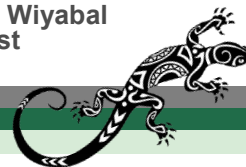


We would like to respectfully acknowledge the Elders past and present of the Wijabul Wiyabal people and other peoples of Bundjalung Nation. We acknowledge that they are the first peoples of this land on which our school stands.



Academic and Sporting Achievements

Today we ended the school year with a presentation assembly acknowledging both academic and sporting achievements for the year.

However we need to acknowledge all students for their commitment to schooling. It is the hard work, dedication, persistence, sacrifice and good habits that allow our students to achieve at their personal best. As they reflect over the school holidays let us hope they work towards a positive 2016.

I hope you have a safe and happy holiday. For those moving on I wish you all the best, and for those returning in 2016 I look forward to an exciting new year.



Calendar

14 December

End of Year Excursion Yr 10

15 December

Celebrations Excursion

16 December

End of Year Excursion Yr 11

28 January 2016

School Returns—Years 7,11 & 12

29 January 2016

School Returns—Years 8,9 & 10

White Ribbon Day



Lismore inaugural White Ribbon day was hosted by the Rivers P-12 Learning Community was a great success. Our learning community banded together to have one hundred and forty five individuals of all ages and abilities sign up on the day for the walk. Participants also took the White Ribbon oath by swearing never to commit, excuse or remain silent about violence against women. Our very first White Ribbon Day raised almost two thousand dollars.

Wyrallah, Albert Park, Goonellabah & Wyrallah Road Public Schools, along with Lismore High Campus, Richmond River High Campus and Kadina High Campus Parents and Citizen Associations, all provided various food and stalls. Also entertained with special visits from Spotty Girl and Mr Twister who decorated our day with beautifully painted faces and White Ribbon balloons. Other community stall holders that supported our day were Nora from Argonne cosmetics, Rebecca from Howards storage, Tamison and Lorraine from NCA training from Alstonville and Katrina from Wonder Snow van, all of which donated an amount of cash that will stay locally in Lismore for Domestic and Family Violence services as well as go to the White Ribbon Organisation for further education across Australia in schools, workplaces and other community sectors. Various community businesses donated prizes on the day and money towards the cause and we thank them all for being so generous and supporting women, men and children who are victims of domestic violence or need counselling for self-improvement as perpetrators.

There were live performances from Lucinda Gray and Julia and Deanna Batten. Lucinda Gray, also the Dolphin award winning vocalist in 2015 composed the White Ribbon anthem, which will be used each year on White Ribbon day. Stan Gilchrist and Jenny Dowell spoke about the need for such an event and were remarkable leading patrons, insisting on those of us present to not accept any form of violence in theirs or others' lives. They also mentioned we all have a social responsibility to speak up about and against any form of violence in our community.

Our Rivers P-12 Learning Community strongly believe this to be a significant event in bringing the Lismore Community together through Public Education in a respectful way where everyone recognises we all have the right to feel safe, and respected. Howard Mussett Assistant Principal from Wyrallah Road Public School has started up the Breaking The Silence in schools program in Stage Three at their school, which demonstrates their commitment to breaking the silence.

"Violence against women, children, transgender persons or men should never be or remain a private, silent issue. It is not okay to use any form of violence to control, threaten, berate or simply get a point across because one has felt frustrated. As a community we have the ability to make a difference by working together to lessen the devastating cycle of domestic and family violence; we have a social responsibility to look out for each other. We need to teach our children of the future to be strong, speak up and not remain silent. People need to know they can make a difference and that every day should be White Ribbon Day", said Sonya Lavery.



2015 North Coast Aboriginal Education Awards



Congratulations to Tahlia who received an award at the 2015 North Coast Aboriginal Education Awards in recognition of her outstanding leadership at Kadina this year.

Tahlia is an enthusiastic, cheerful, respectful young lady who is extremely responsive to any request to showcase her talents such as performing in one of the school bands and also the NAIDOC band, which consisted of teachers and students. Tahlia has also performed at Bundjalung community events and school functions performing the National Anthem in language followed by the English version.

Tahlia is not only talented at singing, playing the guitar and dance; she has represented The Rivers Secondary College, Kadina Campus at the Combined High School (CHS) volleyball, open hockey and football.

Tahlia is passionate when it comes to motivating the younger students at the cross country, swimming and athletic carnivals. She wears her team colours, green from head to toe, and encourages the younger students to be involved in the day's activities.

Tahlia has been attending TAFE, to extend on her education gained at Kadina High Campus; she would like to pursue a career as a nurse, which she has approached with passion.

Tahlia is a fantastic example of Reconciliation, as she mixes with peers within the school community with empathy, friendship and fun.



Tahlia Smith and Mr John Lynch

Rivers P-12 Dance Initiative



The 2015 Rivers P-12 Dance Initiative has promoted dance as an Art form through intensive primary school workshops. Elective courses and ensembles through The P-12 Learning Community are providing extra curricular opportunities for our gifted and talented performers. This initiative has been implemented with outstanding success and will continue grow in 2016.



SRC Donations to St. Vincent's

The SRC were able to donate a number of food hampers to the local St Vincent's charity. Thank you to those who made donations as every little bit helps someone in need.

To all the students, families, staff, volunteers and school community thank you for your continued support.



Work Readiness Achievement Program and Bridge



During Term 4 our WRAP and Bridge students were fortunate enough to attend a variety of TAFE courses. These courses were a one day Barista course, two day Quad Bike course, two day White Card course and a two day First Aid course which they will complete today.

The students enjoyed these courses and were very grateful to TAFE for facilitating them.



Year 7 Excursion to Mt. Tamborine



What an amazing bunch of Year 7, soon to be Year 8, students we have at Kadina High Campus. Following our arrival there was not a moment to spare before we were high among the trees in the Tree Top Challenge. Students and teachers were suspended ten to twenty metres above terra firma, flying down zip-lines or swinging between trees like apes. Undeterred, some even zip-lined all the way back to receptions. The rest would have done the same if only time permitted. After some free time and dinner some very brave students performed their talents to a hungry audience. There were disappearing acts, comedy skits, dancing performances, two of the most angelic voices I have heard. And, of course, what would a talent show be without your basic jokes. We had it all. That was day One.,

Day Two, most students were up by 5am, some earlier..the teachers were loving it. Following breakfast we again walked on roped suspended between trees in the slack lining activity. Finally, we were able to demonstrate the skills many of us have learned from Katniss Everdeen and Gale Hawthorne. We owned that archery range. Suddenly, and sadly, it was time to go home. The behaviour, participation and bravery I saw in those two days, brings tears to my eyes. I am a very lucky Year Advisor to have such an outstanding group of students. Thank



Year 8 Excursion to Movieworld

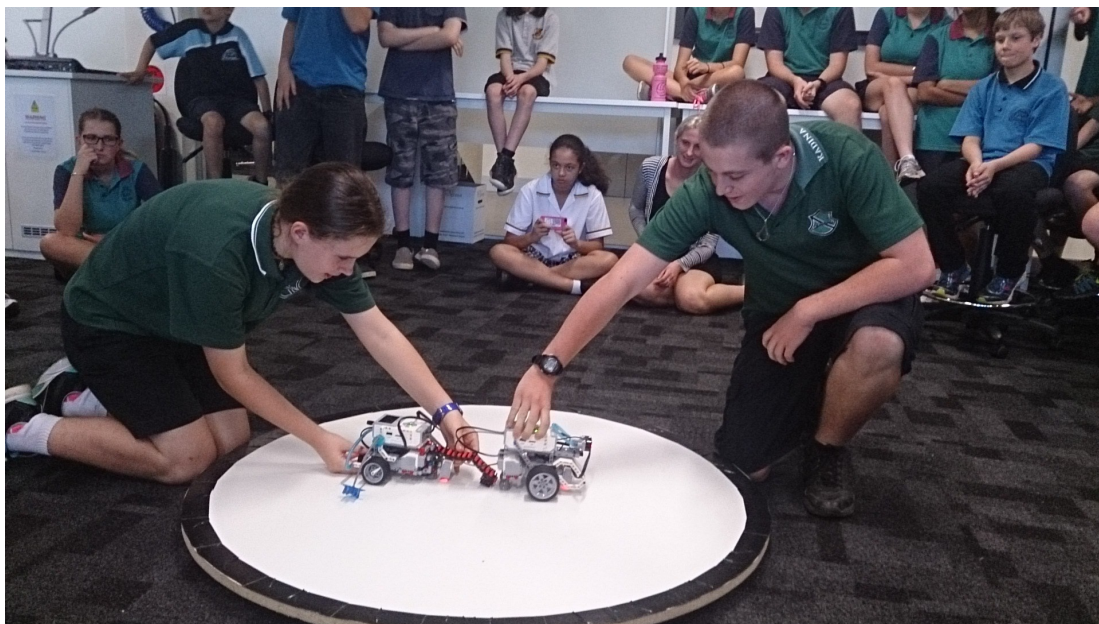
On a cloudy Monday morning Mrs O'Sullivan, Mr Wiblen, Mrs Larrescy and fifty three Year 8 students left school to embark on the end of year excursion to Movieworld! The trip up was uneventful (though slower than planned due to traffic) and after a little over two hours we arrived. As soon as the students were through the turnstiles they scattered like leaves in a strong breeze. Some students braved rides they had never been on before and others went on old favourites again and again. Mr Wiblen was slightly deafened due to sitting next to Mrs O'Sullivan on the "not really that scary" Superman Escape and Batwing Space shot, while Mrs Larrescy kindly took on the role of bag watcher. Despite the clouds and threat of rain from the weather man the day was not ruined by rain and all students who attended had a great day.

Southern Cross University Robots Sumo



Our last Robotics Event for the year—Robot Sumo at the Engineering Faculty, Southern Cross University. Our engineers were building, programmers were programming and before long, Robot Sumo Fighters were ready to battle it out. In the finals, it was a Rivers Secondary College Challenge with Kadina High Campus versus Lismore High Campus. No other school mattered to us. One dual in particular went on for at least ten minutes. Tensions were high, until that one robot went over the edge and there were screams of joy, despair by some and victory dances you would only see on a foot-ball field. Was it Kadina or was it Lismore? I couldn't tell. Emotions were too high. You will have to ask the contestants yourself. Next year we will see even more Robotics. We have new kits coming. Did I hear a mention of Robot Soccer? Watch this space.

Dr Justine Jacob



Year 7 2016 Orientation Day



Year 6 into 7 Orientation

On Thursday 26th November and 3rd December we held our “Year 6 into 7 Orientation” days. These were great days enjoyed by both students and staff. The students enjoyed a showcase performed by our current music and drama students, a sports afternoon put on by our PDHPE faculty, peer activities with our current year 9 students and lessons prepared by staff in the classroom. These days have allowed me to get to know the students better, introduce myself to parents and siblings and hopefully address any fears the new students may have had about coming to high school. There were a lot of people who made these days run smoothly so I would like to thank Ms Rowan, her wonderful peer support leaders, Ms Fields, staff who prepared lessons and anyone else who was involved in making it a very enjoyable experience.



New Music Performance Space



It has been an absolute pleasure working in the new Music Performance Workshop (formerly Music 1) since my return from leave earlier this term. The room is much larger than previously: interior walls have been removed and the exterior wall has been extended out to incorporate the old balcony. A drum riser has been installed and the new wall cladding and double-glazed windows have significantly cut down the sound levels escaping the room. Every music class has now had the opportunity to perform in the space although generally it is dedicated to elective and senior Music classes.

From the beginning of Term 2 until Week 6 this term, all Music classes were held in the CAPA staffroom in very cramped conditions.

Mr Davies has been the prime mover in the establishment of the new room and both the students and I thank him for his tireless efforts in making the project a reality.

Ms Virginia Johnstone



CAPA staffroom - Where our temporary music classes were held



Now we have plenty of room to rehearse!



University of Queensland Cyber School Excursion



Friday 4th December 2015 I had the pleasure of accompanying some Year 10 and Year 11 students to attend the University Of Queensland Cyber school Excursion. Students were given an overview of campus life and were instructed in research skills using databases. They were also given a valuable session on subject selection and career paths which enables students to be both empowered about reaching their future goals along with alternate pathways should they be required. A discussion about rankings and university prerequisites was well received as it allowed our students to consolidate their thoughts on future courses. Kadina students asked sensible and relevant questions. Everyone enjoyed walking around the sandstone campus and after lunch an Instagram promotion allowed our students to receive free socks and giveaways. Alstonville High school students went on the excursion too. All students worked together throughout the day to make a fantastic excursion a brilliant success. A 12 hour day was truly worthwhile as Kadina students made me very proud.

Mrs Vicki Fitzpatrick



Showcase



At the end of November Showcase was held in the MPC over two nights. It was a huge show and involved close to one hundred students as performers and another handful of students (VET Entertainment and Year 10) assisted with the technical show run. A huge array of talent was on display across all CAPA subjects: Music, Dance, Drama, Visual Arts and Photography from students in Years 7 to 10. The students had rehearsed for weeks leading up to the show and are to be congratulated for their commitment and creative capabilities. Alongside class work, students involved in extra-curricular activities showcased their work: Beltane, Soul Band and the Junior Rock Band. This year for the first time, The Rivers Secondary College Junior and Senior Dance Ensembles presented items which were a fantastic addition to the Showcase. A matinee was held for the Year 6 Orientation students and Year 5 students from Goonellabah Primary School on the Thursday.

Another first for Showcase was the delicious hot food and supper prepared by Mrs Russell and her Year 12 students. The food was in high demand and sold out quickly. Hopefully this will become a standard feature in years to come.

Thank you so much to parents, family and friends who came to Showcase to support our wonderful students, particularly those who ventured out on the Thursday night. It was an extremely hot day and evening! Showcase is the CAPA faculty's major fundraising event each year and the money raised goes towards purchasing new equipment and consumables to enable us to continue staging live events.

SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!!

Ms Virginia Johnstone and Mr Daniel Sassi





Goonellabah Holiday Program **Permission Note**

During the Christmas school holidays, Lismore Police will be running a number of holiday activities for the kids in Goonellabah.

Some of the activities will include;

- Movie nights and futsal games at the Goonellabah Sports and Aquatic Centre
- Kayaking
- Bus trips to Ballina
- Bush/coastal walks
- Obstacle course challenge

The activities will be free, however the children will have to bring their own drink bottles.

ACTIVITY 1: Movie Night at Goonellabah Sports and Aquatic Centre.

DATE: Friday 18th December

TIME: 4pm – 6pm

For a detailed list of all the other activities, please go to the RICHMONDLAC Facebook page or contact S/Cst Laleynya Ryan on 6626-0569

KEEP THIS SECTION

(Once you have returned your permission slip you will receive the holiday program itinerary)

CUT OFF THIS SECTION AND HAND INTO SCHOOL OFFICE.

My child/children would like to participate in the organised activities.

Name/s of child _____

Age/s _____

Address _____

Parent/Guardian _____

Signature _____

Contact phone number/s _____

Medicare Number _____

Allergies _____



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Alan's Cumming to NORPA: In a huge coup for NORPA and the Northern Rivers, the fabulous Alan Cumming—Star of 'The Good Wife' and multi-award winning actor, singer and author—will perform two shows at NORPA, coinciding with the Tropical Fruits Festival. Tuesday 29 & Wednesday 30 December 8pm \$66