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NEWSLETTER

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HIGHLIGHTS

- The Show Spot Performance
- Languages News
- Year 7 High Potential Gifted Education Program

WELCOME

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome to the Week 9 edition of the Randwick Girls High School Newsletter. With the long weekend ahead of us, I wish everyone a well deserved and relaxing break.

This past Sunday, our amazing Show performers performed a set from their upcoming 2024 production at the Spot Festival. If this performance is anything to judge by, this year's production entitled *Brand New Day* is set to be one of the best ever. Our students represented the school admirably, in front of a very large crowd. The rousing applause and feedback reflects the outstanding diligence that our students and Show Team have put into the preparation of this year's event. *Brand New Day* will be held at NIDA's Parade Theatre on Tuesday 28 May and Wednesday 29 May 2024. Tickets will be available to purchase through Ticketek in the coming weeks. A special thanks to both Ms Fagan and Ms Jordan for their tireless work in ensuring

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Principal's message continued

that our students have access to this wonderful opportunity.

This past week also saw Year 7 attend their school camp, held at the Collaroy Centre. By all accounts, a great time was had by all, with students having the opportunity to meet new friends from classes other than their own, all whilst enjoying the great outdoors while engaging in fun team building activities. A special thanks to Mr Gonzalez and Ms Whitty, as well as teachers attending, for providing such a great opportunity for our Year 7 students.

Recently, the Secretary of the Department of Education Mr Murat Dizdar, communicated to Principals in relation to expectations regarding digital communications. In this regard, I would like to provide clarity around the school's preferred modes of communication, so as to ensure that important family and community correspondence is channeled to the correct personnel, and that important messages are not overlooked.

- For all urgent and time sensitive matters, please contact the school directly on (02) 9398 3233. The front office will be able to direct your call to the relevant team member who can assist you. There are many other factors that may also require direct phone communication, including (but not limited to) any enquires that you feel need to be dealt with confidentially, or if writing is otherwise impractical or presents difficulties due to personal circumstances. We do always welcome your call, and if ever in doubt please feel free to just pick up the phone so that we can assist.
- For matters that are less time sensitive, please direct your enquiries to the school email at randwickg-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au. You can expect to receive a response within 48 hours. If, due to unseen circumstances, there is no response within that time frame, please call directly through to the school,

requesting your child's Deputy Principal (Ms Roberts Years 7, 9 and 11; Ms Reilly Years 8, 10, 12) who will directly assist.

This week saw our school host our annual UAC and Careers event, organised by Ms Evers. The turnout of students and parents/caregivers was great, with important information relating to the calculation of the ATAR and post secondary studies pathways outlined. Many thanks to Ms Evers and Ms Neroutsos for their work in organising this event.

I would like to remind parent and caregivers that the 30 April 2024, will be a Staff Development Day for both Randwick Girls and Boys High Schools. This means that students will be returning from holidays on Wednesday 1 May 2024.

Until next time

Mr Rekic
Relieving Principal

Deputy's Report

Firstly, I want to applaud our students for their outstanding dance performances at the Spot Festival on Sunday, March 24. Their talent and dedication were truly remarkable, captivating the audience and showcasing their immense passion for dance. RGHS takes great pride in its students' achievements in the school show and eagerly anticipates witnessing their continued excellence in this creative field.

On Monday, March 25, our Student Representative Council (SRC) leaders had the unique opportunity to attend the National Young Leaders Day at the International Convention Centre Sydney. They were exposed to real-life stories of leaders from various fields, celebrating 20 years of Halogen's inspiration and insight. This event provided our students with valuable insights and perspectives, enhancing their growth and development as future leaders. Stay tuned for our upcoming newsletter report, which will feature firsthand accounts, highlights, and the impact this experience had on our SRC leaders' journey in leadership development.

Year 7 had an amazing three-day experience at Camp Collaroy from March 25 to March 27, 2024. Our students demonstrated remarkable perseverance as they embraced challenges outside their comfort zones, supported each other, and grew in confidence, resilience, and teamwork skills. These experiences have undoubtedly left a lasting impact and contributed significantly to their overall development. A special thank you goes out to our dedicated staff and Year Adviser, Mr Gonzalez, for their hard work and commitment to providing our students with such a valuable learning experience.

We are pleased to share the success of the UAC/Careers Market event held on Tuesday, March 26. The evening was a remarkable showcase of collaboration with external providers. The UAC presentation provided clarity and valuable information, offering our students direct insights into their post-school options from

representatives of various organisations and educational institutions. Special thanks go to Ms Evers, our Careers Adviser and event organiser, for her exceptional dedication and organisational skills, which played a vital role in ensuring the event's success and educational impact for all participants.

As we move forward, we emphasise the importance of punctuality in maintaining a conducive learning environment. Ensuring your child arrives at school on time daily is crucial for their learning and engagement. If your child is running late, please respond to the SMS or late slip with an explanation. Even a few minutes of missed school time can significantly impact their education. Here are some tips to improve punctuality: prepare bags and lunches beforehand, establish a morning routine with shared responsibilities, and breakfast. Encourage your child to get an early night's sleep for improved focus and concentration. Also, charging devices outside the bedroom promotes better sleep quality and reduces screen time before bed. Your cooperation in emphasising punctuality will greatly benefit your child's educational experience.

We value the importance of our school uniform as it fosters a sense of belonging and pride within our school community while also establishing an optimal learning environment. We kindly remind all students of the expectation to wear the full school uniform each day. In the event that a student is unable to wear the complete school uniform on a particular day, we encourage them to seek assistance promptly. They may visit a Deputy Principal to obtain a uniform slip or speak directly with their Year Adviser for support in acquiring the necessary uniform items.

Wishing everyone a safe and enjoyable Easter long weekend.

Ms Reilly
Relieving Deputy Principal

RANDWICK HIGH SCHOOL

2025 YEAR 7 HIGH POTENTIAL & GIFTED EDUCATION PROGRAM



Randwick High is pleased to advise that applications for the 2025 High Potential and Gifted Education Program for Year 7 students will be available soon.

This is an exciting opportunity for academically gifted students to be part of a specialised learning program. The program offers a stimulating educational experience designed to extend students' skills and talents across all curriculum areas.

Key dates

Tuesday 30th April 2024

Information Session held in the
Randwick Boys' High School
Library at 5pm
Applications open

Friday 24th May 2024

Applications close

Saturday 1st June

Entrance test held in Randwick
Boys' High School Hall

Students who wish to gain a position in this exclusive class are required to sit an academic placement test and present a portfolio.

Register your interest for the Information Session with the Front Office

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Email: randwickb-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

For further information, please contact Mr Samuel Jackson, Relieving Deputy Principal, or download the information package from our website via this QR code.



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Performance at The Spot Festival

The SHOW team performed at the 2024 Spot Festival on Sunday 24 March. Amanda of Year 11 sang with style and grace and students performed *Halloween*, an excerpt from the 2024 SHOW to be held at NIDA on Tuesday 28 and Wednesday 29 May.

Special thanks to Julie Thomas for the fabulous costumes.





Languages News

Bonjour, 你好, こんにちは, Hola ! from the Languages Faculty at Randwick Girls High School!

This term we have been working and delivering our new programs and assessment tasks as part of the Languages Curriculum implementation for Stages 4 & 5. Our approach includes formative assessments through mini tasks, enabling students to progressively build their language skills in preparation for their summative assessment tasks.

A warm welcome to Ms Dai, our new Chinese and Japanese teacher. As an alumna of our school, Ms Dai's return to support our student community in a teaching capacity is truly inspiring.

Preparations for Harmony Day are in full swing, with all faculties engaging their cultural groups in meetings to plan this vibrant event. We encourage the entire community to contribute food donations to their respective faculties. The success of our food sales during the celebration directly impacts our ability to donate to charities aiding children in need. Last year, we proudly raised \$3000 for UNICEF.

This term, we were fortunate to have Mr Tomoya from Japan join us as an intern, assisting our teachers in Japanese classes. His native language expertise greatly enhanced our students' speaking and writing abilities. We extend our gratitude to Mr Tomoya and Ms Ellen Lee, who admirably covered Mr Cajes' classes during his trip to Japan.

Our Stage 6 assessment tasks along with our junior years are progressing well, with many students having already submitted their work. We anticipate the remaining tasks will be completed in the upcoming weeks as we transition into Term 2.

The term commenced on a high note with an engaging Open Night that garnered significant interest from the public regarding the diverse range of languages we offer in our school and the enriching learning experiences available to our students.

We look forward to continuing this momentum and wish everyone a successful term ahead.

Mr Roma
Head Teacher Secondary Studies & Languages

Open Night

Open Night, Languages Faculty,
6 March 2024



Why Languages?

"We are all much more multilingual than we think." - Dr Michiko Weinmann and Dr Ruth Arber, Deakin University

When you study a language, you don't just learn the language, you are immersed in the culture. Whether students are studying for future career skills, everyday interaction with the different communities or to understand more about international film and culture, language is a multi-dimensional and versatile option.



"Language is the skin of the soul."

- Fernando Lázaro Carreter



"Learning another language is like becoming another person."

- Haruki Murakami



Learning is a treasure that will follow its owner everywhere.

- Chinese proverb

What will you do in Year 7?

All Year 7 and Year 8 students do Languages at Randwick High School.



Interacting & Understanding texts

In the "This is Me" unit, skills to understand and conduct a short, spoken interaction* in language. They socialise with peers by exchanging personal information such as name, age and nationality, using features of the language system.



Creating Texts

In the "Belonging" unit, Students use structures and features of the grammatical system and start to include an increasing range of verbal* and non-verbal language that is appropriate to the context, purpose and audience of the interaction.



Cultural knowledge & Understanding

In the "Community & Food" unit, students use an increasing knowledge of the structures and features of the grammatical and writing systems to create the text and to interact. They use language that is appropriate to cultural practices and values related to community.

What will you do in Year 8?



Identity

Students develop their knowledge and skills to give a self-introduction in Language in a familiar context. They share information such as name, age and nationality, using features of the language system.



Food & Celebrations

Students develop their knowledge about culture, cuisine and food customs. They develop and use comprehension strategies to interpret information, opinions and ideas relating to restaurants and going out to eat as well as traditions and festivals.



Education and Interaction

Students continue to develop their knowledge and skills to write about their school life. They start to use familiar text features appropriate to content, purpose and audience to discuss subjects, teachers and other relevant areas of school life.

Capture Year 8 Language Learning Journey (mini task)

We're thrilled to announce that our Year 8 students have successfully completed their Selfie Profile assignment, showcasing remarkable proficiency in constructing sentences in their target languages. Their dedication and hard work have truly paid off, reflecting their commitment to language learning excellence. This achievement not only highlights their linguistic abilities but also underscores the effectiveness of our language curriculum. Congratulations to all our talented Year 8 students for their outstanding accomplishment!

Keep up the fantastic work!

From Year 8 Students

Name (姓名): 叶蓝薇
Age (年龄): 十二岁
Date of Birth (出生日期): 二零一一年四月二十七日
Grade (年级): 八年级

A description about my personality
 我是一个善良、有责任心、勤奋的人。我对我的工作充满热情，乐于接受新想法，并且总是尽力而为。

Nationality and background
 我是澳大利亚人，但我的父母和祖父母是印尼华裔。

Favourite Subject at school
 我喜欢学校的很多科目，但我喜欢的科目是语言、音乐、技术和数学。

My Top 3 Values
 我的三大价值观是：
 一。友谊
 二。努力工作
 三。毅力

Favourite foods
 我最喜欢的食物是乌冬面、寿司、饺子、冰淇淋、奶酪蛋糕。

Family
 我家有四个成员。我的妈妈、爸爸、我的弟弟和我。我们住在澳大利亚悉尼。

Where I want to travel to in the near future
 我想去日本和中国旅行。我对他们的文化非常感兴趣，希望能够体验和更多地了解他们。

A description about what I do in my spare time
 我喜欢阅读、写作、制作手工品和看电影。

Likes & Dislikes
 我喜欢珍珠奶茶和猫。珍珠奶茶很好喝，猫也很可爱。但我不喜欢西瓜和葡萄。西瓜对我来说太苦了，蜘蛛也很可怕。

Hobbies & Interests
 我的爱好是跳舞、唱歌、设计和弹钢琴。

Description of pets
 我没有宠物，但将来我想养一只猫或一条鱼。

Talent or Fun Fact
 我是一名艺术爱好者、钢琴家和游泳者。我的生肖是兔子。

Music I listen to
 我喜欢听流行音乐和古典音乐。流行音乐让我感到愉悦，古典音乐让我感到平静。

“Do more of what makes you happy.”

My Personality
 我的性格是善良。

What I don't spare time
 • 读书
 • 看电视
 • 和朋友聊天
 • 睡觉

Music I listen to
 流行音乐

Likes:
 我喜欢：
 • 玩游戏
 • 听音乐
 • 读书
 • 吃东西

Dislikes:
 我不喜欢：
 • 做饭
 • 做作业
 • 吃蔬菜

Hobbies & Interests:
 我的爱好是游泳。游泳因为除了星期日意外，我每天都游泳。

Fun Facts:
 • 我最喜欢吃葡萄汁
 • 我从三岁就开始游泳
 • 我最喜欢吃蓝色

Where I want to travel:
 我要去日本，因为日本有很多好吃的东西。

About my family:
 我家有五口人。爸爸、妈妈、哥哥、弟弟和我。

Name: 陈嘉
Age: 十二岁
Date of Birth: 二〇一一年五月十四日
Year Group: 八年级

Top 3 Values:
 • 忠诚
 • 公正
 • 勇气

My Personality
 我的性格是善良。

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 • 读书
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About my family:
 我家有五口人。爸爸、妈妈、哥哥、弟弟和我。

Create My Family Profile in Chinese!

My Family 我的家庭
 Draw a picture of your family.
 画出你家庭的一幅画。

My Family 我的家庭
 Draw a picture of your family.
 画出你家庭的一幅画。

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My Family 我的家庭
 Draw a picture of your family.
 画出你家庭的一幅画。

How many people are in your family?
 我家有几个人?
 There are five people in my family. 我家有五口人。

Can you write the names of the people in your family?
 你能写出你家庭成员的名字吗?

Year 8 Students

Embrace the Festivities of the Chinese New Year



On the day of the Chinese New Year, our masterchef, Mr Cheng, prepared delicious dumplings and fried rice for the students. Students gathered together, enjoying the taste of the delightful traditional dishes, celebrating this joyous occasion.

Prior to this, students learned about the origins of the Chinese New Year, discovered their zodiac signs, and studied the significance of the Spring Festival to the Chinese people, along with its traditional celebratory activities. We encourage students to not only learn the language but also to understand different cultural customs, enriching their cross-cultural experiences.

Welcoming Mr. Tomoya: Our Japanese Intern

Over the past three weeks, our Japanese Teaching Assistant, Tomoya, has been actively involved in enhancing our students' understanding of Japanese language and culture. For our junior students, he focused on Japanese character writings, while for seniors, he expanded their writing ideas and facilitated speaking practice sessions, which were both educational and enjoyable.

Tomoya also delved into contemporary Japanese youth culture, offering valuable insights to our students. In exchange, our students shared aspects of Australian culture with him, fostering mutual understanding and cultural exchange.



Tomoya's dedication has enriched our language program, providing students with valuable learning experiences and promoting cultural diversity within our school community. We look forward to further collaboration and exploration of global cultures.

Year 7 French

Year 7 are only starting out in their language learning but they are putting all their knowledge together in order to create a "puzzle piece" of information about themselves which will become a classroom mural.

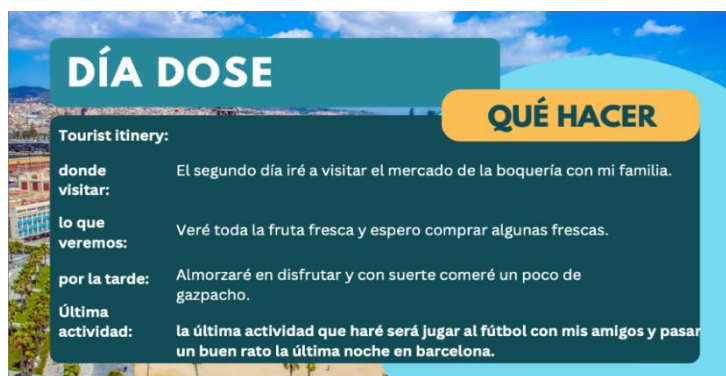
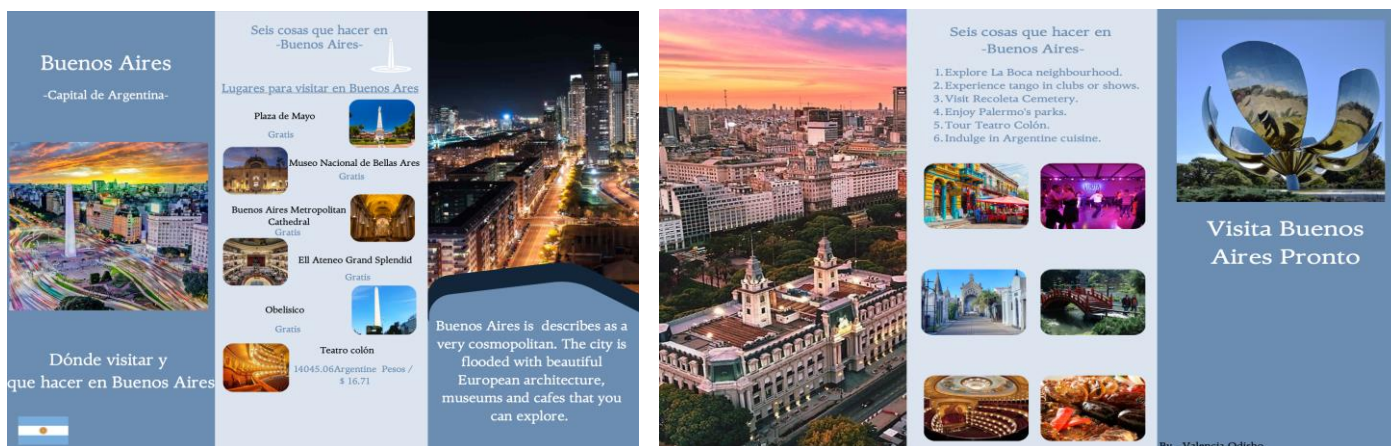
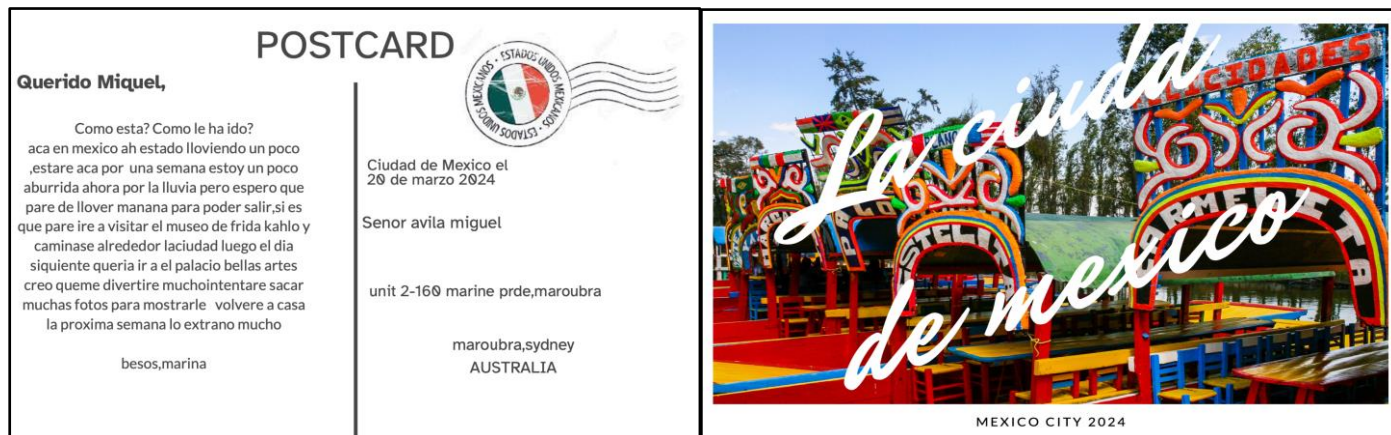


Year 10 Spanish

Year 10 Have been developing their skills on the topic of holidays and the activities that are involved during holidays. They are also learning how to use verbs in the past tense.

They have created a brochure about a Spanish speaking city around the world. They then devised itineraries for visitors and tourists. The last step involved writing a postcard home from their chosen destinations.

Here is a small sample of what students have achieved:



International Students Orientation Day Highlights

Every year, at the beginning of Term 1 Week 3-4, we will have international student orientation day at RGHS. At the orientation day, all the students are briefed about the latest DE International policies and procedures regarding attendance, OSHC, Leave request and any other welfare issues.

Students are also informed about any help and support from the school, such as Year advisors, welfare team, learning support team and school councils.



Getting Ready for Harmony Day

As per Mr Rekić's message, we are delighted to be celebrating Harmony Day this year on Week 11, 11 April 2024, a day which recognises the importance of diversity and inclusion within our society.

In keeping with the practise of rotating years of larger and smaller events, the format of the day is as follows:

- Normal classes periods 1-4.
- Extended lunchtime for the International Food Festival event.
- Staff Vs Student Volleyball Game on the Oval - periods 5 & 6.
- There will be a gold coin donation fundraising event for the day which SRC will collect.



Please note that there will not be an assembly with performances this year. The day will be full school uniform with an orange accessory on the day. We look forward to having an amazing day to celebrate our wonderfully vibrant and inclusive multicultural society.

We are excited about our Multicultural Food Festival hosted by all the faculties at lunchtime

What food can I donate?

We will accept any dish. It should have some cultural significance. Noodles, pastries, pastas, curries, vegetable dishes, sweet dishes, rice dishes, meat dishes, breads, biscuits – the list goes on! A good donation is a tray of food, or a large packet or container. But whatever you can bring will be fine and accepted. Bring your food on the day properly sealed, labeled with the ingredients list and contained. Otherwise speak to your Head Teacher for alternative arrangements.

For allergy reasons, NO NUT BASED FOODS are allowed. Foods served & handled safely by our team of teachers & students

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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 DATE!

- Mon 20 May P&C Meeting

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*donations go back into projects
for the school*



2024 COMMITTEE

Office Bearers

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Vice President: Shelley Borer

Secretary: Kathi Spinks

Treasurer: vacant

Executive Members

Andrew Babbage

Helen Petrusa

Katja Klikauer

Natalie Martin

Simone Rappeport

Vickie Whittaker

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AGM & General Meeting

18 March 2024

Highlights

Thanks to everyone who attended our AGM & General Meeting Monday 18th March in the Library. We are pleased to announce our 2024 Committee:

Office Bearers:

- President - Leanne Bergan
- Vice President - Shelley Borer
- Secretary - Kathi Spinks
- Treasurer - vacant (can you help?)

Executive Committee:

Andrew Babbage, Helen Petrusa, Katja Klikauer, Natalie Martin, Simone Rappeport, Vickie Whittaker

Sincere thanks to our outgoing Treasurer **Venkat Krishnan** who has done a wonderful job over the past year, particularly with the preparation of our annual financial report. Thanks also to **Deborah Boswell** who has been a great supporter and advocate on the Executive Committee.



\$3,000 sponsorship!

P&C members resolved to donate **\$3,000** to **The Show** - the news was met with delight from The Show organisers!

Happy Easter!



YOUTH WEEK 2024

FREE
EVENTS

Thu 18 April
**FREE Skate +
Arts Workshop
with Concrete
Skate Supply**

Chifley Skatepark,
Bunnerong Road,
Chifley **Ages 5-13**
9.30am – 12.30pm

REGISTRATION
ESSENTIAL



FOR MORE INFO
SCAN CODE

Mon 22 April
**FREE Skate
Jams, Demos,
Arts + BBQ
with Concrete
Skate Supply**

Maroubra Beach
Skatepark, Marine
Parade, Maroubra
Beach **Ages 12-25**
2pm – 5pm

Wed 24 April
**South East
Block Party**

Coral Sea Park,
Maroubra
3pm – 7pm

