Principals report

Welcome to our first eNews Bulletin. As previously advised we have been reviewing the manner in which we communicate with our parent and student community. We have been using numerous emails, DP newsletters, Bulletins and our website to convey information. Feedback from parents was indicating that a more streamlined approach was needed. We are launching two new communication formats to all families. The new formats will include:

1. regular alerts, and
2. an eNews twice a term.

Alert emails will attempt to aggregate our many emails into less frequent communications. Our eNews pulls together the old DP newsletter, the Bulletin and will provide links to new information and hard to find pages on the website. The curriculum section giving parents an understanding of what is being taught and assessed each term will remain as a link to the website. The format will be familiar to readers of online bulletins where the
eNews will give an introduction to the item and a link will provide the full article with photos, etc. We hope that parents enjoy the new approach and I would like to thank Kelly Robinson, our wonderful parent expert for her guidance and support with this initiative.

Term 3 has begun in [continue reading...]

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**Trial & HSC exams**

Year 12 have completed their HSC Trial Exams. They will continue course work and the imperative revision process in classes for the rest of the term. The HSC examinations begin on [Monday, October 13.]

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**Honour roll**

The Honour Roll for Semester One – celebrating the academic achievement of students in years 7-12 - took place on Monday, July 28th. [More]

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**Naidoc week**

Rose Bay Secondary College marked Naidoc Week with a formal assembly on Tuesday, July 29th. Centred on the theme of Serving Country – Centenary and Beyond. [More]

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**Debating success**

Four of our talented RBSC student’s travelled to Bexley in Week 4 to compete against Sydney Tech in the Premiere’s Debating Challenge Interzone Competition…and won! [more]

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**Jeans for Genes**

Friday of Week 3 was Jeans for Genes Day and saw our students contribute gold coin donations to participate in a full mufti day. All proceeds –

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**We’ve moved our regular newsletter online, follow the links below for the latest ...**

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**Useful links**

- Canteen orders
- MEP website
- DOE website
- Parent portal
- Student portal
- Student email
- Edmodo
- Careers news

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Three of our year 8 English classes recently completed a
almost $750 - were donated to [more]

**Academic tests**
Students from years 7-10 have recently completed the ICAS in English and The Australian Mathematics Competition. 42 students elected to sit for the English paper [more]

**Slum Survivor**
Checkout the gallery for pics of our recent Slum Survivor event and read some student reflections [here]

**Dr Jane Goodall**
At the end of last term, renowned environmentalist, Dr. Jane Goodall, launched the IUCN World Parks Congress ‘FUSE’ education program [more]

**Teacher learning**
A number of our teaching staff have recently completed a 15 hour Gifted &Talented course focusing of curriculum differentiation. [more]

**From the librarian**
The Premiers Reading Challenge ends soon, update reading records by 27 August. Take the Shelfie Challenge for your chance to win a great prize [more]
Bandfest final week
Well done yr8 basketball teams on $3500 raised. Can we do better in the final week? We are well stocked for drinks but need lollies & lots of fresh baked treats. The roster is almost empty, come along & work with teachers, parents & students. Please check the roster [here] and email [kelly] if you can help.

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an extremely busy manner for the school. Year 12 students are currently sitting their HSC Trial exams and students who have practical HSC exams (Dance, Drama and Music) will also shortly be completing these for HSC markers. We have been advised that Dance will be marked on August 14 and Drama on August 20. Music is still to be advised by the Board. We wish our talented students the best for these important performances.

Students in Years 8 and 10 are currently considering their future options as they participate in subject selection processes for next year. Information evenings were held last week and it was very pleasing to see the large numbers of parents supporting their children in this important phase of the education.

There have been some wonderful individual and group achievements including:

- success for our MEP bands in the NSW Bands Festival, Gold Medal for the Senior Concert Band
- our Dance ensembles performing with distinction at the recent Showcase at the Juniors evening,
- our Boys’ Futsal team competing in the State Championships,
- Jared Hui representing the school in the NSW State Junior Wind Band
- Lizzie Butterworth being selected to shadow a Director of Public Schools in the prestigious Secretary for a Day Program
- Edenn Rogers Smith representing NSW Combined High Schools Rugby League at the Australian Rugby League Championships
- Our Year 8 Debating team is performing strongly in the Premier’s Debating Challenge and are looking forward to taking on all challengers

The School and the SRC are currently considering a proposal to expand the Senior Leadership positions in the school to including Arts Captains, Sports Captains and Environment Captains. More information will be provided in other sections on this important initiative.

I would also like to share an email I received from Woollahra Public School after several of our students assisted them in the organisation of their athletics carnival.

“We just would like to thank you for the wonderful group of students you sent to us to assist with our Athletics carnival last term. They worked all day with various members of staff. We received many compliments from teachers and parents regarding how helpful, polite and hardworking they were. They were very professional also when it came to some tricky decisions in running events. They are a credit to your school.’

We have a fantastic school full of talented students in so many areas and it is always a pleasure to share in their individual, team and collective achievements. Congratulations to all.