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NEWSLETTER

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HIGHLIGHTS

- International Women's Day
- From the Deputies
- Careers News

WELCOME

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Caregivers

I hope this newsletter edition finds you well.

International Women's Day

Three of our students, Ivy, Rabiah and Neha, together with Ms Whitty, were guests at Randwick Boys' High School's International Women's Day Assembly last Monday. The students were invited to speak at this assembly. Our students shared their personal stories as women of today and also encouraged Randwick Boys' to fight alongside them in order to end gender inequality. We have received feedback from the boys' Principal that our girls did a fabulous job. Well done Ivy, Rabiah and Neha!

The assembly at our school this week was devoted to remembering the struggles of past women, as well as a celebration of the world we now know, and with plenty more to look forward to. As a school, we looked forward to the time when every girl and woman can exercise her choice to receive an education, participate in politics, have an income, and live in a society free from violence and discrimination. It was such a wonderful time of

celebration of womanhood and the power women have when they stand together! Our Year 10 students, together with their teachers Ms Jansen, Ms Parramore, Ms Bilir, Ms Aspradakis and Mr Kaplinski led the assembly and one by one they spoke to the assembly of teachers and students. They spoke about their female role models, the struggles women in the past had, and the future they hope for, which is equality for women. Emily and Heidi sang *Right here in my Arms* together and it was another highlight of the assembly. They were amazing!

Together with all the male staff at this school, the students at Randwick Girls' HS sang *I am Woman* with pride at the conclusion of the assembly.

Congratulations

We were pleased to be contacted by Randwick City Council recently as two of our students, Ruth (Year 8) and Niranjana (Year 10) were successful in winning prizes in the Women's Art prize organised by the Council for 2020. Ruth's work called *Ocean Flow* and Niranjana's work on *See Myself in You* were chosen as winners in their divisions. What a fantastic effort for these two budding artists! Well done Ruth and Niranjana! We look forward to seeing

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these artworks displayed in the Council chambers!

Well done to the students and their teachers for encouraging and developing their talents!

Well done too to Ruby of Year 7 for her excellent representation for public education at this week's Education segment of the ABC's Q&A. She spoke so well, and was indeed very impressive! Go, the future Prime Minister of Australia!

Open Night success

The school held its yearly Open Night on 10 March this year. It was a very successful night with around 500 visitors. This was a huge community turn out despite the current health situation. Our success in providing an outstanding education for girls in the Eastern Suburbs was endorsed and praised by all who visited. The visitors were captivated by our students' enthusiasm for their learning and our teachers' passion for teaching during their tour around the school. They were also impressed by the excellent education we provide for our girls over the years, as well as the co-curricular opportunities we currently offer at this school.

I would like to thank the students who assisted with the Open Night, and also the teachers who gave their time to this worthwhile event. Thank you!

Principal's Tours

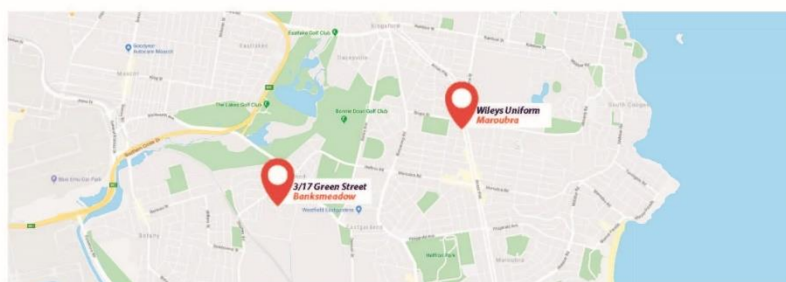
These tours are for those people in the community who either missed the Open Night or wish to return to see more and/or ask some questions. If you know of any families who would like to participate in these tours, please ask them to contact the school's Front Office. The first one hour tour is on 2 April commencing at 9:30am.

Lucy Andre
Principal

WILEYS HAS MOVED



WE'VE MOVED!



Wileys will continue to offer the same friendly & efficient service from our new address,

3/17 Green Street, Banksmeadow NSW 2019.

Our phone number will remain the same & our online ordering & delivery service will continue as usual.

FROM THE DEPUTIES

Our talented Dance students were given an excellent opportunity to study advanced dance techniques and attend workshops in Melbourne when they went on their annual dance tour. Students attended class observations and were lucky enough to communicate with the Head of Dance at the Victorian College of the Arts.

Selected students from the school Show team are performing at the Spot Festival this Sunday, 15 March. We wish them all the best in this performance.

On Tuesday 10 March, we were very proud to showcase the school at our annual Open Night. As the best comprehensive single sex high school in the Eastern Suburbs, parents were able to appreciate the wide variety of subjects available at our school. Parents and students had the opportunity to participate in guided tours of the school and visit all subject stations and displays in the library. They saw various exhibits and spoke with teachers, asked questions and perused the displays. The evening was extremely enjoyable and informative for all who attended. The Year 11 Entertainment class, the speakers, the tour guides and the students involved in the exhibits, all contributed to the outstanding success of the evening. It was an honour to be addressed by Dr Marjorie O'Neill, the State Member for Coogee, who is a great supporter of our school.

International Women's Day was celebrated at Randwick Girls' at our fortnightly assembly. The program was a collaborative effort by the History faculty. Items featured included a tribute to significant women in the world who have made a positive contribution to society, together with a poetry presentation. Every Year 10 History class was involved in ensuring that the importance of this day was conveyed to all present. It is vital for our students to take their place in society as proud, confident young women, who are prepared to make a difference in our community.

The Corona Virus is proving to be a challenge in schools. Please encourage your daughters to thoroughly wash their hands. It is vital that we

protect the health of both students and staff and we will take all necessary precautions to ensure the school community remains healthy.

Mrs Posener
Deputy Principal

The past two weeks have seen the pace of Year 11's coursework pick up, with a significant amount of major activities occurring, particularly in the VET area. Ms Fagan's Entertainment class attended their Whitecard training, and Year 11 Hospitality attended Scibello Coffee in Rhodes for Barista training. Other major activities included the Year 11 Visual Art workshops, as well as the Design and Technology students attending the Project Expo with Ms Rollo. These are valuable educational experiences, which showcase the extent of co-curricula experiences available to the students at this school.

This breadth of experience was highlighted at this week's Open Night, which I had the pleasure of attending along with many of our other dedicated staff and students, who worked to make the night an outstanding success. It is when reflecting on events such as this, that the broad spectrum of opportunities the school provides becomes apparent, and I encourage you all to participate in these, when they are made available.

As the winter months approach, there is a greater temptation for students to become creative with the school uniform. Randwick Girls' High School is a uniform school, and has a long standing tradition of excellence on this area. In exceptional cases where there are legitimate reasons for students being out of uniform, a note from your parent/ caregiver must be given to your DEAR teacher, who will issue you with a Green Uniform pass. When we work together, our community is strong, and every student's contribution to wearing the correct uniform is an essential contribution to maintaining our school's proud tradition of excellence. For more information on uniform, please access our website (<https://www.randwickgirlshighschool.com.au/uniform>).

Mr Reikic
Deputy Principal

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

On Monday 9 March, Year 12 student leaders had the pleasure of attending the Randwick Boys' High School International Women's Day Assembly. We joined Dr Marjorie O'Neill in celebrating women in our local community and voicing this year's theme: *Each for Equal*.

SRC members Ivy, Rabiah and Neha made a very powerful, joint address to the Boys' school. They spoke about the continued threat of sexual violence and abuse at the hands of men, the issue of gender stereotyping and the power and strength of women in all aspects of everyday life. Rabiah had some thoughtful advice for the boys "If you decide to become fathers one day, make sure that you treat your daughters just like your sons. Your son is just as frail as your daughter and your daughter is just as tough as your son." The strength of women was also spoken about by Neha who explained that "When writing this speech, I started researching famous known women that had an inspirational story for me to share, but then I realised that I don't need a famous figure to get my point across because we all have a story." All three speakers did just that, they shared their personal stories as women and encouraged Randwick Boys' to fight alongside us to end gender inequality.

We were so warmly welcomed by Randwick Boys' High School and they showed their respect by listening with understanding and openness. Principal Lance Raskall was clear about International Women's Day not being about giving women more power because we are "already strong" it is instead about recognising this strength.

Happy International Women's Day!

Raechel Whitty
HT Wellbeing



CAREERS NEWS

Year 10 Work Experience 2020:

A reminder the Year 10 block work experience week for 2020 will be held in Week 9, Term 2 from Monday 22 June until Friday 26 June. Work experience enables students to participate in the world of work and gain an insight into different work environments. A reminder the completed work experience Student Placement Record forms should be handed in by Friday 27 March 2020. Any students who did not receive their work experience pack and any students needing assistance to find a work experience placement should see Ms Evers in the Careers Resource Room.

Randwick Girls' High School Careers Newsletter:

Please find a link here <https://www.careertools.com.au/mailplag/download.php?id=18097> to the latest edition of the Randwick Girls' High School Careers Newsletter. The newsletter includes important information on upcoming events, workshops and early entry schemes for senior students.

Useful Websites:



To register for the Randwick Girls' High School Careers website senior students should go to <https://www.randwickgirlscareers.com> and click on *For Students* in the top right hand corner, select *Student Secure Area* and then select *Registration*. This site has a lot of useful information such as the latest Careers newsletters, an events calendar with information on important upcoming events and post school pathways such as TAFE, universities, apprenticeships and traineeships. It also contains other useful tools such as an interest test, and a resume and cover letter template.



To register for Job Jump go to <https://www.jobjump.com.au/> The Randwick Girls' High School password is *randwick*. This site is a useful resource for researching different career paths and career events. The site also contains a helpful tool to assist students to create a customised resume.



A reminder to senior students and their parents/guardians who use facebook, to *follow* the Randwick Girls' High School facebook page to obtain useful Careers information. Please see: <https://www.facebook.com/rghscareers>

If you have any questions about any of the events listed please do not hesitate to contact Ms Evers in Careers.

Ms Evers

Careers Adviser



AGM REMINDER

Join us for next general meeting followed directly by the **AGM** and the election of the P&C Committee for 2020/2021.

GET INVOLVED AND NOMINATE!

All executive positions are now open for nomination:

- President
- Vice President (2 positions)
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Executive Committee Members (up to 6 positions)

Nominations would be particularly welcome from people with the skills, time and interest to take on responsibility for:

- Treasurer
- Vice President
- P&C social media and website
- Grant funding

REMINDER

To be eligible to nominate, stand and vote for a committee position, you must have become a financial member of the P&C by **Monday 24 February 2020**

For more information about the AGM election procedures, position descriptions and how to nominate yourself or someone else please contact us at: contact@randwickgirlspandc.org.au

INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE

We are still waiting for an update from School's Infrastructure regarding the feasibility study and scope of works for the long promised infrastructure upgrade. Minister for Education, Sarah Mitchell informed P&C executive members in October 2019 that a project reference group would be established this year with parent representation. School's Infrastructure is yet to provide any further information about this.

The P&C recently wrote to the Minister requesting:

1. An immediate update regarding the school's infrastructure upgrade, feasibility study, scope of works and reference group
2. Confirmation that the school's painting works (the entire building) will be completed this year
3. A detailed list of outstanding maintenance works and accompanying program of works

We have also invited Anthony Manning, Chief Executive School's Infrastructure NSW to attend our meeting on Monday 18 May. We will keep you posted.

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P&C GENERAL MEETING AND AGM

Monday
16th March 2019

General Meeting
7pm – 8pm

AGM
8pm – 8.30pm

In the Staff Common
Room
Level 2

SECOND HAND UNIFORM STALL

The P&C will hold its first second hand uniform stall on **Friday 27 March**, 8.30am – 8.50am outside the school office. See the flyer included in this newsletter for more information.

If you have a folding clothes rack and/or coat hangers you'd like to donate or if you'd like to volunteer to help please get in touch at: contact@randwickgirlspandc.org.au

P&C CONTRIBUTION

The P&C contribution is a voluntary payment that helps raise funds to support the school and students with educational resources, equipment and facilities.

We request a contribution of **\$50 per student** but any amount families can afford is always appreciated.

This year the P&C hopes to raise **\$20,000**.

EVERY DOLLAR MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Our school has roughly 1,000 students which means:

\$5 for every student = \$5,000

\$10 for every student = \$10,000

\$20 for every student = \$20,000

\$30 for every student = \$30,000

\$50 for every student = \$50,000

3 EASY WAYS TO PAY

EFT/DIRECT DEPOSIT

Randwick Girls P&C Association
BSB 032-056
Account 761171

OR

MAKE-A-PAYMENT

Via the school website
www.randwickgirlshighschool.com.au
Select 'Other' as the payment type and
write 'P&C contribution' in the
description

OR

CASH PAYMENT

To our Treasurer at a P&C meeting

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SECOND-HAND UNIFORM STALL

TERM 1 - FRI 27 MAR

TERM 2 - FRI 12 JUN

08:30 to 08:50 outside school office

ALL ITEMS \$5 | CASH ONLY | NO REFUNDS
Condition as found, no returns, no change rooms.

DONATIONS

Clean, washed, wearable uniforms will be accepted at the front office
on Thu 04 Jun & Fri 05 Jun.

VOLUNTEER

If you would like to help, please email contact@randwickgirlspandc.org.au

