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We finish another term on a high, celebrating the successes of our school community, both within and outside the classroom, as our young women grasp the myriad of learning opportunities available, having fun as they are challenged to do better than their best.

But with highs comes the sadness of the farewells we make to those who leave us as they take that next step in their lives' journeys.

We farewell our Year 12 2015, wishing them the greatest success, as they prepare for their HSC Exams and their futures away from school.

What an outstanding group of young women – wonderful school citizens, leading the school as role models and friends. We know that their futures will be bright!

Our Year 12 have been nurtured and guided through their high school years by their dedicated and committed teachers, who have gone far beyond just teaching in their classrooms. They have mentored, encouraged and given so much of their expertise and time to ensure that our young women are ready for this final high school challenge, the HSC.

With the unfailing support of their Year Advisers, Drew Hurst, Year 7 and 8, Tania Oxley 9, 10 and part of Year 11, and Shaun Phipps Years 11 and 12 our young women have flourished in their studies and in all those extra activities which enrich our school. Special thanks to them all and our teachers, particularly Shaun Phipps who has taken up the role of Year Adviser in their last years of high school. Shaun who has been with them on the last stage of their school journey, overseeing the Graduation and Formal, encapsulated the feelings of respect and care for these special young women from all our Year 12 teachers in his farewell speech. Thank you Shaun for your support and care for these superb young women, outstanding examples of the power of public education.

As we farewell Year 12 we also get ready to farewell their mentor for the last four years, at the end of 2015, Lance Raskall (Deputy Principal, Year 12). Lance has gained the Principalship of Randwick Boys', our brother school, which he left to come to us seven years ago.

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Year 8 History Medieval Day



WHAT'S NEWS

Weekly happenings at
Randwick Girls

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Principal's message continued

Congratulations Lance! Our loss is their gain. Don't forget us next year. We are just across the fence.

In these last few weeks we have again seen democracy in action with our annual elections for the SRC and school leaders occurring.

These elections give our young women the chance to learn through doing, therefore accepting the consequences of their choices.

Our 2015 leaders reflect the power of our students to choose wisely as our extremely dedicated and enthusiastic team have inspired the entire student body through a commitment to the wider community.

What splendid role models they have been! Thank you Ivy, Anna, Reem and Amelia.

I know 2016 will be no exception with a terrific group of young women ready to step up to lead the school.

Congratulations to our 2016 SRC and school leaders, Hannah, Elisha, Sansea and Allanah.

This year's Leadership Assembly, attended by our Federal Member, Matt Thistlethwaite, who presented Leadership Certificates to our 2015 leaders, was a lovely opportunity to see tradition in action as the mantle of leadership responsibility was passed to our 2016 team.

Nowhere do we see a more fantastic example of action learning taking place, where students learn by doing, than in our annual Show, celebrating this year, 25 years of unbroken tradition. With over 200 of our young women and thirty odd of their brothers from the boys' school they wowed full houses at the NIDA Parade Theatre with more than two hours of non-stop entertainment tracing the twenty-five year history of The Show, from its birth as The Rock Eisteddfod to the last five years as the phenomenal full blown stage extravaganza it has become, as a symbol of the

opportunities our public education provides for each individual child to grow and develop those powerful 21st century skills of collaboration, cooperation and leadership.

It is of such a standard that our Federal Member Matt Thistlethwaite spoken about the show in glowing terms in Federal Parliament.

<https://www.facebook.com/ThistlethwaiteM>
Parliament Speech 7 September.

Thank you to everyone concerned, our student performers, our stage crew, our many parent supporters led by Julie Boden and most importantly our teachers, those from both schools who have helped throughout the year with supervision and support.

To our creative director Alysia Jarvis and our teacher coordinators, Kylie Fagan and Jenny Jordan we owe a great debt of gratitude for their long term dedication and commitment to the program. What a wonderful achievement!

This week we also wish *bon voyage* to a large group of students travelling to Japan to visit our sister school Shimokitazawa Seitoku and to immerse themselves in a fantastic cultural learning experience. A very special thanks to our LOTE team led by Pauline Christodoulides, Anthea Watts, who organised the trip, ably supported by Charlie Cheng.

This is another of those wonderful co-curricular opportunities which are offered at Randwick Girls' through the generosity of spirit of our terrific teaching staff. Thank you Pauline, Anthea and Charlie.

Have a great holiday and we will see everyone back at school for another exciting term on Tuesday October 6.

Regards
Heather Emerson



Year 8 History

Medieval Day

One of the highlights of the school calendar each year is always *Medieval Day* which gives our enthusiastic Year 8 historians and their equally enthusiastic teachers the opportunity to be transported back in time to a world of kings, queens, knights and castles in a hands on, experiential, exciting and dynamic full day of learning which would be difficult to replicate in any text or film.

This year saw a magnificent array of medieval costumes including witches, Robin Hoods, squires, monks, peasants and lots more, all very creatively and imaginatively made by our students which filled our hall with bright rays of colour and a realistic atmosphere of a long bygone era.

It was quite something seeing actor James Adams using the audience to recreate the stocks and pillory punishment system, as well as various forms of medieval torture such as the infamous scold's bridle or an edge of the seat battle sequence featuring an array of medieval weaponry replicas such as crossbows and very sharp and lethal spears which provided our very receptive students with an exciting taste and atmosphere of life in the middle ages.

Providing our always very appreciative students with these kinds of beyond the classroom experiences enables history to come to life as our students become the characters of the past rather than simply learning about them in the printed form. This enables our students to empathise with those who lived a long time ago providing our historians with an exciting and meaningful learning experience.

Special thanks to maestro performer James Adams, who has been presenting these shows at Randwick for many years, and to Ms Baker, Ms Jordan, Ms Parramore and Mr Phipps who all looked resplendent in their medieval attire.

This was a memorable day that was thoroughly enjoyed by one and all.

B. Kaplinski, Medieval Day Organiser





Chess Club Making the Right Moves



Term 3 has seen our girls compete in two different interschool chess challenges. During week 6 our team of Ceyda, Ellie and Elysia represented our school in the Strathfield Girls Chess Challenge where they faced students from over 10 different secondary schools across Sydney. The girls managed 8 wins overall, which is a great team effort!

During week 7 our team of Ceyda, Ellie, Elysia and Alannah competed in the French School semi-final competition. Although the girls unfortunately did not progress to the finals, they nevertheless had a great day and fought hard right until the final match.

Well done girls on your achievements and comradeship shown throughout the competitions!

Lachlan Delley (Chess Coordinator)



YEAR 10 HUMAN MOVEMENT COACHES



Recently students from the **Year 10 Human Movement** classes had the opportunity to coach Year 7 students in a variety of sporting activities. After studying the various characteristics of successful coaches, the students were required to develop a 75 minute coaching session designed to teach the skills of a specific sport.



BRUCE CUNEO (HT – PD/Health/PE)

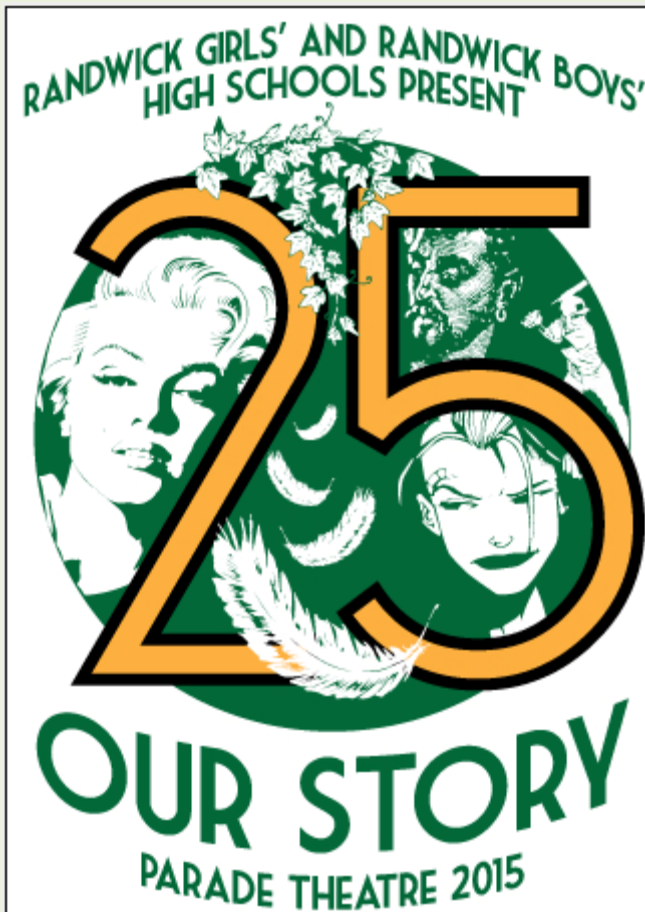
PHIL NOREIKA (Human Movement)

YEAR 11 FIRST AID COURSE

YEAR 11 PD/HEALTH/PE, ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY and SPORTS, LIFESTYLE & RECREATION students recently completed their Royal Life Saving Society Australia Senior First Aid Course under the expert teaching of qualified first aid instructor Terry McCallum. All students were taught how to administer CPR, as well as treat burns, fractures, choking & shock. Congratulations to all students, as well as Mrs Chapman & Ms Thornton, who also successfully achieved their Senior First Aid Certificate.

BRUCE CUNEO (Head Teacher – PDHPE)





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The production of
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believing in our
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Post-Show Wrap-Up

Congratulations to all involved in the Show this year! After two matinee shows and two evening shows, the team was thoroughly exhausted but elated at the success and adrenaline rush of being onstage performing *Our Story*. Thank you so much for the support this year from the students, parents, carers, teachers, ex-students and community members.

Thank you particularly to our sponsors, many of whom have been advertised in the newsletter for weeks and weeks – without our sponsors, it would be much more difficult to reach the level of excellence that we achieved.

We would particularly like to thank Mark Skippen of Skippen's Landscape and building Supplies, who stepped in at the eleventh hour to help transport our massive set and props back to school after the final show.





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RGHS Dance News



Congratulations to Year 10 Dance student Kristina who successfully auditioned for the prestigious *NSW Public Schools Event Dance Team*. This team comprises of only 7 students selected from the recently held Schools Spectacular Featured Dancer Masterclass and Audition Workshops. The selected students were identified as having significant skill and potential in dance as a gifted and talented student.

We are delighted for Kristina and look forward to watching her perform in the opening number of the 2016 *Schools Spectacular*. Kristina was also selected for the *State Dance Ensemble* and has performed at *Regional Festival*, *The Sydney Eisteddfod* and will be performing at the *State Dance Festival* held on Thursday 17 September at the Seymour Centre.

Well done, I know how much dedication it takes to maintain this elite level of training!

Ms Reilly

Calendar of Excursions

Excursion No.	Excursion Details	Date	Cost	Organising Teachers	Special Needs
C003	Year 9 Design & Technology to Signature Prints, Rosebery, and the Australian Museum.	1 October 8.15am – 2.25pm	Nil	K. Korkidas	Uniform
G016	Schools Spectacular rehearsal dates 1. Venue: Netball Central – Sydney Olympic Park 2. Venue: Qantas Credit Union Arena 3. Venue: Netball Central – Sydney Olympic Park 4. Venue: Netball Central – Sydney Olympic Park 5. Venue: SEC combined dance rehearsal – full dress rehearsal 6. Venue: Sydney Entertainment Centre – combined dance rehearsal 7. Venue: Sydney Entertainment Centre – matinee & evening performance 8. Venue: Sydney Entertainment Centre – matinee & evening performance	1. 12 October 9am – 3pm 2. 29 October 8.30am – 4pm 3. 2 November 9am – 3pm 4. 16 November 9am – 3pm 5. 25 November Time TBC 6. 26 November TBC 7. 27 November 10am – 10.30pm 8. 28 November 12noon – 10.30pm		K. Fagan	Dance clothes
Ex 025	Students from Years 8-11 (30) to performance of Schools Spectacular at Entertainment Centre.	27 November 10.05am – 3.30pm	\$35	R. Hodder	Uniform
Ex 521	Year 9, 10 & 11 Dance to Bangarra's performance of Ochres at Carriageworks, Redfern.	2 December 11.30am – 3pm	\$35	R. Hodder	Uniform

WARNING: Students who arrive out of uniform for excursions requiring uniform will NOT be allowed to attend.

Term 4 Return to school dates

Students and staff return on Tuesday 6 October