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Year 8, 9 & 10 Parent/Teacher Night





From the Principal

Student Visit to Parliament House

On Thursday 3 August, three students - Steines Punithan, Ryan Saxena and Freddy Whalebone - along with three students from Randwick Girls, met with the Education Minister, The Hon. Rob Stokes at Parliament House. The students questioned the Minister about aspects of leadership and sought his views on a range of issues. The Minister then sought the students' views on the new HSC credential requiring three Band 8s in NAPLAN.



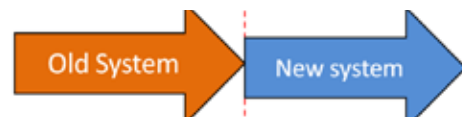
Following this meeting, students were given a tour of Parliament House by the state member for Coogee, Mr Notley-Smith.

All three students were exemplary ambassadors for the school and did the school community proud.



LMBR

Parents and carers would be aware of the significant changes the NSW Department of Education has made with regards to its financial and student information systems via the introduction of LMBR. This innovation will represent many changes in work processes for the school's administration staff in particular. I would like to thank parents and carers for their support and understanding as the new LMBR system is being implemented.



Relieving Principal

I would like to introduce myself to the school community. I work substantively at Canterbury Girls High School, but am relieving in the Principal position while Mr Raskall is on leave. Randwick Boys' High School has an excellent reputation, and I am very happy to be here for the next month. If I can be of assistance, please contact me by email at andrew.anderson@det.nsw.edu.au or telephone on (02) 9399 3122.



Andrew Anderson
Relieving Principal

COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 3

Week 4	Week B/Events
Monday 07 August	HSC Trials continue Homework Centre, Library, 3:30 - 5pm
Tuesday 08 August	Excursion: Year 9 & 10 Science & Engineering Challenge
Thursday 10 August	Homework Centre, Library, 3:30 - 5pm
Friday 11 August	Excursion: Year 9 & 10 AIME, Sydney Uni, all day

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The Tell Them From Me parent feedback survey (Term 3, 2017)

This term, our school will be participating in the Partners in Learning parent survey, another part of the Tell Them From Me suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online on smartphones, ipads, tablets, laptops or computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 21 August and 13 October. Although participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, your responses are very much appreciated.

Our school will provide further information about how to access the survey. In the meantime, more information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/>



Nick Benson (Acting HT Well Being)

Lance Raskall (Principal)

School Photos

If you would like to order one of the Small Group Photos, these include the Prefects photo, SRC photo and other extra-curricular groups and some sport photos, please go to www.theschoolphotographer.com.au and use the access code: 17Soo6SUP37R.

If you would like to order Year Group Photo, use the access code: Xoo6SUP37R.

You orders must in by Monday 14th August.

T Cassar
Head Teacher Admin



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Travel/Sport Leave

When filling out the form for your son's leave from school for overseas travel, please attach a copy of the airline ticket.



Admin

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Looking for a good read?

At the recent parent teacher interviews, the English staff were asked by a number of parents for reading suggestions for their sons at home. Below is a link to the Premier's Reading Challenge booklist. Books can be searched by category (if your son has a particular interest), by title/author or by age bracket (depending on your son's confidence in reading).

<https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/booklist/home.html>

We recommend students should be reading a wide variety of material at least once a day (at least 15 minutes would be great). Reading widens students' perspectives about the world around them, improves comprehension and language skills and has been proven to enhance concentration, empathy and the imagination. And it's just plain fun!

If you require any further help, please contact myself or the English staff with your questions.



NSW Premier's
Reading Challenge

Emma Payne
Head Teacher English

Visual Arts - Photography

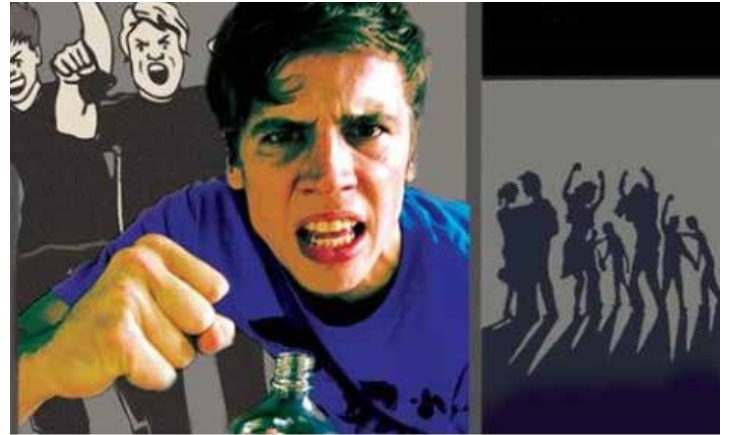
Year 10 Visual Arts student, Josiah Cocking picked up a camera a year and a half ago and hasn't stopped shooting. You can view more of his brilliant photographs at: <http://josiahcphoto.weebly.com/>



Brainstorm Productions

Randwick City Council is proud to present this important production by award winning educational theatre company Brainstorm Productions. It is our intention to provide an opportunity for families with teenagers to attend this performance together and to start a conversation about this important subject.

CHEAP THRILLS



Brainstorm Productions suitable for 15 years and over

Monday 28 August 6pm to 7:30pm

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This fast paced one man show is about that split second when we reach a crossroad, make a choice, and possibly change our lives forever.

Andy and his friends drink alcohol, smoke marijuana and are confused by the hormones racing around their bodies. This is a dangerous cocktail and it explodes into one dramatic incident.

Brilliant, educational theatre tackling the consequences of risk taking and substance abuse.

Andy is played by Samuel Valentine, a young Melbourne-based actor, writer, and director who gives a fine performance.

After a lively discussion you will leave the venue with a deeper understanding of how your choice of friends and their ability to make good decisions can have a dramatic and lasting effect on the lives of many.

Stick around for a snack and a chat to the experts. Great opportunity for families to start that conversation!



Science Incursion

Last term, I had the pleasure of meeting with Dr Michael Kasumovic, senior lecturer at UNSW. His fields of research include evolution, ecology and animal behaviour. Dr Kasumovic demonstrated some apps developed by his team at the School of Biological, Earth and Environmental Sciences.



On Thursday 3 August, Dr Kasumovic and PhD student Amy Hooper, conducted a lesson with the 10K Science class and visiting students from 10Science 1. In this lesson, the students played the game Blue Steal. This game teaches how mating strategies evolve through female preferences, how information is transmitted and what that means for evolution.



With Year 10 having recently completed the topic Evolution, the activities led by Dr Kasumovic were highly relevant to their studies. The students thoroughly enjoyed this lesson. Using the apps heightened their understanding of and interest in, the process of natural selection.



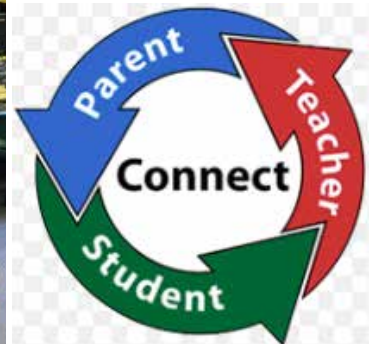
We are extremely fortunate to have such strong ties with the University of New South Wales and I look forward to collaborating with Dr Kasumovic and his team in the future.

Ms T Betros
Head Teacher Science





Year 8, 9 & 10 Parent/Teacher Evening



Parent Teacher
Interviews



AROUND THE GROUNDS

Team results 2017 winter season: grand final

SPORT	OPPONENT	SCORE	
		RBHS	Other
Rugby 14s	Asquith	14	51
Table Tennis 15s	North Sydney	3	4



Grade sport – winter wrap up

Our rugby 14s and table tennis 15s teams were unfortunately defeated in their grand finals. However, they are to be commended on their efforts with reports from Coaches Mr Bennett and Mr Sharma, both praising their sides' display of 'never say die' attitudes. A special thank you to all grade coaches who gave up their time to guide each team, offer their professional advice and support our boys throughout the sporting season.

We now look forward to the summer sport season, with the first week of trials already underway. There are three more trials that will take place during August. Good luck to all of our boys.

RBHS 'run riot' at Sydney North Athletics

A record-breaking performance was given by James Moloney, smashing a 30-year standing record in the opens long jump. He smashed the record by a staggering 27cm! Congratulations on this massive achievement and to all RBHS competitors who successfully progressed through to the next stage: 'CHS Athletics Carnival', to be held on September 6th, 7th & 8th.



Sydney North vs Sydney South

29 of our students were selected to represent Sydney South 'of the Harbour Bridge', in exhibition matches between the best players in our sporting zone. This annual event encourages all schools to come together and showcase the best talent throughout the junior grades in both rugby and football. Well done to all of our boys who were successful in winning all bar one match throughout the carnival.

SPORTS QUOTE OF THE WEEK

**IT NEVER
GETS EASIER,
YOU JUST
GET BETTER.**

KUSHANDWIZDOM

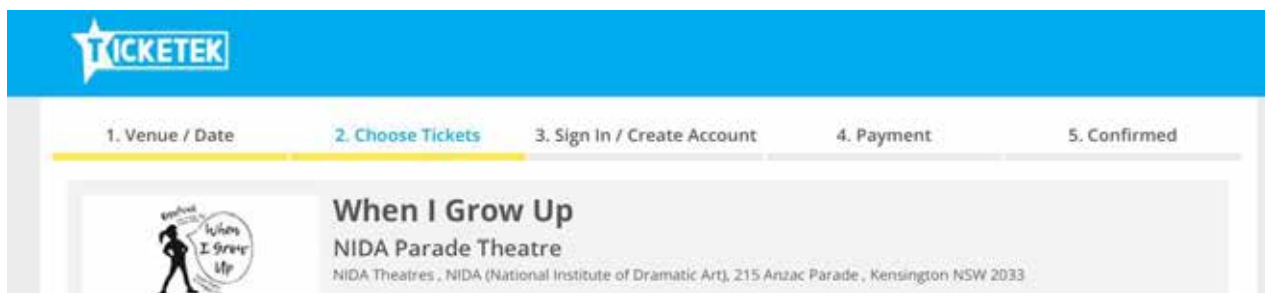
P Noreika
Sport Coordinator



When I Grow Up

22 & 23 August 2017

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Search: When I Grow Up or Randwick Girls or Randwick Boys

The Show is a combined Randwick Girls' and Randwick Boys' High School production.

This years theme is Childhood. A time to be free, laugh and to embrace everything that life has to offer. A time to learn and to dream and sometimes to fall.



Randwick Boys' High School P&C is a proud Gold Sponsor of the 2017 show 'WHEN I GROW UP'. The annual show has been running for over 25 years and is a fantastic joint production of Randwick Girls' and Randwick Boys' High Schools showcasing the talent and creativity of the students. The P&C at Randwick Boys' High School is a group of parents committed passionately to their sons' learning. They support the school in all aspects of providing a quality education including raising funds, participating in merit selection panels and having a say in learning programs. New members are welcome throughout the year. For further information please email info@randwickboyspandc.org.au.



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WHEN I GROW UP



Education
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Tell Them From Me parentsurvey Frequently Asked Questions (parents and carers)

Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation

1. What is the Partners in Learning parent survey?

The Partners in Learning parent survey is part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys on student engagement. The parent survey helps to clarify and strengthen the important relationship between parent and school.

The survey is designed to measure, assess and report insights from the parent point of view at the school and system levels. The focus of this NSW survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

2. What kind of questions will the survey ask?

The survey questions aim at understanding parents' perspectives on their child's experience at school, including teaching, communication and the school's support of learning and behaviour. The survey also aims to understand parents' perspectives on activities and practices at home related to their child's learning.

The survey will ask parents questions about:

Parents feel welcome	Parents are informed	Parents support learning at home	Parents participation at school
School supports positive behaviour	Safety	Inclusion	School supports learning

3. How have schools been selected to take part?

The survey is open to all NSW government schools at no cost to them. Your school has decided to participate.

4. How will taking part in this survey benefit my child's school?

The parent survey provides school principals and school leaders with parents' perspectives on their school as well as learning at home. Communication between parents and staff, activities and practices at home, and parent views on the school's support of learning and behaviour help build an accurate and timely picture that schools can use for practical improvements.

Data collected from the survey responses are quickly compiled into reports for school leaders. Principals can then use this information to help them identify emerging issues and plan for school improvement.

5. How does the parent survey relate to the student survey?

The parent survey is complementary to the *Tell Them From Me* student survey that your child may have been asked to complete. These surveys are offered (along with a teacher survey) to ensure schools can capture the views of students, teachers and parents.

For more detail on each of the surveys, see the survey website: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/>

6. What do I need to do to participate in the survey?

The survey typically takes 15 minutes and is conducted entirely online through a secure website operated by the survey developers, *The Learning Bar*. You will be provided with a link to complete the survey at home or your school may make computers available so that you can complete the survey during school hours.

7. Do I need to participate?

No, participation in the survey is optional. Whilst your responses are very much appreciated, if during the survey, you feel uncomfortable, you can stop the survey at any time. The majority of questions in the survey can be skipped.

8. Will the school be able to identify me or my child from my responses?

Staff in schools will not be able to identify individual parents or students from parent responses. To protect parent anonymity, schools will be provided with a single username and password for the school prior to the start of the survey period. This username and password will then be distributed to parents. Data suppression rules are applied to the school reporting tools where there are fewer than five responses.

9. What sort of analysis will be done of the survey data?

Once the surveys are completed, reports are prepared and in most cases are available to schools within three business days. School leaders can use the data to better understand the experiences and views of parents at their school.

CESE will undertake state-wide analysis of the survey data in conjunction with existing student data held by the department, including performance data. The results will help all schools better understand the relationship between parents and students' engagement, students' wellbeing, effective teaching and student learning. Results from CESE's analysis of this data will also help teachers and principals discuss what works to improve student outcomes. This supports the department's continuing focus on quality teaching and leadership. The data will be retained for future analysis to help us better understand the nature of student engagement and wellbeing over time.

10. When will the Partners in Learning survey happen?

The surveys will be conducted in all participating schools between Monday 21st August (Week 6, Term 3) and Friday 13th October 2017 (Week 1, Term 4).

What is CESE?

The Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation (CESE) is part of the Department of Education.

CESE has been established to improve the effectiveness, efficiency and accountability of education in New South Wales.

CESE will identify and share what works, creating new opportunities to improve teaching and learning across all of education.

More information about CESE is available at: www.cese.nsw.gov.au

What is *The Learning Bar*?

The Learning Bar specialises in research-based design and facilitation of student assessments and survey solutions for both primary and secondary students. The in-house research team led by the President, Dr J Douglas Willms, undertakes extensive projects used in the school system to effect national policy. It is against this research that the survey, *Tell Them From Me*, has become the largest national school survey in Canada, used in nine of the ten provinces. More than 4,500 schools and 3.5 million Canadian students have participated in the survey over the last twelve years.

Dr Willms holds the Canada Research Chair in Literacy and Human Development and played a lead role in the development of questions on student engagement for the OECD's Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA).

More information about *The Learning Bar* is available at: www.thelearningbar.com

If you have any questions about the parent survey, please contact CESE via email: TTFM@det.nsw.edu.au or by telephone: 9561 8056 / 9561 8370.



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