



Richmond High School Richmond Agricultural College NEWSLETTER

Term 3, Week 10

20th September 2023

Upcoming Dates to remember:

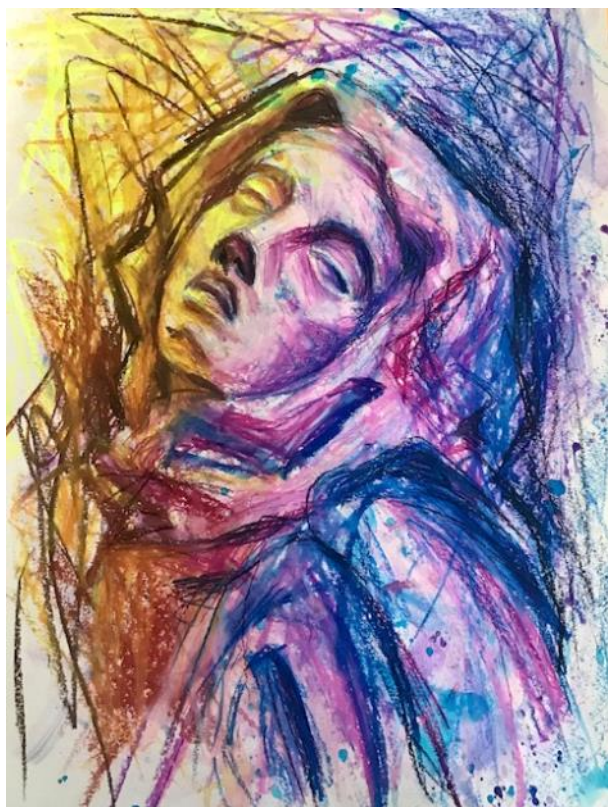
2023 ROTARY SENIOR ART COMPETITION

Congratulations to **Zoe Chaseling** in Year 12 Visual Arts, for winning FIRST PRIZE OF \$750, in the annual ROTARY SENIOR ART COMPETITION 2023.

We had a record number (48 works) of Artworks this year, and these ranged from colourful Abstract paintings, to exquisite Photography and intriguing Portraits.

Zoe attended a special Rotary Dinner held for the 9 winners from our Hawkesbury schools, where her drawing, inspired by Bernini's sculpture of 'St Theresa in Ecstasy', was a stand out in it's vivid colour, expressive use of oil pastels and the capturing of emotion. The judges were very impressed with her fresh spontaneous linear work, admiring the maturity of her style. Well done Zoe!

A BIG THANK YOU to the Richmond Rotary Club who continue to support our local schools and encourage creativity by running this wonderful Art Competition each year.



20&21/09/2023	Yr 11 Examinations
22/09/2023	Yr 12 Graduation
31/10/2023	Vaccinations - Yr7 HPV dose 2
6-10/11/2023	Yr 11 Hospitality Work Placement B2
13-17/11/2023	Yr 11 Hospitality Work Placement B2
20-24/11/2023	Yr 11 Construction Work Placement B1C
4&5/12/2023	DOE Gold Adventurous Journey
5/12/2023	Yr 10 Formal
6-8/12/2023	DOE Gold Adventurous Journey
11&12/12/2023	Yr 11 Entertainment Work Placement
12/12/2023	Presentation Ceremony
13-15/12/2023	Yr 11 Entertainment Work Placement

School Gates

At Richmond High School our first priority is keeping students and staff safe. After many conversations with the Department of Education and our local police we have made the decision to lock our school gates from 8:35am until 2:40pm. This decision has been made after several incidents of trespassers and complaints about students leaving school grounds without permission during the school day. As an action we are currently in the process of having electronic gates installed. We anticipate this project to start by end of the school year or early in Term 1 of 2024. We thank you our school community for being patient and understanding about this change.



Principal's Report

Firstly, I would like to thank our entire school community for a wonderful Term 3 at Richmond High School. In Week 6 I celebrated 12 months in the relieving Principal role. On reflection I have thoroughly enjoyed the role of Principal, in particular the positive support and encouragement I have received from staff, students, parents and the wider community in a time of rapid change, especially across our school environment.

Over the last 12 months we have together created several new learning spaces, a cola, a shaded area in the Year 7 quad is in the planning, new murals have been put up on walls across the school grounds, new pathways and grassed areas have been created, new outdoor furniture has been purchased and lots of painting has taken place. Richmond High has also seen some significant changes in teaching and learning with the introduction of AVID, Instructional Rounds, a Year 8 Numeracy program, and a 7-12 Writing program. While I continue in this role in Term 4 my executive team is focused on planning for 2024.



Year 12 Graduation



As you would know, this week we will be celebrating Year 12 2023's 13 years of schooling with our Year 12 Graduation Ceremony planned for Friday 22nd of September. I would like to thank all of our teachers, especially Year 12 teachers for their contribution to this cohort, in particular their Year Adviser Ms Felton.

Over the last few weeks, we have had Year 12 Trials, all

Major Project Works due and submitted, along with the HSC Musical performances that took place last week. Like me, all of our RHS staff look forward to celebrating with students and their families on Friday.

Book Week

On Monday the 21st August Book Week was celebrated. This was an illustration of whole school support regarding education, literacy, storytelling and relationship building as both staff and students swapped character names and ideas, celebrating titles of books, even written in different

languages and from all timelines throughout history. I would like to thank Ms Dale who led this day along with the English faculty and all staff and students across the school who dressed up and participated.



Ag Team

Our school's Agriculture Show Team competed at the Penrith Show and were celebrated at the Annual



Greater Sydney Schools Competition Friday 8th September. It was a privilege to present at this evening which was livestreamed. At both events our students presented and participated exceptionally well, representing our school with honour. Thank you to Mrs Gray and Mrs Hoeflake who supported and encouraged our

students to ensure that we were highly competitive. I could not speak more highly of a program at a school.

Careers Market

On the 16th August Richmond High School hosted its first annual Careers Market. This day was an exceptionally well run with event and I would like to thank Jo Gibbs for initiating and organising it. I would also like to thank Ms Bennet and Felton for their work behind the scenes in supporting Mrs Gibbs. At this event we had most universities attend, TAFE NSW, the Defence Force, Yes Program and the Police, with our MPC being packed with stalls.



High School's New Phone Strategy

Last week we sent out our school's correspondence regarding our new Phone Strategy "Off, In Bag, All Day". This strategy is based on the Department of Education's Phone Policy. If you did not receive this correspondence, along with our exemption procedures, please contact the school so that we can make sure that you receive this.

SASS Recognition Week

It was SASS Recognition Week the 4th September week. I would like to thank our wonderful SASS team for their hard work across our school and the dedication that they bring to their many roles each and every day. Last week we acknowledged our SASS Team with a Morning Tea. I would like to thank Mrs Pedersen for going above and beyond to organise this.



Banned Items Reminder

Over the past week I have had several conversations with students and the Deputy Principals about banned Items. I thought it was a timely reminder about what these items



BANNED ITEMS AT RICHMOND HS

Our PBL Behaviour Expectations Matrix states: *"I leave banned items at home".*

Definition of BANNED means: "not allowed"; "prohibited" or "forbidden".

Marker Pens (including Sharpies)		Hoodies, Oodies & Blankets	
Water Balloons & Water Pistols		Aerosol Cans	
Rubber Bands		Vaporisers (Vapes)	
Take-away food purchased during school hours and brought to school		Lighters & Matches	
Bulk amounts of soft drink intended for re-sale		Cigarettes	
Energy Drinks		Alcohol	
Speakers		Illegal Substances (drugs)	
Scooters / Skateboards or similar items		Weapons (including Imitations, eg. cap guns)	

are. At Richmond High School and Richmond Agricultural College, we pride ourselves on providing learning environments that are safe for all students. Parents and Carers I thank you in advance for supporting our school policies. Please see below a visual about what these items are. Phones will be added to this list from Term 4.

Stranger Danger Reminder for all families

While our community is generally safe, it's crucial that we continue to reinforce the importance of "stranger danger" awareness among our students.

The safety of your children is our top priority and we kindly request your assistance in reminding our young people of some essential strategies to ensure their safety when walking to and from school and on public transport:

Never Talk to Strangers: don't engage with individuals you do not know. Be polite but firm when declining any interactions with strangers.

Avoid walking alone: whenever possible, encourage your children to walk in pairs or groups when commuting to and from school.

Speak to Trusted Adults: teach your children to confide in trusted adults, such as parents, teachers, or school staff, if they feel uncomfortable concerned about anything. We are here to support them.

Reinforcing these safety measures can go a long way in ensuring the well-being of our students. This includes online. Please see information below regarding a sextortion scam. Please talk to your child about the topic of sextortion. Recently we had Rachel from STYMIE talk to all of our young people about not trusting people online. Please have open conversations with your child/children about their online behaviours.

Ms Angela Heath
RELIEVING
PRINCIPAL



Deputy Principal's Report

It's certainly begun to dry out around here as Spring has arrived early after a clear and cold Winter. Improvements to learning and breakout spaces continues as students and staff enjoy the developments made earlier in the year. Special mention to Ben Hupalo and his SHED boys who are doing their bit to mend and restore areas of the school in disrepair.

While classes are as busy as ever, it has been great to see the Show team and Rugby League squad draw attention over the beginning of the term. Both these programs engage a wide range of students and offer connections across the region. Thanks to Sian and Blake for championing these initiatives and providing kids opportunities for positive collaborations and creating memorable adventures with their peers.

Year 12 are in their final days at Richmond High School. Major Works are due and the HSC examinations are just around the corner. Please reflect on their success and celebrate this important rite of passage with them. We will be celebrating them at our Graduation Ceremony at the end of the term and wish them and their families well as they enter adulthood.

Mr Alex Brown

REL. DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

SASS Recognition Week Morning Tea

SASS Recognition Week is a time to acknowledge and thank all SASS staff and an opportunity to celebrate the essential role school administrative and support staff (SASS) and other non-teaching staff play in NSW Public Education.



A big thank you all the staff who helped make our SASS Recognition Morning Tea last Wednesday so amazing and a special thank you goes out to Laura Pedersen for her organisation of this delectable event.

Thank you also to the staff who manned the front office and phones during the morning tea.



Principal's Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have recently achieved **Principal Awards**. They will be formally recognised soon with their awards. These awards are recognition for the pursuit of excellence through both classroom and school based extra curricular activities such as outstanding school reports, positive behaviour, participation, citizenship or class effort.

Well done to:

Shyla Cormack (Year 9)

Kelly Rogers (Year 7)

Nicholas Cefai (Year 8)

Harley Long (Year 8)

Nicholas Crass (Year 11)

Benjamin Jovanovic (Year 7)

Nickolas Davis (Year 8)

Hawkesbury Dance Eisteddfod

On Tuesday 29th August the RHS dance group competed at the Hawkesbury Dance Eisteddfod at Windsor Function Centre where they were up against elite private schools. The girls did an excellent job, receiving highly commended: 82/100 for their lyrical piece, and 85/100 for their hip hop piece. The girls should be so proud of their efforts, and a special thank you to Makenzie Carter in Year 11 for creating the beautiful choreography of these pieces.



Arndell Interschool Equestrian Carnival

Tempese Toynton competed at the Arndell Interschool Equestrian Carnival at Hawkesbury Showground recently, representing RHS. Her & her trusty pony Oliver competed in the senior open ring, coming home with some great results, placing in all classes. Her results were as follows: Handler 1st, Active Rider 1st, Pleasure Mount 1st, Pair of Riders 1st, Best presented 2nd, Key hole 2nd, Rider 3rd, Western Bending 3rd, Hunter Pony 4th and Snakes & Ladders 4th. Tempese had a fabulous day & loves to be out there riding for her school.



SILVER AWARD

Congratulations and well done to **Nicholas Crass** who was recently presented with a Silver Award on School Assembly.

The Silver Award is an acknowledgment of a student having received 10 x Principal Awards and is a extremely significant achievement.



BRONZE AWARD

Congratulations to **Nicholas Crass** who was recently presented with a Bronze Award on School Assembly.

The Bronze Award is an acknowledgment of a student having received 5 x Principal Awards and is a very significant achievement. Well done!



Last day of Term 3:
Friday 22nd September
First day of Term 4:
Monday 9th October

Year 12 HSC Visual Arts Body of Work

Congratulations to our talented Year 12 Visual Arts students (Viktoriia, Elizabeth, Zoe, Hayley, Jade, John, Norshanti and Anamaria), who, after 3 terms, have produced some amazing and very diverse artworks. They range from meticulous detailed pen drawings, painterly portraits with individual characteristics, watercolour depictions of family, people of royalty and explorations of cultural heritage and identity. Then there are the sculptural works delving into the serious issues of PTSD, utilising miniature collected items, rustic collected tools and heavily textured surface patina, contrasted with the humorous picnic of slip-cast ceramic KFC chicken dishes with a twist on East/West fusion. Our Art class was only made up of 8 students, but they developed many different concepts and creative ideas, and accomplished some of their best work on this 'journey'. These artworks will be sent away for external marking, and we wish them luck as they now prepare for their HSC written exam.



Ana V



John R



Norshanti T



Hayley I



Zoe C



Viktoriia B

RED NOSE DAY



This term has been busy but productive for our TAS students, especially for Year 12 students with major projects. Congratulations to Year 12 2023 on their Industrial Technology Major Projects supported by Mr Hupalo, Mrs Rosso, Mr David Bernays and Mr Hawes.

Red Nose Day

Our annual famous Red Nose Day was held on Friday 11th August. Our school raised \$1406. This truly was a great event with our teachers once again winning Richmond Rules against the students in the afternoon. There was some miscommunication on the day about this being our last Red Nose Day. Please be reassured that our school will continue to celebrate Red Nose Day in some capacity. However, we are currently pivoting our main fundraising efforts towards Youth Mental Health and Are You Okay Day. I would like to thank our community for your continued support with this pivot. I would like to also thank both Julie Preston and Sarah Richards who turned out to support this event. Our students once again did a great job of leading this day along with Ms Bardwell and Mr Wyatt.



James



Taite



Lochlan



Randall

Richmond High Rocky

Earlier this term and held only at Sydney West Orienteering, Richmond High students practised their budding geology skills by gathering samples of unique minerals and showcasing them to their peers. This was all in the hope of winning the coveted title: the 'Richmond High School Rocky' Award.

Congratulations to Steve Joe Thomas who was the 2023 winner of the 'Richmond High School Rocky'.



**Mrs Gibbs | Transition Advisor
& Mr Baxley | PDHPE teacher**

Year 12 Textile and Design creative pieces supported by Ms Werner.



Charlee



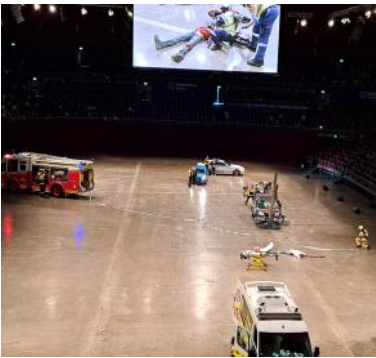
Tori

BStreetsmart Excursion

Year 10 attended Bstreetsmart. The purpose of BStreetsmart is to reduce the fatality and injury rates of young people by promoting safe behaviour as drivers, riders and passengers.

The event consisted of:

* A crash scene scenario which included the NSW Police, Police Crash Investigation Unit, Fire and Rescue NSW, NSW Ambulance Service with extraction of a patient from a crashed car, resuscitation and a patient's journey through the hospital.



* Brain Injury Unit Speakers .

* Interactive Displays that included LTrent Driving School, SES, Westmead Intensive Care Unit Wheelchair Sports/iCare and many more.

* Spinal Injury Speaker.

* Family Impact speaker.



Overall the Event was informative and engaging for the students and after the final speaker, not a dry eye in the building. Thank you Year 10 for your positive behaviour and respect throughout the whole Event.

Ms Young & Mr Steinhoff
| PDHPE Teachers

Spotlight On Community

Recently, our Year 11 Exploring Early Childhood students were able to implement their practical skills and attributes in our local community by providing support at a local primary school's Athletics Carnival.



Here are some photos of our Year 7 Support Unit book week dress up. Chelsea Cambourn dressed up as Dorothy Gale, Cody Cortel-Hodder as Captain America and Owen Butler-Jackson & Levi Douglass are depicted in the middle photo.



Travel Training Report

During weeks 5 & 6 students from Year 7 & 8 Support Unit participated in the Support Unit Travel Training program. Students travelled to Windsor and Blacktown by bus and train where they practised their money, budgeting, and social skills.



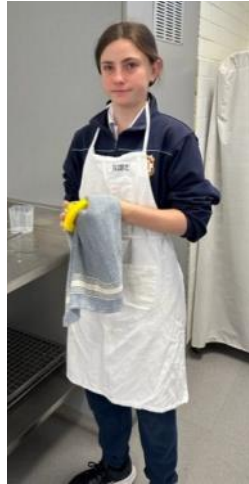
Stage 6 Support Cooking



Tandoori chicken skewers



Tacos



Year 10 Macbeth Drama Workshop

On Tuesday 29th August, Year 10 participated in a drama workshop with resident theatre expert, Giles, from the Bell Shakespeare company. This fully practical two hour event was held in our HIVE space, where students participated in drama warm up games, performances of various scenes from Shakespeare's Macbeth, and even took part in a competition for the 'most dramatic Shakespearean death'. Students had a fantastic time learning practical drama skills and deepening their knowledge of the text in preparation for their essay task in Week 9.

Congratulations to Alex D for winning the 'most dramatic death' competition with his fabulous performance.

Ms Dale | Head Teacher English



National Science Week

Recently in celebration of National Science Week, a group of 26 students from Years 8 and 9 embarked on the Sydney Science Trail. The day's adventure encompassed a captivating tour of the Royal Botanic Gardens, where students had the chance to embrace trees and unravel a botanical mystery. We were then spellbound by 3 different scientific adventurers who specialise in exploring coral reefs, plant life and archaeological sites across the globe.



Our adventure then led us to the Australian Museum, where a Forensics workshop taught us how to dust for fingerprints and analyse blood spatter patterns. Finally, our journey ended with the Science Expo, culminating in an enriching celebration of scientific curiosity and discovery.



Ms Dilley | Science Teacher



SPOTLIGHT ON REP SPORT

U14 Boys Futsal Team

Win against: Seven Hills HS 3-0 and Plumpton HS 1-0

Draw: St Paul's Grammar 1-1

Narrow losses: Rouse Hill HS and The Ponds

Overall result: 3rd in the pool.

Well done Team!



Mr Joseph | PDHPE Teacher

MOB KNOCKOUT

Our students played in the Mob Knockout Oz Tag Gala day at Windsor Wolves Stadium. What a great day for our Hawkesbury schools to connect! Our team had 2 wins, 1 draw and 1 loss. An amazing effort from all our students - with their teamwork, respect and sportsmanship to be commended.



Congratulations to Windsor High who took out the senior comp, and Hawkesbury High who took out the Junior Comp. Shout out to Mr Ryan who continues to support all our students and the Football / Oztag teams. Thank you to our families who came out to support and cheer us on.



Special mention to Windsor High School's Aboriginal Education team, Bianca and Chelsea, for organising this event.

Krystle & Ben | Aboriginal Education

NETBALL

The U/15 team have been training for many weeks, under the experienced guidance of Ms Bezzina. Last Friday they played in a knock out game against Model Farms High School in our MPC. The girls played well and showed strength as a team. Unfortunately, they didn't come out with the win, but fought hard all the way to the end!



Thank you to Ms Bezzina for the time and effort dedicated to training the team.

Mr Joseph | PDHPE Teacher

UP TO DATE DETAILS

It is vital that we have your current contact details in case of an emergency. If there have been any changes to your contact details please email us on:

richmond-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au or drop a signed note to the Front Office staff as soon as possible. Thank you.



Great Job Ag Showteam!

Great job Showteam! We know there would have been lots of excited smiles! A great day out at Kurrajong Public School Spring Fair! Thank you to Dallas, Freya, Jozy, Onith and Matt for giving up their Saturday! Big thanks to ex-students Isla and Zac for coming to help us and to Dallas and Jozy for bringing some extra animals for the public to enjoy!



Penrith Show and our Ag Showteam

An amazing day Saturday 26th August for the Showteam at Penrith Show. Can't believe how amazing our kids and animals were today! Saturday's results are below:

Cattle - Uno - 1st, Unit - 3rd, Tennessee - 2nd, Tuscany - 3rd

Sheep - Mavis - 5th, Britney - 3rd, Whitney - 4th

Plants - veg selection - 2nd, Plant selection - 3rd, Kiwi jam - 2nd

Novice Cattle Paraders - Oliver S - 3rd, Koby H - 5th

Experienced Cattle Paraders - Dallas C - 4th, Claudia P - 5th, Lucy C - 3rd

Sheep Handling 7-8 years - more than half the final was Richmond High kids, Onith - 2nd

11-12 years - Karla S - 5th, Dallas - 3rd

Sheep judging - Champion sheep judging team - Riley T, Mitchell T and Onith

Champion Sheep Judge Individual - Karla S

Sunday 27th August we competed in rural Olympics. Students had to handle sheep, build a conventional fence, build an electric fence, chemical spray and stack and tie down hay bales. Each section had specific criteria and marks for safety and teamwork. Our team, led by Dallas C with Freya M, Ben R and Tyler B came

first, beating 11 other schools.. Our first win in Rural Olympics. What an achievement!!!

Amey M and Kieran C also participated in Alpaca handling with Kieran C taking out 3rd place!!

Our chooks did amazingly with lots of places for the d'Uccles!

As per usual, Mrs Hoeflake and Miss Gray could not have asked for better representation from our kids.



They were great sports, kind, hardworking and respectful at every moment of the weekend. Well done Showteam. We are proud of you!!!

Spotlight On Careers

Last Wednesday, students from Richmond High School, Windsor High School and Hawkesbury High School attended the Hawkesbury Schools Careers Market in the MPC at Richmond High School.

With over 50 exhibitors, Industry representatives gathered to support our students including Universities, Apprenticeship bodies, Employment services and other important Government structures such as Teach NSW, ADF, NSW Police and NSW Rural Fire Service.



The feedback from all 50 exhibitors was overwhelming positive for the enthusiastic and engaged students involved. Some students were very fortunate to receive immediate opportunities from the event.

Students are strongly encouraged to complete the Careers Market Student feedback survey on the Google Classroom so we can hopefully see the Hawkesbury School Careers Market back again next year, as well capture a clearer snapshot of our students' current interests to continue creating meaningful opportunities. Mrs Gibbs would like to recognise the whole school effort to make this day happen!



From the Staff and Students at Richmond High School, WELL DONE and THANK YOU to Mrs Gibbs for initiating and organising this worthwhile opportunity.

Old Parramatta Gaol

Today a group of Year 8 students were given the amazing opportunity of visiting one of Australia's important historical sites. Old Parramatta Gaol was constructed between 1835-1842, and it was, until its closure in 2011, Australia's oldest serving gaol.



Our students toured the site with a guide from the Deerubbin Local Aboriginal Land Council who discussed the importance of the Gaol as well as told students some unknown history and stories about what went on inside.

These boys represented Richmond High School with such respect and pride. Such an amazing experience to be a part of!

Mrs Wright | H.I.V.E Teacher



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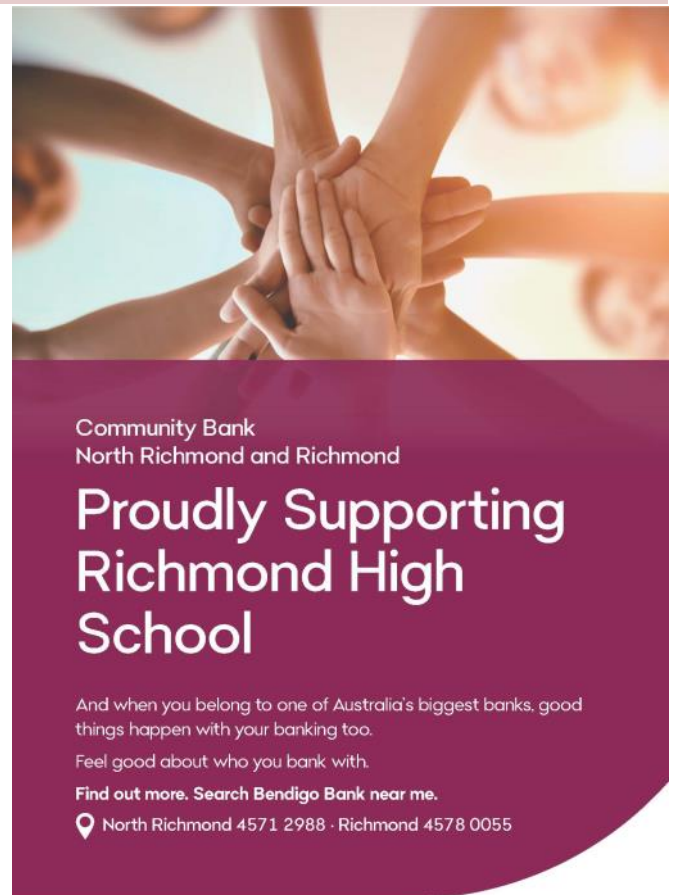
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On behalf of Richmond High School NSW P&C Association **THANK YOU** to the Community Bank North Richmond & Districts and Richmond for the donation of **\$7000** toward the Breakfast Club that is provided for our students.

On behalf of Richmond High School, **THANK YOU** to the Community Bank North Richmond & Districts and Richmond for the donation of **\$5483.20** toward our R U OK? Day Fundraiser - WELL-FAIR.




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The P&C committee meets on the second Tuesday of every month with the exception of school holidays.

6pm in the Common Room (via Front Office)

Follow our Facebook page for updates:

Richmond High School NSW P&C Association

New members always welcome!

Email: richmondhighschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au

COMMITTEE

President

Christine Duffy

Vice President

Belinda Hill

Secretary

Darin McLean

Treasurer

Deborah Plant (temporary)



Macquarie Towns Arts Society will once again be running their popular School Holiday Art & Craft workshops for children 5-15yrs in the Holiday break. MTAS is a not-for-profit community organisation promoting Art activity in the Hawkesbury area.

The MTAS School Holiday Art & Craft Workshops will be held in the classroom at Richmond Art Supplies, Shop 1, 328 Windsor St, Richmond. We hope to encourage budding artists and give kids something fun and creative to do in the holidays, in a safe and friendly environment.

Macquarie Towns Arts Society also runs After School Art Classes for children 7-12 years. The next 8 week term begins 16th October, 2023, 4-5.30pm. Ph 0412979731 for information and bookings.

School Opal Card:

Students!

Please ensure you Tap On and Tap Off!



**Don't forget to
pre order at
the canteen
before school!**

