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# NEWSLETTER

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## HIGHLIGHTS

- **Social Sciences Report**
- **Wellbeing Update**
- **Sports Update**
- **What's Happening in the Library?**
- **RSPCA, The Shack and Bayside Holiday Programs**

# WELCOME

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Caregivers

The past eight weeks have indeed been filled with learning opportunities in the classrooms. Together with the plethora of activities that have occurred around the school we have collectively had a very busy term. The students and staff have again stepped up in the pursuit of personal best, by working productively and harmoniously with each other to produce high quality work, day after day. These efforts and qualities are indeed commendable. Thank you, students, and their teachers for your hard work and dedication! A vote of thanks is also due to the parents who have partnered with us over the past months. We are grateful that you have assisted us in so many ways, so that we can continue to provide educational opportunities for our students.

I am very proud of our learning community!

### Breakfast Club

This continues to be a favourite place for students who need some food before the first

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## **Principal's message continued**

bell goes on Friday mornings. Well done to the staff, especially the Wellbeing and TAS staff for their ongoing dedication to organizing, managing and cleaning up every time breakfast is served from room 302.

Students are welcome to drop by and have a cheese toastie and a drink before their day of learning commences.

### **Keira**

One of our Year 12 students, Keira, who is also our School Captain, was selected to attend the National Schools' Constitutional Convention in Canberra last week. Keira, together with 29 other high schoolers from NSW, and other delegates from Australia will aim to answer this - "Do you support an alteration to the Constitution that established an Aboriginal and Torres Straits Islander Voice?" Outcomes from the Convention will be incorporated into a Communiqué that will be forwarded to the President of the Senate, Senator Sue Lines, for tabling in Parliament and recorded in Hansard. What an opportunity it is for Keira! We cannot wait to hear from her.

### **Year 7**

At this time of writing, the Year 7 students are looking forward to their upcoming camp on 27-29 March. Preparations for the camp are already in full swing. We know that friendships will be built and strengthened as the campers spend time with each other over the three days. We look forward to welcoming them back on Wednesday 29 March!

Student leadership and student voice are important aspects of our school and this week, I would like to remind all Year 7 students that they will soon be able to select their leader from each class. Year 7 leaders will join the leaders in other year groups in the school's Student Representative Council (SRC) leadership group.

### **Our students at the Spot Festival**

I had the pleasure of joining Kylie Fagan and the students in this year's School Show teaser, a ten-minute slot to showcase our school at The Spot Festival with two items; a vocal item and a dance

item, on Sunday 26 March. The students made us proud! Their items are by far the best this festival has to offer to the crowd! I felt so privileged to be part of the audience.

### **RGHS Open Night a huge success**

On the 14 March, we welcomed close to four hundred community members to our school. Our guests walked away in awe of what RGHS has to offer, both in the curricular and the co-curricular areas. Since then, we have been receiving many enrolment enquiries. We thank the staff and students for their tremendous support, which has resulted in producing one of the memorable events of this term. We also thank the wonderful support from our P&C representatives who also took time out on this night, to speak to our potential parents.

### **Well done to Bowie Year 10**

Bowie is among 980 other young people who assisted in providing over 12,500 hot & cold meals, breakfast boxes, snack packs, care packs, writing empathetic, positive messages to 13 charities around Sydney. In this role, Bowie has demonstrated exceptional leadership qualities, compassion, and a strong sense of civic responsibility. The organisers were very impressed with Bowie and mentioned that she truly embodies the spirit of giving back. Bowie's commitment to altruism is truly inspiring! Well done, Bowie!

### **Harmony Day**

The school hall stage will light up with much colour on Friday 31 March, as students will be singing and dancing in their traditional costumes to traditional music representing cultures all over the globe. We will also be entertained by the many other cultural activities. This day promises to be a great time to celebrate our unique cultures while appreciating other new cultures. The day will be testament and celebration of the qualities and values we all hold dear at RGHS; these being inclusion, belonging and acceptance. We will also be welcoming many dignitaries on this day. It sure does promise to be a day to remember in the school calendar.

Parents who would like to be part of the assembly are to contact the Front Office by Wednesday 29 March to register your interest.

### **Upgrades and maintenance work**

The planned upgrades and maintenance work in our school for Term 1 and the upcoming April holidays will include:

- A new TAS staffroom at the western end of the TAS corridor. This will commence in Week 10.
- Upgrades to the Food Technology rooms 302 and 303 – Some work will commence soon so there will be some noise disruption on Level 3.
- Level 2 Quad. Work will include the jackhammering and removal of concrete in the area, with new concrete laid afterwards. New drains (including waterproofing in the canteen area), paint and line markings (including the roll call classes) are scheduled. This will look immaculate once completed. This work commences in the school holidays. We are also looking at erecting some shade cloth once work is completed.

### **Consultation**

As you may be aware, the Department of Education is currently consulting the community regarding the future of Randwick Boys' and Randwick Girls' High Schools.

There are three (3) opportunities for parents and carers to provide input. You may choose to participate in all three:

1. Fill in a survey by following the link below:  
[https://dr.octopusgroup.com.au/survey/Needlefish\\_9\\_6](https://dr.octopusgroup.com.au/survey/Needlefish_9_6)  
Note – We have been provided with printed surveys by the consulting company, so please contact the school for one. We can also email you a copy. Contact the School Office if we can assist you.
2. Attend an online meeting (Tue 28 March 7-8 pm OR Tue 4 April 7-8 pm). You will need to book by following the link below:  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/eastern-suburbs-consultation-high-school-parent-and-carer-workshop-tickets-528051565447>

Please register now if you haven't already.  
You only need to attend one meeting.

3. Email a submission/letter (to provide more information not covered by the survey or the meeting, or you just want to emphasize your points) to the following email address:  
[easternsuburbs@secnewgate.com.au](mailto:easternsuburbs@secnewgate.com.au)

Students will be completing their surveys at school, as directed by the consulting company.

### **Newly elected P&C**

Congratulations to Leanne Bergan who is the newly elected President of the P&C for 2023. Leanne and her new team have many things planned for 2023. We thank the outgoing members of the P&C as they have worked tirelessly in 2022, and their efforts have indeed enriched our school. We thank you for your ongoing support!

### **P&C Election Stall**

Thank you to the parents (plus one student, Wynn) who gave up their time last Saturday to cook up a storm and sell democracy sausages, bacon, and eggs to the voters. Thank you!

Thanks also go to the families who donated baked goods for the stall. It is a privilege to have such strong support from the school parent community.

Until next time  
Lucy Andre



# From the Deputies

## Year 7 and Year 9 NAPLAN

Year 7 and Year 9 Students have now completed NAPLAN testing. Parents/carers will receive two reports showing their child's achievements in NAPLAN: the individual student report (ISR) and additional student report (ASR). The ISR and ASR should always be interpreted with care. Teachers will have the best insight into a child's educational progress. Reports are dispatched to schools who then distribute the reports to parents/carers.

## Year 7 Camp

As part of their introduction to high school, a three-day camp has been organised for all Year 7 students, from 27 – 29 March 2023. Its purpose is to build skills in teamwork, making friends, increasing self-esteem and otherwise providing an exciting and enjoyable environment to interact with new classmates. Year 7 Students will need to meet at 7.15am in the level 2 Quad.

## Arriving to school on time

We ask for parent/guardian support with our focus this term and next. You can help us by ensuring that your child arrives to school on time, every day. For those manic mornings, where your child does arrive late, respond to the sms or late slip message sent to you, with the reason your child was late. Missing just 5 mins a day has a big impact on student learning. 5 mins every day, is close to half an hour of learning a week and about 5 hrs a term. Every minute at school counts!

## Tips that may help improve lateness to school

- Pack bags the night before
- Organise lunch the night before
- Set up a morning routine, giving your child responsibilities in the morning including making a good breakfast.

- Encourage your child to get an early night's sleep. Getting a good night's sleep has many positive effects on teenagers, including improving focus and concentration in the day.
- Charge devices such as phones and laptops outside of the bedroom, to ensure your child is not on their devices while in bed. This will also allow a better night's sleep.

## Online Safety

With so many ways that students can access the online world, it's important to stay safe. The Australian Federal Police have some excellent Cyber Safety handouts for parents (link below).

<http://www.thinkuknow.org.au/>

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/research/digital-lives-aussie-teens/australian-digital-teens-negative-experiences-and-responses-them/infographic>

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/research/digital-lives-aussie-teens/australian-digital-teens-time-online-and-activities-infographic>



## Harmony Day

Randwick Girls will celebrate Harmony Day on Friday 31 March

Regards  
Ms Reilly

The last fortnight saw the school host two major events, being the UAC presentation/Careers Market and Open Night. Both events were extremely well attended, and I would like to thank the staff and families who made the time to join us for making this such a wonderful event. Students at the UAC/Careers market were able to speak directly to representatives from a range of organisations and educational institutions, in order to get a better idea of post school options. The Open Night allowed our school to showcase the excellent curricula and co-curricula programs that the school has to offer, to prospective Year 5 and 6 students and families.

Next week sees our Year 7s heading off to camp, for three days of fun and adventure. This is a great opportunity for students to get to know each other a little better. I encourage all those attending to reach out to students that they have not had the opportunity to talk to before, as this is a great way to get to know more people within their year group. Thank you to Ms Garcia and Ms Tomov for their efforts in organising this event, as well as to all the staff attending.

Finally a reminder that all Assessment Booklets (Years 7-12) have now been distributed through year meetings. If you have not received one, it is important that you speak to your Year Advisor to get a copy. These booklets contain all information about upcoming assignments and exams, and it is vital to organise yourself around these dates in order to manage multiple tasks with often competing deadlines.

Until next time  
Mr Reilly

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# Social Sciences Report

The Social Sciences or the Humanities are learning disciplines that deal with people and their interactions with each other, and with the world that we live in. At RGHS this faculty have the pleasure of providing teaching and learning in the ever-relevant subjects of Geography, Commerce, Legal Studies, Business Studies and Economics.

An innovation this year from Mr Ismail and the Environment Club, will be a World Environment Day special assembly on Thursday 18 May.



Ms Jordan, Mrs Gibbons, Ms Ali, Ms Tweneboa, Mr Ismail, Ms Lim and Mr James will continue to strive to provide quality teaching and learning to assist all our students in achieving their best possible outcomes.

In this and future articles we will provide an overview of exactly what topics and activities our Social Sciences students are enriching their learning within different subject areas.

In Year 7 Geography our students are studying Landscapes and Landforms. Themes integrated into this topic include geomorphic processes, different landscapes, the value of landscapes and landforms, change and the need for management and protection, and very topically in our changing world, contemporary geomorphic hazards. Other topics this year are Place and Liveability, Water in the World and Interconnections.

Full details of all syllabi are available on the NESA website.

In Year 7, RGHS students have a comprehensive focus upon completing the Stage 4 Geography course and do not study History. In Year 8 the Stage 4 focus becomes History with the Geography course having been completed in Year 7, and recommencing for Stage 5 in Years 9 and 10.

In Semester 1, Year 9 Geography will be engrossed with Sustainable Biomes while Year 10 Geography have embarked upon the study of Environmental Change and Management.

In coming reports detail will be provided about our Stage 5 Commerce courses and all our Stage 6 courses.

*Mr James*

*HT Social Sciences*

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# Waterpolo News



With a view to entering a Randwick Girls' team in the Sydney East Under 15 CHS Water Polo Competition early in Term 4, water polo training sessions have been conducted through February and March. These sessions have been conducted at Clovelly Bay on Saturday mornings from 9am to 10am. The girls have revelled in the somewhat wilder conditions than would be experienced in the still conditions of a pool setting. Participants have included:

**Year 7:** Matilda, Lucy, Maisie, Andrea, Rachel

**Year 8:** Ariel

**Year 9:** Talia, Eva, Eve, Chiyo, Sadbh, Sinove, Anika, Miriyana

**Year 12:** Azahlea, Austeja

Some of these girls are currently completing their Surf Rescue Certificate as Nippers at local surf clubs, so bumpy conditions are nothing new to them. Further information regarding this sport activity is available from Mr. James, HT Social Sciences.

Pictured below are some of the training squad after their session on 4 February.



*Mr James*  
*HT Social Sciences*

# Compulsory School Attendance

## Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

### What are my legal responsibilities? What if my child has to be away from school?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The *Education Act 1990* requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

### The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time

- ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- gives students time to greet their friends before class
- reduces classroom disruption.

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance e.g. attending a funeral.

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within **7** days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within **2** days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

### Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An *Application for Extended Leave* may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.







**If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they'll have missed over a year of school.**

### **My child won't go to school. What should I do?**

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

### **What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?**

It is important to understand that the Department of Education and may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences  
You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.
- Application to the Children's Court  
- Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department may apply to the Children's Court for a *Compulsory Schooling Order*.

The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

### **What age can my child leave school?**

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

### **Working in Partnership**

The Department of Education recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites

#### **Policy, information and brochures**

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/studentsupport/programs/attendance.php>

#### **The school leaving age**

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/leavingschool/index.php>

#### **For further advice contact**

Educational services

T 131 536

Learning and Engagement

Student Engagement and  
Interagency Partnerships

T 9244 5356

[www.dec.nsw.gov.au](http://www.dec.nsw.gov.au)

#### **Do you need an interpreter?**

If you need help with English and would like further information please call the Telephone Interpreter Service on **131 450** and ask for an interpreter in your language. The operator will get an interpreter on the line to assist you with your conversation. You will not be charged for this service.

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# Wellbeing Update

It has been a very successful start to the year for the Wellbeing and Learning Support Teams at Randwick Girls' High School.

A morning tea was organised to welcome new enrolments at the start of the term. This was a successful event that was well attended. Members of the Wellbeing Team introduced themselves and the SRC assisted by buddying with students, providing school tours, and answering any questions. This student led session focused on allowing students to settle in more comfortably and learn about their new high school setting, as well as wellbeing clubs and initiatives aimed at assisting students with their transition. SRC were wonderful mentors, and we thank them for their assistance and commitment.

Further, we also welcomed Year 7 students, as they engaged in a week-long Orientation Program designed to assist learners in settling in. Icebreaker activities were planned to guide the cohort in forging positive connections with their peers and classroom teachers. Lessons to assist students in understanding how to read a timetable, how to use a school diary to plan and assist with independence and organisation, and assisted tours to each of the student's classrooms were also organised to support learners. Year 7 are now eagerly awaiting the exciting camp, which will take place from 27– 29 March. This is a fantastic opportunity for the cohort to continue to build trust and connections with their peers, whilst they engage in an array of outdoor activities designed to enhance resilience, collaboration and communication skills. I encourage students to take hold of this opportunity and to embrace all that camp has to offer.

	<b>TUNE IN TUESDAYS</b> When: Tuesday Lunch Where: 101
	<b>WELLNESS WEDNESDAYS</b> When: Wednesday Lunch Where: Room 101
	<b>SOCIAL CLUB</b> When: Thursday Lunch Where: Room 101
	<b>BREAKFAST CLUB</b> When: Friday Morning Where: TAS Kitchens

This term, we have introduced an array of lunchtime Wellbeing Clubs to provide additional pastoral care for our students. Our aim is to support our learners social and emotional development, and to encourage students to take time each and every day to focus on their wellbeing and implement self-care. We have our traditional Breakfast Club that runs every Monday morning, as well as *Tune in Tuesdays*, aimed to provide students with the opportunity to take a break, breathe and unwind, as they engage in a guided meditation, followed by a myriad of mindfulness activities. *Wellness Wednesdays* has also been introduced this year to provide students with a safe space to discuss self-care practices, journaling props, setting intention and gratitude. It provides students with the opportunity to learn how to implement wellness

strategies into their daily practices. Finally, *Talk Your Head off* Thursdays is our Social Club, designed to assist students in building communication skills and positive relationships in a supportive manner. These clubs run at lunchtime and all students are welcome. It is a fantastic way to meet new people, build connections and engage with self-care.

The Wellbeing Team have also been busy planning programs for our students to engage in. Positive Pathways and the Raise Program will commence next term for Year 9 and 10 students to support learners to set academic and wellbeing goals and to provide weekly mentoring. Year 11 and 12 cohorts will also engage in workshops to help them prepare for their successful completion of the HSC, whilst Year 7 and 8 will engage in consent workshops and information sessions run by our Police Liaison Officer on the safe use of technology and social media.

I also wanted to make mention of the very successful Wellbeing Day held towards the end of last year. Randwick Girls' High School engaged in a plethora of activities in recognition of Mental Health Month aimed at reminding students of the importance of self-care. A full day event was arranged targeting all students to have them connect and collaborate on the topic of mental health. Students engaged in



mindfulness and gratitude activities, as well as created individualised self-care plans. Mental Health service providers also attended our school and set up stalls to raise awareness about external supports available. Whilst outdoor activities, including a basketball game between staff and students took place to instill the importance of connecting with others, as well as remaining physically active. This year, we aim to plan another exciting and successful day.



## Learning Support Update

Students across the school have continued to engage in an array of Learning and Support Programs that have proven fundamental in building confidence.

This term, we welcomed Ms Bournes to the Learning and Support teacher position. Ms Bournes has shown her commitment to supporting our learners by providing successful one-on-one support, as well as assistance in the classroom setting.

The Covid Intensive Tutoring Program is also well underway, supporting students to develop their literacy and numeracy skills. Ms Masterson, Ms Borer and Ms Dunimaglovska will continue to support students in 2023. Whilst the Back on Track Program has also provided our students with meaningful assessment support, and I thank Ms Young for her ongoing commitment to assist our senior students.

The Year 7 Peer Reading Program will begin in Term 2. The Program offers selected Year 7 students help with their reading with the assistance of Year 9 reading buddies. Peer Reading is an interactive and engaging way for students to build their literacy skills and to forge meaningful connections with older students.

The Learning Support Team are passionate about offering tailored and individualised assistance to our students and will continue to support learners in both small group settings and on a one-on-one basis. As always, there are many exciting wellbeing and learning support opportunities being organised in the background. The Teams look forward to continuing to work alongside students and staff to offer support and allow students to meet their academic and wellbeing goals.

Randwick Girls High School provides small-group tuition focusing on literacy and numeracy to students in Year 7-10, under the Government's COVID Intensive Learning Support Program (COVID-ISLP).

This small group tuition is extremely effective in helping students consolidate key skills, extend their knowledge, and gain independence in their studies.

The COVID-ISLP includes:

- Provision for one period per week to attend small group tutorials
- Literacy and numeracy focus
- Withdrawal from core classes (not electives or practical lessons)
- Support in completing assessments

This is an exceptional opportunity for your child to gain essential skills in their academic studies.

If you have any questions about the program, please contact Jessica Garcia, Head Teacher Wellbeing (relieving) or Donna Masterson, Covid Learning Support Teacher.



We wish our students a very successful year ahead and we encourage all learners to work to achieve their personal best each day. We also recommend time to refocus, by taking time to implement daily self-care routines.

Jessica Garcia  
Relieving Head Teacher Wellbeing

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# Sports Update

This term has been a busy one in the sporting arena for RGHS. In the last few weeks we have fielded teams in volleyball, basketball, soccer, touch football and cricket knockout competitions with netball still to come. Watching our students compete, support each other, build relationships across year groups and develop their skills has been a highlight of the term for the staff involved. Here is a wrap up on the matches so far:

Our Open Basketball team made it to the quarter finals where they met a highly skillful team from Endeavour Sports HS. Unfortunately they were not able to overcome this impressive opposition. However, congratulations must go to our players for putting up an excellent fight and for making it to the quarter finals.

The U/15s Soccer team played their first match in the Bill Turner Cup against Fort St High. In a tense and exciting game the match was drawn 1 - 1 at full time due to a stunning late goal from Ellie. Our girls put up a valiant effort in extra time and had a number of good chances but ended up going down 2-1. Congratulations on an entertaining evenly-matched game.

The Open Touch team moved through to the quarter finals with ease defeating Kogarah HS 15-0. This talented team now goes on to play The Jannali HS before the end of term.

Our cricket team played against The Jannali HS in their first match in two years. For many of our students this was their first experience of T20 cricket. The girls gained a lot of experience and displayed wonderful RGHS spirit but were defeated on the day.

Congratulations to all the students who have represented the school in these teams throughout the term. Thank you to Ms Thornton, Ms Fahy, Mr Gonzalez, Ms Stampfli, Ms McLean and Mr Kolbe for giving up their time to train and coach these teams.

Next week our Volleyball team will play in their second round match against Kingsgrove HS and the Netball team will come up against St George Girls' HS.





### Sydney East Swimming Championships

Congratulations to all the students who competed at the Sydney East Swimming Championships on Monday 13 March. We had a number of students finish in the top three in their races. Congratulations to Mika, Jinny, Grace and our under 12s relay team (Mika, Lin, Amelia and Hazel) who have all qualified for the State Carnival to be held in May. Special congratulations to Mika who was awarded 12 years Age Champion. This is an outstanding achievement. Thank you to Ms White who took the team to the carnival and ensured the students were well looked after on the day.





# What's Happening in the library?



The Randwick Girls' High School library is an inviting and friendly sanctuary, as well as a safe and socially inclusive teaching and learning space for students and staff.

## Opening Hours

Library is open every day from 8.30 am until 3:15pm.

## Services for students

- Senior study and seminar rooms for use for private study and project work
- Printing and photocopying
- Computers Assistance with research, assignments, related texts and creative writing

## Printing Reminder

- All students are able to print both colour and black and white A4 pages
- Printing costs 10c black and white /page and 30c colour/page
- You need to swipe your school ID card and insert coins next to the photocopier or see the library staff to add funds into your school account

If you have difficulties printing from the computer please ask the staff for assistance.

The Library staff is also available to help with any additional questions and assistance with school tasks. You can email Mr Kominos at [con.kominos@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:con.kominos@det.nsw.edu.au)



Each year RGHS participates in the Premier's Reading Challenge. To achieve the challenge, students simply read 20 books up until 18 August. At least 10 of the books must be chosen from the Premier's Reading Challenge List. Students who complete the challenge will receive a certificate signed by the NSW Premier. Students who participate for multiple years will receive Gold or Platinum certificates. Students who have completed the challenge every year from Year 3 to Year 9 will receive the Premier's Reading Challenge Medal. RGHS encourages all students to complete the challenge.

<https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

If you have any difficulties registering or logging in, please see me in the library.

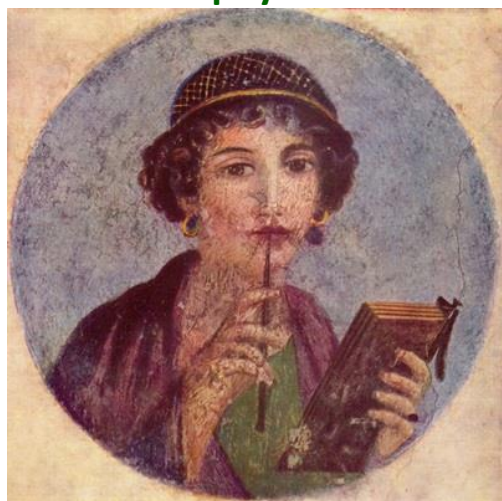
## The Homework Centre

The Homework Centre is up and running in the Library each Monday and Thursday from 3.30 pm to 5 pm. There will be ex-Randwick students who are now at university, and an experienced teacher to give assistance across all the subjects.

Once a permission note is signed and returned to the library, students can access the library and its resources for 2023.

**IMPORTANT REMINDER:** When attending Homework Centre students are expected to stay to at least 4:30pm otherwise they must have permission from a parent/guardian to be able leave before 4:30pm.

## The Philosophy Club



The Philosophy Club meets every Thursday lunchtime in the library. Invitation is open to anyone interested in discussing philosophical questions.

So far, we have examined what is real, what is the truth, how do we know what we know, and can we be certain about it? In coming sessions, we will consider how do we decide what we do is ethical? The Google Classroom has interesting material about philosophical matters to get one started thinking about stuff.

The code is

**r2kktvh**

*And please try to be prompt returning library books*

*Keep bringing in overdue books*

*Thank you to all students (and teachers) who returned overdue books*

Mr Kominos  
Teacher-Librarian



# P&C Election Day BBQ



## Current RGHS and RBHS Collaborations

- The School Show: This collaboration brings together hundreds of girls and boys collaborating on a yearly musical production
- Joint Year 11 and 12 classes, as appropriate: This collaboration enables boys to attend classes at RGHS, and girls at RBHS.

As on 27 March 2023 we have:

- Two Year 11 RBHS students undertaking Society and Culture at RGHS
- Two Year 12 RBHS students undertaking History Extension at RGHS

Other ways RGHS and RBHS have collaborated in previous years include:

- Welfare related activities, such as White Ribbon Day
- SRC related activities
- Music extra-curricular programs
- Dance ensembles
- Joint Year 11 and 12 classes in Dance, PDHPE, Engineering Studies, Industrial Technology, and Visual Arts

These collaborations enrich the learning and opportunities for our students.



# New RSPCA Junior Animal Attendants Program

Junior Animal Attendants is a unique hands-on program for young people (8-11 years and 12-15 years) who want to develop their skills in caring for companion animals or have an interest in working with animals in the future. Participants will learn the daily routine and responsibilities of a RSPCA NSW Animal Attendant and learn how to care for cats, dogs, and pocket pets through a range of interactive activities and behind the scenes encounters.

Go to our website, <https://www.rspcansw.org.au/what-we-do/education/school-holiday-program/> to find out more or make a booking today! Use the code, Earlybird10 to receive 10% off all bookings until 31 March.

## April School Holiday Program Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10	11	12	13	14
	Animals at RSPCA NSW Age group: 8-11yrs 9am-3pm	Animals at RSPCA NSW Age group: 12-15yrs 9am-3pm	Animals at RSPCA NSW Age group: 5-7yrs 9am-12pm	Animals at RSPCA NSW Age group: 8-11yrs 9am-3pm
17	18	19	20	21
Junior Animal Attendants Age group: 12-15yrs 9am-3pm	Animals at RSPCA NSW Age group: 8-11yrs 9am-3pm	Junior Animal Attendants Age group: 8-11yrs 9am-3pm	Animals at RSPCA NSW Age group: 5-7yrs 9am-12pm	Junior Animal Attendants Age group: 8-11yrs 9am-3pm



**school  
HOLIDAY  
program**

Are you aged 5-15 years?  
Do you have a passion for animals?  
Want to make some new furry friends?

Then join the RSPCA NSW Education Team  
for the upcoming School Holiday Program!

[rspcansw.org.au](https://www.rspcansw.org.au)




**SESSIONS INCLUDE**

- A behind-the-scenes tour of our shelters
- Making enrichment toys
- Meeting a variety of shelter animals
- Talks from various roles at the RSPCA
- Exploring how our Inspectors perform rescues and enforce the law

**PROGRAMS**



**LOWER  
PRIMARY**  
(5-7 years)



**UPPER  
PRIMARY**  
(8-11 years)



**SECONDARY**  
(12-15 years)

**Sydney Adoption and Education Centre**  
201 Rookwood Road, Yagoona NSW 2199

To express your interest, please visit our website:  
[rspcansw.org.au/what-we-do/education/school-holiday-program/](https://www.rspcansw.org.au/what-we-do/education/school-holiday-program/)

If you would like more information,  
contact the Education Team on:

☎ (02) 9782 4478



✉ [education@rspcansw.org.au](mailto:education@rspcansw.org.au)



## CORRESPONDENCE: DRAWING SYMPOSIUM 2023

SATURDAY 1 APRIL 2023  
(AEST) 9.30AM-5PM

### LOCATION

National Art School, Cell Block Theatre / Online

### TICKETS

Full price \$150 / NAS Alumni \$120 / Student \$70  
(in person includes lunch and refreshments)

Online \$50

## SPEAKERS

VERNON AH KEE (QLD) AND  
BRIAN MARTIN (VIC)

SERA WATERS (SA) AND  
KAY LAWRENCE (SA)

CAROLYN CRAIG (NSW) AND  
JOAN ROSS (NSW)

HIRAKU SUZUKI (JAPAN) AND  
GARY WARNER (NSW)

Drawing has a special place in conversations that artists have with each other about their work. The National Centre for Drawing's 2023 symposium is based in this correspondence between artists, their ideas and the ways that drawing helps elucidate them. It will celebrate the special role that drawing plays in connecting people, thought, times and places.

We present four very different sets of artists each of whom have established dialogues across distances. Each corresponding pair of artists brings perspectives on the common ground that they share, shedding light on the role of drawing in their practice and the drawings that inspire them.

Hosted in the National Art School's historic Cell Block Theatre, you are invited to attend either in person or online.



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SCHOOL

**BOOK TICKETS HERE**

The Drawing Symposium is part of the National Art School's Festival of Drawing. See [nas.edu.au](https://nas.edu.au) for full details

Image:  
Vernon Ah Kee, Installation view, *Nothing important happened that day* (detail), 2021. Installed at Spring Hill Reservoir, Brisbane. Photo by Carl Warner. Image courtesy of the artist and Milani Gallery, Meanjin / Brisbane.

# The Shack Youth Services School Holiday Program

APRIL 2023 - Week 1

For young people 12-17 years old living in or going to school in the Bayside, City of Sydney, Georges River, Randwick, Waverley and Woollahra Councils

Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> Apr
<p><i>No activities this day</i></p> <p><b>Easter Monday ☺</b></p>	<p><b>Flip Out</b> Caringbah 2:00pm-4:30pm</p> <p>1:15pm meet at Hurstville Westfield (<i>as per map</i>) or 1:10pm meet at Bowen Library</p> <p>5:15pm Drop-Off at Hurstville Westfield (<i>as per map</i>) or 5:30pm Drop-Off at Bowen Library</p>	<p><b>Go-Karting/Bowling and Laser Tag</b> Moore Park Entertainment Quarter 11:00am-2:40pm</p> <p>Exact time/details of Pick-Up and Drop-Off to be confirmed closer to date</p>	<p><b>Easter Show</b> Sydney Olympic Park 9:00am-5:00pm</p> <p>Exact time/details to be confirmed closer to date</p>	<p><i>No activities this day</i></p>

RSVP by Wednesday 29th March 2023

Email: [theshack@benevolent.org.au](mailto:theshack@benevolent.org.au)

Phone: William 0421 621 616 or Yasemin 0403 705 421

The Shack Youth Services

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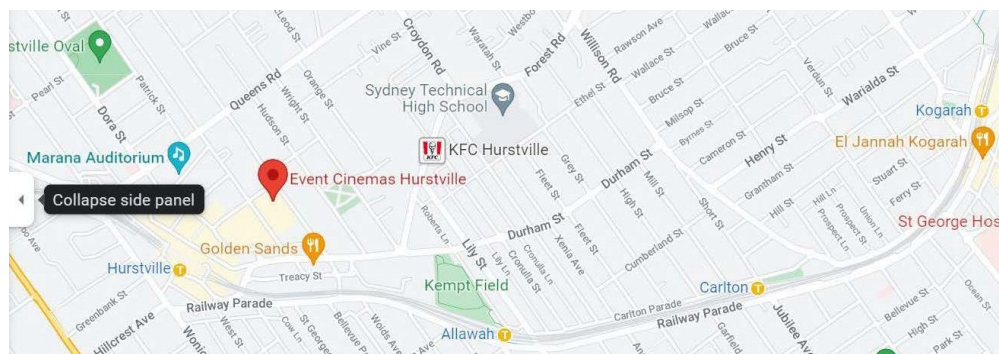


# The Shack Youth Services School Holiday Program

APRIL 2023 - Week 2

For young people 12-17 years old living in or going to school in the Bayside, City of Sydney, Georges River, Randwick, Waverley and Woollahra Councils

Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> Apr
<i>No activities this day</i>	<b>Skateboarding Workshop/BBQ</b> Maroubra Beach 2:00pm-5:00pm  1:30pm meet at Bowen Library or 1:00pm Hurstville Westfield ( <i>as per map</i> )  5:40pm drop-off at Hurstville Westfield Or 5:30pm at Bowen Library	<b>Lawn Bowls</b> South Coogee 10:45am-12:00pm  10:15am meet at Bowen Library or 10:00am Hurstville Westfield ( <i>as per map</i> )  12:45pm drop-off at Hurstville Westfield Or 12:00pm at Bowen Library	<b>Movie Day</b> Event Cinemas Hurstville  Time details will be released one movie sessions are available for booking	<i>No activities this day</i>



**Hurstville Westfield Rooftop meeting spot is near cinema entrance  
Via The Avenue express ramp to P4 Orange.**

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## AUSTRALIA

## BAYSIDE HOLIDAY & YOUTH PROGRAM

### APRIL 2023

It's that time again – Holiday's!

Please find on the next page our Autumn 2023 Holiday Program and Youth Week activities.

**Bookings start on Eventbrite Monday 27 March at 5pm**

Bookings are through Eventbrite:

<https://baysideyouthservices.eventbrite.com> < use link on Monday at 5pm

**Spots are limited**

Please note:

- Registrations are a legal document. Please note that legal Parent/Guardian must complete registration (you cannot book in a young person's friend)
- Young person must live, work, study or have a strong connection to the Bayside Local Government Area.
- Youth Holiday Program is on a first come first serve basis. No phone bookings or spots to be held.
- No young person is permitted to attend an activity without a completed registration on Eventbrite.
- Departures and arrival times are stated as per the program flyer. To ensure these times are followed please arrive 15 minutes prior to departure time. Please note programs will only wait 10 minutes for late arrivals.
- Please notify if unable to attend an activity, failure to notify may jeopardise future program/s attendance.
- Please read all important notes and terms and conditions when registering.

For all enquiries please email, the Youth Services Team at [youthservices@bayside.nsw.gov.au](mailto:youthservices@bayside.nsw.gov.au)

# HOLIDAY PROGRAM AND YOUTH WEEK APRIL 2023

For young people 12+ | Bookings at [baysideyouthservices.eventbrite.com](https://baysideyouthservices.eventbrite.com) | For more information email to: [youthservices@bayside.nsw.gov.au](mailto:youthservices@bayside.nsw.gov.au)



## WEEK 1 Monday 10 – Friday 14 April 2023



**Easter Monday**  
**Monday 10 April 2023 | Closed**  
Public holiday

### Youth Outreach

**Tuesday 11 April 2023 | 2:00pm – 4:00pm**

Bring your scooter, skateboard, skates, bike or roller blades and swing past Ador Skate Park for some fun and meet the Youth Team. Snacks provided.

**Location:** Ador Reserve Skate Park, Ador Avenue & West Botany Street, Rockdale

FREE

### Netball Clinic

**Wednesday 12 April 2023 | 10:00am – 12:00pm**

Come along and strengthen or learn all key netball skills in this 2-hour clinic. Snacks provided.

**Location:** Heffron Park, Bunnerong Road, Matraville

FREE

### Robotics Workshop

**Thursday 13 April 2023 | 11:00am – 12:30pm**

Learn to design, build and create robots using coding and programming skills in this robotics workshop. Snacks provided.

**Location:** Arncliffe Youth Centre, 9 Townsend Lane, Arncliffe

FREE

### Touch Footy Clinic

**Friday 14 April 2023 | 11:00am – 1:00pm**

Sharpen your Footy skills and learn to pass, catch, tag and kick. Snacks provided.

**Location:** Booralee Park, Bay Street & Daniel Street, Botany

FREE

## WEEK 2 Monday 17 – Friday 21 April 2023

### Cooking Workshop

**Monday 17 April 2023 | 11:00am – 1:00pm**

Learn easy, low cost and healthy recipes you can repeat at home when you need. Snacks provided.

**Location:** Arncliffe Youth Centre, 9 Townsend Lane, Arncliffe

FREE

### Arts at Arncliffe

**Tuesday 18 April 2023 | 11:00am – 1:00pm**

Drop in and get crafty in a variety of creative and art activities at the Arncliffe Youth Centre. Snacks provided.

**Location:** Arncliffe Youth Centre, 9 Townsend Lane, Arncliffe

FREE

### Basketball Competition

**Wednesday 19 April 2023 | 11:00am – 1:00pm**

Enrol your team in this 5 on 5 knock out basketball competition with a prize for the winning team. Snacks provided.

**Location:** Arncliffe Youth Centre, 9 Townsend Lane, Arncliffe

FREE



### Youth Week ★ Mutch more than skate...

**Thursday 20 April 2023 | 3:00pm – 6:00pm**

Join us as we kick off Youth Week 2023. Skate lessons, all wheels jam, go pro workshop, ball games, DJ, pop-up library and more. Snacks provided.

**Location:** Mutch Park, Wentworth Avenue, Pagewood

FREE

### Youth Week ★ Hijinx Hotel

**Friday 21 April 2023 | 9:15am – 2:00pm**

We are going to Hijinx Hotel, an immersive interactive game experience. Connect and participate with other young people and celebrate with food.

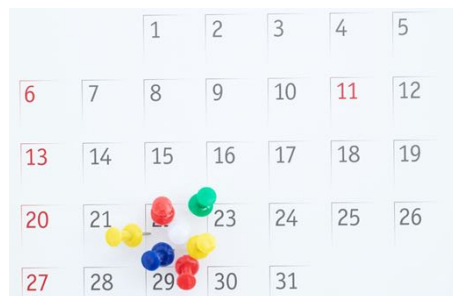
**Drop off & pick up:** Arncliffe Youth Centre, 9 Townsend Lane, Arncliffe  
Hillsdale Community Hall, 236 Bunnerong Road, Hillsdale

FREE





Randwick Girls' High School P&C is a group of parents, carers, staff & community members who work together to provide opportunities for all students at RGHS. We meet on the third Monday of the month during school term at 7pm. We acknowledge and pay respect to the past, present and future Traditional Custodians and Elders of this nation and the continuation of cultural, spiritual and educational practices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.



## SAVE THE DATES!

- **Sat 25 Mar** State Election BBQ & Cake Stall
- **Fri 31 Mar** Harmony Day at RGHS
- **Tue 28 Mar & 4 Apr** Consultation Workshop

## DONATIONS

RGHS P&C Assoc  
BSB: 032-257  
A/C: 546443



*donations go back into projects for the school*

## 2023 COMMITTEE

### Office Bearers

President: Leanne Bergan  
Vice President: Shelley Borer  
Secretary: vacant  
Treasurer: Venkat Krishnan

### Executive Members

Andrew Babbage  
Deborah Boswell  
Irene Nordon  
Katja Klikauer  
Natalie Martin  
Vickie Whittaker

## P&C AGM WRAP UP

Thanks to everyone who joined us for the AGM & General Meeting on Monday night. We elected our Office Bearers and Executive Committee. We are pleased to announce our 2023 team:

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If you have a question or would like to reach us, please email: [randwickgirlshighschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au](mailto:randwickgirlshighschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au)



## Looking for a Secretary

- Are you organised?
- Do you have computer skills?
- Please join our team!

You will be well supported in the role and it can be flexible to your needs.

## Join our mailing list



## CONNECT WITH US...



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<http://eepurl.com/dbYmqD>



# NEWS



Everyone belongs



## Have your Say Before 12 May

The Department of Education has engaged SEC Newgate to carry out independent, comprehensive community consultation with the aim of understanding parent and student decision-making factors regarding high school enrolment choices in the eastern suburbs and views on a range of proposals for future arrangements at Randwick Boys' and Randwick Girls' high schools.

Community consultations will start Monday the 13th of March and end by Friday the 12th of May 2023. This is a 9-week period.

**Note: the proposed models include removing the ONLY option for non-selective single-sex PUBLIC SCHOOLS in the Eastern Suburbs! Is that what choice looks like?**



### RGHS Parent/Carer Workshop

Tue 28 Mar | 7pm

Tue 4 Apr | 7pm

SEC Newgate is hosting two online workshops for parents and carers of students at Randwick Girls' High School on:

- Tuesday 28 March, 7 – 8pm
- Tuesday 4 April, 7 – 8pm

and two online workshops for parents and carers of students at Randwick Boys' High School on:

- Wednesday 29 March, 7 – 8pm
- Wednesday 5 April, 7 – 8pm

Please only register for one workshop. All the sessions will be discussing the same topics.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/eastern-suburbs-consultation-high-school-parent-and-carer-workshop-tickets-528051565447?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

**CLICK HERE  
FOR THE  
SURVEY**

We strongly encourage all parents & carers to complete the survey because all voices are important!



## Primary School Parent/Carer Workshop

Thu 27 Apr | 7pm  
Tue 2 May | 7pm  
Wed 3 May | 7pm



## General Public Workshop

Thursday 4th May | 7pm

SEC Newgate is hosting three online workshops for parents and carers of students at the following feeder primary schools of Randwick Boys' and Randwick Girls' high schools:

- Randwick Public Primary school
- Coogee Public School
- Kensington Public School
- Rainbow Street Public School
- South Coogee Public School
- Clovelly Public School
- Maroubra Junction Public School
- Daceyville Public School
- Waverley Public School

Parents and carers at these schools are welcome to book into one of the three (identical) online workshops on either:

- Thursday 27 April 2023, 7 – 8pm
- Tuesday 2 May 2023, 7 – 8pm
- Wednesday 3 May 2023, 7 – 8pm

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/eastern-suburbs-consultation-primary-school-parent-and-carer-workshop-tickets-567289938477?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

SEC Newgate is hosting an online workshop for the general public on Thursday 4 May 2023 from 7 – 8pm to discuss decision-making factors regarding high school enrolment choices and feedback in regard to five proposals for Randwick Boys' or Randwick Girls' high schools. There are limited spaces for this workshop so please only register if you intend to attend.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/eastern-suburbs-consultation-general-public-workshop-tickets-567284833207?aff=ebdshpsearchautocomplete>



## ELECTION DAY BBQ & CAKE STALL | SAT 25 MAR

### Can you help?

- spread the word - BBQ | Cake Stall at RGHS!
- volunteer an hour or more
- donate baked goods (drop off Sat at MPC)

e: randwickgirlshighschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au  
txt: 0414 444 080 (Leanne)



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