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NEWSLETTER

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HIGHLIGHTS

- ANZAC Dawn Service
- What's happening in TAS
- WA Surf Life Saving
- Visual Arts News

WELCOME

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Caregivers

I am pleased to report that Term 2 is now in full swing.

Staff returned on Monday 24 April. They undertook professional learning in mandatory CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) and anaphylaxis management as well as Aboriginal Education. All students returned on Wednesday 26 April with renewed enthusiasm. We look forward to another fruitful term, together with our students and also with our parent community.

Welcome

This term we welcome Ms Lani Bruce to the Science Faculty. Ms Bruce will also be teaching some PDHPE classes.

We thank Ms Monaghan for her work at the school. She has returned to the university to complete more studies and we wish her well.

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Principal's message continued

The Show

With a talented cast of students from Years 7-12, *Behind every door, there is a story* was again a resounding success.

Thank you to the school community for coming to NIDA, entering the door, and walking through the fantastical and the surreal world in Narnia, Monsters Inc, and the enigmatic door of Beetlejuice as well as the rabbit hole in Alice in Wonderland, just to name a few.

The spectacular acting, delightful drama, majestic props, and colourful costumes all came together to create another memorable School Show we should all be very proud of!

Well done to students, staff, volunteers, alumni and parents for coming together to produce yet another masterpiece. We are in awe of your talents.

ANZAC Assembly

The school community came together on Friday 28 April to remember the ANZACs. It was a very solemn occasion as student leaders stood and read the history of the ANZACs. They led the whole school in honouring and remembering the sacrifice made by service men and women.

Building works update

At the end of last term, you were advised about the Term 1 holiday work. I am pleased to inform you that the planned work has been completed. These included the pouring of concrete on level 2 quadrangle, the TAS staffroom and the demolition and preparation works in the Food Technology classrooms.

The level 2 quadrangle will be given back to the school soon after the concrete has cured, and appropriate sporting lines drawn. The Food Technology rooms will be fitted in the next few weeks, and we look forward to seeing and enjoying the final products.

Homework Centre

This is a reminder that the Homework Centre has re-commenced for the term, for every Monday
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and Thursday afternoons. Mr. Kominos, who is also the Librarian, and an experienced Economics and Business Studies teacher, has taken on the role of supervisor for a year now and he is passionate about assisting your daughters with homework and assignments.

We also have two to three University tutors working alongside Mr Kominos during every Homework Centre session. These tutors are chosen from various disciplines and cover most subjects in the school.

The Centre runs from 3.30pm to 5.00pm on both afternoons. All students are welcome.

School Tours

If you know of anyone in the community who would like to enrol their daughters in our school in 2023 or the future and would like to meet me or see the school first-hand, do ask them to contact the school to request a meeting or join a school tour group with me. These tours include meeting student leaders who will walk the visitors around the school during school time, talking to senior executives, having questions answered, and seeing classes in action.

Year 10 into Year 11 Subject Selection

Preparations are underway for the 2024 Year 11 courses, as well as the 2024 Year 9 courses. Students in Years 8 and 10 cohorts have much to look forward to in the next few months.

Contacting the school

As a key partner in your daughters' education, your feedback and queries are always welcome. You can call the Front Office or email us, and you will be directed to the most appropriate person to address your concerns.

Lucy Andre
Principal

From the Deputies

Parent teacher evening

Term 2 Week 3, Tuesday 9 May, will see face to face Parent/Teacher Interviews commence at RGHS in the MPC for Year 11 and Year 12. If you have a child/ren in Year 11 and/or Year 12, please log into the Sentral Parent Portal to book interview times with their classroom teachers. This is an opportunity for you to sit down with your child's teacher and discuss their progress, receive feedback, and gain a better understanding of how you can support them on their educational journey. We encourage all parents and guardians to take advantage of this opportunity to engage in meaningful conversations about your child's education. We look forward to seeing you there and working together to support our students' success.

Cross country carnival

We had a wonderfully clear and warm day for our Cross-Country carnival this Thursday 4 May. The participation rates for the junior years were outstanding. Ms Thompson and the PDHPE department did a great job organising the day and keeping the events running smoothly. Thank you to the student helpers who worked tirelessly all-day running errands and supporting staff.

Attendance

At Randwick Girls' High School, we are striving to ensure that when our students graduate our school, they are positive and productive members of society. One of our main focuses this year is to teach our students the importance of arriving on time. There are many times in our lives where if we are not on time the consequence is significant, for instance being late to catch a flight, or being late to a job interview. We want our students to understand that building positive habits as young adults allows us to maintain these habits into adulthood.

Uniform

As we are now definitely into the winter season, please ensure students are wearing the correct items of their winter uniform to stay warm. All

Randwick Girls' High School Students are required to be in full school uniform during the day, including travelling to and from school and on excursions, unless otherwise advised. This helps create a sense of collective and individual pride in the students within the school. The school also benefits from the neat appearance of students all wearing correct uniform. If students need to be out of uniform, they are required to bring a signed note from a parent/carer to give to their Deputy Principal at the beginning of the school day. Students out of uniform without a note will receive a uniform infringement. Thank you for your cooperation.

Regards
Ms Reilly

There was no better way than to kick off Term 2 with what was another amazing feat of perfectly choreographed dance, design, costume and drama featured in the 2023 version of *The Show*. This year's production *Behind Every Door There is a Story*, reflected the very high standard that has become synonymous with this annual event. A very big thanks must be extended to all the wonderful students, alumni, parent and community members who patriated or assisted, as well as Ms Jordan, Ms Fagan, and Ms Vaneris, for the many hours of work behind the scenes to make this year's *Show* such a resounding success.

The past fortnight saw us come together as a school to observe the contributions and sacrifices of Australia's service personnel, at our ANZAC Day assembly. Students learned about the events which this day commemorates and marked the occasion in a very respectful and solemn manner. Thanks to Ms Tweenaboa for her work in organising this event.

Finally, a reminder that next week's Parent Teacher Night is for Years 11 and 12 and will be held in the MPC. Upcoming Parent Teacher nights are:
Years 8 and 9 – June 6
Years 7 and 10 – June 20

Until next time
Mr Rekic

ANZAC Day Dawn Service



Today was such a proud and unforgettable day for Randwick Girls' High School in our first ever participation in the impressive Coogee Anzac Day Dawn service of respect and reflection.

Congratulations to Keira McNeill, Ava Apthorpe and Jessica Mang who braved the chilly 4.30am Coogee morning air to lay wreaths at the service attended by almost 3,000 people including local political and military dignitaries and representatives from other local state and private schools who also laid wreaths.

Our girls were outstanding ambassadors for our school and laid their wreaths with immense dignity and respect.

I was so very proud of them as were all those present.

Thanks to Ben Klein, one of the official photographers who took these incredible pictures.

B. Kaplinski
History Teacher



New Finance Arrangements

We are excited to announce our school will be transitioning to an upgraded School Bytes finance system on 23 May 2023!

In preparation for the transition to a simplified finance system for both you and the school, we will be required to implement a short payment lockout period where we will not be able to receive any payments.

What this means for you

- No payments can be made online from 9am, Tuesday 16th May 2023.
- Last day to make cash, cheque or EFTPOS payments will be close of business on Tuesday 16th May 2023.
- We will advise you when payments can resume closer to the above date
- Any existing payment links that have been sent to you previously in emails can still be used after the transition and will automatically redirect to the new system
- After the transition, a School Bytes portal will be available for you to register and begin using (Link: <https://portal.schoolbytes.education>)
- All previous payments made will be migrated to the new School Bytes finance system and portal

What is the School Bytes portal

The School Bytes portal provides flexibility for you to conveniently:

- Make school payments online (including paying for multiple siblings at once)
- Use a family credit to pay for an activity or school contributions
- Download a receipt for payments made
- View all historical payments in one place
- Complete and submit digital permission notes
- View the status of all permission notes
- Request a refund if required

This can be done where you want at any time: day or night.

Through the portal, you will easily be able to download a receipt once a payment has been made and have access to view all historical payments when needed. Online payments are processed in real-time and can be viewed by school staff immediately.

While our preference is for payments to be made via the portal, we will still accept payment via cash, cheque, money order and EFTPOS.

What's Happening In The Library



"We're in a library. Books are the best weapon in the world. This room's the greatest arsenal we could have. Arm yourself!" - Doctor Who

Of course, the Doctor meant a weapon for acquiring knowledge and skills. Either way, 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.



Write a Book in a Day will be happening again this year. RGHS library will be the venue for the competition. The project involves two teams of up to 10 students, one from Years 7-9, and the other from Years 10-11 writing a book within a 12-hour time frame, from 8am to 8pm. The book will be published on the *Write a Book in a Day* website. The funds raised through the competition go toward childhood cancer research to

find better treatments and ultimately a cure. If you are an aspiring storybook writer or artist stay tuned for more information.



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 3.30pm to 5pm. 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 until at least 4:30pm otherwise they must have permission from a parent/guardian to be able leave before 4:30pm.

The Philosophy Club

Aspasia of Miletus



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

This term the focus will be on Ethics. What is the right thing to do and how do we know it is the right thing?

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

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What's happening in TAS

It has been a busy yet exciting time for the TAS Faculty with the completion of RGHS very own Wood Work room! A major upgrade to our Food Technology and Hospitality Kitchens. This year we welcome Mr Payne, our Timber Technology teacher, who is busy creating wood projects currently with our year 7 and 9 students. This year we welcome back Mrs Roberts, Ms Uzun, Ms Poniris, Ms Rollo, Ms Hall, Ms White, Ms Neroutsos and Ms Bulfin.



TAS kitchens before...



Demolition underway...



Kitchens officially gutted!

Stage 4

Timber in Stage 4 Technology Mandatory



Year seven technology mandatory students have been working on their Store-it practical projects in the second half of term one. The girls have been learning and improving their timber preparation skills of marking out, sawing and preparing timber items for assembly. Students have gained an appreciation of measurement and accuracy when using hand tools and machines like the Disc Sander. An element of difficulty was the fitting of a captive plywood base into grooves machined on the inside of the box. For the majority of the girls the highlight has been using the Pyro-pen to decorate their boxes with text and graphics. The response and feedback from the students has been very positive.

Stage 5

Year 9 Design and Technology



Year 9 Design & Technology students have been busy developing ideas and prototypes for their 'Bling!' design project. Students investigated a culture of their choice and have designed a 3 piece jewellery collection for an identified end user. Students have been integrating a range of tools, materials and processes from Adobe Illustrator, the laser cutter, 3D printers, resin, fimo and even making their own materials from up-cycled bottle caps! We can't wait to see them!

Year 10 Food Technology

Year 10 Food Technology have recently completed their first major practical Assessment Task in which they had to construct a celebratory cake for a special occasion. This task has taken the past 10 weeks to plan with the cakes being made in stages. The planning and hard work was well worth it, considering the quality of the final products. Congratulations to all students from the Year 10 Food Technology class for the outstanding level of work achieved in this task! Below is a selection of a few of the amazing creations.



Stage 6

Textiles and Design



On Tuesday the 21st of March, Year 11 and 12 Textiles and Design students accompanied by their teacher Ms Rollo traveled to the Textiles HSC Exhibition at Gallery 76 in Concord West. Students were able to see first hand the exemplary works of the 2022 HSC Textiles students. This was an informative and inspirational exhibition, allowing students to see the level of detail and quality of workmanship needed to complete the HSC major project.

Year 12 Design & Technology



Year 12 Design and Technology students are underway with developing their products, systems and environment designs as a part of their Major Design Projects. Students have identified a range of unique and genuine needs that impact society and the environment on local and global scales. We look forward to seeing their projects come to life! Be sure to check out the completed projects at our MADDD Night HSC Showcase Exhibition at the beginning of Term 3.

Year 12 Exploring Early Childhood

On Friday 24 March students from Exploring Early Childhood visited the Rainbow St Early Learning Centre. As part of the unit currently being studied - Play and the Developing Child the students had the opportunity to interact and observe the children at the centre.



VET News

Hospitality



Year 11 Hospitality students have been busy in the kitchen completing a range of pracs for the Certificate 3 in Hospitality. Students have been undertaking a range of this term such as their sandwiches as pictured.

VET Entertainment | Work placement at the Sydney Royal Easter Show

During the holidays, Year 11 Entertainment Industry class attended work placement at the Sydney Royal Easter Show. At the show ground, we were involved in the street parade by working in crowd control and preventing people from crossing between the floats, dancers and tractors. During our time there we got to meet students doing work placement alongside us. While we were walking in the street parade, we were part of the magic and able to make kids and patrons smile by interacting with them.

The experience threw us into the deep end, bringing us into a new environment having to adapt to very important skills in the entertainment industry from aspects as sound as crowd control to grand factors like stage management and light work. Being put in such a demanding position, it didn't take long for many students to form life long bonds.

In addition to this, we were led to assist with bump out. This process consisted of taking apart floats, tidying our break space and wrapping up the entire show experience. Overall this was an amazing experience and we all enjoyed it.

Thank you to Mrs Reilly, Mrs Kothari and Ms Neroutsos for the fantastic experience.



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WA Surf Life Saving

RGHS student, Laura Peshevski (Year 8) has achieved a tremendous success in *The Aussies* National Surf Life Saving event in Perth at the end of March. Laura and her teammates in the 5-person R&R won 1st place which is an outstanding achievement. Additionally, Laura won 2nd place with her partner in the 2-Person R&R event. This is an exceptional accomplishment and dedication at the National level.



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Visual Arts News

In case you missed it.....

Our very own Sunny Pather, recently graced the cover of the Wentworth Courier and spoke about her HSC Body of Work in an article on rising stars in the art world. An exciting start to a budding career.



2022 RGHS student Sunny Pather (left) with Rosina Antico from Kambala



Painting, Watching, Sitting by Charlie Kennedy Wade, runner up in the Randwick Women's Art Prize

Randwick Women's Art Prize

Each year, Randwick City Council hosts an art exhibition in honour of International Women's Day and each year, Visual Arts students of Randwick Girls' High shine. This year Charlie Kennedy-Wade of Year 11 took home the runner up prize for her painting titled *Painting, Watching, Sitting*. Judges commented "The unusual, jagged composition caught our eye. The work technically very strong, quirky, and moving. It feels very authentic and contemporary, addressing themes of mental health."

This competition encourages women to showcase their creative talents, recognising the important contribution women make to families, workplaces and communities. We would like to congratulate all students who entered the competition this year. The top 50 artworks will be on display at Lionel Bowen Library Gallery throughout April during library opening hours.

Ronald McDonald House Art Workshops

Tyler, Marli, Raquel and Jessica of Year 12 Visual Arts gave up a day of their holidays to lead a Gelli plate printing workshop at Ronald McDonald House. Our students engaged young children with their friendly and warm demeanour and brought smiles to the faces of seriously ill children and their family members. We would like to thank our Tyler, Marli, Raquel and Jessica for not only leading this workshop but for doing the fabulous job of representing Randwick Girls' High School in our community and serving others with such positive energy and cheer.

Student masters

ArtExpress showcases the work of some of the state's best young talent and this year disruption is a key theme. Margaret Rice reports

Hope dances with loss in local artworks selected for exhibition at the Art Gallery of NSW's ArtExpress this year. And hope ascends.

ArtExpress is the yearly exhibition at the Art Gallery of NSW of outstanding work submitted by final-year students for their HSC examinations the previous year, in this case 2022.

"ArtExpress is one of our most popular exhibitions and has been displayed at the art gallery since 1983, so we're celebrating our 40th year," says Louise Halpin, curator of ArtExpress 2023.

"Even though we may have seen themes expressed previously, what is always interesting is the students' individual and often passionate response to these concepts.

"As the principal venue, it's important to exhibit the creativity, diversity and complex investigations by students of the world and the time in which they live."

Two students from the eastern suburbs achieved the high point of being exhibited this year, Rosina Antico of Kambala and Sunny Pather of Randwick Girls' High School.

In her traditional-style oil painting, Rosina has depicted trays of delicious, vibrant fruits. But as the eye moves from one to the next, you realise abundance is giving way to scarcity, the fullness of one tray yielding to the emptiness of another.

Beautiful and lush – the cherry image looks almost photo-like. But there is a sinister statement about the state of our world lurking in Rosina's work.

In Rosina's description, she says her work "explores the disruption of our food sources throughout the past three years, affected by natural disasters".

The disruption theme continues in the work of Sunny, who, in her collection of small paintings, depicted faces looking out of windows, a work that grew out of the isolation of the pandemic. You feel as though the people depicted are hidden behind walls, waiting to



Sunny Pather's lockdown-inspired work. Picture: Robert Edwards

break free, blocked from engaging directly with life.

Sunny explains her idea began with exploring balconies and changed as she found herself expressing through her art the experience of the Covid pandemic she had just lived through, and the stresses related to this, including for the community grappling with lockdowns.

The isolation in the images is something Sunny says she saw only clearly afterwards.

As the work evolved, it was inspired by the meshing of Italian-style balconies with the realities of an Australian suburban lockdown.

But Sunny says the Covid measure wasn't all bad. In her own community, which influences the work, out of lockdown neighbourliness grew.

"I'm really fortunate because I live near the beach at Maroubra, so I could see the water," she says.

"And we were meant to stay in

our own homes but that ended up being really social because in our apartments neighbours who didn't know each other before reached out to each other.

"Strangers turned into really close friends as people really grew to trust their neighbours."

Sunny's community became, and still is, really close-knit, as a result of those pandemic lockdowns. So optimism triumphed over pessimism, even though the pandemic took up so much of her nearly adult life, she explains.

This year Sunny is making jewellery, which she hopes to sell through local markets and online. She is also heading to Europe.

"I have never been overseas before and I'm really excited about it. The places that inspired my art, like Spain and Italy, I will see in real life," she says.

The ArtExpress exhibition, in the Art Gallery of NSW's historic South Building, runs until May 7

Randwick Girls spread joy (and paint) at Ronald McDonald House



Jessica, Marli, Raquel and Tyler with Ms Theodoridis

Visual Symphony in Mrs Kennedy's Visual Arts classroom

8VAT has been busy experimenting with translucent grounds and abstract painting techniques whilst working in groups to respond to a range of Rock songs from their Music course. Whilst developing their unique visual language, students have applied their Music knowledge to their artmaking process. Students explored Wassily Kandinsky's condition of Synesthesia and emulated his artmaking practice to produce remarkable results. These translucent artworks are currently on display in room 209, where they diffuse sunlight beautifully across the back windows.

Year 8 Visual Arts

*Synesthesia,
a Visual Symphony*



"I saw all my colors in my mind; they stood before my eyes. Wild, almost crazy lines were sketched in front of me."

The visual symphony Kandinsky experienced may have been the result of a rare neurological phenomenon known as synesthesia.



Art Club

This year our lucky art lovers have been offered the option of to select from resin casting with Mrs Aroney or still life painting with Ms Theodoridis. Students have enjoyed learning new skills in a relaxed environment after school.

art club

still life paintings



*work
in
progress*



Artworks in progress by Chi (y8), Kristina (y9), Grace (y10) and Lyn (y8)

art club resin casting



Flawless trinket trays by Art Club students

Music

In Concert Secondary Choral Festival

The choir members have been working hard, practicing for the *In Concert* Secondary Choral Festival which will take place on Tuesday 23 May at Sydney Town Hall. They will be singing works such as *Carmina Burana, Where?* by Kate Miller-Heidke and other choral works from a variety of Australian composers. Our vocalists will perform with another 500 students from public schools all around the state. Its sure to be an unforgettable experience and valuable opportunity for our budding singers. Tickets are now on sale, so come and support our students and the Arts Unit of NSW!



Joanna mentoring Matilda at the HSC vocal Masterclass

HSC Vocal Masterclass

On the 4th of April Year 11 and 12 vocalists participated in a Music Masterclass workshop with a professional singer Joanna Karas. It was a great experience, and we learnt to improve our performance skills. Joanna showed us how to make our song of choice our own and look like we were "in the moment" on stage. She offered valuable advice on overcoming our fears and looking confident on stage by looking in the mirror and singing and recording our voices to see where we need to improve. Overall, it was a fantastic experience. Thank you to Mrs Masterson and Mrs Kothari for organising the workshop.

By Jasmine Alafaci

Concert Band

The Concert Band has hit the ground running with several performances last term, including our concert for The Class of 1971 reunion. Featuring a medley of Beach Boys hits, it was a great opportunity for the new Year 7 members of the band to demonstrate their skills.

Encore Excursion

Year 12 Music 1 and Music 2 students attended the 2023 Encore performance at the Opera House. It was a great experience to see the best of the best in in HSC Music performances. The show inspired our students to practice and work that much harder towards refining their own Performances and Compositions



Our vocalists at the *In Concert* rehearsals, Town Hall



Year 12 Music students attend *Encore* at the Opera House



Year 9 Music beautifully performing their rendition of "We are Australian" complete with AUSLAN by Luna Mather at our Harmony Day celebration. Congratulations Year 9!

21 April 2023

Re: School Opal Card Compliance

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As your local school bus operator, we wanted to start Term 2 with a warm welcome and to reaffirm our commitment to working with you throughout the year to provide a safe, reliable and efficient service for your school community.

One of our key focus areas this year is to improve Opal compliance among school students, and we need your help to achieve this.

In Term 1, we visited a number of schools to monitor boarding and encourage correct Opal card usage.

We found that the common reasons students do not tap on are:

- They do not hold an Opal card as they have either not applied for it or have not replaced it after it has expired or been lost,
- They have forgotten to bring their Opal card with them,
- They have a valid card, but do not believe it is a requirement to Tap On and Off,
- The driver does not enforce it/ask them to TAP ON,
- There are insufficient funds on their Child/Youth Opal card.

Why do students need to Tap On and Off with their Opal Card?

It is essential for all school students to travel with a valid School Opal Card or Child/Youth Opal Card.

This is so that we can understand customer travel patterns and can adjust the services provided, if necessary.

Every time a student Taps On and Off, students are counted on our service – when students do not, they are invisible. Without accurate patronage data, Transport for NSW has the option to withdraw services that show low patronage.

Further, adopting the behaviors of Tapping On and Off is a key part of fare compliance.

Once students are no longer travelling to and from school, it is a legal requirement to travel with a valid ticket.

Embedding these behaviors from an early age minimizes chances of adopting non-compliant behaviors later in life.

What can parents and guardians do to help?

We ask that all parents ensure that their children have a valid Opal card for travelling to and from school each day. We also ask that you please encourage them to Tap On and Off every time they use a bus service.

To be eligible for a School Opal Card the student must:

- be a resident of NSW, or an overseas student eligible for free government education.
- be aged 4 years 6 months or older. Pre-school children are not eligible.
- live a minimum distance from your school:
 - Years K-2 (Infants) - No minimum distance.
 - Years 3-6 (Primary) - 1.6km straight line distance or 2.3km walking or further.
 - Years 7-12 (Secondary) - 2km straight line distance or 2.9km walking or further.

If you do not meet these criteria, your child will need to carry a Child/Youth Opal card with funds loaded onto it.

What are we doing to help?

We are working closely with schools to improve Opal compliance and encourage students to Tap On and Off every time.

We found that with onsite assistance from our on-the-ground ambassador team, we are able to significantly improve the number of students tapping on. We assisted drivers and teachers by asking students to line up with their Opal cards ready and gave priority boarding to those with a valid card. Those without were reminded to have a valid Opal card for their next journey. Our drivers are also expected to ask students to TAP ON when they board.

We are also working with Transport for NSW to improve the messaging across the network to communicate that it is a requirement for school students to Tap On and Off with a valid Opal Card.

While we can provide adhoc support upon request, we rely upon your assistance to help us manage Opal compliance. We appreciate any assistance that you can provide.

We hope to work together with you to reduce the number of non-compliant students – as continuous low Tap On and Off data means that our services appear underutilised and are at risk of being modified, reduced, withdrawn or redirected to parts of the network that show a higher demand.

We thank you once again for your understanding and cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

School Engagement Team

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Next week is our **Effective Parenting Seminar**, to be held on 11 May. Bookings are essential, so get on it quick!

This seminar is designed for parents and carers of tweens and teens (aged 10-17) who want practical information and strategies for effective communication, healthy relationships, and to better understand and manage adolescent behaviour.

This seminar will be led by clinical psychologist, Dr Terri Said, CEO of WAYS Youth & Family and WAYS Secondary Principal

DATE: Thursday 11 May 2023

TIME: 6pm - 7:30pm

WHERE: Woollahra Libraries, Double Bay - Level 1 Event Space B

Bookings are essential, please click [here](#) to book or phone **9083 8936** for more information.

TOPIC AREAS INCLUDE:

- Understanding adolescent development and brain function
- Effective communication, managing conflict and challenging behaviours



Robotics Club Open Night

DESIGN + BUILD + CODE ROBOTS
MAKE FRIENDS + HAVE FUN



Monday 15 May 5.30 - 8.00pm
UNSW Electrical Engineering Lab
<https://bit.ly/EMURoboticsOpenNight2023>

JUNIOR TEAM COMPETES IN FIRST LEGO LEAGUE
SENIOR TEAM COMPETES IN FIRST ROBOTICS COMP





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!

- P&C Meeting Mon 15 May (via Zoom)
- Week 8 Working Bee
- Tue 09 May Parent/Teacher interviews (Yr 11 & 12)
- Sun 14 May Mother's Day
- 27 May - 03 Jun National Reconciliation Week

DONATIONS

RGHS P&C Assoc

BSB: 032-257

A/C: 546443

donations go back into projects for the school



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WELCOME BACK | NEXT MEETING MON 15 MAY

We hope everyone had a wonderful Autumn Holiday break!

Our next P&C meeting will be held via Zoom on Monday 15th May at 7pm. If you would like to join us, please make sure you are on the mailing list (click or scan link below).



SECRETARY SEARCH



WE URGENTLY NEED A SECRETARY!

- Are you organised?
- Do you have computer skills?
- Would you like to join a great team?
- Can you volunteer a few hours a month?

You would be well supported in the role. For more information, please call Leanne: 0414 444 080 or email us.

LAST CHANCE! HAVE YOUR SAY BEFORE 12 MAY

Last chance to have your say 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 end Friday the 12th of May 2023.

https://dr.octopusgroup.com.au/survey/Needlefish_9_2

Join our mailing list



<http://eepurl.com/dbYmqD>

Wishing all mums and mother figures

Happy Mother's Day

