

KADINA HIGH CAMPUS NEWSLETTER

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NAIDOC Week

This years NAIDOC theme was 'Our Languages Matter', an issue that is often overlooked when thinking about heritage and culture. Kadina High campus was blessed to have the opportunity to receive Ricky Cook who delivered a welcome to country in Language. In place of the traditional Australian anthem for this years NAIDOC assembly, we instead had a different version read to us. This anthem was written by Judith Durham in collaboration with Aboriginal elders and speaks about the Dreaming and the importance of living in harmony. In addition to Mr Cook, we also had the pleasure of Mr Billy Smith, and one of our own students Latysha Smith-Bruce, performing a number of songs entertaining the crowd. Further entertainment was provided by the Rivers College Indigenous dance group at the end of the assembly, further enhancing the importance of these vibrant cultures and the promotion of heritage and identity, especially through Language. The importance of language was further highlighted by the address of our Principal, Mr Ian Davies, who highlighted the influence of colonisation on his own heritage and the change that occurred through loss of language.

Before the assembly some of the current year 11 & 12 Aboriginal students planted the first trees in what will become the NAIDOC Native Bush Tucker garden. It now features Native Ginger and Finger Limes.



CALENDAR

Yr 12 Trials - KHC, LHC, RRHS
7 August

Yr 7 Vaccinations
8 September

Yr 11 Exams - KHC, LHC, RRHS
11-20 September

Yr 12 Farewell Assembly
7 August

**P&C Meeting 3rd Monday of
each month**



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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.

Welcome back

At the end of last term, we held a combined Rivers Year Eleven and Twelve parent teacher night held at Lismore High Campus with staff from all three campuses being available for interviews.

By all accounts, the night was very successful. The new online booking system seemed to work well with most interviews running on time and with minimal waiting time between interviews for parents. This booking system will be used for future parent teacher nights.

This term started off with a School Development Day with staff having workshops on the effect trauma can have on young people followed by workshops on new curriculum being introduced across a number of faculties.

Parents wanting to read more about the HSC process can go to the following link

<http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/parents/#hsc>

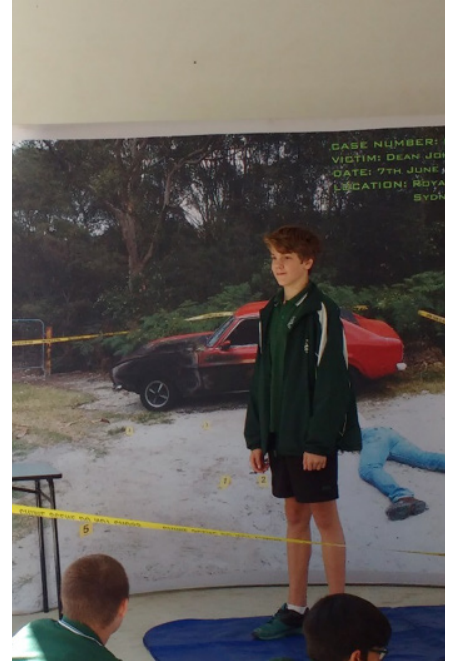
If your child did not receive their Semester One reports at the end of last term, you should contact the school office to arrange for it to be made available, or alternatively ask your child to speak to their Year Adviser.



Koala spotted high in the trees at Kadina High last term

Endeavour Forensics Workshop

Late last term, students from Year 7 and 8 Endeavour classes attended Richmond River High Campus to participate in a forensics workshop. Students were presented with a crime scene, then had to use available evidence such as DNA samples, gunshot residue, skin samples, blood samples and tyre tread patterns to solve the crime. The students had a great time, and successfully solved the crime. The underlying theme was about the consequences of hanging with the wrong crowd.



Southern Cross University Enterprise Lab

Mr Davies was an invited guest to the official opening of Southern Cross University Enterprise lab located in what was previously the library at the university. The new space has been developed for entrepreneurs from across the Northern Rivers to develop the knowledge, skills and experience required to translate ideas and research into world-changing projects. With a focus on "Enterprise through Collaboration", the new lab has the potential for involvement of The Rivers Secondary College. What is more exciting for Kadina is the fact that there are parents of our students involved in the project at the university opening doors for our students.

Photographed here is Mr Davies with Mr Brito from Lismore High Campus and Mr Chris Comerford, Principal of Woodlawn College at the official opening, and Mr Davies with his "selfie" with NSW Premier Ms Gladys Berejiklian who officially opened the new Enterprise lab.



Work Readiness Achievement Program (WRAP) students at TAFE

Last term our WRAP students held a Market Stall at Wollongbar TAFE. The students organised all elements of the stall including the planning, the marketing, the preparation and the customer service. They raised money from selling a curry lunch prepared by the Hospitality students and potted plants that were grown by the Horticulture students. The money they raised was donated to the Lismore City SES to assist with the recent Lismore floods.

Mitch So and Gail Wergs



Year 8 Endeavour STEM Project

During terms 1 and 2, the Year 8 Endeavour STEM class was given the task to design and build a crane. The design brief asked that the crane had to lift a designated weight from the horizontal to a designated height, while sitting on a bed of jelly. The jelly was load tested and the crane had to have feet that were big enough not to fall through the jelly. Students needed to calculate the required dimensions of the crane boom arm, as well as the required counter weights to prevent the crane from toppling. All groups produced a successful solution and students learnt a lot from the exercise.



Kadina to the Future Options Expo in Lismore

Students engaged very well at the Future Options Expo which had many exhibitors.



It was great to catch up with Bill Ford, a past Kadina student who has finished his apprenticeship as an electrician at Casino meat works and is now working there full time. He is speaking here with Luke, Strider and Taylor.

NAIDOC Cup OZ Tag

On Tuesday the 27th of June, Kadina High Campus hosted the start of a tradition called the NAIDOC Cup oz tag event. This event allows Indigenous boy and girls from Yr 7 to 12 from all three Rivers Secondary College campuses to play against each other in a round robin game of Oz tag for the chance to display the prestigious NAIDOC Cup at their campus.

It was the first time this event was conducted, and by the feedback, it was a great success. Students and families were able to build on community and friendship through comradery and teamship.

There were prizes and trophies and they were sponsored by Rivers Secondary College, Richard Fleming the referee and teachers, which was much appreciated.

The overall winner, with two wins from two games was Kadina, but really the winner was the participants, which made for a great fun day.

We would also like to thank Aunty Irene Clarke for coordinating this event and look forward to the next NAIDOC celebration.



2017 Science and Engineering Challenge at Southern Cross University

The University of Newcastle presents the Science and Engineering Challenge in conjunction with Southern Cross University. It is a day-long competition designed to provide year 10 (or year 9) high school students with a positive experience of science and engineering. It also encourages students to consider a career in Science or Engineering, and to study the enabling sciences in senior high school. On Friday 23rd June, Mrs O'Sullivan and 30 students from years 9 and 10 headed to Southern Cross University for the annual Science and Engineering Challenge. Students are put into groups of two to four and each group has a challenge (or two) that they must complete during the day. Points were awarded on teamwork; creativity and successful completion of tasks. Two of the groups came first in their challenges. Declan Flowers, Brad Wotherspoon and Riley Couch had success with the Confounding communications activity while Lilli Hjelmstrom, Kaitlyn-Lee Currie, Elijah Askew-Smith and Lucien McMahon excelled at the ElectraCITY task. All participants had a great day and were positive ambassadors for Kadina with their behaviour and spirit. Many of the year 9 students are looking forward to going again next year.

Nyholm Youth Lecture "Mother Nature's Molecules - the good, the bad and the ugly" by Dr Alice Williamson

Students in 10S1 and 9S1 were lucky enough to be presented with a Nyholm Youth Lecture in conjunction with speakers from Southern Cross University. The Nyholm Lecture Series commemorates Sir Ronald Nyholm FRS (1917-1971), an outstanding Australian researcher and passionate chemical educator. Dr Alice Williamson presented a very interesting and interactive lecture that focused on the difference between natural and unnatural substances. She dispelled the belief that all synthetic or unnatural substances are bad for us and that some natural substances can be quite harmful. Dr Williamson clearly conveyed her enthusiasm for Chemistry and the students developed their understanding in this area. Dr Lachlan Lee from Southern Cross University also spoke to the students about doing a job you love and are passionate about. Students also received information about the Head Start program that is run through Southern Cross University. This program allows successful Year 11 and 12 applicants to undertake a unit of study at the university while still at school. This then allows for direct entry and advanced standing in a variety of courses offered at Southern Cross University.

Mrs Aurora O'Sullivan (Science Teacher)

* For more information on the Head Start program go to <http://scu.edu.au/futurestudents/index.php/147/>
Mrs O'Sullivan and Mrs Champion also have information brochures on this program.

Year 10 HSIE Excursion

On the 29th of June, 2017, Year 10 HSIE students went on an excursion to Queensland Museum and Queensland Gallery of Modern Art (GOMA). Students attended the 'Gladiators: Heroes of the Colosseum' exhibition whereby students were able to explore and examine various exhibition features of more than 110 original artefacts including pieces of the Colosseum, authentic elaborately decorated bronze gladiator helmets and original arms and armour preserved in the ashes of Pompeii. Some students had the opportunity to dress in traditional Gladiator helmets and shields to experience what it may have been like to participate as one of the heroes of the colosseum.

GOMA presented the Marvel: Creating the Cinematic Universe exhibition which allowed students to be immersed in the world of Marvel. Drawing on Marvel's extensive archive of original comic books, spectacular concept art, props and costumes, as well as private collections, the exhibition features over 500 unique objects including Thor's hammer, Iron Man's suit of armour, Captain America's shield, and never-before-seen set pieces from the highly anticipated Thor: Ragnarok 2017, including the majestic Asgardian throne room.

Rebecca Somerfield
Yr 10 HSIE coordinator





RIVERS PULSE

Youth Event

RESIST - PERSIST - SURVIVE TO THRIVE DRUG FREE
SATURDAY, 12 AUGUST 2017 | 11.00AM - 4.00PM
NESBITT PARK, SOUTH LISMORE

LIVE MUSIC - 'TEDDY LEWIS KING'
GRAFFITI WORKSHOPS - BMX RIDERS
MARTIAL ARTS - OPEN MIC - FOOD STALLS
TOUCH FOOTY GAME - PHOTO BOOTH
SKATEBOARDING - DJ - BBQ
PRIZES + MORE!

**COLLABORATE - JOIN FORCES
+ UNITE OUR COMMUNITY!**

We are calling all young people, families, community members and services to join us and get involved in this youth event, either by attending on the day or being part of the event.
ALL WELCOME!

Contact janellep@fsg.org.au
to RSVP or get involved.

HSC Tips and Advice Nights

at Lismore City Library

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| Thursday 24 August | 4.30pm - PDHPE Tips for planning for the exam and structuring responses. 5.45pm - Biology |
| Thursday 31 August | 4.30pm - Ancient History Core (Pompeii & Herculaneum) 5.45pm - English |

**Assistance with your
exam preparation
from HSC markers.**

- **Free 1-hour sessions.**
- **Questions answered.**
- **Pizza served!**



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Southern Cross University

SCU Open Days

Southern Cross University invites The Rivers Secondary College - Kadina High Campus students and their parents to our Open Days to sample campus life, and explore study options and career opportunities.

Join us on campus for workshops and presentations, campus tours, food options, live music and entertainment.

Gold Coast campus: Sunday 13 August

Lismore campus: Sunday 20 August

Coffs Harbour campus and National Marine Science Centre: Sunday 27 August

For more information, registration and details on the event programs, please visit scu.edu.au/opendays

SCU STAR Early Entry enables Year 12 students to gain early admission to Southern Cross University on the basis of their school Principal's recommendation. STAR Early Entry matches an individual student to a particular Southern Cross University course based on their likelihood of success in their chosen discipline. Applications for current Year 12 students are now open for study in 2018. For more information, please contact your Career Adviser or refer to scu.edu.au/STAR

Keep up to date with our events by following us at [SCU Future Student Facebook page](#)



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Dear Parents and Carers

The Rivers Secondary College, Kadina High Campus will transition to the new NSW Public Schools' finance system and a new bank account on **4 September 2017**.

To ensure a smooth transition, there will be changes to the way we accept payments from parents and carers.

- 1. EFTPOS payments:** We will not be able to accept EFTPOS payments between **28 August and 4 September 2017**. Please ensure that you have made any outstanding EFTPOS payments before close of business **Friday 25 August 2017**. From **5 September 2017**, EFTPOS payments will be accepted as before.
- 2. Cash and cheque payments:** Between **28 August 2017** and **5 September 2017**, we will also not be able to accept payments by cash or cheque as we prepare to close our current bank account and transition to the new one. Please ensure that you have made any outstanding cash or cheque payments before close of business **Friday 25 August 2017**. From **5 September 2017**, cash and cheque payments will be accepted as before.
- 3. Online payments:** As of **4 September 2017**, we will begin to accept online payments using the Department of Education's Parent Online Payment (POP) system. A button to access this online payment system titled '\$ Make a Payment' will be visible on the utility bar on the front page of our school's website at <http://www.kadina-h.schools.nsw.edu.au>. By selecting this link, parents and carers will be taken to a secure Westpac QuickWeb payment page, from which they can make online payments.

Please note: As a Westpac-hosted solution, cardholder and account details will be held securely, helping to protect the school and its customers from fraudulent transactions as well as assisting in meeting the Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (PCIDSS) compliance requirements.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we transition to our new finance system. We are hopeful the addition of an online payment facility will prove of benefit to families. If you have any questions, please contact the school office on 02 66243133.

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