

# Richmond High School Newsletter

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## Red Nose Day

Congratulations to our Student Representative Council headed by Ms Garcia and Mr Pollard for their outstanding efforts in raising approximately \$9,400 for Red Nose Day this year.

Students sold Red Nose Day merchandise at school and the Richmond Marketplace, Penrith Plaza and Windsor Riverview Shopping Centres throughout Weeks 6 and 7 of last Term. In addition this year, for the first time, Colo Soccer Football Club hosted a special Game Day to raise money for Red Nose Day as well. A big thank you must go to Colo Soccer FC for also supporting this extremely worthwhile cause.



## Rewarding Outstanding Effort!

In the last week of Term 2 (Thursday June 29th) several students from Years 9 and 10 were invited to a luncheon hosted by our Deputy Principals. This was to celebrate achieving '5 for effort' in all their subjects for the term.



*Pictured above: We celebrated outstanding effort by students in Years 9 & 10 in Semester 1 with a special Deputy Principal lunch.*

## Dates to Remember - Term 3, 2017

- 8/08/2017 P&C Meeting
- 9/08/2017 Green Light Day - Careers Excursion
- 10/08/2017 HSC Ind Tech Major Projects due
- 11/08/2017 Disability Expo
- 12/08/2017 Disability Expo
- 14/08/2017 Science Week
- 15/08/2017 Murumittigiar Excursion
- 16/08/2017 B Streetsmart
- 22/08/2017 Hawkesbury Eisteddfod
- 26/08/2017 P&C Trivia Night - 6:30pm
- 28/08/2017 HSC VA Bodies of Work due
- 30/08/2017 Gold DOE Practice Journey
- 31/08/2017 Gold DOE Practice Journey
- 1/09/2017 Gold DOE Practice Journey
- 1/09/2017 Yr 7 Vaccinations V3
- 1/09/2017 Book Week Parade
- 2/09/2017 Gold DOE Practice Journey
- 4/09/2017 St.5 Work Ed Work Experience
- 4/09/2017 HSC Music Performance dates begin
- 5/09/2017 St.5 Work Ed Work Experience
- 5/09/2017 Yr 10 VALID Testing
- 6/09/2017 St.5 Work Ed Work Experience
- 6/09/2017 Yr 10 VALID Testing
- 7/09/2017 St.5 Work Ed Work Experience
- 7/09/2017 YIPP/NASCA Athletics Day
- 8/09/2017 St.5 Work Ed Work Experience
- 8/09/2017 International Food Court
- 8/09/2017 Yr 10 VALID Testing
- 11/09/2017 Bronze DOE Qualifying Journey - Group 1
- 12/09/2017 Bronze DOE Qualifying Journey - Group 1
- 12/09/2017 P&C Meeting
- 13/09/2017 Parent Teacher Interviews
- 14/09/2017 Year 11 Yearly Examinations
- 14/09/2017 Macquarie Cup Oz-Tag
- 14/09/2017 Bronze DOE Practice Journey - Group 2
- 15/09/2017 Year 11 Yearly Examinations
- 15/09/2017 Bronze DOE Practice Journey - Group 2
- 16/09/2017 Year 11 Yearly Examinations

## Principal's Report

### Welcome to Term 3, 2017

The start of Term 3 has been a busy and rewarding one. Students have returned to commence the Semester 2 Assessment period and we will continue to remind students that attendance, being packed for learning, being in class on time and applying themselves with 5 for effort are the foundations for success. This term there are again many exciting opportunities for students in leadership, extension and enrichment programs, sporting teams, cultural programs and community participation programs.

### Kokoda Trail Overseas Excursion

Approval was provided by the Department of Education to conduct the Kokoda Trail Overseas Excursion which is a collaboration between Richmond High School and Colo High School. The eleven students and three teachers departed Sydney on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July and flew to Port Moresby. From there they took local transport to the beginning of the 10 day trek. I wish all students and staff a safe and informative time. The historical and cultural significance of the Kokoda Trail to Australians is well documented.



### School Development Day Term 3

Staff returned to work on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July and spent the School Development Day focussing on catering for individual student learning needs. This approach recognises that all students learn in different ways. It also recognises that some students require adjustments to the work and activities that teachers develop and implement. This also relates to students with disabilities. Staff investigated different strategies they can implement to ensure that all students can access the curriculum. This focus will continue with follow up workshops for staff to identify and explore other strategies they can use to make adjustments.

### Year 10 Subject Selection

On Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July the Year 10 Subject Selection evening took place in the MAC. Congratulations to Mrs

Cullen, Mrs Perry and Mr Gordon on the organisation of and presentations for the event. Students and their parents were able to listen to the information and rules around the award of the Higher School Certificate as well as find out specific requirements for each course offered at the school. Mrs Cullen and Mr Anderson have also organised every student to be interviewed before they submit their final selection. This is the foundation of the Senior School at Richmond High and it is important that students select their course on the basis of what they are good at, what they are interested in and courses that match their future career aspirations.

### Milton Alston Centre (The MAC)

As announced by the NSW Government and as reported in the last newsletter, the Department of Education are funding the construction of an upgraded multi-purpose centre. This will be located next to the MAC and in front of the Ball Courts. It will provide a facility with the infrastructure to support many of the current technologies for performance and production as well as a sporting facility. The Department of Education will be setting up a booth at the Hawkesbury Library, Richmond with more detailed information.

The Department of Education has referred our community members to the following website:

<http://www.dec.nsw.gov.au/about-the-department/our-reforms/innovative-education-successful-students/school-upgrades/richmond-high-school>

### Recognition of outstanding effort/performance



*Pictured above: Some of the Year 7 Award recipients with their Year Advisor, Mrs Sian Gray and Deputy Principal, Mr Phil Gordon.*

Congratulations to all students who received awards at our Semester 1 Recognition Assembly at the end of Term 2. These assemblies are held twice annually with awards presented to students who have participated positively in learning and/or who have consistently met the school's expectations.

**Mr Cliff Ralph**  
**PRINCIPAL**

## Deputy Principal's Report

### Subject Selections

The timetable process for 2018 is now in full swing with **Year 10** just having attended their Senior Subject Selection Evening in Week 2, which was a highly successful evening with over 200 people, including approximately 80 students in attendance. Nearly 90 selection forms have already been returned and the Senior Executive Team are currently making decisions regarding the subjects that will run for Year 11, 2018. Any students who miss out on a subject(s) will be re-interviewed to ensure they get the best available options from the line structure.

I have been very impressed with **Year 10** throughout the process and I know Mrs Cullen is looking forward to working with them again next year. However, they have been reminded that their HSC begins NOW and that they ALL need to be achieving 4 or 5 effort ratings on their Semester 2 Reports. If they don't begin to work and develop the habits of a senior student now, they will find it very difficult to adjust next year. They should be completing all set tasks to the best of their ability and even looking at doing an extra 5-10% on top of what is expected by their teachers.

**Year 8** have received their Elective Booklet for 2018 this week and have a form to return to the Front Office by Thursday 3rd August 2017 (a "first in best dressed" policy for subjects as they fill). Students should carefully read about the subjects they are considering and talk to their parents regarding the subject fees and safety equipment required for some of the subjects. The best advice I can offer for selecting 3 elective subjects for 2018, is to select subjects that you LIKE and/or are GOOD at. Please talk to your teachers about the contents of their elective subjects and DO NOT make choices based on "what your friends are doing", as you will be doing these subjects 6 periods per fortnight for the entire

year – it can be a long year if you choose unwisely.

**Year 9** have been sent home with a letter last week that outlines the 3 electives that they studied this year. They will then have to select 2 electives only for Year 10 in 2018. ONE of those 2 electives has to be ONE of the electives studied this year. Subjects that did not have enough numbers to run this year or new subjects on offer, may be selected as the second selection for 2018; for example: there is a new English Elective called "Media Industry Studies". These letters will need to be returned to me by Thursday 3rd August 2017.

**Year 11** will complete their Preliminary HSC at the end of Term 3, with the culmination being their Yearly Examinations in Weeks 9 & 10 (14<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> Sept). They will then begin their HSC Year in Term 4. All students will need to have ensured that they have met Board of Studies requirements for their Preliminary Courses before they can begin HSC courses. If students have received "N Award" warning letters in the mail, I suggest that they are read carefully and that they work with their teachers to ensure that the issues are addressed and resolved as soon as possible. Being given an N Determination in a Preliminary Course can affect a student's ability to achieve their HSC in a 2 year period.

If Year 11 students have successfully completed their 6 Preliminary Courses (12 Units) they may then have the choice to drop ONE course in their HSC year and still qualify for their HSC and/or ATAR with 10 Units (5 subjects) of study. They will be given the choice to do this early in Term 4, once the N Determination process is completed by the school (approx. Week 4).



## Year 12

Year 12 are in the final stretch of their 13 years of schooling, with the completion of their Trial HSC Exams at the end of Term 2. They are now completing their final units of work and will soon be in a solid pattern of revision and examination practise. This is invaluable time with your teachers and I encourage all Year 12 students to maximise your time in class and leave “no stone unturned” in pursuit of your goals.

For the students who are doing practical based subjects, it that time of year when major works and/or performances are due. The following outlines final due dates for BOS deadlines:

- Industrial Technology Major Works (including FOLIOS) due Thursday 10th August 2017
- Visual Arts Body of Works due Monday 28th August 2017
- Music Performances for HSC Markers in the 2 weeks (Sept 4 – Sept 15, 2017)

The HSC Examinations commence on October 16 and conclude on November 7, 2017.



### PBL Fortnightly Focus & Mini Lessons

Our Positive Behaviour for Learning theme for 2017 is being on the “ROAD to Success”, with the acronym for R.O.A.D being (one per term):

#### Respect - Organisation - Attitude - Determination

Term 3 brings us to ATTITUDE (& application). Our first 2 mini lessons for the term looked at what it takes for students to achieve a ‘5’ for Effort (100%) in

class on the their semester reports. Staff were surveyed and five (5) criteria were developed to give students a visible guide of what teachers looked for in their students, who were seen to be applying themselves to the best of their ability (100% effort).

The five (5) criteria developed are:

- 1) **Regular attendance & punctuality**
- 2) **Packed for learning**
- 3) **Cooperative & respectful**
- 4) **Attentive & engaged**
- 5) **Application & seeking improvement**

In the PBL mini lessons, students discussed these criteria and they were given samples of teachers’ specific comments from the surveys in what they looked for, so that they could have a clear understanding of what is required to achieve a ‘5’ for effort.

### Banned Items: AEROSOL Cans

Students using deodorant sprays in the school environment is still a cause for concern at times. We have a number of students and staff members who suffer from asthma and the prolific use of deodorant sprays, especially in enclosed environments, can bring about an asthma attack. Our students are regularly reminded that they should only be bringing a ROLL ON deodorant to school. Could you please ensure your children are not bringing deodorant sprays to school.



**Mr Phil Gordon**  
**DEPUTY PRINCIPAL**

### Asthma Australia Website:

“We recommend you avoid using aerosol sprays whenever there are other people around...”

We encourage schools, gyms & sports clubs to adopt a NO-AEROSOL policy...

Keep in mind that around 1 in 10 people has asthma - it's likely in any change room there'll be someone who will be affected.”

Richmond HS has a NO-AEROSOL policy.



# ABOUT ATTENDANCE

There continues to be a strong focus on student attendance at Richmond HS in 2017, with it being recognised as the first step on the ROAD to SUCCESS. Students are regularly reminded of the benefits of attending school every day; school personnel follow up students with concerning patterns of attendance; Department of Education interventions delivered for students whose attendance does not improve despite significant school interventions; and most importantly, strong recognition of students who maintain an excellent record of attendance.

Term 2 of 2017 ended with an increase in the number of students who had a perfect (100%) record of attendance for Semester 1 from last year. 54 students (an increase of 20%) were in attendance for all 97 days in Semester 1 and are still eligible for the 100% Regional Attendance Award at Presentation Night (as long as they do not have too many partial absences).

There were 87 students who attended school every day in Term 2, compared with 112 in Term 1.

Our 100% Attenders in Term 2 were as follows:

## Year 12

Buchanan*	Isabella
Day	Kelsey
Ellings*	Matthew
Ellyard	Katelin
Kilby*	Christian
Naumovski	Daniela
Pearson*	Kelly
Sow*	Jorell

### Please note:

All the students marked with an asterix (\*) have maintained their 100% record year to date.

## Year 11

Bumrunsil	Ekkarad
Caffyn	Jessica
Cox	Aeddan
Funnell	Stephen
Horsburgh*	Timothy
Lackey*	Brad
Ridge*	Corey
Riley*	Noah
Su*	Chelsea

## Year 10

Cox*	Kaitlyn
Dalby-Cavallaro	Joshua
Hynes	Emma
Kilby*	Luke
Malone*	Bethany
Matthews	Chevelle
Mitchell*	Harrison
Mockford*	Riley
Muscat*	Jason
O'Keefe	Ryan
Schmutter*	Tay
Smith*	Jasmyn
Telford	Aleisha
Thornton*	Hayley
Tran	Son
Werner	Jackson
West*	Cameron
White	Maddison

## Year 9

Coutts	Chelsea
Graham	Erin
Inglis	Jessie
Mew*	Cameron
Nixon-	Rianna
Parker*	Matthew
Ratray*	Sophie
Rodgers*	Elizabeth
Rodgers	Jazmin
Rodgers*	Zacery
Svircevic	Izabella
Tanner*	Hayden
Windebank-	Connor
Bozac	
Xiong*	Helen
Zemcevicus	Jake

## Year 7

Asenov	Emily
Barber	Jonathan
Barton	Tobie
Brooks*	Joshua
Cadman*	Cullen
Callow*	Aysha
Freeland-	Jesse
Hutchinson	Scarlett
Hynes	Max
Keys*	Meagan
Kondratenko*	Katelyn
Lane*	Ryan
Malone*	Benjamin
Naumovski	Steven
Nott	Brooklyn
Parker*	Ryan
Pfaff*	Amy
Tanner*	Jacob
White*	Khe-Sahn

## Year 8

Ashley*	Amelia
Cassese	Olivia
Cox*	Isabella
De La Hunty*	Teagan
Ellings*	Joshua
Horsburgh*	Ellie
Irving	Toby
Kapoor*	Anjali
Katene*	Tiawa
Laoh*	Damon
Meredith*	Ella
Muscat*	Claudia
Schultz*	Zaylan
Stanley*	Harry
Tran*	Joceline
Waixel*	Brendon

# Richmond High Stars!!

We are very proud of our students' achievements in external events and competitions and are committed to recognising their achievements, however, this cannot happen unless we are informed. Please ring us or send us something in writing if your child or a group of students achieve success in external events so we can recognise their achievements in our newsletters.

Mrs Stafford/Mrs Lees

## Sydney West Athletics Trials

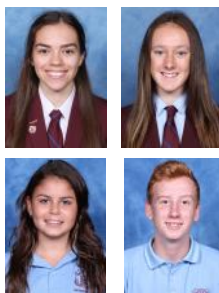
Well done to the following students who competed this week at the Sydney West School Sport Athletics Trials at Blacktown International Sports Park. Congratulations to **Erin Graham** and **Jed McLeod** who have been selected in the Sydney West Team which will compete at the NSW Combined High School State Championships in September.

**Katelin Ellyard (Year 12)** - 17yr+ Girls 400m Hurdles (3rd), 100m Hurdles (3rd), Triple Jump (5th), 200m (12th).

**Erin Graham (Year 9)** 14yr Girls 100m (1st), 200m (4th) and Long Jump (7th).

**Jay-Lee Farrugia (Year 7)** 12yr Girls Shotput (11th)

**Jed McLeod (Year 8)** Javelin (2nd place)



## Regional Futsal

Toward the end of Term 2 we had a variety of Regional Futsal games played at Dural.

On Monday June 19th, we had one girls team and three boys teams play in the 14's division. Our 14 A Boys team did quite well, coming 2nd in their pool and only just missing the semi finals.

On Thursday June 22nd our Opens Boys Team were involved in a very hard competition. A special mention to some of the younger boys on this team who really played well against the older boys. Well done **Jarred Simmons** and **Adam Buckley** of Year 8.

On Friday June 23rd, our two Boys 16's teams competed. The A team did particularly well, coming very close to making the semi finals.

We have two girls teams (14 A and Opens) that have already made it to State and they will be playing at Penrith early Term 3.

## Outstanding School Service

Congratulations to the following students on their outstanding commitment to our school community through assisting with the annual Bligh Park Primary School Athletics Carnival. This type of Peer Support program also assists students from our primary school with their transition to high school. A big thank you must go to:

**Harry Stanley, Zaylan Shultz, Erin Graham, Lilu Griffin, Kyneshia Smith, Jacob Keys, Kurt Tomaniczka, Joel Thornton, Mitchell**

## Starling and Isabella McGhee.

"At the Bligh Park Athletics Carnival, myself, along with other students, have gained an opportunity to work with teachers and primary school students by supporting athletic events such as shotput, high jump and long jump. During the shot put event, other students and I measured the toss of students and made note of students who had fouled.

Through high jump and long jump, we measured the height or length students jumped and observed those who had fouled. Through this occasion, I have gained an understanding of student/teacher relationships and how they differ from my own; both in primary and high school".

## Kanangra Walls to Katoomba – Duke of Ed

In the last week of the winter holidays Year 7 students set out on a three day hike from Kanangra Walls to Katoomba, in preparation for their trek along the Kokoda Trail.

The weather was cold but luckily not raining. Day 1 involved traversing along the top of Kanangra Walls and then along the ridge linking Kanangra Walls to Mount Stormbreaker and on to Mount Cloudmaker, reaching an elevation of 1164m. We then descended off Mount Cloudmaker and into Dex Creek, where we camped for the first night.

Day 2 saw a very picturesque walk along a ridge, surrounded by grass trees. We then descended from a height of around 850m down to the Cox's River at around 200m. After a quick stop and some time finding a suitable place to cross the river, we started the dreaded climb back up to the ridgeline. This involved climbing from the low river height back up to an elevation of around 800m. After around three hours of constant uphill we finally saw the ground start to level out. We made camp at Mobb's Swamp around 5:30pm and were well protected in a cave that fit our whole group and their tents.

Day 3 saw a windy trail leading out of camp but more defined tracks than previous days and still plenty of uphill. We finished at the end of the Megalong Valley around lunchtime and most were happy to get off their feet and relax in the sun.

A big thanks to Mr Turner for coming out to Kanangra Walls, picking up and returning the bus and to Mrs MacCormick for accompanying the group.

Mr Ian Anderson - Science Faculty

## Voluntary Contributions

Did you know that our School Voluntary Contributions go straight back to your kids? These valuable funds are used widely across the school to provide much needed resources for all our students! Your prompt payment is greatly appreciated.

## Beauty and the Beast

I am pleased to announce that Richmond High School has been invited to work with Richmond Players this year, producing Disney's magical show Beauty and the Beast.

Earlier this year committee members of Richmond Players contacted our school and presented us with an opportunity to collaborate. After hearing about the many wonderful experiences we could offer Richmond High School students and learning more about the history of Richmond Players, I became increasingly curious as to why this hadn't happened earlier. We're neighbours, similar in age, and have the same drive to develop the Hawkesbury's youth in the creative and performing arts. This year is Richmond Players' 65th birthday, only a couple of years older than Richmond High School.

In this collaboration, we have talented, enthusiastic, hard working and very excited students gaining experience in the following live theatre capacities: performing on stage as part of the ensemble, working with the crew in sound, lighting, front-of-house catering and promotion, building sets and props and performing as featured dancers. And there is so much room for more student participation!

RHS students are gaining invaluable education and entertainment industry experience working alongside very talented and seasoned stage performers, musicians, singers, costume designers, make-up artists, sound and lighting engineers and dancers. The Director, Josie Dwyer,

has ensured that our students and others with little or no theatrical experience are provided with a mentor. This wonderful show pushes all involved to reach a level of nothing less than excellence. This is a collaboration that will provide a prominent boost to the arts promoting RHS and the Hawkesbury. Don't miss this show!

The following current and ex-students will be on stage and in the orchestra for this fantastic production:

**Musical Director** - David Catterall (ex RHS)

**Featured Ensemble** - Caleb King (ex RHS), Tom Baltaks (Year 11)

**Featured Dancers** - Amy Buchanan (Year 10), Erin Lackey (Year 9), Olivia Cassese (Year 8), Paige Peters (Year 8)

**Ensemble** - Alana Haymes (Year 10), Izabella Svircevic (Year 9), Jesse-Tayla King (Year 12), Mchayela King (Year 11), Ezekiel Irving (Year 10)

**Orchestra** - Caleb Glover (Year 12), Justin Woods (Year 11), Isabella Cox (Year 8), Chevelle Matthews (Year 10), Dylan Burrows (Year 12)

Tickets are now on sale! **August 11th-19th.**

\$35 Adult

\$29 concession

\$29 per person for groups of 10 or more

\$0 for members

Please visit the website for ticket purchases:

[www.richmondplayers.com.au](http://www.richmondplayers.com.au)

*Written by Scott Turner*

*(Head Teacher - Creative and Performing Arts)*



### Beauty and the Beast (the count down is on!)

The countdown is on for excited students of Richmond High School who will be part of a history-making event in *Beauty and the Beast*, the musical. The collaboration between Richmond High and Richmond Players brings together the expertise of the longest running theatre company in Sydney and the extensive talent of our students in all areas of the performing arts.

At a recent rehearsal, some of our students were interviewed about their experiences so far.

**Tom Baltaks** of Year 11 is covering all bases with his versatile skill in dance, singing and some acrobatics and he guarantees to keep you on the edge of your seat saying "I have a few roles. Rug, wolf, villager, and I'll throw in a couple of cartwheels and backflips for you!" Tom's excitement was uncontainable when asked about the production; "It's awesome. I've never done anything even close to this before - this is massive! The set and the props are just really quality and the production team are awesome."

Tom says his favourite part of the musical is the ensemble number "Human Again" and **Mchayela King** and **Jesse-Tayla King** of Year 11 and 12 agree, "I like that song because the whole cast comes together and it's something to look forward to." This is the first musical for both of the girls and they are in awe of the cast, Mchayela saying, "the main characters have been selected so well and they are so good at their roles!" Jesse is so happy that she was able to be involved in her last year of school. "This is such a big thing for our school to do and it's pretty nerve wracking but also exciting. My mum is really surprised and happy that I

got myself into something like this."

**Zeke Irving** of Year 10 has performed in musicals before and is looking forward to bringing his experience to the stage again. His favourite part of *Beauty and the Beast* is "Gaston" and his willingness to learn from the cast is admirable when he says, "I love it because I can get into it and I can watch Matt (playing Gaston) and Simon (playing the Prince). They perform so well and I just want to get to that level one day. They are so good and they are pretty nice guys too." When asked if he'd do a musical like this again, Zeke says "in a heartbeat!"

His excitement is matched if not surpassed by **Paige Peters** of Year 8, another experienced performer who is a featured dancer in the production. Paige says, "I actually do love this play. I get to be a wolf and a can-can girl and the costumes are amazing. I love the part where Maurice comes into the woods and we are wolves - we do some tricks and it's a really intense scene."

Another one of the featured dancers is **Olivia Cassese** who is also in a Year 8. She says "I think it's pretty cool that we can do something this big at Richmond High. I'm kind of nervous but excited at the same time because I've never done anything like this before." Along with the others, Olivia shows a real appreciation of being able to perform with experienced theatre folk. She says "I think the leads are doing a really, really good job and they suit their parts so well. My family bought ten tickets and they're really excited! I'd definitely do it again. It is a big commitment but it's worth it because you learn so much and have so much fun."





**Red Nose Day 2017**

Over the past 29 years Richmond High School has been recognised and valued by Red Nose (previously known as Sids and Kids) as being the largest school fundraisers nationally, with over \$500,000 raised to date. The money raised by the community for Red Nose Day goes directly to Red Nose, the organisation dedicated to saving the lives of babies and children during pregnancy, birth, infancy and childhood as well as to support bereaved families. They fund research into stillbirth, SIDS and safe sleeping practices.



Red Nose Day at Richmond High School was a great success this year with the Police Air Wing arriving at 10:00am to photograph all the staff and students of Richmond High School in formation on the school's oval. The shape this year was a wombat, selected by our Senior Leaders to continue the theme of Australian animals.



traditionally close the concert with several humorous items. The concert was staged for our local primary schools: Hobartville, Londonderry and Bligh Park Public Schools whose students were treated to a barbecue lunch afterwards.

This year, Colo Soccer Club collaborated with us in fundraising. On the 24<sup>th</sup> of June, the club raised funds through face painting and selling cupcakes and lolly bags. Our Student Representative Council were present to sell merchandise. Over \$500 was raised through these efforts. Several businesses contributed to our raffles or Red Nose Day events. We would like to thank Bakers Delight Richmond Mall and Marketplace, Richmond Regent Cinema, Ugly Mug Coffee House, The Right Bite Café and Wiseman's books.



Between Red Nose Day and the concert for local primary schools, the school raised over \$5000. The SRC continued to sell merchandise at Richmond Marketplace, Richmond Mall, Windsor Riverview and Penrith Plaza over the week leading up to Red Nose Day on the 30<sup>th</sup> of June. Overall, we raised approximately \$9400.00 for this very worthwhile cause.

The SRC would like to thank the Richmond, Penrith and Windsor Communities as well as Colo Soccer Club for their generous support of Red Nose Day.



Following the flyover, the Staff played students in the game of Richmond Rules. Outstanding players were **Katelin Ellyard, Cameron Kwok, Amber Buckley and Aiden Kenny**. As always Mrs Zavone was everywhere and unstoppable and Mr Harkins wore his heart on his sleeve. Mr Peter Smith was on staff to officiate the game, which culminated in a close win for staff: 25 points to 22.

The Red Nose Day concert highlighted our talented students and the new stage lighting, which was used to great effect by our dedicated light and sound crew led by **Matthew Ellings**. Fifty-one students were involved in the concert as well as our Year 12 students who



### Youth Engagement Strategy (YES) Program - a TAFE Experience

Richmond High School had three Year 10 students accepted into this program at Richmond TAFE, which was run over a three week period at the end of Term 2.

Students from Hawkesbury and Blue Mountains schools participated in a range of educational and vocational activities designed to help them access further education or training options, continue to engage in formal schooling or explore employment pathways. Students were also able to experience a TAFE learning environment.

The units of study included Work Health and Safety, Animal Care, Horticulture and Landscaping.

Students from RHS were **Alison Jones, Tiffany Johnson and Stephanie Vassallo**. Completing this course involved considerable commitment and these students distinguished themselves by their effort, hard work and positive approach. The students took full advantage of all the activities and excursions, ranging from the propagation of plants to animal science, veterinary nursing and the Equine industry.

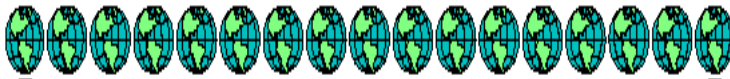
TAFE staff were glowing in their praise of the application, attitude and determination of Alison, Tiffany and Stephanie, all of whom represented Richmond High in an exemplary fashion.

**Mrs Robyn Holloman, Relieving Careers Advisor**

### Featherdale Wildlife Park

On Tuesday June 20th, our Year 7 Support students enjoyed an excursion to Featherdale Wildlife Park.



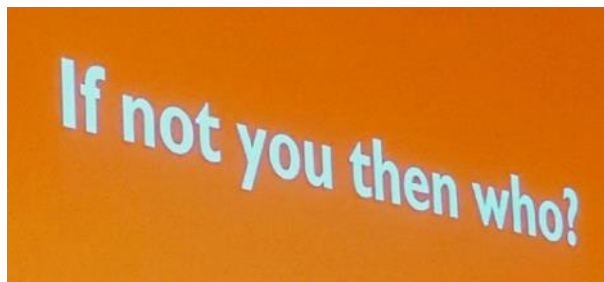


### World Vision 40-Hour Famine Backpack Challenge

Last term, a group of Year 11 students and Mrs Koller attended the World Vision Youth Conference at the Sydney International Convention Centre. At this conference, we learnt about the refugee crisis, which is the biggest humanitarian crisis of our time. More than 65 million people worldwide have been forced to flee their homes due to conflict, leaving almost everything behind. More than half of these people are children.

Funds are desperately needed to provide food, water, shelter, blankets and a safe space for these vulnerable children. This term, on August 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>, the students take on the backpack challenge to fundraise for this worthy cause. This means that they will commit to living out of a backpack, with only the essentials, for 40 hours, to raise much-needed funds for refugee and displaced children.

Everyone from Year 7-12 are welcome to join our fantastic World Vision student group if they wish, or help us out with fundraising, campaigning and advertising. We meet every Thursday lunchtime in room 25 with Ms Nixon and Mrs Koller.



### Year 11 Rewards Excursion

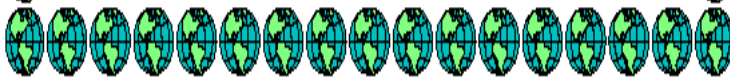
Last term, on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June, a group of Year 11 students and Mrs Koller, Mrs Hayek and Lee Koller (volunteer and Mrs Koller's mum!) celebrated the outstanding achievements of the students by going to Penrith Westfield for the day. We met early at Richmond Train Station. The day was also a learning experience for many of the students, as we had to change trains at Blacktown on the way there and Seven Hills on the way home. We all arrived at Penrith Westfield with enough time to head down to Woollies to grab some snacks for the movie.

We went to a morning session of 'Wonder Woman' (and enjoyed free popcorn, courtesy of the cinema!). Most of us agreed that the film was really good, with some great fight scenes and a pretty amazing ending! (but we won't spoil it!) Definitely worth watching.

After the movie, we all enjoyed lunch at the food court and shopping in the plaza before it was time to head home again.

This excursion was organised to reward those students who received high levels of effort and application on their Semester One reports, as well as consistently following PBL expectations during Semester One. The students and their families should be very proud of their achievements thus far. I am very proud of the students for their hard work, and I look forward to the next rewards excursion – keep up the hard work and outstanding dedication Year 11!

### Mrs Koller - Year 11 Advisor



**Special Guests in English**

**- Artist visit from Slam Poet, Luka Lesson**

Students in English have been treated to some fabulous special guests over the past term. The renowned Slam Poet, Luka Lesson presented his outstanding Performance Poetry pieces to a range of students in Years 9-10.

He conveyed his powerful messages about social justice issues, self-empowerment and resilience through combining the styles of poignant poetry and the rhythm of contemporary Hip-Hop.



His words and stories resonated with students and they had many questions to ask him about his craft, inspiration and his creative journey. His work, 'May Your Pen Grace the Paper' is now on the HSC English text list and his poems have been made into short films available on his YouTube channel.

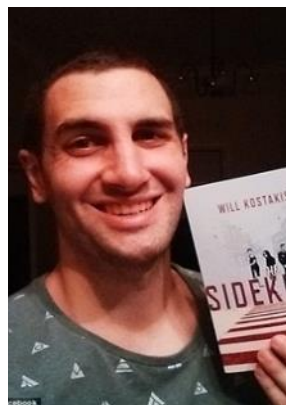


**- Author Talk by Will Kostakis**

At the end of last term, Young Adult Fiction writer, Will Kostakis visited our library to speak to a group of Year 8 students as well as students involved in the English Enrichment Program about the craft of writing and his journey to being a successful author at the ripe age of 28.

William was first published in Year 10 when he won the Sydney Morning Herald Young Writer of the Year award, and signed his first book deal in Year 12. His most recent novel for Young Adults, *Sidekicks* is shortlisted for a Queensland Literary Award.

Will's presentation was highly entertaining, yet personal,



telling us a range of hilarious stories about his Greek grandmother (his 'Yia yia'), who served as not only a key role model in his life but as an inspiration for his book, *The First Third*. His new book, *Sidekicks* is in bookstores now, as is the Young Adult short story anthology he is featured in, 'Begin, End, Begin'.

We are very much looking forward to our next excursion, *Macbeth*, at the Sydney Opera House with Year 10 on the 1<sup>st</sup> of August and welcome the highly-regarded HSC author Barbara Stanners (ex English Head Teacher of Richmond High) to present a *Discovery* HSC Seminar to our Year 12 Students on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June.



Stay tuned for more exciting opportunities in English at Richmond High!

**Elise Lewis, Head Teacher English (relieving)**

**RHS Enrichment Showcase**

The RHS English Enrichment program is on again this year – bigger and better than ever! Students have been working hard to produce



incredible visual and literary works as well as engaging interactive displays to accompany them.

The RHS Enrichment Showcase will be held on Wednesday 9th August in the Trade Training Centre from 6:00pm-7:30pm. We would love you to come along to view these impressive works and show your support for the students involved.

**Elise Lewis, Gifted and Talented Coordinator**

## From the Science Laboratories

### Year 11 Biology Excursion

At the end of Term 2 our Year 11 Biology students took up the opportunity to visit the Australian Museum in Sydney.

They went there to investigate the study of Palaeontology and see first hand fossil evidence and replicas of extinct animals and megafauna such as the Diprotodon (a giant wombat standing 2 metres tall and 3 metres long!). Students completed a variety of activities to support their learning in their Biology topic "The Evolution of Australian Biota".



### Big Science Competition

We would like to congratulate all of our students who took up the opportunity to challenge and extend themselves by entering the Big Science Competition. Two students from our school achieved at the highest level possible in a national competition, achieving a high distinction placing them in the **top 5% of all students in Australia**. A huge congratulations to **Kurt Tomaniczka**

from Year 9 and **Alexander Plant** - Year 7 on this fantastic achievement!

We also had several students achieve highly and receive a Credit level, which places them in the top 25% of students in Australia. A special congratulation on this fine achievement goes to **Baylee Page & Ryan Lane** from Year 7, **Caleb Dries** in Year 9 and **Aleisha Telford** and **Jackson Werner** from Year 10.

We would also like to recognise all of the other students who actively took up this opportunity to push themselves to participate in this highly challenging competition. Well done to:

**YEAR 7:** Alyssa Buttigieg, Aysha Calow, Benjamin Malone, Charlotte Mifsud, Darcy Toohill, Dylan Pritchard, Emily Asenov, Heather Ali, Isla Mirfin, Jacob Tanner, Jay-Lee Farrugia, Jayda Rosman, Joshua Brooks, Jye Guest, Kaleah Toy, Katelyn Kondratenko, Mary-Anne Goodwin, Max Pride, Meagan Keys, Niamh Sievers-Davis, Ryan Lane, Sara Buchanan, Sarah Lake, Scarlett Hutchinson, Stacey Burke-Munoz and Zoe Brison-Schroeder.

**YEAR 8:** Ana Tadic, Thomas Jordan, Toby Irving.

**YEAR 9:** Brayden Fox, Charlotte Cunningham, Halle Burrows, Hayden Tanner, Jacob Keys, Joel Thornton, Timothy Arthur and Tyler England.

**YEAR 10:** Adryan Stacey, Alana Haymes, Cameron West, Elliot Anastopoulos, Jay Lazdins, Lachlan Kidd, Zeke Irving.

### VALID 10 Science

Year 10 students at Richmond High will this term be sitting the Validation of Assessment for Learning and Individual Development (VALID) program that provides end-of-stage diagnostic assessments for the Science KLA. VALID 10 Science is a valuable teaching and learning tool, which assists schools to monitor student achievement and will inform planning, programming and assessment practices. Students are scheduled to complete this assessment on line during Week 8. More information will go home prior to this event.

### Term 3 Assessment Tasks in Science

Students will completing the following assessment tasks this term;

**Year 7:** Due Week 7 - Literacy, Numeracy and Practical Skills in Science Assessment Task (in-class task)

**Year 8:** Due Week 4 - Biotechnology and Bionics Research Task (in-class and at home task)

**Year 9:** Due Week 6 - Literacy, Numeracy and Practical Skills in Science Assessment Task (in-class task)

**Year 10:** Due Week 9 - Biotechnology Research Task (in class and at home task)

**Year 11:** Week 9/10 - Preliminary HSC Exit Examinations

**Year 12:** As per individual subject assessment schedules.

### Science Update from Mr Anderson

#### - Science and Engineering Challenge 2017

During the last two weeks, 18 students from Years 9 and 10 attended the annual Science and Engineering Challenge at Western Sydney University. Students worked in groups to solve problems and complete challenges, competing against students from other schools.

Some of the challenges included:

- Building a bridge to hold up a weighted trolley
- Building a straw and paper tower to withstand earthquake forces
- Developing a suspension system for a Mars Rover
- Working out the most efficient way to power model cities using different cost wires
- Making a working hand using straws and string
- Linking cities together with string in the most efficient way
- Communicating using coloured codes developed by the students

Students enjoyed the day and performed well. Any interested students are encouraged to attend next years' Science and Engineering Challenge.

#### - Robotics Challenge Workshop 2017

In the last week of Term 2, students from Years 9 and 10 Robotics and Tech Sciences Class attended a Robotics Challenge Workshop, held in the Trade Training Session.

The day was divided into three sessions. The challenge in Session 1 was to build the fastest robot. Students needed to use gear systems and programming to create the fastest design. **Adryan Stacey, Son Tran** and **Connor Mirfin** were successful in winning this challenge.

The challenge in Session 2 was to build and program a robot to follow a curved black line at the fastest rate. The challenge was much more difficult than it suggests and the team of **Nicholas Vecchio** and **Ryan Bugeja** won this challenge.

The final challenge was to combine the understanding from earlier sessions to build and program a robot to

move from the starting position, turn around at a black line and return to the starting position in the shortest time. With a shortened session due to students receiving reports, no winner was determined.

The day was very successful with students gaining further understanding about programming and designing robots for specific purposes.

#### Science Week 2017

Once again it's almost that time of year when our Science teachers get excited about all the fun, exciting and inspiring activities, excursions and competitions they can run with their classes to celebrate all that is awesome about Science. Yes it's Science Week! This year it will be during Week 5 and teachers are busy planning a fun filled week for all. Stay tuned for more scientific fun to be coming your way!

#### Disability & Post-School Expo

August is a busy month here at Richmond High. As well as the many events on the calendar, the school is holding its first Disability and Post-School Expo in partnership with NOVA Employment.

A range of Disability providers will showcase their services across two days in our Trade Training Centre. All details are in the flyer below. We look forward to seeing you there!

Mrs J Herring - Head Teacher, Special Education

**Trade Training Centre, Castlereagh Rd, Richmond**

**Official Opening 11 Aug 11.15am**

**Rotary BBQ on Saturday**

**Showbags and Door Prizes**

**NDIS information**

**11-12 AUG 2017**  
**HAWKESBURY COMMUNITY DISABILITY & POST-SCHOOL EXPO**

Richmond High School and Nova Employment are pleased to host this inaugural event in the Trade Training Centre on 11 Aug from 10-5pm and 12 Aug from 10-4pm. A wide range of disability providers in the Hawkesbury district will showcase their services and you are invited to come and see what is available for people with disability and their carers.

Sponsored by: All Abilities Therapy and Support Services  
 Thorndale Foundation North West Disability Services  
 BreakThru Ethnic Community Services Co-op Integra  
 Create Ability

**NOVA EMPLOYMENT**

**RICHMOND HIGH SCHOOL**  
 Cnr Lennox St and Castlereagh Rd, Richmond  
 4576 1177  
 www.richmond-h.schools@det.nsw.edu.au  
 Contact: Jenny Herring



**History**

Below are some students from Ms Bow's 7W History class. The class had fun using the skills and knowledge they have acquired learning about medieval times, to create their own body armour and weapons from aluminium foil. Ms Bow says that the secret to their success is purchasing the "good brand" in alfoil.



**Our Healthy Canteen.....**



Thanks to our wonderful, hard working Canteen staff and student volunteers, Richmond High School is able to offer a wonderful range of healthy affordable food for our students.

Why not try some of our wonderful winter warmers available now: **Cheese Toasties** \$2.00 (or try a variety of **Turkish Bread Toasties**) and **Hot Chocolate** - \$2.00.

Our weekly specials at the moment are:

**Mondays**

- Butter Chicken and Rice \$5.00
- Pasta (with or without cheese) \$3.50

**Thursdays**

- Potato wedges (optional sour cream and chilli sauce) \$3.50

**Friday's**

**Coming Soon:** Bacon & Egg Rolls!

- Nachos \$3.50

We now also stock the new Coke Sugar Free for \$2.00 a can. Keep your eyes open as we always offer new items. Don't forget to order in the morning so we can have it ready for you at lunch. We are always happy for suggestions so don't hesitate to speak up.

**Richmond High School Book Club**

This fantastic club is open to all students from Years 7-12 that love to read! It is a place for discussion and sharing ideas, and sharing a love of reading, writing, debating, public speaking, poetry, creative and critical writing. The club will also enter competitions and have opportunities to create items to present on assembly. Our focus this term will be on the Book Week Parade in Week 7.

We will meet every Wednesday of Week B at recess in the Library. Bring your friends and your enthusiasm for reading!

Ms Garcia (Library) &  
Mrs A. Koller (English)



**Richmond High School English Hub**

Is your son or daughter struggling in English? Do they need a little bit of support with homework or class assignments?

Every Tuesday afternoon from 3:00pm-4:00pm there is an English Homework and Study Centre at the Learning Centre for those students who would like a little bit of extra support and assistance with homework and assessment tasks.

Please let us know if your child plans on attending by registering your place with the coordinator Mrs A. Koller. Alternatively, you can contact the school to secure your position.

We look forward to assisting your son or daughter in the near future.

**Mrs A. Koller (English)**



**Not Even Once (NEO) - Presented to students in Years 7, 8 & 9**

Funded by Windsor RSL and fully supported by the Hawkesbury Local Area Command and the team at One80TC, a not for profit charity organisation dedicated to overcoming the devastating effects of drug and alcohol abuse on young men and women.

This is the second year that the presentation has been brought to Richmond High School and will continue to be an important part of wellbeing initiatives delivered to educate and empower students to say NO to drugs.

Students participated in an interactive presentation, shown current data on drug and alcohol related incidents but most persuasive was a presentation from two young men, who shared their stories of overcoming drug addiction with the assistance of the Teen Challenge with One80TC.



**Uniform**

We have had a few enquiries lately about the Winter uniform options. Please note that navy blue and maroon are the only acceptable colours for pants for Years 7 to 10. Maroon pants are being phased out for the junior years, but are still acceptable at present. Navy blue is the colour for seniors – Years 11 and 12.

**No denim, no black, no tights – for all years.**

The school is currently looking at some additional alternatives for the winter uniform, that will hopefully be available for 2018.

**Graduation Invitation**

Please join us to celebrate the graduation of Year 12, 2017



**To:** Parents, Family & Year 12 Students

**When:** Friday, 22nd September, 2017

**Time:** 9:00am

**Venue:** Milton Alston Centre (MAC, Richmond High School)

Light refreshments available after the Ceremony



**Year 12, 2018 Senior Jerseys**



**The JERSEYS are on their way!**

We have received information from Exodus Wear that our Jerseys are due to be dispatched before the end of Term 3. Before they are dispatched the full amount for jerseys needs to be paid.

Most students have paid an initial \$50 deposit. We now require the remaining \$50.

Please make sure you pay at the stores office by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2017 to ensure those that have paid in full are able to collect their jerseys.

With thanks,

Mrs Ashlee Koller - **Year 11 Rel. Student Advisor**



# RICHMOND HIGH SCHOOL P&C NOTICEBOARD

Our P&C meets on the second Tuesday of every month with the exception of school holidays. Our next P&C meeting will be held:

**Tuesday, August 8th**  
**at 6:30pm in the Staff Common Room.**

**New members always welcome!**

### COMMITTEE

#### **President**

Jannette Conway

#### **Vice President**

Alison Webster

#### **Vice President**

Amanda Peters

#### **Secretary**

Karen Worrell

#### **Treasurer**

Janine Werner

*Email Address:*  
***rhspc60@gmail.com***

# RICHMOND HIGH SCHOOL TRIVIA NIGHT

### **WHEN**

**Saturday 26th August 2017**

**DOORS OPEN AT 6PM**

**TRIVIA STARTS AT 6:30PM**

### **WHERE**

**RICHMOND HIGH SCHOOL MAC**

### **FEATURING**

**Trivia • Auction • Raffles • Games • Nibbles • Prizes • Mr. Smith as MC**

**Must be over 18 to attend**



**EARLY BIRD TICKETS**  
 \$10/person

**AT THE DOOR**  
 \$15/person

**TABLES**  
 Tables of ten can be reserved or we can assist in creating tables for individuals or part teams

**PRIZES FOR**  
 Best themed table and participants

**BYO**  
 Alcohol & nibbles

**PAYMENTS**  
 Payments can be made to the Schools Stores Office or direct deposit to the P&C

BSB: 062 595

Account: 00905157

Name: Richmond High School P&C Fund Raising

**ENQUIRIES**  
 Any enquiries can be made to

**rhspc60@gmail.com**

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13<sup>th</sup> July 2017

### SCHOOL BUS 5040 - AM SERVICE

Dear Parents and Students,

Commencing **Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2017** there will be a change to the Morning **School Bus 5040**. As detailed below:

**School Bus 5578** will now begin from the bus stop prior to Bede Polding College Bus Bay (7:56am) and travel via Rifle Range Rd (R)Sirius Rd to Colonial Dr, then continue as per the current path & pick up times to School.

For further information please contact Busways Customer Service on **9497 1878** or **9497 1887**. Alternatively visit our website at [www.busways.com.au](http://www.busways.com.au)

## School Fees & Payments

**PARENTS:** Please be advised that our Finance System changeover has been completed and the Stores Office is now able to accept payments. The Payment On Line system (POP) is now also available to access again on our school website. Thank you for your patience during this transition period.

# GET THAT JOB NIGHT

**DO NOT MISS OUT**

Thursday, 7-8:30pm  
**10 August 2017**

**VENUE**  
Kirinari Room, Room L1:85  
TAFE NSW, Mount Druitt, L Block  
Cnr North Parade & Mount Street  
Mount Druitt NSW

Thursday, 7-8:30pm  
**17 August 2017**

**VENUE**  
Entrée Training Restaurant  
TAFE NSW, Kingswood, H Block  
2-10 O'Connell Street, Kingswood NSW

**2 SESSIONS ONLY!**

Apprenticeship and Traineeship information evening. Come along and hear about the benefits of apprenticeships and traineeships from:

- Industry experts
- Apprenticeship centres
- TAFE teachers
- School staff

**FREE Event**



**TAFE NSW**

# WESTERN SYDNEY APPRENTICESHIP & TRAINEESHIP EXPO

**29 August 2017**

- 3.00 - 8.00pm
- **FREE Public Entry**

Penrith Panthers Exhibition Marquee, Mulgoa Road, Penrith

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Richmond Community Service Inc. and Northcott are pleased to offer in partnership a **FREE workshop for parents/primary carers of children 0-8years with FREE childcare:**



## ADHD diagnosis— Next steps


This information session will give you the opportunity to gain information and a better understanding about ADHD

- What is ADHD
- How ADHD effects your child's learning and behaviour
- Strategies that work for children with ADHD
- Early Intervention
- Information share

**Tuesday 10th October 2017**  
**9.30am—1pm**

At: Richmond Community Services Inc.  
20 West Market Street  
Richmond

**BOOKING ESSENTIAL!**  
Call 02 4588 3555  
e: [admin@rcsi.ngo.org.au](mailto:admin@rcsi.ngo.org.au)



# SKILLS AND THRILLS

## A CAREERS SHOWCASE LIKE NEVER BEFORE

**DATE** 29th August, 2017  
**VENUE** Evans Theatre, Panthers Penrith  
**SESSION TIMES** 3:30 - 4:00pm  
4:30 - 5:00pm  
5:15 - onwards

For the second year SkillsOne will be taking careers advice out of the office and onto the stage, through a fun and exhilarating showcase packed with live music, video and animation.

This year the Skills and Thrills careers showcase is being presented in conjunction with the Western Sydney Apprenticeship & Traineeship Expo, with the aim to encourage students to consider VET career pathways.

The show will help students and parents discover and understand the latest on jobs of the future, industry trends and how to connect passions to a successful career outcome.

SkillsOne will showcase a variety of in-demand industry areas, with a focus on the needs of NSW, including:

- Tourism, Hospitality & Events
- Retail & Service Sectors
- Building & Construction
- Community Services & Healthcare
- Digital, IT & STEM
- Creative Industries
- Agriculture
- Government jobs
- Service sectors

For more information contact Madeleine Lamond from SkillsOne  
PH: 02 8080 0111  
E: [madeleine.lamond@skillsone.com.au](mailto:madeleine.lamond@skillsone.com.au)

BE ENTERTAINED, LEAVE INSPIRED.






You are invited to attend  
**Hobartville Public School's**  
**EXPO 2017**  
 Tuesday 8th August  
 11am-1pm  
**ALL Welcome**

Class displays, Dance and Choir performances, Book Fair, Free Sausage Sizzle, Tea and Coffee, P&C drink stall.


Plus displays by many community organisations, Richmond High School, Fire and Rescue, Hawkesbury Local Area Command and lots more.

Come along and sample just some of the things we do at Hobartville PS and what our community has to offer. Please sign our guest register upon entry on the day.

Please RSVP through our Facebook Event page for catering purposes.







Richmond Community Service Inc. and Northcott are pleased to offer in partnership a **FREE** workshop for parents/primary carers of children 0-12years with **FREE** childcare:



## Oppositional Defiance Disorder ( ODD)

### Help for Parents






This workshop will give parents the opportunity to gain information and skills to support them in parenting a child with a diagnosis of ODD. The workshop will cover the following:

- Features of ODD
- How ODD affects your child's learning & behaviour
- Strategies for reducing conflict
- Gaining co-operation from your child
- Advocating for your child with school
- Further help and Resources

**Tuesday 12th September 2017**  
**9.30am—1pm**  
 At: Richmond Community Services Inc.  
 20 West Market Street  
 Richmond

**BOOKING ESSENTIAL!**  
 Call 02 4588 3555  
 e: [admin@rcsi.ngo.org.au](mailto:admin@rcsi.ngo.org.au)



## OUR ANNUAL WALL PLANNERS HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED

Your child received our Annual Wall Planner recently to take home! If you did not receive one please contact our Administration Staff.

These planners are a fantastic communication tool for all our important School dates over the next 12 months.

If you would like the opportunity to showcase your business on our next planner please do not hesitate to contact



on 1300 987 650

Please support the community that supports your school.  
 It's a way to find local Traders & Businesses in your 'Neighbourhood'!



## Have you checked out the features on our app?

Parents/Caregivers can now access "Parent Online Payments" in addition to calendar events and other important links via our school app. If you haven't already downloaded our app go to our website at:

[www.richmond-h.schools.det.nsw.edu.au](http://www.richmond-h.schools.det.nsw.edu.au) and click on the School Communication tab for all the instructions on how to access it.

## Please keep our students safe

In the interest of our students' safety, we request that parents **DO NOT** use the staff carpark as a drop off or pick up zone for their children.

The entrance/exit to our school is **ONE WAY** and has a high level of student and staff pedestrian activity in the morning and afternoons. Please utilise the designated areas on Lennox, West Market Street or Castlereagh Road to **drop off** or **pick up** your children. Thank you.


Richmond High School is willing to support advertisements for local businesses and community functions for our youth, however parents will need to assess for themselves the quality of products and services advertised and the suitable management of functions attended by their children

# BRYNORM'S Fab Fabrics *School Uniform*

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Ph: (02) 4501 1143



## VOLUNTEER FOR: WESLEY OPERATION HOPE

### Wilderness and Adventure Therapy Program

Wesley Operation Hope is a wilderness and recreation therapy program for at-risk young people aged 12 – 18. We use Wilderness experiences as a tool to help young people beat life's challenges, and to promote life goals and purpose. The program runs over 6 months, and includes fortnightly Saturday programs, camp at the end of each school term, and limited case management. At the completion of the program, the Operation Hope staff will assess the young people to find a suitable next step.


Through the program, Wesley Operation Hope aims to:

- build self-esteem and resilience and heighten self-worth in vulnerable children
- provide young people with a positive, fun and engaging program, supporting their development
  - encourage young people to believe in themselves
- equip young people to better deal with challenging life experiences
- break the cycle of hopelessness for young people and steer them toward a life of purpose.

In order to make Operation Hope successful we rely on our giving volunteers that build strong connections with our young people.


**For more information on how to become a Volunteer...**

Visit our website on [www.wesleymission.org.au](http://www.wesleymission.org.au) or  
Contact our Wesley Operation Hope Coordinator on  
PH: 9626 6620 MOB: 0419 479 981  
E-mail: [ashlea.abbott@wesleymission.org.au](mailto:ashlea.abbott@wesleymission.org.au)



Free Tax Help 2017 @ Your Library

### TAX HELP



Hawkesbury Library Service, in association with the Australian Taxation Office (ATO), will be providing Tax Help every Thursday from 27 July until 26 October 2017.

Tax Help is a network of community volunteers who provide a free and confidential service to help people complete their tax returns online using myTax.

Volunteers are fully trained, accredited and supported by the ATO. These volunteers are people from within the community who give up their time each year. They are not Australian Taxation Office staff, but do receive training and support from the ATO.

Tax Help is suitable for people earning \$60,000 or less a year with fairly straightforward tax affairs. To see if you are eligible visit the website <https://www.ato.gov.au/Individuals/ Lodging-your-tax-return/Tax-Help-program>

Appointments are essential, call the Library on 4560 4460 to make a booking. Tax Help will be conducted at Hawkesbury Central Library, 300 George Street, Windsor.



## Art After School X 4

School's back, but that doesn't mean the fun's over. Our popular after-school program is designed to encourage creativity while building skills, developing confidence using various media, and having a great time. Classes are held in the stimulating environment of the gallery, and prepared and presented by professional art educators.



**27 July DRAW**  
Using ink and pencils, draw vibrant scale patterns and then make a Japanese carp wind sock. (Derwent ink and pencil colour pencils are water-soluble and offer the brilliant intensity of pen and ink with the versatility of line and wash.)

**3 August MAKE**  
Make a cool skull artwork using pins and string.

**10 August SCULPT**  
These Jack O Lanterns are easy to make (no carving!) and you can use them year after year.

**17 August PAINT**  
Using paint and ink, create a vase of pretty poppies to brighten any wall.

\$50 for set of four classes (classes may not be booked individually). All materials supplied. 20% discount for Ruby (family) members.

[Book now](#)






**Jessica Lily**  
HAIR & MAKEUP

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## Hawkesbury Hawks

**TEE BALL, LITTLE LEAGUE**



**& JUNIOR BASEBALL**

Hawkesbury Baseball Club

Bensons Lane, Richmond

Summer Season starts 9<sup>th</sup> September & runs until March (excluding school holidays)

Registration cost - based on age - ranging between - \$50 & \$120

**For further information please contact Rod on 0414 733 859**

or email [rod.tuckwell@hotmail.com](mailto:rod.tuckwell@hotmail.com)

## Platform R 'n' R Drive

Platform Youth Service are collecting basic food and hygiene items in preparation for **homelessness week** (7th - 13th August) to use in our 'Refresh' and 'Refuel' packs.

These packs are directly distributed to vulnerable young people who are experiencing Homelessness. This includes those who are sleeping rough, couch surfing or in temporary accommodation. These packs are used to provide basic items to young people to help to restore dignity and hope during a challenging time. We are seeking assistance in collecting the following items

*Refresh*

*Refuel*

**Contents:**

- 1 x Toothbrush
- 1 x Toothpaste
- 1x All in one wash (shampoo/soap)
- 1 x Packet of Tissues
- 1 x Roll on Deodorant

**Contents:**

- 1 x Utensil and Napkin
- 1 x Long Life Milk 200ml
- 1 x Spaghetti Tin (Ring Pull Top)
- 1 x Muesli Bar
- 1 x Box of Sultanas
- 1 x Cheese Le Snak
- 1 x Chicken or Beef Noodles
- 1 x Quick Start (Brekkly Drink Chocolate)
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