Principal's report

I would like to begin by welcoming everyone back to Term 4 and I hope everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday.

Year 12 starting the HSC

I would also like to commend Year 12 on the positive manner in which they celebrated the end of the formal lessons at the end of Term 3. The Year 12 Graduation was a wonderful evening and the spirit and closeness of the group was obvious for all to see. All students are now studying hard for their HSC exams which commenced on Monday 13 October. All students are urged to check exam timetables carefully and ensure they leave plenty of time to arrive early for the exams. Teachers have been very busy over the holidays running additional classes or marking and returning practice papers for students. We are very keen to see the results from this very talented group.

The start of the HSC exams also signals the start of the HSC course for our Year 11 students. We have been working with...
students as they finalise their subjects, consider changes and apply for extension courses. Assessment booklets will be distributed shortly outlining the assessment tasks that will contribute to the final HSC mark for each subject. It is very important that Year 11 students understand that Term 4 is the start of their course and that they cannot ease off as the year winds down. The reverse is true for them.

Jared Hui Year 7:

After touring China in the last couple of weeks with the NSW Public Schools Symphoria Jubilate Orchestra and Symphonic Wind Ensemble, Jared has arrived home safely with fond memories of an adventure of a lifetime. He met and made many friends in his travels, both from within the ensembles he performed with as well as friends in the Chinese schools that hosted the Australian students.

Jared had the opportunity to perform in Shanghai, Nanjing and Beijing. Each performance had audiences in the thousands. Particularly in Nanjing, he performed at the Peoples’ Great Hall and the 9,000 seats were filled to the brim. There was also considerable local media exposure of the exchange performances between the Australian students and local Chinese students.

During his time in China, Jared also had the opportunity to sit in the classroom with students from the host schools and had the opportunity to stay in school dormitories to experience life as a local student.

Between rehearsals, classroom time and performances, the touring band also managed to take in many of the spectacular sights of each of the cities they visited in China. All in all, it was a memorable experience and the performances by the Australian students and the local Chinese students were of a very high standard. [more...]

Congratulations to Evie Ward Year 7

We have recently been notification that Evie Ward, Year 7, has achieved the top score in Year 7 for New South Wales and ACT and is eligible for a University of New South Wales UNSW medal for her performance in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools ICAS Writing competition. This is an outstanding performance from a very talented young lady. We hope to hear about the presentation ceremony soon. [more...]

Change to footwear guidelines for 2015

In the recent eAlert I informed parents of the footwear guidelines for 2015. I repeat it here to ensure all parents are made aware of its contents.

Help needed

The Wedding Singer production team are in need of home baked refreshments for sale before the show and during intermission. If you can help please click here for more details.

We are updating our prospectus. If there are parents in our school community who can assist with graphic design and are able to donate some time in the next three weeks to this project please contact Lucy Andre, one of our DPs. Your help is very much appreciated.

The GaT team are looking for experts in the areas of sustainable living; town planning; demography, architecture; tourism or real estate. If you can help, please click here for more details.

Recently updated

Assessment planners
Canteen menu
Duke of Ed forms
English curriculum

Useful links
You may be aware that our uniform policy lists “all black shoes, preferably leather” as a guide for parents. The Department has recently issued up to date WHS Footwear Guidelines for NSW Government Schools. These guidelines state that enclosed leather footwear is required to be worn by students in Industrial Arts and Food Technology areas. It further states that if students present for a class or activity with inappropriate footwear the student should be offered alternative educational activities until they are wearing appropriate footwear. This may mean that students would miss out on valuable practical experiences.

As a result the following will apply for 2015:

Year 7 - 8: All students must wear enclosed black leather shoes as all students complete the Technology Mandatory subject.

Years 9 – 12: Any student choosing an Industrial Arts – wood, metal, electronics, graphics, engineering, construction, Food Technology or Hospitality elective course must wear enclosed black leather shoes during practical lessons. On other days and for students who do not study these elective subjects the current requirement of totally black shoes with black laces remains the same as at present.

These changes will be enforced from the beginning of 2015, so if parents are replacing shoes between now and the beginning of next year then you have notice of the intention of this policy implementation. [more...]

Year 8 Interdisciplinary Project – Expert Community Callout!

The GAT Team are looking to recruit members of our parent community to work with us on an exciting student project at the end of this term. [more...]

World Parks Congress Team to Present at the Youth Eco Summit – October 22
Since Dr Jane Goodall’s launch of the World Parks Congress in Sydney 2014, inspired students are preparing to rub shoulders with global environmental experts at the prestigious International Union for the Conservation of Nature’s World Parks Congress 2014. [more...]

Edenn Rogers-Smith NSW Under-15 School Boy Rugby League
Congratulations to Edenn Rogers-Smith on his selection and participation in the 2014 NSW Under 15 School Boy Rugby League Team. Edenn recently returned from touring with the NSW side, playing in Tamworth against the Queensland side and Catholic schools from both states. The NSW team placed 3rd overall in the competition. [more...]

Raelle Freinkel Recognised at International Level for Karate Achievement.
Year 10 student, Raelle Freinkel, has been recognised by the Australian Karate Federation for her remarkable achievements in Karate at State, National and International level. Raelle was selected in the 2014 National Team to compete in the USA Open and the Junior International, where she went on to win a silver medal in the team event. [more ...]

Victory in State Basketball Round
Congratulations to the Rose Bay boys Team who came together to defeat Narrandera High School convincingly at 80-55. Noah Walsh-Gaye, Joey Reinhard and upcoming point guard Clint Guinto delivered stand-out performances and alongside their entire team played a technical game in good sportsmanship. [more ...]
College's Gifted and Talented Program engaging Young Minds

maGneT, the College’s specialised program bringing together and developing talent in gifted primary school children, will soon see through its first cohort of students for 2014. maGneT draws students from our local Community of Schools In the Eastern Suburbs (COSIES) and engages them through developing higher order problem-solving skills and collaborative learning practices. [more...]

Sydney Dance Company workshop

Last week, Rose Bay Secondary College invited Sydney Dance Company to run a workshop for our Year 7-11 students. The Company’s intensive workshop ran for two hours, and incorporated both Performance and Composition Techniques. [more...]

Dance student Claudia Wolf walked away with the 'Bright Future Award' from Sydney Film School, at V-Fest 2014

Congratulations to Claudia Wolf (and her cast members Natalia Machado, Olivia An and Hannah Danon) for winning the top film award at V-FEST 2014, Chauvel Cinema. [more...]

Food Tech Assignment a Pie in the Sky

Year 7 student Jake Makler reports on the Food Technology Pie Making assignment.

On Wednesday 3rd September, 7.1’s food tech assignment was due. The students were required to design their own pie, cook it and get tested on it. [more...]

P&C meeting coming up

The next P&C meeting is scheduled for Tuesday
4 November at 7:30pm. All are encouraged to attend. The last meeting, held early in August was very vibrant and interesting. Particularly now that meetings are held a little less frequently, there is a lot to discuss. If you would like to subscribe to the P&C email list, please email rosebaysecondarycollege@pandcaffiliate.org.au with subscribe in the subject line.