Shane’s Stuff

Rivers Public Speaking Finalists

The Mid-Richmond group of schools’

is today being represented by Charlie

and Sam Ticknor at the Rivers

Public Speaking Competition finals

in Lismore. Both boys qualified for

this event by winning our school and

community of schools competitions.

Charlie is representing Stage 2 (Years

3 and 4) whilst Sam is representing

Stage 3 (Years 5 and 6).

The school is proud of the efforts of both Charlie and Sam
to reach the final and we wish both boys every success as
they take on the other champion public speakers across the
greater Lismore area.

Enrolments for 2016

At this point in time our anticipated enrolments for next

year are positive and we are set to maintain our 5 classes.
The challenge will be determining how these classes

are made up (which grades etc.). This will be done once

final enrolments are known. If you know of new families

still coming into our area or who are yet to enrol, please

courage them to contact the school. Families who may

also be intending on leaving us are also asked to pass on

this information so we can plan as accurately as possible.

Staffing News

This week an advertisement for a Special Education

Teacher should go live within the Department of

Education’s staffing process. Over the coming weeks the

selection panel will receive applications, cull applicants,

interview and select a new staff member (pending
suitability of all applicants). It is hoped that the teacher for our newly established MC Support Class will be known before the end of term. Staffing processes to appoint a Student Learning Support Officer have also commenced and we await further news on this front.

Head Lice

Despite the ongoing efforts of many families head lice continue to be a challenge. These critters can be of immense frustration, especially for those families who treat their child’s hair every time a note comes home from school mentioning head lice. Other families may not be quite as vigilant and it appears that the problems never goes away.

Parents of all students are asked to have a check of your child’s hair this weekend and see if collectively we can address this problem. If all families take up the challenge then maybe we can make some impact on the reinfestation’s that may occur through school.

All this said, it has to be noted that students don’t just get head lice through school. Children interact on buses, through sporting groups and with their friends within the community, all being ways that head lice can spread.

As a starting point though, if we all give this weekend a go, then maybe some success can be achieved.

School Sign

Our school’s electronic sign has been updated this week with a range of end of year dates and activities. Please keep an eye on this notice board as you go past as it often has snippets of information for families.

Until next week....

Year 6 Events

Year 6 will be running a Water Fun day on Friday 11 December to raise funds for their gift for the school. Parent helpers are welcomed. More information will be provided at a later date. The Year 6 farewell is scheduled for the evening of Tuesday 15 December. More details will be provided ASAP.

Mrs Mander

Kindergarten 2016

Orientation

Organisation is well underway to welcome the students for Kindergarten 2016. We will start the orientation process with a Parent Information Night, next Monday 9 November starting at 6:00pm. Following the information night the new students will come to visit the Kindergarten classroom for three mornings starting at 9:30am. Parents will then come to collect their children at 11:25am (if your child currently attends the Woodburn Preschool on Wednesdays I will escort them to the preschool if you wish).

The dates are as follows: Wednesday 11 November, Wednesday 18 November and Wednesday 25 November.

Across this series of mornings the new students will get to know their teacher for 2016 and the Year 5 buddies and the current Kindergarten. They will also be participating in a variety of activities that they will be doing when they start Kindergarten next year.

For further information on Kindergarten Orientation or enrolments for 2016 please contact the school.

Suzanne Johnston
Kindergarten Teacher

Canteen News

Lunch orders must be placed into the Canteen Order Box which is located in the school office no later than Thursday morning in a brown paper bag with your
child’s name and class clearly labelled on it and the correct money inside. NO orders will be accepted after 10am Thursday morning.

Samantha Trustum
Canteen Coordinator

The P & C run the raffle at the Rod n Reel Hotel every second Thursday night. If you can help out it would be most appreciated. Dates for the remainder of this year are: 5 & 19 November, 3, 17 & 31 December. We start selling tickets at 7pm for an 8pm draw. Hope to see you there.

Mel Gillett
FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Whooping Cough Information for Schools
There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children.

Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.
- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.
- Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

Canteen Roster

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A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website for information for childcare and schools about whooping cough.

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**Our Stars**

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**Our School Ticket Sale**

Village Roadshow Theme Parks is offering our school community a limited time ticket offer. Simply visit ThemeParks.com.au/promocode and enter our promocode “CPC615” to gain access to these ticket offers.

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