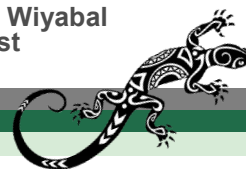


We would like to respectfully acknowledge the Elders past and present of the Wijabal Wiyabal people and other peoples of Bundjalung Nation. We acknowledge that they are the first peoples of this land on which our school stands.



The Rivers Madness

On Tuesday the 1st of September the Rivers College held the Rivers MADNESS exhibition at The Bank Café in Lismore where the HSC Visual Arts students displayed their artworks. The opening address was given by Mayor Jenny Dowell and The Rivers College Executive Principal John Baker also spoke.

The evening was a huge success, the venue full to capacity with much interest and positive feedback of the diverse works. They ranged from drawings to sculpture, mixed media, embossing and painted works on paper and canvas. It was a beneficial experience for those students involved, the showing and acknowledgement of their hard work in Visual Arts and the recognition of the wider community and their family and friends.



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Friday 23/10



Calendar

14 September
P&C Meeting 7pm all welcome

17 September
Education Awards 4pm MPC
Debating v's Alstonville

18 September
Year 12 Graduation Assembly
Last day of school term

Term 4
6 October (Tuesday)
Day 1 for students and staff

12 October
HSC exams begin
P&C Meeting

15 October
Year 7 Sport Day at Evans
Head

10 November
Year 12 Formal

2016 School Captains announced



It is with great pleasure that we announce the School Captains, Vice Captains and SRC Representatives for 2016, these are:



School Captains:

Sarah Franey
Craig Price



Vice-Captains:

Jennifer D'Arantes
Jake Collins



SRC:

Jorgia Darragh
Angus Shepherd

Tregeagle Athletics

Tregeagle Athletics and district carnivals allows our students OPPORTUNITY to gain skills in Event Management and numeracy skills with timekeeping and measuring, as well as improving communication skills via organising primary students. They have loads of fun also!

A fantastic day was had by all including our Kadina students supporting staff and students who participated in the Tregeagle district athletics carnival. Rous, Albert Park, Wyrallah and Tregeagle Public Schools all took part in the day out at Tregeagle oval.

Supporting our feeder primary schools provides opportunities for our students to gain management, organisational and many leadership skills that are important to possess when managing large events.



Congratulations Year 10 for representing Kadina High Campus well at both carnivals- such great ambassadors for Kadina High Campus.



Helping in the canteen.



Connor assisting Albert Park teacher and Tregeagle students at shot put.

Book Week 'Books light up our world'



Book Week was celebrated in Kadina Library this term with the Children's Book Week Short listed titles available as well as many other great new fiction titles. A special guest presenter Di Perkins spoke to junior students about inspirational young Australians and their stories.

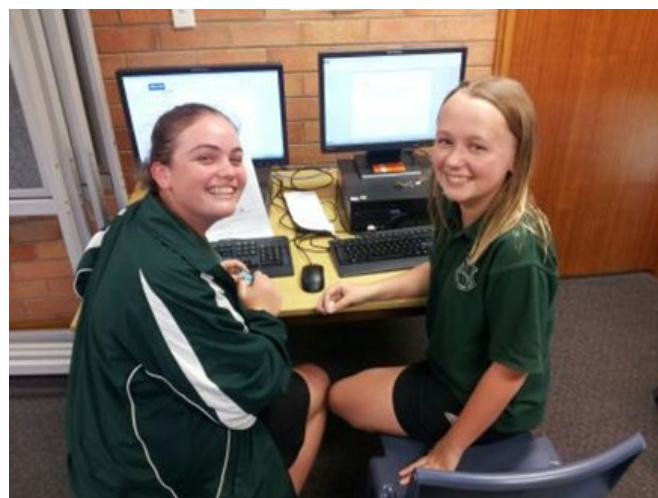
Di Perkins is the Author of Wallaby Stew and was awarded an OAM this year. Di generously donated copies of her book to help our students benefit from the wonderful, creative art of storytelling.

Prizes and heaps of fun all helped us to celebrate our love of books -lighting up our world.



Vicki Fitzpatrick
Teacher Librarian

Year 9 Commerce elective The Real Life Game



"Your car is really bad! It has dints everywhere"

"No it's reliable and its name is Nessy"

The year 9 Commerce class is working through their major assessment task and learning about the impact of our financial position on the decisions we make as consumers. Reliable cars are a good choice Caitlin!

All Earn & Learn stickers/ sheets need to be returned to school by **Wednesday 16th September**. The Collection Box is located in the waiting area outside Mr Townsends room. Thank you to the many families who have supported this initiative.



The Rivers Secondary College



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 name will appear in the Gazette in due course.

The Rivers Secondary College communication team is working on website and social media communication, logos, letterhead, banners and clothing logos to ensure we present a consistent message to our school community.

We look forward to continuing our work to ensure improved opportunities for our students across the three campuses. For more information and updates please visit [The Rivers Secondary College website](#)

Connecting To Country Staff Training

The Rivers Secondary College were successful in gaining a grant to fund staff from across the 3 school campuses, Kadina, Lismore High and Richmond River to be trained through the Connecting to Country course. This is a three day course run by our local AECG- Aboriginal Educational Consultation Group.

When teachers are connecting to the local Aboriginal Community they are enhancing the content of their teaching while gaining a more thorough understanding of the critical importance of what it means being Aboriginal and the importance of identity for Aboriginal students, their families and their communities.



Year 12 Music



Last Thursday, Year 12 Music presented a concert of musical pieces from their HSC repertoire as a final preparation for their HSC Practical Exams. It was a great concert with a wide variety of musical styles on offer. Our thanks go to family, friends and staff that came along to support and encourage the students. They are a wonderful group of individuals who have worked together over two years to reach their musical potential. We've had a lot of fun along the way and the class has been an absolute pleasure to teach.

On Wednesday, all the hard work culminated in the HSC Practical Exams (70%) with Board of Studies (BOSTES) examiners on site to mark the students. Our special thanks go to all the people that assisted with performances: Mr Sassi, Dom Waters, Connor Kennedy, Alanna Waters, Laetitia Binetruy, Hannah Oliver and Lachlan Roberston. Students will now resume their Aural Skills studies in preparation for the written exam next term. Photo below courtesy of Aaron's mum.



Thank you Year 12 Music for a great year!

Ms Virginia Johnstone

Lucinda Gray -2015 Dolphin Music Award winner

Congratulations to Lucinda Gray who can now call herself "award winning" after winning the 2015 NCEIA Dolphin Music Award Female vocals for her song Well Aware. The Dolphin Awards recognize songwriters from the Far North Coast the Dolphin Awards have assisted hundreds of north coast singers, songwriters, composers, graphic artists, record and video producers in developing their careers, providing an accolade for Dolphin winners to use in the promotion of their act or product.

It remains the only regional music awards in NSW, and is increasingly being recognised by funding bodies and government agencies as making a real and enduring contribution to the infrastructure and professionalism of arts workers in the region. The judges in 2015 not only our own Mr Davies, but the likes of **Anthony Albanese** – MP **Richard Burgman** – SUNNYBOYS, THE SAINTS & WEDDINGS PARTIES ANYTHING **Clyde Bramley** – HOODOO GURU **Kirk Pengilly** – INXS and **Murray Cook** – THE WIGGLES. Lucy is pictured here with her mother and her award.

Well done and congratulations Lucy!



Lismore Performing Arts Festival



Kadina Performers!



The Rivers College Dance Ensemble

The students of The Rivers Secondary College have combined once again to produce another stellar dance performance for our local Performing Arts Festival. The students met each Wednesday during their Dance elective time for sport, and displayed incredible levels of commitment by attending afternoon and lunch time rehearsals to refine the piece for festival. The ensemble performed at the Lismore workers club on Tuesday 26th of August and represented The Rivers Secondary College proudly.



The ensemble performed the dance piece as the 6 marry murderesses of the cook county jail in their rendition of the "Cell Block Tango! This is an iconic number from the Broadway Musical sensation "Chicago". The piece is inspired by the great Bob Fosse who was a pioneer in Jazz and Musical Theatre Dance styles. The students who performed were:

Lismore High Campus- Marinah Bartos

Kadina Hogh Campus- Brooke Stendt, Sapphire Gibson, Kate Small

Richmond River High Campus- Kiarra Parmenter, Eve Robinson,

Sueva Bennett, Rebecca McFadden

SASS Staff Recognition Week 2015



Each year we take time to acknowledge the work the School Administrative and Support Staff members do in supporting our school and our students. These

roles are involved in various aspects of the running of the school; for example some roles involve work in the front office, in such areas as the library, the TAS faculty and the Agriculture plot. Other roles might involve lawn mowing, grounds maintenance, or financial management. Other staff directly support students in their learning, such as our Aboriginal Education Officer, and our School learning Support Officer.

This year's theme was Our jobs, Your children, Their future.

To thank the ongoing support of these crucial staff members, the Principal's from the Rivers Secondary College held a breakfast at Invercauld House to say thank you for their ongoing commitment to public education.



Tournament of the Minds



On Sunday August 23rd twelve of our hardworking students participated in Tournament of the Minds (TOM). Tournament of the Minds provides the opportunity for students to creatively solve problems and answer questions developing divergent thinking, knowledge and research skills, performance skills and confidence and most importantly team work with 2 challenges: a long-term challenge and a spontaneous challenge. For the long term challenge, the students independently create a 10 minute performance response to a problem.

This year students chose the social science challenge. This challenge asked students to research three historical figures and create a reality TV show to decide who would leave history to ease the burden of the information systems. They were asked to consider what the consequences for losing the history related to these figures might be and show us their response in a creative way. They also then completed a spontaneous challenge that they need to respond to in a matter of 5-10 minutes showing their ability to work as a team and creatively problem solve in front of only a few judges!

Our students have been working on their long term challenge and on their team work and creative problem solving with spontaneous challenges on Thursdays this term and their lunches. They worked extremely hard and this work paid off. They performed beautifully and alongside Mr Daniel Sassi and Ms Nikki Treanor who assisted with Kadina's TOM teams. Ms Scheidler, the Kadina GATS coordinator says she was proud of the way they made a competitive performance. The judge was impressed with all the performances on the day and told us that often there are clear winners and obviously weak performances but in his approximately 20 years of experience he hadn't seen such a positively competitive groups on the same day!

Although our students didn't win the competition Kadina did have one group who received a spirit of TOM award! The convener who had observed the social studies performances warned the competitors that Kadina might be fairly new to the challenge they are contenders for future tournaments!



Deaf Camp 2015



Deaf Camp 2015 was at Bonville, just out of Coffs Harbour from 25th- 28th August. Sixty eight Deaf and Hard of Hearing students attended Deaf Camp this year. They come from North Coast schools from Tweed Heads down to Taree and out to Glen Innes.

The different activities the students participated in were Giant Swing, Mega Drop, Commando course, archery, canoeing, and laser tag. At night the activities were Hungry Hippo, Movie Night and Disco Night.

I was proud of finishing the Commando course!

The Giant Swing made me ecstatic!

The Mega Jump made me more frightened before I jumped, but I was thrilled after I jumped!

Corey Year 8



The Rivers Inaugural Chess Tournament



A fantastic inaugural chess day was held at Kadina High School with over 90 students participating from Kadina and surrounding schools from The Rivers P-12 Learning Community. It was wonderful to see so many students enjoying the game, with ages ranging from 17 to 6.

A big thank you to SCU for helping with the day and thank you to all who attended. This will definitely be a biannual event.



Year 10 Coastal Excursion



As part of the year 10 Geography course, students study the operation of coastal processes and human interactions within the coastal environment. In an effort to enrich this study, Kadina High School went on an excursion to the beach at Byron Bay on Thursday 20th August.

Students had the opportunity to measure and analyse a number of coastal processes using a variety of field work instruments.

Mr Wallace



Kadina-Lismore High Snow Trip 2015

Thirty eight students combined from Kadina High School and Lismore High School accompanied by 3 staff members recently went to Smiggins/Perisher Valley ski resort for the week.

The students either skied or snow boarded depending on their preference. They all had a fantastic time and were all brought back injury free! Most of the students spent up to six hours a day out on the snow and improved incredibly over the 6 days that we were there. They were an absolute credit to themselves and fantastic ambassadors for both of their schools. One of the frequent topics that came up from the students was how great it was to meet students from Lismore High and to be able to make new friends.

I would thoroughly recommend this trip to any future students who want to partake as they get so much out of it. The students came back having seen geographic landscapes they had not previously seen, mastered a new skill that many had not tried before (and for some this took a lot of persistence), developed teamwork skills and improved their independence.

Congratulations to all the participated, we are very proud of you.

Photos will be published in the next newsletter!

Byron Bay Writers Festival



Last month, a group of Year 10 students from Kadina High school were invited to be the MCs to some of the writers lined up for the Byron Bay's Writers Festival.

The writers included notable Australian writers, commentators and performers like Jane Caro, Robert Hoge, Abdi Aden, Zohab Khan and First Dog on the Moon cartoonist Andrew Marlton, who gave his talk dressed in a shark suit. Claire Wright and Emilie Zoe Baker also featured, though one of the last two did not make it on time. Internationally known writers like Nury Vittachi and Chigozie Obioma also featured, with Obioma having been short-listed for the Booker Prize shortly beforehand.

The accompanying teachers were twice approached by the SCU organisers of the event towards the end of the day to let us know what a great job the students involved had done. So here's to Emily Yee, Will Maina, Beatrice Hogan, Brooke Sendt, Lilly Maines, Shanae Byrne-Johnson and Paris Gibson who all prepared and executed excellent introductions (in some cases twice), and to Alanna Waters and Bridget Kennedy who came along and provided moral support.

With many thanks from Denise Kerr and Lars Norberg.



Year 7 Geography Excursion



Year 7 Geography students recently attended an excursion to Rocky Creek Dam. Students studied our local water catchment, analysed water quality, identified features of a local rainforest ecosystem and brushed up on some mapping skills. After a BBQ lunch students enjoyed participating in a number of team building activities which is part of the Kadina High Campus, Peer Support program.



John Lincoln Youth Community Service Award



Congratulations again go to Millie Burnett and we proudly reprint for you the following letter:

Dear Millie (and Ian),

Please find attached some photographs from our John Lincoln Youth Community Service Awards held at New South Wales Government House on 2 September 2015. Our photographer, Giulio Vidoni OAM JP, has provided this service free of charge to all the students and schools who were present on the day.

I hope you enjoyed the day, particularly receiving the award from the Governor, His Excellency David Hurley. I was pleased to hear all the citations read out as all of the awardees had done so much, and no doubt you appreciated hearing what the other students had done to deserve the award.

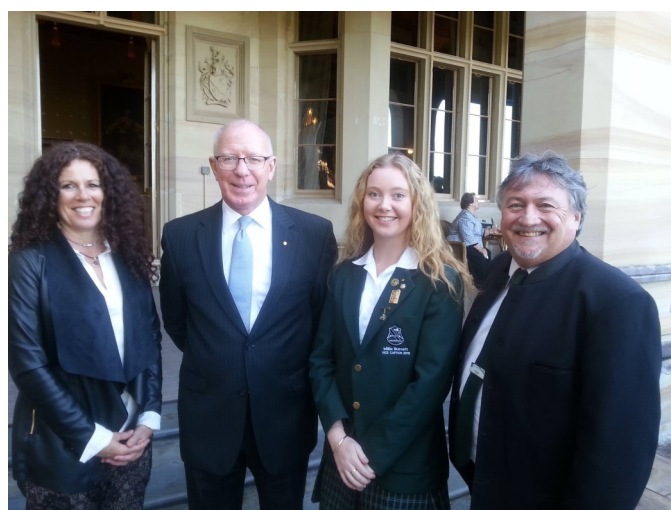
The NSW Branch of the Order of Australia Association believes that young people who do so much for their communities should be formally recognised, which is why this award has been going for so many years. The branch has appreciated the financial support that it has received for this program from Fiona Fitzpatrick of the Futurum Group who also recognises the importance of voluntary work by young people.

Enjoy the memories these photos will bring.

Yours faithfully

Jim McAlpine AM FACE FACEL

Chairman, John Lincoln Youth Community Service Awards



Year 12 Parent Information Evening



You are invited to a free information evening where you can gain helpful insights in to the high school to university. There will be plenty of time to ask questions and seek the information to make the transition a smooth as possible for both you and your child.

Date: Thursday 17 September, 2015

Time: 5.30pm - 7pm

Venue: SCU Learning Centre, Goodman Plaza
Military Road, East Lismore

[SCU Lismore campus on a map.](#)



Information on the following topics will be covered on the night:

- University entry – STAR, ATAR, SCU Head-Start, SCU Access
- Entry requirements for Education degrees
- Making the best choice – which is the right SCU course?
- Costs – Fees / HECS- help and Commonwealth supported places / textbooks / accommodation
- Scholarships, part-time employment
- Continued family and SCU support - counselling, career services, Academic Skills
- A students' perspective – hear from a range of current SCU students
- Information stands
- Optional tour of the new Learning Centre

As we will provide refreshments and have limited seats available, please register your interest by **Tuesday 15, September, 2015** advising the number of guests attending. Please RSVP to Jenny Lyons via email jen-ny.lyons@scu.edu.au or call 02 6620 3183. We look forward to seeing you there!

Nicole Darth, Student Recruitment Officer, 02 6620 3102

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Education

Attention Year 12



LISMORE JUNIOR TOUCH: Information nights 7/9 & 14/9. Mondays 4.30 Term 4 2015 & Term 1 2016. U14, U12, U10 U8 \$60 per person. Contact person Tim Lavery 0428 636 175

NAISDA DANCE COLLEGE DREAM DANCE CAREER: Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander dancers. Applications close 9/10, www.naisda.com.au for NAISDA Audition Pack or phone 1800 117 116

50th REUNION DEAF UNIT LISMORE PUBLIC SCHOOL: Saturday 17/10 at school 1-3pm and Reunion Dinner Lismore Workers Club 6pm. RSVP 10/10 Jessica 0423 265 787/ weylinjessie@hotmail.com, Melissa 0422 013 451

ELTHAM ART AWARDS:

Entry forms and artworks due by 18/9. Opening night 9/10 6-8pm at Eltham Public School (winners announced) Entry \$5, Live music, Light supper, refreshments, lucky door prize The high school category is open to all local high school students, with two main categories for years 10/11/12 students with a cash prize of \$300 for the winner and year 7/8/9 students with a cash prize of \$100 for the winner. There will also be a student's encouragement award and a people's choice award. For more information and to download an entry form, go to <http://goo.gl/vTLQNm> or visit the Eltham Art Awards Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/elthamartawards>

ENGAGING

ADOLESCENTS: 8,15,22/10 3 sessions 10-1pm Bookings essential 66212489 Family Support Network

SOCCER X HOLIDAY

CLINIC: The SCU Football centre Crawford Road East Lismore, 21,22 & 23/9 9am-1pm cost \$160 3 days, \$120 2days, \$60 1 day.

To register www.SOCCER-X.com More info 0462 162346 or SoccerX.au@gmail.com

NRL HOLIDAY PROGRAM:

29/9 10-1PM Lismore PCYC with Anthony Minichiello & Nathan Hindmarsh. 14-16yrs.

More info Kelvin Menchin 0407069101

SOUTHERN CROSS CULTURAL EXCHANGE: Dept of Education is seeking volunteer families to host international students from February 2016. More info 1800 500 501, sceaust@scce.com.au, www.scce.com.au

GREEN ARMY: 17-24yr olds. Paid allowance, training & experience, 6 month projects Australian Govt initiative with Envite Environment. Apply online www.envite.org.au, more info www.environment.gov.au/greenarmy, 6627 2800, greenarmy@envite.org.au



Sibling Water Scientist

Program at Hands on H2O Water Lab

A youth mentoring program where older students can help to capture, support and develop the scientific curiosity and understand of younger children.



For: Secondary or Tertiary students 14 to 25 year olds.

Youth commitment:

- A 4 hour volunteer session at Water Lab Wednesday* (in the school holidays), repeat volunteers most welcome.
- The participants complete an online (or paper copy) survey after their volunteering days (5-10 minutes).
- (An information briefing session can be arranged at lunch time or after School at your School; times and dates to suit the students).

What participants need!

- An interest in helping younger children have fun while learning.
- A positive attitude to Science – but you don't need to be a science nerd.
- A mature understanding of how to interact, listen and talk with young children.
- A willingness to help your community through volunteering.

How to apply

Teachers coordinate or ask students to respond individually: Respond your interest to: barbara.jensen@rouswater.nsw.gov.au or ring Barbara at Rous Water 6623 3827.

Include in your email your answers to these questions:

1. My age is . . .
2. I go to School at . . .
3. My Science Teacher is . . .
4. I have support of my Parents to participate YES or NO (circle).
5. I would be an awesome Sibling Water Scientist because . . .

Parent Support:

- The participants have someone who can drive them to Dorroughby Environmental Education Centre, 2101 Dunoon Road on their Water Lab Wednesdays volunteering days. (It is around the corner from Rocky Creek Dam about 30 minutes from Lismore).
- Parent permission forms to be completed prior to the volunteer day.

Achievements:

- Helping to foster positive science experiences and grow science knowledge and engagement of younger children.
- Providing valuable sibling role modelling and mentoring.
- Supporting local community events with volunteer time and effort.

*Water Lab Wednesday

Water Lab Wednesdays is a School Holiday Activity where children 5 to 12 years old, with a supervising adult can discover more about water with fun experiments, investigations and games. The Water Lab opens at 10am and closes at 3pm at Dorroughby Environmental Education Centre. It's close to Rocky Creek Dam, our major water supply, so families can make a day of water science fun followed by a picnic, play or bushwalk at the Dam. On Wednesday in each holiday find some old and some new activities including; identifying water bugs under a microscope; floating boats; making music and measuring invisible water. The Water Lab is also open during School Term for Year 5 & 6 (Primary) and Years 7 & 8 (Secondary) with sophisticated equipment and open student led water challenges to support the new Science curriculum. For more information www.watersciencelab.com.au



Photographs from Water Lab Wednesday 2015