both grown and designed. Ice-creams, photos, guessing games and ball competitions, just to name a few things.





KADINA 2015 CAPA/TAS SHOWCASE STIRFRY



Thursday 26 November

Friday 27 November

6.30pm MPC \$5 student/adult \$20 family

Hot food available from the canteen from 6pm

Supper during Interval at the canteen

Tickets on sale now at the Front Office



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

THE RIVERS P-12

White Ribbon Day

9AM

is hosting...

Raising awareness about domestic and family violence

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, scceaust@scce.com.au, www.scce.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

COMMUNITY BBQ: All welcome—deaf people, Auslan students, families and friends. We will provide a sausage sandwich and a drink. 21st November 2015 11am—3pm Nesbitt Park, Casino Street, South Lismore.