



"We would like to respectfully acknowledge the Bundjalung people who are the Traditional Custodians and First Peoples of the Land on which our school stands."

Canberra Excursion 2022

"What an amazing excursion! Here is a quick summary of our travels to the nation's capital".

Monday – After an all night travel session on the bus where some students were keen to sleep and others tried to party on all night we made our way to Canberra where we first stopped at the Australian War Memorial. An incredible place to visit where all our students enjoyed the history and were very respectful in a sacred place. On then to Old Parliament House where we learnt about the history of politics in Australia. Jamahl, Max and Travis used this time to catch up on some sleep. To be fair the seats were very comfortable. Our last stop on Monday was the Australian Institute of Sport. The students were wide awake for this one and loving the hands-on sporting challenges. Vincent took on the 6 foot 2" volleyball player at basketball and well..... lost!





Tuesday – After an excellent breakfast we were off to Parliament House. The students were excited to be there and couldn't believe how big it was. A big favourite of the kids was the visit to Questacon! Everyone had a great time. The zero gravity slide was a big winner! The final stop Tuesday was Cockington Green Gardens which has amazing gardens and model buildings and towns.





Wednesday – On Wednesday we were off to the Snow at Mt Perisher. This was an incredible experience to see so many kids being in the snow for the first time. Mr Darby and Mrs Sipple took on the kids in a snow ball fight and well, lost terribly!





Thursday – Our last day in Canberra was another great one. We went to Canberra Zoo. I have to say it was the best Zoo I had been to. The kids spent hours there and could've stayed longer if time permitted. We then visited the Australian National Museum. The kids were very interested in the exhibits. Some more than others as Sam and Marlon looked at the exhibits for about half an hour longer than everyone else! The last stop was the Australian Mint. Where the most popular question was do we get a free souvenir! Then it was on the bus and home to Lismore. A wonderful time was had by staff and students!



Phones and Devices

In this technological era, I understand that more and more students have their own devices, including phones. For student safety, our school policy is for all phones to be stored in the office, throughout the day. Students are to hand their phone or device in on arrival, where it will be stored in a safe place until collection at the end of each day.

All messages must come through the office, so that we know of any changes to routine in regard to pick up from school and so on. Students do not need phones during the day and are not permitted to take calls or text anyone during the day.



Cyber Safety

There have been a few instances of inappropriate chats and messaging happening outside of school. Even though these incidents have been out of school, they still have an impact on what happens at school. I ask all parents to please monitor what platforms they allow their children to have access to and know who they are talking to, at all times. You can put setting onto your children's devices to allow you to see everything being said. Below is the link to the Parents eSafety Commissioner which has advice for parents and carers to help children have safe, enjoyable experiences online.

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents>

PBL For Week 9



Use
Toilets
Properly

MESSAGES
FROM THE
PRINCIPAL

Canteen

Canteen will be on FRIDAY
23 September due to the
public holiday tomorrow.

Check-in assessment for Year 3-4 students

Students in Years 3 and 4 will be participating in a reading and numeracy check-in assessment on Tuesday 11 October, the first week back at school next term. This is an online assessment to support schools to monitor Year 3 and 4 student learning.

Public Holiday

As you are probably aware, tomorrow has been gazetted a public holiday. This is the National Day of Mourning for Queen Elizabeth.

Date	Item	Venue	Cost	Time
22 Sept	Public holiday	-	-	-
23 Sept	Rewards day - Last day Term 3	APPS	\$10.00	-
10 Oct	First day of Term 4	APPS	-	-

Deadly Award Leaders Board

Hailey	10	Cassandra	10	Xavier	10	Ivy	10	Alex	10	Maya	9	Travis	8	Kophie	6
Charlotte	10	Nieve	10	Zedekiah	10	Damon	10	Jarrah	10	Danecca	9	Levi	8	Kai	6
Shiya	10	Stella	10	Cody	10	Kaitlyn	10	Judah	10	Zion	9	Wyatt	8	Kaylee	6
Elowen	10	Harper	10	Patti	10	Beatrix	10	Lukas	10	Coby	9	Brock	8	Leon	5
Nevaeh	10	Scarlett	10	Emily	10	Dominic	10	Cedar	10	Bohdi	9	Ruby	8	Allaby	5
Zachary	10	Olivia	10	Maddy	10	Kess	10	Lucy	10	Dustin	9	Talis	7	Nakyeisha	5
Bazil	10	Dianella	10	Jaia	10	Tiger	10	Henry	10	Kyayla	9	Vincent	7	BJ	5
Anna	10	Winter	10	Jarlee	10	Isabella	10	Fox	9	Rhani	9	Max	7		
April	10	Jasmine	10	Mars	10	Zion	10	Matari	9	Rayne	9	Rani	6		
River	10	Jacob	10	Gus	10	Bree	10	Brody	9	Aiyah	9	Jamahl	6		
Jaxson	10	Lola	10	Oscar	10	Eden	10	Marlon	9	Samuel	8	Abby	6		

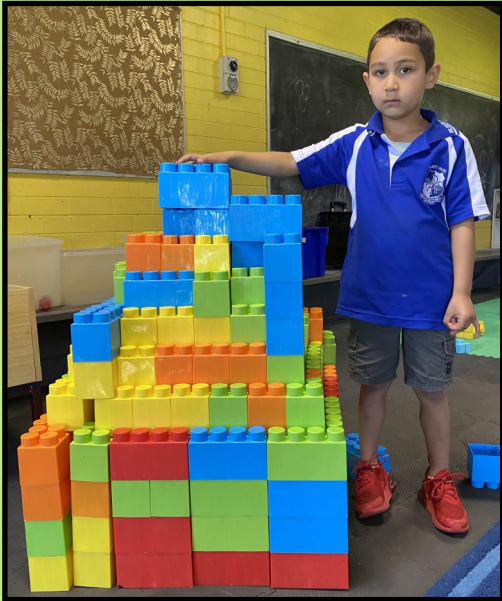
Meet the Staff

- **Name:** Mr Davies
- **Role:** Teacher
- **What is your favourite food?** Mexican
- **What do you like to do in your spare time?** Family time and play basketball.
- **What is something no one knows about you?** Pink is one of my favourite colours
- **If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?** To the USA, to see an NBA game.



The Village house

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FAR NORTH COAST SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

PLAY SOFTBALL

Looking to play a sport that is both exciting and easy?

The Far North Coast Softball Association welcomes you to sign up and have a go at Softball!

TEEBALL AND MODBALL FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS!
Friday's - 4.30pm - Albert Park - Starts 14 October

Get in touch with us at farnorthcoastsoftball@outlook.com

22 September public holiday

National Day of Mourning for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.



THE RIVERS
SECONDARY COLLEGE

The heart of secondary education for Lismore

Year 6 Orientation Days in Term 4

Tuesday, 22 and 29 November 2022

Save the Date: Parents and caregivers of Year 6 students transitioning to the college next year are invited to accompany their student on the morning of the first campus visit – 22 November. Further details next term.

Times: 9am – 3.15pm

Venue: The Rivers Secondary College campus that your Year 6 student is transitioning to in 2023. (Kadina High, Lismore High or Richmond River High)

Purpose: To provide Year 6 students with the opportunity to experience a day at high school.

Details: The event is run as an excursion by our partner primary schools.

A variety of activities will run during the day that may vary a little from campus to campus. Each principal will provide activity details to the primary schools coming to their campus.

We look forward to welcoming you to The Rivers Secondary College.



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Keeping Children Safe Online – Quick Tips for Parents

- o **Educate yourself:** Check out different sites, games and apps for yourself. The more familiar you are with them, the easier it is for you to talk to your children. Check privacy settings and recommended age restrictions.
 - o **Talk with your children:** Have conversations with them about the importance of being safe online and show them what that means. For example, let them know you have been hearing about online safety and ask what they think the risks are and what they can do to keep safe. Encourage an ongoing open dialogue with your child, not just a one-off chat.
 - o **Teach your children to think about online behaviour:** How much should they be sharing online and what happens to information once shared? Talk about respectful interactions and responsible behaviour, and encourage them to critically think about what they read and see online (remind them that not everything they read may be true, what they share will always be there, and not everyone is who they say they are online).
 - o **Make all devices safer for your children:** Familiarise yourself with all sites, games and apps your children use and check the privacy setting on these. Install safety and security software and keep it updated; use internet and spam filters and a pop-up stopper, install monitoring software and monitor downloads to your computer, enable internet browser security and regularly check the internet usage history.
- Come up with a plan around safety:** Talk about ways to not only stay safe but also how to respond to anything that happens that may concern them. Let them know they can talk to you or another adult they can trust. Encourage them to be proactive by accessing information on safety, for example, through the [eSafety Commission](#). Keep usage of devices in a public area, but also be vigilant and monitor your child's activity. Do not assume that public area usage alone is a sufficient protective measure.