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NEWSLETTER

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Brisbane Dialogues Q&A
- Social Sciences News
- Mathematics News
- Eddie Woo energises students

WELCOME

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome to the second newsletter edition in Term 2.

Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs)

RATs will continue to be available for students in Term 2. Students can collect them from the Front Office during recess or lunch.

Parents, please continue to contact the Front Office if your child contracts Covid. For close contacts and other medical cases, do continue, as other times, to keep your child at home if they are unwell.

RGHS' very own dialogue or Q&A session

Year 11 debating students (Cate, Anna, Amy, and Sunny), under the tutelage of Mr Adrian Cajés, held their very own Q&A session on the topic "What's wrong with Tik Tok", at RGHS' Library last Wednesday. The one-hour session was moderated by His Worship, The Mayor of Randwick Council, Cr Dylan Parker.

The Q&A session was the result of a collaboration between the school and Mr Murray Hancock of Brisbane Dialogues. Brisbane Dialogues is a not-for-

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Q&A Session in progress



Eddie Woo and students

Principal's message continued

profit organisation which supports school students to have genuine dialogues about big ideas and issues. Year 9 and Year 11 students who participated as the audience contributed with spontaneous and thoughtful questions which increased the depth of the dialogue. The topic was indeed a familiar one with great insights being put forward by all parties. Ruby Borer of Year 10 did a fantastic job chairing the dialogue. We hope to have more of these sessions in the future.

The day finished with a session where The Mayor shared leadership ideas with the students, which was equally appreciated.

Uniform

A reminder that as the weather becomes colder, it is time to purchase some warmer uniform items from the Uniform Shop. The address is 3/17 Green Street, Banksmeadow.

Australia's biggest morning tea

One of our office staff, Mrs Ann Gallagher, organised a morning tea this Thursday 19 May for Cancer Council's *Australia's Biggest Morning Tea*. Not only did the occasion raise much needed donations for the Cancer Council, the delicious morning tea on offer also brought much joy for all involved. Well done, Ann and her band of helpers! To date, the morning has made \$1865, with more donations on the way.

Reconciliation Week

Ms Jansen and First Nations students, together with Year 11 and 12 Aboriginal Studies students organised two men from the Kinchella Boys Home to speak to students at a historic assembly last week.

Kinchella Boys' Home in Kempsey was a home for Aboriginal boys who were taken from their families, as far back as the 1920s.

More activities will be held next week in recognition of Reconciliation Week (27 May to 3 June).

Year 7 2023

The Year 7 2023 Team has begun their planning to facilitate a successful high school transition for the next intake of students to RGHS. Invitations to sit for the ACER General Ability Tests (AGAT) have been recently emailed to all incoming students. AGAT is test designed to assess students' general

reasoning ability. This test will be held at school on the 4 June. Visits to local Primary Schools will also commence soon. If you know of a family who would like to send their daughters to our school next year, whether that be for Year 7 or other years, ask them to contact the Enrolment Officer at the School's Office.

Dr Karl Kruszelnicki

(repeat item)

After a successful visit to RGHS in 2017 we are happy to welcome back Dr Karl this year on 30 May. He will be speaking to staff and students on Careers in STEMS related fields. Like the other time, we know that the school community will be in for a fantastic session.

On this day, students are encouraged to bring a loud shirt to wear over their uniform at the school assembly. Staff will also be encouraged to wear a loud shirt on this day, as Dr Karl is well known for his shirts.

Language Study at RGHS

(repeat item)

Students have the chance to study four languages (Chinese, French, Japanese and Spanish) currently at RGHS. From 2023, due to community demand, we will be introducing Hebrew as a language choice for students in Years 7 and 8. This is indeed a fantastic opportunity for learners of languages.

Help needed this Saturday

As our school will be open for the Federal Election, our parents will be running a stall selling many delights. They need your help! Please go to the P&C page for details.

Families are encouraged to cast their votes at our school and support the parents who are working hard for our school. Thank you so much!

Year 7 Camp

Our annual Year 7 camp was held at the Collaroy Centre 16 – 18 May. It was a resounding success. A big thank you to all staff who attended as well as our Year 7 students and their Year 10 mentors for making it such a great experience.

Regards

Lucy Andre

From the Deputies

The marks at the end of Semester 1 are essential for guiding decision making for your student's future in all year levels, particularly in Year 10 when choosing subjects for Year 11 and their Senior schooling pathway. For Year 10 students, this is the time for them to consider their strengths, interests and future career aspirations, helping them to make informed subject choices. Students in Year 10 have been working on future planning in their careers lessons and will be having discussions with the Executive team about their pathways for the future.

Our first information night for parents and students going into Year 11 in 2023 will be held on the evening of Tuesday 14 June, information will be relevant and valuable to Year 10 parents. The selection process involves student briefings, subject tasters, coaching, subject selection booklet, parent briefings and actual selection.

Save the date: Year 10 Parents and Students

Date: Tuesday 14 June 2022

Event: Year 11 2023 Course Preference Evening

Time: 5:30 pm

Further details will be communicated to students and families closer to the date

It is also noticeably clear that, as adults, we need to structure and influence the positive use of social media and educate our students on the respect aspect of communication with others. Open communication with students is encouraged around appropriate use of social media.

This week our Police Youth Liaison Officers (PYLO) provided valuable advice and guidance to Year 10 Students during Thursday's Social Media Seminar. This raised awareness about the risks and dangers associated with social media use and provided the knowledge and empowerment to apply security

with easy-to-follow practical solutions, in order to minimise risk when interacting in the digital world.

I would like to take this time to raise awareness of some fabulous resources that support students and families as they navigate the constantly evolving worlds of social media and the complexities of online interactions.

The e-safety commission website has some great information available for parents and schools regarding reporting abuse and safe online behaviour.

Please visit: <https://www.esafety.gov.au>

Safe on Social offers a complete online safety solution for students and parents, including professional learning programs, and a Safe on Social toolkit.

Please visit:

<https://www.safeonsocial.com/>

A big thank you to the students and staff who participated in the *Do It for Dolly Day* last Friday. The students designed two inspiring messages on the chalkboard located in the Canteen Area. The SRC leaders encouraged all students to write messages on blue hearts that focused on bringing the school community together. It was great to have so many people on board to share the message to celebrate kindness and unite in taking a stand against bullying.

Our aim is for students to learn early on that they can influence change for the better by serving causes greater than their own. Well done to our SRC leaders with the support of Ms Dovellos for reminding us that leadership is about bravely standing up for that which we know to be ethically right and true.

Year 12 Online UAC is excited to bring together a panel of experts to chat about mental health and the HSC. We understand that some stress is healthy;

however, we do not want it to negatively impact your life during the HSC.

The UAC Digital Let's Chat Webinar is being held on Wednesday 8 June 2022 at 6:00pm. The webinar will discuss:

- healthy stress vs unhealthy stress
- strategies to minimise stress
- how to recognise when your stress has turned into a more serious mental health concern
- strategies to manage mental health leading up to, during and after exams
- how to tell your parents and school if you're feeling overwhelmed
- how to study effectively to avoid burnout.

To find out more: **[Register for the Mental health and the HSC webinar](#)**

The 2022 HSC Timetables are available, please see the links below for the 2022 HSC Written Examination and HSC Practical and Performance Examination Timetables:

[HSC 2022 Written Examination Timetable](#)
[HSC Practical and Performance 2022 Timetable](#)

The Parent Teacher Interviews for Years 8 and 9 will be held on the 7 June at Randwick Girls High school. Information for booking appointments will be forwarded in an email shortly.

Adherence to uniform provides a sense of belonging and pride in being part of the Randwick Girls High School cohort. Students are reminded that they must collect a uniform green pass if they have a note from a parent/carer explaining why they are not wearing correct school uniform, or a uniform red infringement slip if they do not have a note.

Regards
Ms Reilly

This past fortnight ushered in a number of things – cooler autumn days, a rapidly approaching mid-term, and ... Eddie Woo! It is not an overstatement to say that the enthusiasm and energy that he brings to his presentations, combined with his passion for Maths education was highly infectious and very well received by all participants. The feedback from students was overwhelmingly positive, as was that of staff attending his after school workshop. A special thanks to Ms Gorman and Ms Moore for organising this wonderful day.

This week our annual Year 7 camp was held at the Collaory Centre. I had the privilege of attending and participating in many of the wonderful activities being undertaken, including the Giant leap, Laser Tag and Rock Climbing to name a few. Thankyou to all our amazing Year 7 students and Year 10 mentors, for their enthusiasm, respect and cooperative approach whilst at Camp. You represented the school extremely well, and the feedback from staff in this regard has been consistent. A big thanks also goes out to our dedicated Randwick Girls staff for their time and effort in making this event a memorable occasion for our students, and particularly to Year 7 Advisor Ms Wong for her work in organising this event.

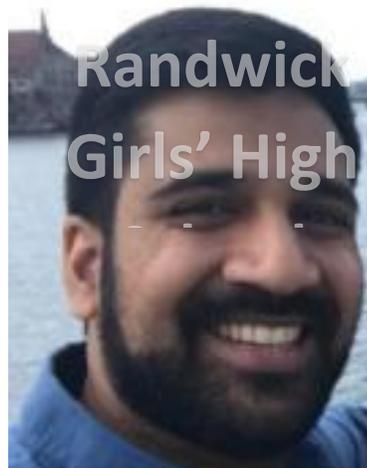
Lastly, I would like to thank Ms Jansen and Ms Hall, as well as the school's First Nations Team and our Year 11 Aboriginal Studies class, for organising this week's Kinchella Boys Home presentation for our Years 10 – 12 students. The first hand accounts of the presenters was deeply moving, highlighting the experiences and impacts upon members of the Stolen Generation. A big thanks also goes to the presenters for sharing their experiences with our students.

Until next time
Mr Rekić

Social Sciences News...

The big news at the commencement of Term 2 was the arrival of Mr Ismail to commence a permanent appointment in the faculty. Mr. Ismail was previously working at Willoughby Girls High School and brings to the faculty strengths in a range of subjects. The school has also welcomed Mr Kominos to take responsibility for Library operations. Mr Kominos is familiar with the culture of RGHS having worked with Mr James as a staff member in the Social Sciences Faculty until 2007.

Welcome back and welcome to Mr Kominos on the left and Mr Ismail on the right below.



The Humanities remain ever relevant to our students and to our community as a whole. This was reinforced during the May Federal election campaign where major issues being debated included the economy, business, wages, the cost of living, the environment and law and order. All of these are integral components of course content for Economics, Commerce, Business Studies, Legal Studies and Geography. As always, the current media remains a valuable resource for this faculty.

Current course content being delivered to our Stage 6 students is outlined in the table below:

12 Economics	Economic Issues including Unemployment, Inflation, Economic Growth, Income Inequality, Environmental Sustainability
11 Economics	Labour Markets and Financial Markets
12 Business Studies	Marketing and Financial Reporting
11 Business Studies	Business marketing and Finance
12 Legal Studies	World Order
11 Legal Studies	Law reform
11 Geography	Senior Geography Project investigating a local geographic issue

Year 10 Geography are currently conducting an Investigative Study into Coastal Processes and management as part of the syllabus topic Environmental Change and management. The huge storm waves that ravaged the Sydney coastline earlier this year reinforce the relevance of this study. Ms. Jordan's class are pictured below simulating the water particle movements that create wave forms.



Year 10 Commerce during Term 2 are studying a syllabus option unit entitled Towards Independence. The subject matter in this topic includes making major purchases eg purchasing a motor vehicle, the trials and tribulations of living away from home, insurance, community involvement, budgeting and much more.

Mr James, Head Teacher Social Sciences

Mathematics News ...



Woo-hoo! Award Winning Mathematics Whiz Eddie Woo came to energise Randwick Girls High School

Internationally renowned high school mathematics teacher and internet sensation Eddie Woo came to visit Randwick Girls High School on the 9 May. His visit excited students and teachers to the beauty and possibilities in mathematics and showcased the work of the Mathematics Growth Team. Eddie Woo's ability to engage was mesmerizing to watch. His learning resources have been used all around the world.

The day dawned with a fabulous breakfast supplied by the RGHS Hospitality students. Delicious hot chocolate, tea, coffee, gourmet avocado toast and incredible acai bowls were enjoyed by our visiting guests. It was the perfect way to start the day, the hospitality girls performance as hosts was five star.

Randwick Girls High School is a Mathematics Growth Team (MGT) school currently with Sally Gorman in residence, one of the 12 MGT trainers across NSW State High Schools. The MGT is Eddie Woo's brain child, aiming to spread quality mathematics professional learning in new and unique ways, across a maximum number of high schools in NSW.

Eddie Woo spent the morning sessions meeting with local primary school and RGHS students. He then used the rest of the afternoon to meet the teaching staff of RGHS, imparting his wisdom of mathematics teaching, his unique ability to connect with students, how to encourage them to learn, but most of all, how to make mathematics fun.

Much to the delight of the mathematics staff, many of the girls got extremely excited about this local maths celebratory. Calculators, books even arms were signed, and there were many smiling faces as tough Maths puzzles were pondered on.

The final session in this exciting day, saw a special professional learning session in the RGHS MPC for teachers across the Eastern Suburbs, where Eddie showed that not only is he an extremely engaging mathematics ambassador, but is also a very talented magician.

Stay tuned for the Maths Eyes competition coming....

Ms Moore, Head Teacher Mathematics



Australia's Biggest Morning Tea



We **Urgently** Need More Foster Carers

The NSW Department of Communities and Justice is seeking people in your area to become short-term and crisis foster carers in order to provide a home for children and young people aged anywhere between 0-18 years-old. We are also interested in people who can care for siblings.

Foster carers come from all walks of life and their families reflect the wider community we live in. They can be single, in a relationship, identify as LGBTQI+ and be with or without children of their own.

Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islanders and people from culturally diverse backgrounds are also encouraged to apply. All carers receive training, ongoing support and financial assistance. If you are interested in making a difference in the life of a child, please call 8303 7644 or email our Foster Care Team:

CAPSMetroCentral@dcj.nsw.gov.au



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& Justice

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**ELECTION DAY
FUNDRAISING BBQ
SAT 21 MAY 22**



Spread the word! Voting is open at Randwick Girls' High School this Saturday!

Get your democracy sausage and cupcake after voting and support the school.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO DONATE!

If you'd like to support our P&C BBQ with a financial donation, you can deposit to:

RGHS P&C Assoc
BSB 032-257
A/C 546443
REF: BBQ (name/Yr)



NATIONAL 16-22 MAY 2022
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National Volunteer Week 2022 Sponsors



BETTER TOGETHER!

That's the theme for National Volunteer Week 2022. Thank you to all the amazing volunteers at Randwick Girls' High School who build and strengthen our school community and create a better society for everyone!



P&C MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Thanks to everyone who attended our meeting on Monday 15th May. Some of the highlights:

- Guest speakers Jahnvi Punjabi and Jamal Elsheikh from Guardian Corp introduced a new app called Lifestream - providing instant connection to 24/7 emergency assistance for young people (link below)
- Guest speaker Raechel Whitty (Head Teacher Wellbeing) updated us on a new "Visible Wellbeing" positive education model incorporating RGHS values: Confidence, Acceptance, Respect and Excellence (CARE).
- Introduction from new President Lucy Bloom
- Queen's Jubilee commemorative tree and morning tea grant \$5,738
- \$22,742 grant funding received for the outdoor seating (near Library)



<https://guardianlifestream.com.au/>

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THANK YOU



EDUCATION TOWN HALL | Mon 06 Jun

Member for Coogee, Dr Marjorie O'Neill is hosting an online community education Town Hall with guest speaker Shadow Education Minister Prue Carr MP.

<https://marjorieoneill.com.au/community/community-town-hall-meetings/>

Huge thanks to all the generous families who are donating time, money and baked goods for this Saturday's Election Day Fundraiser! We've had an AMAZING response!

Thanks to Randwick Girls' High School staff, Coles Randwick, Woolworths Randwick & Malabar Hot Bread Shop for supporting us!



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