

KADINA HIGH CAMPUS NEWSLETTER



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Lismore Show

On Friday 21st October a small group of students from our Year 11 WRAP (Work Readiness Achievement Program) group attended the Lismore Show. We had a great day visiting the Alpaca Display, and then the petting zoo which had goats, llamas, lambs, ducks and chickens. We avoided the snakes at the Macadamia Castle Reptile Show but some of the students enjoyed having their face or arms painted instead. We also visited Sideshow alley, and all the pavilions where we saw the displays for the quilts, cakes & breads, photography, woodwork and we even put our votes in for the people's choice at the Tursa Art Display. Other displays we saw were the Fire Brigade Kitchen Fire Simulator and the painting dog at Sophie's K9 Park Dog exhibit. The interactive activities at the RSPCA Emu Education Van were fun and we learnt some interesting things about animals, by looking at X-Rays and seeing what they see compared to us. We enjoyed watching Meraki Rose perform at the Community Stage and then we enjoyed a sausage sandwich for lunch. There were still plenty of things to do but unfortunately our time ran out, but everyone still had a fun day. Back at school we are now recapping our day at the show and also doing some map reading and observational skills activities.

Mitch So & Gail
Wergs



CALENDAR

31 October - 4th November
Year 9-10 Yearly Exams

7-8 November
Year 8 Yearly Exams

15 November
Year 12 Formal

1-2 December
Kadina Showcase

5-9 December
End of Year Excursion Week

13 December
Presentation Assembly

10 November
Rivers Dance Showcase



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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.

State Athletics

The Rivers Secondary College Kadina Campus, Para Athlete, Ethan Hooker, has taken giant steps toward emulating his Para Olympic Heroes by winning 3 gold medals in the recent NSW Combined High Schools Athletic Championship.

Competing as a 13year old in the 12-15yrs Javelin, Shot Put and Discus events, Ethan outclassed his opposition to win gold in all three.

State Champion in one event is a magnificent achievement but gold in three different events is remarkable.

Ethan is a dedicated athlete who aspires to be a 21 year old Australian Parra Olympian for the 2024 Para Olympics .

Ethan has found plenty of support and opportunity at Kadina High Campus.

The PDHPE faculty consisting of Phill Dalli, Allison Larrescy , Janine Perry , Harry Humphries and Tony Wilson offer an enormous support and encouragement to Ethan and his aspirations.

“Ethan is by far the best athlete for his age, in these events, that has come through this campus for a long time. “ Experienced teacher Tony Wilson has stated.

Success at any level requires support from many areas but none more so than proud mum Julie, who has been there all the way for Ethan.

She is so happy that Ethan has found a supportive school environment that meets all of his academic, social and Athletic needs.

The Rivers Secondary College Kadina High Campus are proud to have Ethan as one of their students.



Exam Season

Year 11 students have finished their Preliminary courses now and all other students in the school should be well and truly underway with a program of revision for their yearly exams which commence on the 31st of October. Years 7 – 10 should be reading through the work that they have completed so far this year. Students who have taken time off due to illness or for other reasons should make the effort to catch up on missed work from their teacher or a friend.

Many students say “I don’t know how to study.”. The response to this is that studying – for an exam, driving test or for career reasons – is a skill that is learnt and improved with practice. Educators often liken the brain to other muscles, in that it is improved with activity and exercise. Other students comment that they do not have the time to do extra work at home. Again, it becomes a matter of priorities and perhaps cutting back (just for the next several weeks) on time spent doing other activities.

Year 10 students can practice from former School Certificate exams by downloading full copies of past exams from the NSW Board of Studies (www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au). Additionally, there are self-marking practice tests for the multiple choice components of the exams. Students need to be familiar with both the knowledge and skills for each subject as well as the format of the exams.

Multiple choice questions present a challenge to even the best prepared student. The question and answers can be structured in a way that students need to bring several concepts together to score a mark. The answers are often also presented with two wrong answers, a nearly right one that will lure most students and a correct answer for the thoroughly prepared student. In this way, the multiple choice section can be a thorough test of knowledge and skills.

Preparation for exams involves students reading through their class notes from throughout the year and making brief summaries to cover each of the topics covered. Students are also advised to look back through past tests and assessments as these contain many clues to possible exam topics. As a student, I found it very useful to hand write brief points for each subject on small cards. Then during the day I formed the habit of taking ‘small bites’ of information.

Higher achieving students will by now have a routine of homework and revision. They may also have checked that they have covered all the topics in the course by checking the syllabus for each subject. Overall, it is never too late to make a start on revision. (Okay, maybe the night before the exam is a bad time to start – it would just make you realise how much you don’t know). All students can make an improvement on their grades by putting in an extra effort at this time of year. Good grades – or just an improvement on the half yearly exams – are a great boost to self esteem and confidence. Furthermore, an attitude shift now will make the coming year easier to tackle.

Good Luck - Work hard - Enjoy the rewards.



The Engineering Link Group

On the 18th of October, 26 School students from Lismore district spent the day at The Rivers Secondary College, Kadina High Campus, working with Major Brian Menton of the Australian Defence Force designing All-Terrain Vehicles to cover 2 metres in exactly 10 seconds, with Professor Ricardo of Southern Cross Uni building solar ovens and with Garron Clough, of Lismore District Council at recovering water from effluent.

These are the sorts of tasks that the Lismore school students do when they attend Engineering Link Project. In each of the modules the students meet an engineer, who talks briefly about himself, about his job and about the kinds of tasks his work requires him to approach. He concludes by facing the students with one of these tasks, and leaving them to design and construct a solution.

There is no trial and error. Students rigorously test their materials, calculate the forces involved, and present their designs to the engineer. Only when he has accepted them do the students begin the construction. This faithfully reflects the design-construct-evaluate reality in the engineering world.

The Engineering Link Group is an independent educational charity, set up and operated by science teachers. It has been running these courses since 1994, firstly in Townsville, and now in Brisbane and Rockhampton as well.

The prime objective of these courses is to show senior secondary students that physics and maths are important subjects, and have a very important place in society. The secondary objective is to show students what is involved in the engineering profession.

And what did the students think of it? All students rated the day excellent or good. All students could see links between engineering and school science and mathematics. All students enjoyed the activities.

Some comments were:-

“The tasks were fun and interesting, and gave us a bit of an insight into what engineers do”

“We can see how maths and science can influence everyday activities”

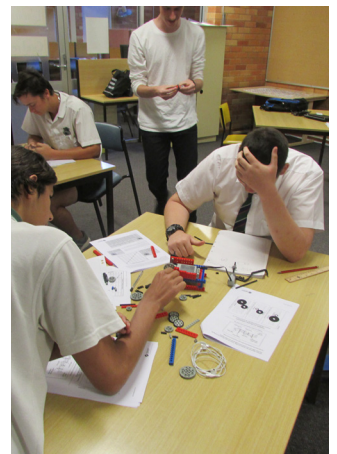
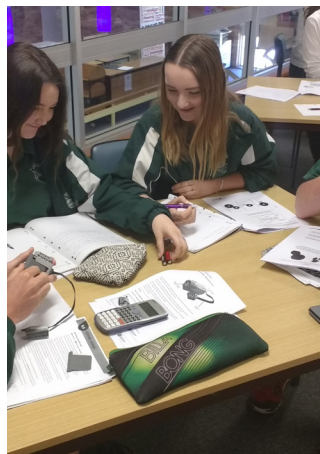
“Doing it ourselves was great”

“Hands on, interesting, fun. The speakers were so enthusiastic”

There were complaints:

“More variety of engineering courses”

“Should have run for longer”



Exciting Endeavours

In Week 9 of Term 3, students from the Year 7 and 8 Endeavour classes attended an exciting excursion to Brisbane. At the Queensland Museum and Science Centre students viewed exhibits and experienced interactive activities. The visit to QPAC included a back stage discovery tour during which students saw the workings of the Lyric Theatre and got to see the insides of the dressing rooms. The visit to the Gallery of Modern Art included a range of different artistic displays that students were able to view at their leisure. The dining experience at a nice Greek restaurant was greeted with groans from some students saying “why would we want to eat Greek?” However, by the time we boarded the bus the comments were “Oh, I’m sooo full, that food was awesome.”

The plan is to make this excursion an annual event for the Endeavour classes with different activities each year.



Nomination For Ace World Teachers' Day

Virginia Johnstone is an extremely hardworking and conscientious teacher here at Kadina High Campus. She has the ability to not only work individually, but also to work productively as a member of a team, combining capability and willingness with a mature personal judgement. She is an experienced, versatile and dedicated teacher who is committed to extending all students opportunities to learn by providing them with a range of quality educational experienced. She is committed to the holistic development of each student by providing them with a secure, positive and enriching learning environment which encompasses the development of the academic, behavioural and social skills of the student as well as self esteem, confidence and risk taking in learning. As a person she is good-natured, mature easygoing and approachable. She has an optimistic attitude, always thinking of others. Virginia is able to make fair decisions and stick to her principles.



Virginia Johnstone - CAPA Coordinator

THE RIVERS P-12 DANCE SHOWCASE 2016

WHEN

**Thursday 10th
November - Arrive
12pm for a 1pm start**

WHERE

**Lismore High Campus
Hall**

Parents, caregivers, children and family members
are all welcome

**COME ALONG AND SUPPORT THE RIVERS
P-12 LEARNING COMMUNITY!**

**THE RIVERS P-12
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WELCOMES YOU
TO ATTEND THE
MATINEE
PERFORMANCE OF
OUR DANCE
SHOWCASE**

**SAUSAGE SIZZLE
AVAILABLE
FROM 12PM FOR
\$2**

**PERFORMANCE
TIME
1pm - 2:30pm**

CONTACT

Please confirm if
your school wishes
to bring students as
audience members.
Contact The Rivers
Desk

Ph: 02 6621 5032

THE RIVERS P-12 DANCE SHOWCASE 2016

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**Thursday 10th
November 6pm -
7:30pm**

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BALLINA HIGH SCHOOL FAREWELL WEEKEND

FRIDAY 11/11/16 6-9PM
BARN DANCE, FOOD & DRINKS

SATURDAY 12/11/16 9AM - 6PM
BALLINA HIGH REMEMBERS

**FOOD STALLS, MEMORABILIA ON SALE, PRESENTATIONS, TOURS,
ARCHIVES, DISPLAYS, MUSIC, GAMES & PERFORMANCES**

SUNDAY 13/11/16 9AM - 12
RECOVERY BREAKFAST & DISPLAYS



Figure 1 - A 3D perspective of the proposed concept design

SAVE THE DATES

**11TH TO 13TH
NOVEMBER 2016**

**FRIDAY NIGHT
BARN DANCE
6-9PM**

**SATURDAY
BALLINA HIGH
REMEMBERS
9AM - 6PM**

**SUNDAY
RECOVERY
9AM-12**



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Goonellabah Workers Sports Cricket Club
are looking for players for the 2016/2017 season.
The club is aiming to field teams in the following age
groups:-

Milo T20 Blast (Age 6-10)

Under 12's

Under 13's

Under 15's

For enquiries or if you are interested in playing
please contact Brad Walker – 0419 517 318

Teach Your Teen To Drive

Are you learning to drive or about to begin learning...or teaching a learner?
Would you like some free help from a qualified driving instructor?

Thursday 1 December, 4.30 - 7.30pm

Lismore Library

Refreshments provided. Bookings essential. Phone 02 6621 2464.



- The importance of the Learner/Supervisor partnership
 - All about the Log Book
 - Low risk driving strategies
 - Techniques for teaching
- Things you need to know for your driving test...and more...



A free presentation with thanks to 'Club Grants' & the Lismore Workers Club

Learners, please bring your log books along.