# What's News this Week

#### Term 4 Week 11B

his is the last Weekly Staff Bulletin for the year. Thank you for your commitment to the students and for your hard work this year.

Presentation Day was a resounding success, attended by many parents and friends. It was an honour to have the Federal Member for Kingsford-Smith, Mr Matt Thistlethwaite and the Member for Coogee, Mr Bruce Notley-Smith in attendance as well as many other distinguished guests. The guest speaker, Sue Milliken, film producer and author, reinforced the idea that women can do anything they set their mind to. Congratulations to all the prize winners. The musical interludes were most appreciated by the audience. A huge thank you to Jenny Baker who coordinated the Presentation Day ceremony. Our students behaved extremely well and were a credit to the school. Parents left, secure in the knowledge that Randwick Girls' really is an excellent state school, which offers our students a myriad of diverse opportunities.

Year 7 participated in the STRIVE seminars this week and seemed to thoroughly enjoy the many activities. Thank you to Annio Xenos for the organisation of this program.

An excited 7R have been preparing for their Drama Showcase, under the expert tutelage of Lynette Clarke. We are going to really miss Lynette's expertise and enthusiasm when she moves to Kingscliffe High School next year.

The VET planning day on Wednesday gave our VET teachers a chance to plan the curriculum for next year. The Welfare Planning day and Faculty Planning days are scheduled for next week.

On Thursday, period 4, the top 50 merit students in each year celebrated their successes at the Merit BBQ. Thank you to Jeanette Youden for organizing the food and drinks and to the coordinators, David McCormack, Ash Essop, Patty Prineas, Edwina Neyland, Karen Parramore 14 – 18 December, 2015

and Meg Morris for their behind the scenes efforts. The Merit Committee is a strong cohesive team and I thank them for doing such an excellent job this year.

Our top Year 9 class in English takes on a special project each year – the compilation of the school magazine. This year, under the brilliant leadership of Leigh Pyman, the final product is magnificent and will be received by students in the last week of term.

On Thursday, Digital Services/Communication and Engagement Directorate visited our school to make a video clip promoting NSW public school education and the benefits from the reforms initiative. Footage of our refurbished Science labs was taken as well as shots of children happily leaving school. Teachers were interviewed – Drew Hurst, Pauline Christdoulides and myself. Thank you to all concerned. The film crew seemed delighted with our efforts.

Interviews were conducted this week for the posting of Relieving Head Teacher (Welfare). This position will be effective until the new Deputy Principal is appointed. I am pleased to announce that the successful candidate is Amanda Reilly. Congratulations.

Thank you to Pauline Christodoulides for organizing our New Scheme Teachers workshop and guest speaker Joel Davies on Friday. I know the new scheme teachers really appreciate your help.

Wishing you all Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. School resumes for staff on Wednesday 27 January, 2016.

Regards Dianne Posener Relieving Principal

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BOSTES Bulletin	7 December 2015	
New Stage 6 Aboriginal Languages Content Endorsed Course syllabus and consultation report	BOSTES on the web	
The new Aboriginal Languages Stage 6 Content Endorsed Course Syllabus is now available on the syllabus section of the BOSTES website <u>read more</u>	invite a friend     Image: Markowski bit in the second	
HSC results released Wednesday 16 December	<b>Official Notices</b>	
2015 HSC results will be delivered to students by email and SMS from 6am on <b>Wednesday 16 December</b> <u>read more</u>	Principals, please ensure your teaching staff are receiving relevant articles and Official Notices.	
Keeping students water-safe over the summer	Read all <u>Official Notices</u>	
As we approach the summer holidays, it is important that students know how to keep themselves and others safe around water <u>read</u> more	Key Dates Dec Showcase booking forms for <u>Callback, ENCORE,</u> OnSTAGE and Shape 2015	
Advice for parents on student holiday reading		
There are many excellent children's books that students can engage with over the school holidays <u>read more</u>	available. ENCORE, OnSTAGE tickets on general sale.	
Year 10 grades available to students and schools	12 ARTEXPRESS closes at Bega Valley Regional Art Gallery	
Year 10 (Stage 5) results will be released to students and schools on <b>Wednesday 9 December</b> <u>read more</u>	<ul> <li>16 HSC 2015 results released</li> <li>18 Nominations close for the Brother John Taylor Memorial</li> </ul>	
RoSA for eligible 2015 school leavers	<u>Prize</u> Read the full list of <u>key dates</u>	
Schools are required to inform BOSTES if a Year 10, 11 or 12 student is eligible to leave school and be issued with a Record of School Achievement (RoSA) <u>read more</u>	Jobs	
Fantastic response to the NSW Teachers PD survey	Current vacancies	
BOSTES recently conducted a survey asking all NSW teachers about their experiences and preferences of professional development. The survey closed on 30 November with a fantastic	Senior Curriculum Officer, Technology Education	
11,919 responses <u>.read more</u>	Principal Project Officer, Learning and Equity	
Senior years syllabus review	Senior Curriculum Officer, PDHPE	
Consultation on the senior years English, Mathematics, Science and History Draft Writing Briefs has closed <u>read more</u>		
Marking of 2016 HSC Music Extension performance examinations	<u>Clerical Officer, Regional</u> <u>NSW / Riverina &amp; Murray</u>	
The marking guidelines for the Music Extension performance examinations have been reviewed <u>read more</u>	Policy Officer, Professional Learning	

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#### WEEK B of a 2 WEEK CYCLE

### 14 – 18 December 2015

EVENT	Staff/Students	Date/Time
Monday 14 December		
• HSC PD/H/PE assessment task periods 2, 3. Teachers:	B. Cuneo	Periods 2, 3
B. Cuneo, W. Thornton.	W. Thornton	
• Welfare Professional Learning Day, 9.00am – 3.15pm in	Welfare Team	9.00am – 3.15pm
room 220. Teachers: A. Xenos, S. Kennedy, S. Chapman,		
R. Ali, B. Kaplinski, S. Kourounis, A. Reilly.		
• VET competencies due at BOSTES.		
• School Show rehearsals periods 1-6. Organiser: K. Fagan.	K. Fagan	Periods 1-6
(See attached sheet for names of students attending.)		
• Bus duty: P. Christodoulides; roundabout: J. Ambele;	P. Christodoulides	3.15pm
3.15pm.	J. Ambele	
• Executive meeting in the Boardroom at 3.20pm.	Executive staff	3.20pm
Tuesday 15 December		
• School Show rehearsals periods 1-6. Organiser: K. Fagan.	K. Fagan	Periods 1-6
(Names of students attending as for Monday.)		
• A. Reilly to VET Certificate IV upgrade.	A. Reilly	9.15am – 3.15pm
• Professional Learning Day for History, TAS, Social Science, LOTE.		
• Supervision of students: English, Maths, Science, Creative Arts, PD/H/PE.		
Wednesday 16 December		
• Staff meeting in staff common room at 8.30am. Sue Shelley	All staff	8.30am
to announce new Principal.		
• Professional Learning Day for English, Maths, Science,		
Creative Arts, PD/H/PE.		
• Supervision of students: History, TAS, Social Science, LOTE.		
• HSC results released.		
• Last day for students.		
Thursday 17 December		
• Staff Development Day $\frac{1}{2}$ day in staff common room. (See	All staff	9.15am
attached sheet for organisation.)		
• Faculty professional learning $\frac{1}{2}$ day in faculties.	All staff	
• Year 12 ATARS released.		
• Year 12 (2015) visit – coffee & cake, 12.00noon – 1.00pm in	All staff	12.00noon – 1.00pm
staff common room.		-
Friday 18 December		
• Staff Development Day <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> day in staff common room. (See	All staff	9.15am
attached sheet for organisation.)		
• Staff luncheon, 12.30pm in MPC.	All staff	12.30pm
• Duke walk <i>Gold</i> (four days), 2.00pm, 18 – 21/12/15.	B. Cuneo	18 - 21/12/15
Teachers: B. Cuneo, E. Neyland.	E. Neyland	
• Last day – Merry Christmas, happy holidays.		
• Staff return Wednesday 27/1/16 at 9.00am.		
D. Hurst		

## **Relieving Deputy Principal**