

NEWSLETTER

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“Mayhem in the MPC” Junior Musical Spectacular

Kadina hosted a spectacular Music concert last Wednesday night called “Mayhem in the MPC”. This concert has showcased the talents of Year 7-10 Music classes from across the Rivers college.

It was a fantastic show which also featured Kadina Year 12 VET Entertainment and Year 9 Showtime classes in action creating staging, lighting, vision designs for the show as well as running the audio. Also, on offer were some delicious treats from Hospitality classes ala Catherine Murphy and her kitchen protegeses.

We were blown away by the talent and our students were all appreciative for having an audience. These kids have missed out on so many performance opportunities in their high school years and for many it was their first time on stage. Well done students!

Entry was by donation and all proceeds are being donated to www.resound.org.au



CALENDAR

23 September
Last day of Term 3

10 October
**Welcome back all
students for Term 4**

19-22 October
**North Coast National
Show (Lismore Show)**

24 October 3:30pm
**Aboriginal Education
Team Meeting**



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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.



Principal Message

It has been another busy term at the Kadina High Campus where our students have continued to show exactly what they can create.

One of our major focuses this term has been helping our Year 12 students begin their final preparation for their HSC exams. On the last day of term, we farewelled these students as they get ready to sit their examinations early in Term 4. Getting these students to this point is testament to the support of their parents/carers and teachers, as well as their own determination in the face of the real adversity they have experienced this year. We have no doubt they will do themselves, our campus and our college proud!

I know you will enjoy reading about our numerous achievements in this term's newsletter. I would like to thank our staff and students who continue to highlight examples of great practice and who represent our campus with maturity and pride across a range of sporting, cultural and academic opportunities.

One exciting moment this term has been the ordering of our new Kadina High Campus sports shirts. These shirts were co-designed by two students and feature artwork that celebrates our Aboriginal culture. Thanks to the kind donation from our P&C, it has meant that we can supply one shirt to each Years 7-11 student for free. I would like to thank the students, staff and P&C for their involvement in this. It has been a long process, but we look forward to distributing these shirts in Term 4.

I hope everyone takes the time to have a relaxing break. Term 4 is always a busy one as we prepare for celebration events, excursions and final assessments. Ensure you give yourself a chance to rest and reset ready for another great term.

Principal

James Witchard



Year 12 Final Assembly

The last day of term was a momentous occasion for Year 12, 2022. It marks a very significant end of their face-to-face learning time here at our campus and the beginning of new and exciting chapters. Of course, they face the final hurdle of the HSC examinations early next term and while this is not the only opportunity for success, it is certainly one that I know everyone will attempt to the very best of their ability.

Not only have these students experienced the hardship of COVID restrictions, lockdowns and isolations, but they have also managed their study in the face of the largest natural disaster in living history to impact our region. In the days immediately following the floods, it was Year 12 who became one of our main focuses. How could we ensure the best provision possible for these students when so many of them and our staff had been so significantly impacted? While it wasn't without its difficulties, pushing ahead to resume the learning for these students as soon as possible remains a credit to them and our staff. That consistency and continuity of learning gave lots of us something to work towards.

My mantra here is what Kadina can create. Year 12, if you are an example of this then we are doing a pretty good job.

Congratulations on all of your achievements. Take hold of every opportunity and seize this moment to chase your dreams.

Thank you,

James Witchard



TRSC Stage 4 Gala Day

It was all fun and games this term at the first ever Rivers Gala Day Challenge which was held at Hepburn Park, Goonellabah. Years 7 and 8 students across The Rivers Secondary College were involved in many fun activities including Table Tennis, Tennis, Touch Footy, Hockey, Ultimate Frisbee, STEM and more followed by a delicious sausage sizzle lunch. Special thanks to the Sports Coordinators at each campus for the organisation and planning that has gone into this great event.



Lismore Education Week Awards

Congratulations to the Kadina staff and student awardees at this years Lismore Education Week Awards.

Lismore Education Week Awards 2022



REBECCA MCPHERSON



Rebecca is an outstanding practitioner who works as a COVID ISLP tutor at TRSC Kadina High Campus. Over the past 1.5 years Rebecca has lead the COVID ISLP team to not only tutor students, but to also develop literacy and numeracy resources that ensure longevity in the program post COVID ISLP funding. Rebecca's calm, consistent approach with students ensures that all students who run through the literacy program achieve their goals and beyond. She is a highly respected member of our school community and an invaluable asset to whole school improvement.

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HEATHER FRICKE

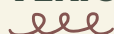


Heather is the Student Support Officer at TRSC Kadina High Campus. She quickly became a part of the school community, building positive relationships with students and providing support to both students and their families. At all times Heather models professionalism and performs her duties to a high standard. It is because of Heather's caring nature she has been able to build trust with students and help to re-engage them with their education.

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GEMMA VERIGA WHITE



Gemma started as the Relieving Head Teacher Wellbeing at TRSC Kadina High Campus in 2022. She immediately immersed herself into Kadina school culture and built positive relationships across the school. Her exceptional leadership of the Wellbeing team has seen wellbeing continue to improve across the school for all students, but in particular for our students at risk. Due to the floods, Gemma applied for and was granted funding for a Breakfast Club which continues to this day and feeds the majority of the student population each morning and often throughout the day. Gemma's committed approach to student wellbeing ensures that all students can access support when needed.

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FLOOD KITCHEN - CATHERINE MURPHY AND GAIL WERGS



When Lismore was hit by a devastating natural disaster and our school was declared non-operational, the staff of the Kadina High Campus sprung into supportive action. With over 150 SES and ADF personnel deployed to our campus, our staff quickly developed a plan to help support these workers by establishing a Flood Kitchen operating out of our Hospitality Kitchen.

During our non-operational period, the staff dedicated themselves to making over 350 meals over 5 days. Despite the complexities of accessing groceries, the staff involved emptied their own fridges and pantries to selflessly give and support these front line workers. Their dedication and willingness to help in a crisis is both testament to their strong commitment to our broader community and their willingness to be part of opening our school up at a time of dire need. This truly showcases what Kadina can create.

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SIENNA SMITH



Sienna is an Aboriginal student in Year 10. Over the past two years, she has pushed herself out of her comfort zone to be the best version of herself. She consistently is a student who thrives to do better and is always proud to represent her school and her culture. Sienna puts her hand up for every challenge and accepts every opportunity. She pushes herself in the classroom and on the sporting field. She is a natural born leader and is a role model for all our younger Indigenous girls.

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LOCHLAN MAGUIRE



Lochlan is an outstanding student that has shown courage and determination to achieve to a high standard in all aspects of his schooling. He is a champion of Public-School values and has demonstrated this through his loyalty and commitment to Kadina High Campus, in and out in the community. His role as school captain has given him the opportunity to put into practice his desire to make Kadina a positive and welcoming school. Lochlan was significantly affected by the floods in Lismore this year but has maintained high expectations and is performing in his studies to an excellent capacity. He is a role model for many of the younger students and he interacts with all people with deep respect, easy going attitude coupled with the desire to help in any way he can.

Lismore Education Week Awards 2022



SOPHIE PAINTER



Sophie has been a dedicated member of the Student Representative Council for the past six years, advocating on behalf of the student body. She has built the leadership capacity of other students in the SRC through serving as SRC Chairperson for two years and as School Captain this year. As School Captain, Sophie has advocated for the student body as we've managed the impact of floods on our community. She has attended meetings with the Minister for Education, Department of Education officials and NESA officials, presenting a clear and balanced view of student needs in our College.

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FIONA CAMPBELL



Fiona has been an integral part of our school community for a number of years. In that time, she has been a fierce advocate for our school, proudly sharing her passion and trust for The Rivers Secondary College, Kadina High Campus with the broader community. As a member of our P&C, Fiona has played an active role in supporting the School Canteen, merit selection panel processes and the Uniform Shop. Through her time on our P&C, she used her position of Secretary to ensure strong decision making and that significant funds raised by the P&C were directed back into the school to give the best possible resources and opportunities to all students.

Fiona committed to supporting our school long beyond the time her children were students here and has been an invaluable asset to our school and community.

WARREN KING



Warren has been an integral part of our school community for a number of years. In that time, he has been a fierce advocate for our school, proudly sharing his passion and trust for The Rivers Secondary College, Kadina High Campus with the broader community. As a member of our P&C, Warren has played an active role in the School Canteen, ensuring this important resource remained school managed for many years. Warren has also overseen our P&C run Uniform Shop, ensuring affordable uniform is accessible for all students. Through his time on our P&C, he used his position of Treasurer to ensure significant funds raised by the P&C were directed back into the school to give the best possible resources and opportunities to all students.

Warren committed to supporting our school long beyond the time his children were students here and has been an invaluable asset to our school and community.

School Excursions

Geography Excursion to Byron Bay

On Thursday 1st September, Year 10 Geography students went on a field trip to Byron Bay studying coastal processes, demography and ecotourism. Students identified coastal erosion and management strategies, compiled a population survey and analysed the Central Business District before catching the solar train to Elements Resort for a presentation by the General Manager & Grounds Manager on sustainability and ecotourism.



Year 12 pictured at their excursion to Dreamworld.

CAPA News

Art Express Excursion

Friday 2nd September, Art Students from Kadina and Richmond River High Campus headed to Tweed Regional Gallery to view Art Express. This is an exhibition showcasing the HSC Visual Arts artworks from the previous year. Seeing these works has set up our Year 11 students for their journey into the HSC year next term. It was great seeing the students from both campuses blending seamlessly together and making strong friendship groups.



Drawing Techniques

7E - This class has been learning how to draw fragments of the face, learning how to blend, use different grades of graphite and layer. This is some of the results from these students.



Sporting News

Late this term, students attended a Futsal Gala Day at GSAC. The under 14's boys had their first game against Alstonville. They dominated at the beginning of the game with Jack scoring the first goal. Unfortunately, they lost the game which caused them to be knocked out of the competition, however, they played a second game against Lismore High in the afternoon and won!

The under 16's boys started off strong with a win against Richmond River, progressing in the competition to verse Alstonville. It was a close game that went into extra time, with Max scoring the winning goal. The boys then played in the final against Evans Head. The final started out evenly matched, however, Evans Head dominated in the second half, securing the win.

The under 16's girls had a great start, beating Richmond River 3-nil. They progressed to the next round and versed Lismore High. It was a close game, however, Kadina came out on top, with Chloe scoring a goal all the way from the goalkeeper's box. The girls then played against Woodenbong in the final. The girls gave it their all, however they were defeated 2-1.

Despite the losses, both the under 16's boys and girls made it into the finals and came 2nd overall for the day and should be proud of their efforts. Well done to all teams!

Chloe Sirach | PDHPE Teacher



Aboriginal Family and Community Tea

Kadina High Campus has been hosting their Aboriginal Family and Community Morning Tea each term this year. Our last Morning Tea was held when we were celebrating NAIDOC Week, Week 10 Term 2. This year's NAIDOC Theme was 'Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up!' If you would like to find out more information on the Aboriginal Family and Community Morning Teas, please contact the school to speak with Jenique Sines.



Ableton in Classrooms Initiative

As part of the Ableton in Classrooms Initiative, Kadina have received 10 Ableton Push units. These are powerful music production hardware controllers which have become an industry mainstay in music production all over the world. This has allowed us to bring high-end music technology techniques into our music classrooms. Pictured are the Year 9 Showtime class working on their remix projects.

Joseph O'Keeffe
Secondary Music/ VET Entertainment teacher



SASS Recognition Week

Earlier in the month we celebrated School Administrative and Support Staff Recognition Week. This is a time to acknowledge and thank the often unsung heroes in our school. Thank you for all the work that you do.





Girls in STEM Workshop

At the Rivers Secondary College, we are aware that most of the fastest growing careers require STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Maths) skills. We are also aware the females are significantly under-represented in STEM subjects at school and university, and only make up 28% of people working in STEM-qualified industries. Year 10 girls were invited to participate in a workshop to us design thinking to identify the causes of this under-representation and develop a solution. The issues they identified included gender bias both at home and at school, social influences and a lack of information being given to female students. Their insights were invaluable for us as educators and school leaders.

As part of this workshop, the students worked with industry mentors from East Coast Algae Biosystems to discuss their ideas, their target audience and to develop a plan to bring their ideas to a reality.



Year 10 girls with industry mentors from East Coast Algae Biosystems

Bottle Rocket Challenge

Students in 8E have been working in their STEM class to design and create rockets for the inaugural RASE bottle rocket challenge. High school students were required to have at least one functional component of their rocket that was digitally designed and manufactured. The finale was hosted at Kadina High, and involved 86 primary and high school students. Kadina High students created some wonderful designs, but couldn't quite match the winning team from Lismore High who had a rocket that flew a whopping 97m!



Eva and Jessica with their innovative rocket



Kadina High STEM Club

To celebrate National Science Week, we are launching the Kadina High STEM Club. This will run at lunch time every Monday in Lab 5, starting Monday 15th August. The initial focus will be on robotics and 3D printing, but if you are interested in another area of STEM, come along and talk to us. Open to ALL students! See you there!

School Holidays at the Lismore Area Libraries

BENJAMIN GILMOUR

Fundamentals of Film Making for Youth

at Goonellabah Library

Wednesday 5 October, 2pm - 4pm



Celebrated local writer/director Benjamin Gilmour hosts a one-off workshop on the art of screenwriting and shooting film.

Participants will explore the fundamentals of film making - the growing of ideas, the importance of story, character development and structure.

Participants will then put their film knowledge into practise using a phone or iPad. For ages 12 - 24 years.

Bookings essential. Bookings and more information at 6625 1235 / goonellabah@rtrl.nsw.gov.au

Young Podcasters Workshop

Are you a local teenager obsessed with listening to podcasts like *The Magnus Archives* or *No Such Thing As a Fish*? Ever wanted to make a podcast of your own?

Podcasting is a fun way to share stories, and starting out doesn't need to be expensive. Bring your own smartphone or use a library tablet.

Session 1 - Intro to Podcasting

Tuesday 27 September

Session 2 - Concept & design

Thursday 29 September

Session 3 - Recording

Tuesday 4 October

Session 4 - Editing & Publishing

Thursday 6 October



All sessions will run 2pm - 4pm
at Lismore Pop-up Library

6 Centenary Drive, Goonellabah

Book your place by phoning 6621 2464 or
email lismore@rtrl.nsw.gov.au

CREATE

Then

Animate

Friday 7 October

Part 1: 10am - 11.30am

Part 2: 2pm - 3.30pm

at Goonellabah Library

Book your place by phoning 6625 1235
or email goonellabah@rtrl.nsw.gov.au

Create then animate is the latest workshop offering from The Art of Comics that takes the participant from a blank page to constructing a 2D animation featuring their very own characters. It is a double workshop for children aged 10 and up that can be taken individually or as a two part series.

Part 1: Create

This 90 minute workshop teaches the student how to create characters using a blend of human and animal characteristics. They'll learn how to draw storyboards using stick figures, devise locations and worlds for their creations to exist, and create fun narratives for their characters.

Part 2: Animate

Building on concepts from part 1, this 90 minute workshop will set characters into 'action' using 2D animation. Watch cartoons come to life as they walk through locations, worlds, and universes created by the participant!



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Connect. Discover. Escape.

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27 Oliver Avenue
Goonellabah NSW 2480
02 6625 1235

Lismore Pop-up Library
6 Centenary Drive
Goonellabah
02 6621 2464



Recovery Connect is a new support service for anyone who has experienced loss or trauma because of natural disaster.

You will be introduced to your Recovery Linker, who will listen to your story and identify your needs. We will then help you, or connect you to the right support services.

Recovery Connect will support you to navigate difficulties with accessing a range of supports. We can help in areas such as financial assistance, counselling, legal advice, identifying grants, business and employment supports, and much more.

You can self-refer or be referred via Service NSW or other organisations.

We cover the regions of Tweed, Byron, Lismore and Clarence Valley.

Attendance

With the disruptions that many of our families have faced in recent months, we understand that getting children to school every day is not always easy. We're here to help. If there are things that we can do to help your child to get to school every day, please let us know. Every day really does count!

NSW Department of Education

Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn



Build friendships



Develop life skills

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Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight

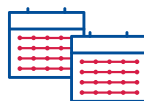
= **4** weeks



= Over **1** year missed

1 day per week

= **8** weeks



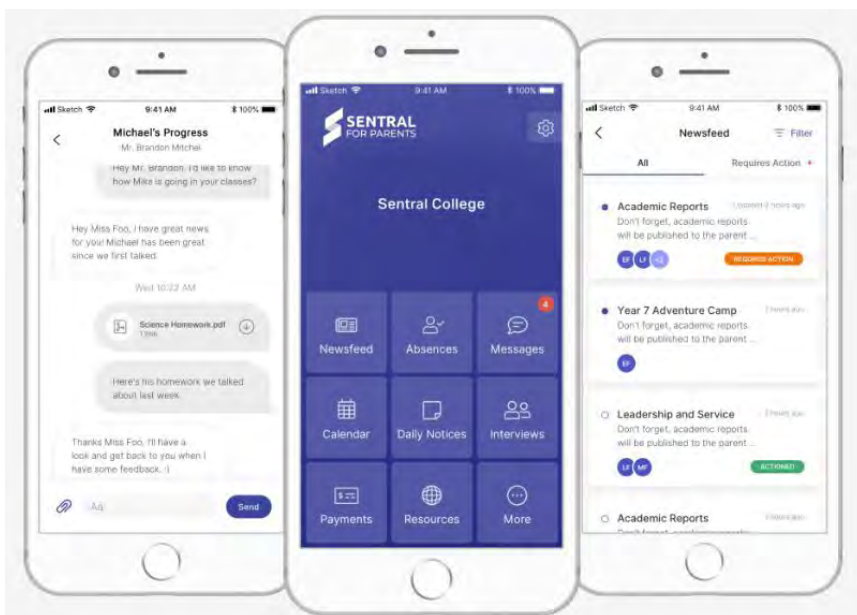
= Over **2.5** years missed

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Kadina Parent Portal and App

The Sentral for Parents Portal app allows you to monitor your child's school journey simply and efficiently. You will find numerous smart features that help streamline your day, receive important alerts and announcements and even download school forms that you normally would have had to request. The Sentral for Parent Portal app helps you to stay connected and informed about your child's education safely and securely from your own home.

If you have not received your Parent Portal letter with the instructions on how to subscribe, please contact the school to request one.



Sentral for Parents app features



Newsfeed and Daily Notices

Receive newsfeed and daily notices about important events that relate to your child.



2-way messaging

Communicate directly with your child's teacher in the app via 2-way messaging. View, download and upload documents.



Absence notifications

Send absence notifications to the school quickly and easily from within the app.



Calendar

View calendar items to stay up to date with school events.



Interviews

Conveniently view parent teacher interview bookings.



Payments

View and make payments for school fees, excursions and more.



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