From the Principal

Open Night coming soon
On March 13, the school will host Open Night. This is one of our significant events in the school year, providing an opportunity for prospective parents to visit the school and see the wide range of opportunities available to the students of our school.

The P&C provides a fund raising barbeque on the night, but the real stars of the evening are our teachers and students who give of their time to promote the many wonderful things that happen at the school.

Included in this year’s program will be sporting events, faculty plays, cooking demonstrations, jam sessions with our budding musos, dance and drama performances, Science experiments and demonstrations of some of the amazing interactive technology that is integral to the modern classroom.

Parents of current students are always welcome to come and have a look, and if you have friends who are considering the options for their sons’ educational careers, you might recommend a visit between 5.00 and 7.00pm on Tuesday March 13.
Year 7 Camp a great success
This week Year 7 students from Randwick Boys’ High School have been away at camp. For 2012, the camp they are attending is located at Morisset. When I visited on Monday afternoon, it was magnificent to see these young men working together and supporting each other in the challenges they were facing, whether that was facing a fear and riding the flying fox, or working together to solve a problem.

The camp helps to build bonds with Year 7, their Year Adviser and the teachers attending. It’s a great way to support Year 7 as they make their transition from Primary to High School and part of the transition program developed by Randwick Boys’ and our partner Primary Schools.

Markets DA to be submitted soon
The company planning to operate a Growers’ Market at Randwick Boys’ High School will be submitting a Development Application to Randwick City Council soon. Once the DA is with Council, I will advise the community and urge people to write to support the proposal. It will be a wonderful benefit to our school.

W Duncombe
Principal

A Safe and Healthy School
Does your son have a medical condition about which the school should be aware? Has his medical treatment for an existing condition changed?

We may need to implement a Health Care Plan to support your son at school.

If you learn of a medical condition about which the school should be aware or if your son’s treatment changes for an existing condition, please let the school know so that together we can maintain a safe and healthy environment for all students.

Coming Events for Term 1

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Learning through challenging curriculum
Our Semi Finals

Much sweat and tears!

Boo hoo! Rain spoilt the chances of our 2nd Grade and 14’s Tennis to play their Semis. Fortunately for our 14’s team, they go through to the Grand Final since they had finished first in their competition.

In Oztag, we had some sad news too, with our 15B’s and 1sts being narrowly defeated by one try in each game. Both teams staged gallant fightbacks in the 2nd half, to almost “pip” their strong opponents.

Our 15A’s Oztag who are defending Premiers had an impressive win. They go through to the Finals.

Sadly, our Indoor Soccer boys suffered losses, but their coaches praised their sportsmanship under difficult circumstances.

Our 15’s Basketball boys played a great game against Epping, a game which was close in the 1st half. During this early pressure our defence was rock solid, especially from Marshal Ndebele and eventually our defence gained us the ascendancy, as the Epping boys started to give away turnovers. The boys increased their lead in the 2nd half, through gritty determination, to finish clear victors – 34 – 19! I was privileged to have witnessed this classy effort, from a team that richly deserves their Grand Final berth. Their coaches, Daryl and Cleo, Ms Quansah and Ms Edwards, were over the moon! Great stuff!!

Finally, a Cinderella fairytale story – our Volleyball team! Last year, when these boys joined volleyball most of them had never played the game before. We got a pro coach in for three sessions. The boys listened hard, learnt well and practised heaps. They even practised in their school holidays! On Wednesday, these boys were the only team in the whole zone who had to play two games (due to the draw). Guess what? They played the first game against Ashfield and won narrowly. Then after a half hour rest, they played the next game against the top team in the competition, Asquith, and narrowly defeated them too, in a nail-biting Semi Final. Our Cinderella boys are now Grand Finalists! Let’s hope that this fairytale has a happy ending next week and the boys bring home the first Volleyball trophy that RBHS has seen for many years.

Well done boys, Up the Wicks.

From Ms Mould

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15A’s Basketball Semi-Finals
SEMIFINALS - Sport Afternoon – 29 February 2012

Free course run weekly over six, 2 hour sessions
Run by experienced clinicians specialising in adolescent development
This is a skills building and educational program only, and not designed to deal with parenting of extreme behavioral problems
Follow up support is available

TOPIC AREAS INCLUDE:
- Understanding adolescent development
- Evidence based practice relating to parenting styles
- Clear guidance on how to build a positive and healthy relationship with your child
- Setting limits and boundaries that stick!
- Effective communication and conflict resolution
- Managing at risk behaviour (drugs, alcohol and sex)
- Mental health issues and building resilience

2012 DATES: 2/15, 2/25, 4/8, 12/6, 13/6 & 28/6
(another course to be run later in 2012)
TIME: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
LOCATION: WAYS Youth Services, Bondi Beach.
63a Wanda Ave, Bondi Beach
To register or for more information contact Dr. Terri Said or Mariel Twinnham on (02) 9365 2500.

WAYS also provides family counselling, parenting advice & individual support for adolescent mental health.
In the event that all places for this course are taken, please register your interest as more courses will be run in the near future to accommodate the demand.

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RANDWICK BOYS’ HIGH SCHOOL
Guiding young men to success

OPEN NIGHT
Tuesday 13th March, 5 - 7pm

Come and speak to our student leaders and hear about our outstanding educational, cultural, sporting & civic programs. We’ll have:

- BBQ and light refreshments
- Displays in English, History, Maths, Social Science, Visual Arts, Design and Open High School
- Sport demonstrations
- Dance, Drama and Music performances
- Science experiments
- View our technology rooms, workshops and Library

Randwick Boys’ High School is a co-operative, caring school with a tradition of academic, sporting and creative achievement.

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