

Randwick Boys' High School

Guiding Young Men to Success

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Year 6 Orientation Day





Movember raised nearly \$2,000 for Men's Mental Health

As you will read elsewhere in this newsletter, the Randwick Boys' High School community really supported the Movember cause in 2020, raising nearly \$2,000 for Men's Mental Health. Mr Bester and Ms Manzalji really inspired our Student Representative Council, staff and students to support this brilliant cause. Various events etc ensured students thoroughly enjoyed themselves and funds were raised along the way. Well done to all who made this event fun, worthwhile and assisted in raising these funds!



From the Principal

Orientation Day, 1st December, 2020

On Tuesday 1st December, we were very proud to welcome over 130 Year 6 students for the annual Orientation Day. Students came from far and wide to enjoy a warm welcome to High School and Randwick Boys' High School in particular! Students enjoyed visiting classes and specialist classrooms, meeting staff and students as well as forging new friendships! The cohort enjoyed getting to know each other and, from the Q and A at the end of the session, were very excited to become part of our outstanding school community! Ms Betros, transition Advisor and Mr Noreika, Year 7 Year Advisor, did an amazing job coordinating the Orientation Day. Thanks to all staff and students who ensured our newest students feel excited to start at RBHS in 2021!



Presentation Day – Friday 11th December

Friday 11th December will be the annual Randwick Boys' High School Presentation Day. This year, the event will be modified, due to Covid-19 restrictions. Unfortunately, we will not be able to have parents, guardians, special guests and a keynote speaker (old boy). This year, only award winners will be present and receive awards. The event will be live streamed (and recorded). An email will follow to all parents and guardians with a link and details etc, early next week. We have also included the link and details in this newsletter. At this stage, the event will begin at 11.30 and end at approximately 1pm. Students who are receiving an award will be notified early next week. Mr Frougas and the TAS, Careers and LOTE Departments are working hard to ensure the event is a success. We thank all parents and guardians for their understanding and patience once again in 2020.

Parents and guardians

You are invited to a Zoom webinar.

When: Dec 11, 2020 11:30 AM Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney
Topic: 2020 Randwick Boys High School Presentation Day

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

<https://nsweducation.zoom.us/j/61895397952?pwd=Koh1UjJmVkVhRm1lMnpUZU96V2lZz09>

Passcode: rbhs

Or Telephone:

Dial: NSW 8015 6011 Webinar ID: 618 9539 7952

International numbers available: <https://nsweducation.zoom.us/j/edca2UgwOP>

iPad or iPhone/ Android:

- Install Zoom App
- Use Meeting ID: 618 9539 7952
- Use Password: rbhs



L Raskall
Principal



COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 4

Week 9	Week A/Events
Friday 11 December	Presentation Day & Sport Presentation Day, 11:30am - 1pm, livestreamed to parents/carers



Procedures for students permanently leaving RBHS

If your son is:

- Returning overseas
- Transferring to a new high school
- Enrolling in TAFE

OR

- His employment is confirmed

Parents:

- Notify in writing or by email that the student is leaving RBHS.
- State the student's name, academic year, date of leaving and name of their new high school.
- Finalise fees for elective subjects and school contribution.

Student:

- Officially 'clears' from our school by signing out from his class and completing a clearance form.
- Return all RBHS text books and library books (payment is due if books are lost or not returned).

Admin

Reading/Writing Survey for Parents

The RBHS Literacy team kindly asks parents to complete this short survey to do with student reading and writing. Please copy and paste the link below. Thank you.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfWG_kOf4_PcSocWJM96T_TPiBMPLr4cuqNxTLC-RnL81Wdda/viewform



Danica Firulovic
English Faculty



Check-in Assessment Year 9

Dear parents and carers,

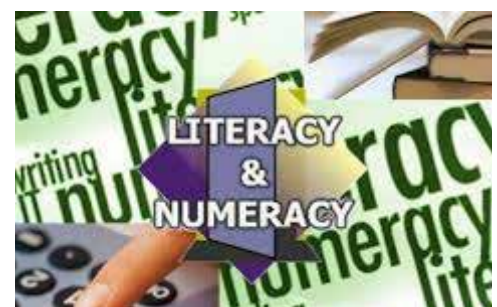
Year 9 students will participate in a new reading and numeracy check-in assessment. The check-in assessment is a NSW Department of Education online reading and numeracy assessment available to support schools to assess and monitor Year 9 student learning following the period of learning from home. The check-in assessments can supplement existing school practices to identify how students are performing in literacy and numeracy and to help teachers tailor their teaching more specifically to student needs.

The assessments will be scheduled for our Year 9 students on Monday and Tuesday Week 9 (7-8th December).

Students with disability may receive the same level of support during the assessment that they would normally receive in the classroom.

Students will be asked to bring headphones or earbuds that plug into a computer to enable them to hear audio during the assessment. Earbuds used for mobile phones or other portable devices may be suitable for use during the assessment. The type of computer connection needed is a jack or USB.

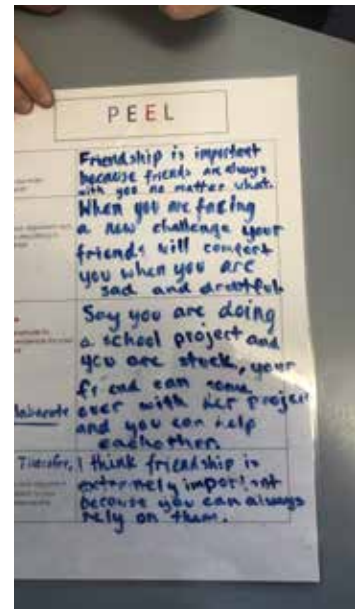
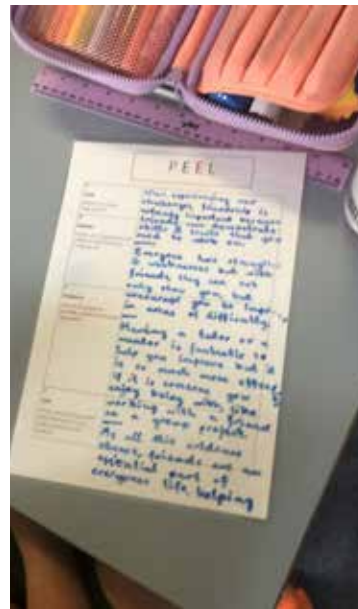
Yours sincerely,



Emma Payne
Head Teacher English

English faculty visiting primary schools

On Monday, Miss Payne and Mr Calandra attended Kensington Public School and Daceyville Public School to teach Year 5 and 6 students how to write PEEEL paragraphs.



The day was thoroughly enjoyable, with primary students showing enthusiasm and confidence to bring the skill into high school. Ms Payne is loving that a common language is starting to emerge across schools, but worried she may lose Mr Calandra to primary teaching as the kids loved him so much!

E Payne
Head Teacher English



November

Throughout November, Randwick Boys' embarked on the challenge of raising awareness for men's health through the Movember initiative. The male staff at RBHS, with great enthusiasm, let their hair down all in the name of men's health. Staff joined the hairy movement by letting their facial hair grow out for the whole month, in the form of luscious moustaches.



Why Movember? Why would Randwick Boys' embrace the hairiest month of the year? We do it for the fathers, partners, brothers, sons and mates in our lives, because they're dying too young, and it doesn't have to be like this.

- In Australia, men die on average 4 years earlier than women, and for largely preventable reasons
- Men account for 3 out of 4 suicides
- Suicide is the leading cause of death among Aussie men aged 15-44
- 1 in 6 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer before they're 85
- Testicular cancer is the most common cancer in young Aussie men.

Being an all-boys' school this issue is too close to home. So what was the result of a month of moustachery? A massive \$1,813 was raised for this amazing cause! It was a mammoth effort, considering our original goal for the month was \$500!

A massive thank you to all the staff who got on board and generously donated. It was amazing to witness our staff collaborating to help raise important funds and awareness for men's health.

Thank you to the P&C and to the SRC for being the driving force behind the ice-block sales. This was a huge success, which raised over \$600 towards our end total.

Thank you to Miss Manzalji who ran the logistics, involving the SRC in the process. Without you, we could never have achieved the heights we reached this year.

Thank you to Mr Noreika, Mr Jackson and Mr Bennett for helping out with refereeing and commentating duties for our inaugural spike-ball competition. That was another huge success, which will be welcomed back next year.

Thank you to Cali Press and Titan Fitness who showed great generosity and donated the prizes for the spike-ball competition. The boys loved their prizes!

This brings the curtain down on an amazing, hairy and successful month of fostering awareness and fundraising for such an important cause. We look forward to doing it again next year with new goals and new ideas on how to make the hairiest month of the year even bigger and even better!

D Bester
PDHPE teacher





International Day for People with Disability, 3 December

The 2020 IDPwD theme is 'Not all Disabilities are Visible' which brings the focus on disabilities that are not immediately apparent e.g. chronic pain or fatigue, sight or hearing impairments, diabetes, brain injuries, neurological disorders, learning differences and cognitive dysfunctions, among others.

The annual IDPwD is a United Nations observed day celebrated internationally to increase public awareness, understanding and acceptance of people with disability and celebrate their achievements and contributions.

During roll call on IDPwD, students were encouraged to brainstorm creative solutions to the following everyday situations.

How could you know that someone is knocking at your door if you can't hear?

How could you answer the phone without speaking?

How might you tell the time without looking at a clock?

How could you know when to cross the road safely without being able to see?

How could you tie your shoelace without using your hands?

How could you tell when you have poured enough water into a glass without looking?

How could you climb up a flight of stairs without using your legs?

How could you warn someone of danger without making a sound?

How could you play a game of volleyball in the dark?

How could you read a book without using your hands?

IDPwD is also a timely opportunity to acknowledge the dedicated work of our School Learning Support Officers who provide direct, hands-on, daily support for students with disability within our socially inclusive high school environment.

Mr G Burke
Learning & Support Teacher



L-R Geoffrey Burke (Learning & Support Teacher), Michelle Murray, Danny Chick, Michael Calacouris, Keith Young (School Learning Support Officers)

P&C NEWS



Randwick Boys' High School P&C is a group of parents, carers, staff & community members who work together to provide opportunities for all students at RBHS. We meet on the third Tuesday of the month during school term at 7pm in the Staff Common Room on Level 1 of the Admin building. All welcome!



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

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The 2020 theme 'Not all Disabilities are Visible' draws our focus to disabilities that are not immediately apparent, such as mental illness, chronic pain or fatigue, sight or hearing impairments, diabetes, brain injuries, neurological disorders, learning differences and cognitive dysfunctions, among others.

We are reminded of the importance of removing barriers for all people living with disability, both visible and invisible.

#NotAllDisabilitiesAreVisible #IDPWD2020 #IDPWD



Would you like to help recharge social connections for RBHS families in 2021? Do you have some great fundraising ideas? If so, we'd love to hear from you. We're looking for Social/Fundraising sub-committee members. Come to the Feb meeting or email us at: info@randwickboyspandc.org.au

Coming Up.....

P&C Meetings



Tue 15 Feb

First meeting for 2021

2020 Office Bearers

- President: Birgit Schickinger
- Vice President: Michelle Bradley
- Vice President: Jason Bates
- Secretary: Suzy Forrester
- Treasurer: Leanne Bergan

Connect with us...



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Randwick Boys High School P&C



Join our mailing list:
<http://eepurl.com/ggUloz>

P&C Book Packs are Back!



Get organised for 2021 with the P&C Book Pack! Click the QR code and collect from the School Office with proof of purchase.



COVID-safe summer pack – school newsletter to parents and carers

As we come closer to the end of the school year, we'd like to extend our thanks to you, our parent community, for demonstrating so much resilience and patience towards the circumstances we faced together. We strived together to get the best outcomes for our students despite the pandemic and you have stayed by our side the entire time. Thank you again.

We will be sending a COVID-safe summer pack to each student before the year ends. The contents of the pack will help students maintain healthy hygiene practices and to stay COVID-safe during the school holidays.

Here are some quick tips to help you and your families stay COVID-safe during the school holidays:

- Encourage your children to use their packs whenever they leave the house
- Meet outdoors whenever possible and wear sunscreen
- Meet in small groups
- Encourage good hand hygiene practices and remind your children to cough and sneeze into their elbow
- Keep up-to-date with the latest health information by monitoring the [NSW Government website](#)External link
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From all of us at Randwick Boys' High School, be safe and enjoy the school holidays.

