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WORKING BEE: Sunday Nov 8

Wanted: Mums, dads, carers, friends, students, any professional gardeners

When: Sunday Nov 8, 9 am – 12 noon

Your mission: Weeding and mulching lower field.

What you’ll need: Gloves, shovels, rakes, wheel barrows, weeding tools, sunscreen, drinks, snacks, lots of enthusiasm and energy.

Enter school by Reina Street gate  (runs off Murriverie Rd)

More details: Julie Hopkins: 0414331491

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Of all the things we lose we most regret losing ourselves. Being every day at work with other people, not to mention kids, we just cannot allow ourselves to be ourselves in order to maintain professional ethics, work relationships and harmony at the workplace called school. However I consider myself to be really lucky because 10 years ago I met a lady next to whom I would be sitting for many years and enjoying being myself in between the breaks of performing in class or being a good colleague.

I believe it’s a very rare feeling when for 10 years you enjoy sharing with someone your life stories, your kids’ unlucky moments and great achievements, and discussing everything starting from linguistics, religion, politics, education, philosophy, literature, art and ending arguing about a new Tarantino’s movie.

I believe it’s a very rare feeling when for 10 years not only you are comfortable during those moments of silence but enjoy them. I believe it’s a very rare feeling when you are sure that you won’t be judged or betrayed, because there is someone special who understands you so well and tolerates you being yourself. I believe this very rare feeling is called love!

Today we are saying goodbye to this lady and while writing this speech I did not have to look for the words that would describe Ruth. A definition of a lady in the English dictionary almost does the job.

Lady:
♦ A well-mannered and considerate woman with high standards of proper behaviour.
♦ A woman regarded as proper and virtuous.
♦ A well-behaved young woman
♦ A woman who is the head of a household.
♦ A woman to whom a man is romantically attached.

That’s all true of course but my understanding of being a lady is much broader than a definition of the dictionary. I believe that being a lady is not only about appropriate dress, manners and etiquette. It is consideration of another person. To be a lady is to have an elegant heart. To be a lady does not come naturally. To be a lady it’s a learned art.

And Ruth is a lady because a lady knows that beauty and wealth can be fleeting, but her inner character is the measure by which others will ultimately judge her as a person. And Ruth is a lady because she is responsible for what she does, because she is self controlled when angered and will not give in to ugly emotions and retort with unkind words, insult or ridicule, because she never behaves like a victim no matter what life throws at her.

Ruth is a lady because while she is modest, she stands up for herself, her friends and family if she has to, because she is composed and does not have a know-it-all attitude. Despite her qualifications, she retains a humble attitude. She does not make anyone feel less about themselves or stupid.

Ruth is a lady because she does not expect everyone to like her, think like her, agree with her and have the same values. She accepts individually and respects personal choice. She is comfortable with differences, because she is not afraid of making apologies when she made a mistake.

Ruth is a lady because she does not put make up in public places.

Well, being thought of as a “lady” may be the one of the highest compliments a woman can receive in her life.

But don’t get the wrong impression that a lady is someone perfect. Ruth is not perfect! She does not drink, she does not smoke, she never swears even if in some situations a wide range of English vocabulary is not enough to express strong emotions. She rarely gossips and when she does she then starts gossiping about herself accusing herself of gossiping about others. She is obsessed with her small Hebrew room decorating it every year. At Voucluse she used to put posters every day only to find out the next morning that they were torn off again by the students from the other classes who were timetabled in her classroom. I did not use a wide range of the English vocabulary to express my
strong feelings and told Ruth to stuff it. But she is not perfect, she would not listen to me and continue putting the map of Israel again and again until after a six month war the students got tired of tearing the posters off and admitted their defeat. She is not perfect! Not only she prepares an individual lesson for every student but also writes a lesson plan for every student. When I witnessed it for many years I had exhausted my French.

She is not perfect! Last year one day before her son’s HSC in Hebrew she tells me that she has to be at home earlier to help her son to get ready for his speaking exam. However at 4.30 on the way out I see her in her decorated Hebrew room coaching a year 12 RBSC student for his HSC speaking exam. Well words did not come easy even in Russian. She is not perfect because she has no enemies, she eats chocolate every day but in moderation, and once I saw her eating chocolate matza.

She is not perfect! When everyone is pressured for time, Ruth has enough time to fly to America to get training in new methodology of teaching Hebrew, attend all the possible public lectures, plays, festivals of European and not so European movies, evening college for creative writing, vocal, belly dance and flamenco lessons, get training in journalism and read news for SBS radio every Wednesday, enrol at University to get another degree and celebrate Sabbath every Friday with her family.

She is not perfect because she does not get excitement from Tarantino’s movies, does not read existential literature and prefers reading Chekhov in English as she did not achieve her outcomes in Russian. Even though she is very capable and has potential for Russian she does not apply herself.

She is not perfect because yesterday after her doctor told her that walking was not the best option for her right now, she was going for an excursion with her year 9 class in her designer’s shoes. After I innocently asked, “Why?”, she looked at me as if I was a crazy Russian and answered, “I promised to them!”

And finally, Ruth, when a lot of people wish you good luck it does not mean that you have to take it literally and break your leg!

So, not being a perfect lady yourself do not expect a perfect speech from someone who is not even close to being thought of as a lady!

But I know one thing! Your decision to move on and accept a new challenge is perfect as if you always do what you’ve done, you will always get what you got! And it is not what a lady like you would want!

So, after your last 10 year performance Mr Linton said, that you’ve done a wonderful job for the school. Paula said that you are calm and professional. Donna Masterson said that you always do the right thing. Louise said that she will miss your warm smile. George Stamell said that he likes your maroon blazer and hopes to meet you for coffee. Paul Mansel said that he is happy for you because the time is right.

Denis Lofts said that you are beautiful. Now let’s see if the rest of RBSC agrees with them? Yes, it does! You are not in our bottom three! You are going to the next round of your life!!!

Position Available
Gardener (one day per week)

Job Description
1. Removal of exotic species and planting of native plants.
2. Mowing and watering of grasses areas
3. Removal of overhanging and fallen branches.
4. Cleaning up of paths.

Essential
Some knowledge of native and non-native plants
Ability to use mowers, other gardening equipment and pesticides
Knowledge of Occupational, Health and Safety policy.
Ability to work independently
Ability to undertake physically demanding work
Proven record of reliability and punctuality

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‘RBSC4Learning’
Learning Homework Centre:
Term 4 2010

Venue: RBSC Library
Time: Every Monday: 3:30pm – 5:00pm Starting Monday 26th, 2009.
Resources: Volunteer School Staff and Parents. Studyskillshandbook.com.au, in addition: From time to time Special focus Sessions throughout the term.

Snapshot:
The centre will be a place to improve student study skills, homework skills, time management and set learning goals. The centre is open for all year levels. Students will be required when first visiting to register with studyskillshandbook.com and undertake the initial phase. Students will be encouraged to set learning goals and monitor improvement over the term.
The learning/homework Centre will provide vital support to students who need assistance in some core and elective areas. The centre will initially operate on the generosity of teacher Volunteers and assistance from the Librarian.
The P & C. has funded the subscription & resources for the Centre for 2009 & into 2010.

Outcomes:
• To improve study and research skills for students.
• To encourage responsibility and independence for setting and achieving learning goals.
• To build and foster connections with school and home.

The Following DRAFT Program will be put in place (with possible amendments) for term 4. Students & parents will be surveyed to inform the program for 2010.

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HSC - almost there
Our Year 12 students have now almost completed their HSC exams and we are all anxiously awaiting the results which will be released by the Board of Studies in the last week of term. The supervisor of the exams has commended our students for their focus in the exam rooms.

School Certificate
Year 10 students will sit for their School Certificate exams next week (week 4). Students who are intending to continue into Year 11 next year are expected to continue to attend school. They will be doing a program of preparation for senior study which includes completion of the mandatory Crossroads and All Your Own Work programs. Students will also have a field trip to the University of Sydney to experience campus life as well as learn about the requirements and expectations for university study. Following that, most students will complete work experience. A presentation of School Certificates will occur on Friday 11 December.

Presentation events.
It is a great occasion when we celebrate our students’ successes in learning, sporting and citizenship programs. Our presentation ceremony will be held on Wednesday 9 December. Please support our students by joining us in this celebration. On Tuesday 15 December we will hold individual presentation ceremonies for each year group at which we will present merit, and sporting awards.

Primary School Choral Concert
This term, our choral director Dan Walker has been working with choral groups from some of our partner primary schools. We will be holding a concert to showcase their work on Thursday 19 November in our school hall, commencing at 6pm.

Music Ensemble Program Concert
To be held on Thursday 26 November in the school hall, commencing at 7pm, this will be a wonderful display of our highly talented students. They have been working towards this night all year. I recommend that you find time in your diary to come and enjoy it with us.

Visit from the Regional Director of Education
On Monday 2 November we welcomed Dr Phil Lambert to our school to make a special presentation to our Aboriginal students. Todd Stephens received a ‘Deadly Kids’ award for achievement and our ‘Great Debate’ team consisting of Jerroa Rovedi; Elliot Rovedi and Todd Stephens were presented with a DVD of their performance.

P&C meetings
The next P&C meeting is to be held in the common room at 7:30PM on 1 December. This will be our last meeting for the year. P&C meetings are one way that you can participate in the life of the College. At P&C meetings you will: receive up-to-date information about what is happening in the College; meet other parents who, like yourself are supporting adolescent children through the high-school years; have the opportunity to give your opinion about a range of matters; and have the opportunity to ask questions.

I would like to ask parents to attend our monthly P&C meetings. We would love to see you there.

Jim Linton
Congratulations to the following Yr7 students who completed the 2009 NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge. They read avidly and widely and many exceeded the challenge of reading 20 books.


Certificates and Honour Rolls will be available at school in late November.

The library staff would like to thank all the parents who have volunteered their time and muscles to clean books in the library. It is a huge task and we have made an excellent start.

Ms Efthimiou Teacher Librarian
Ms Freeman and Ms De Graaf Library Assistants
Petroleum Engineering Lecture

Present and Future Sources of Energy in Australia: Oil, Gas and Renewable Energy.

Presented by Dr Henry Salisch, Senior Lecturer, UNSW

Sarah Lo, a former student of Rose Bay Secondary College, also spoke. She is in her third year of Petroleum Engineering at UNSW.

Defence Force Recruiting

Two members of the Defence Forces Recruiting organisation visited the school to talk about careers in the army, navy and air force. Of particular interest, was the information about scholarships and the gap year program, in which students can work for a year after the HSC with the defence forces.
Randwick Vocational College 2010

HSC + Vocational Qualification
Vocational areas:
Children’s Services
Entertainment
Construction (carpentry, plumbing or tiling)
Sport & Recreation
Arts & Media

Information evening:
November 11 at 6.30pm in Building A Room 2.12

Expressions of interest can also be sent to
Rosemary Ayoub (94698685): rosemary.ayoub@tafensw.edu.au

Barista Coffee Course
Friday November 27

Students are to meet at 9.30 am outside the Coffee School,
Shop3/107 Quay St, Sydney (See below)
Students need to bring lunch or money to buy it.

Students must pay $45 to the office to secure a place
School uniform is not required.
Year 10 students will be given preference

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Engineering Day UNSW

On October the 21st the students of Rose Bay Secondary College arrived at the University of NSW for the Engineering Information Day where we encountered many students from different schools. We were all instructed to enter a hall where we were greeted and received a brief introduction on engineering and the choices we can make in the future, and then we were off to our activities.

During the day we visited different engineering schools: mechanical, electrical, mining, chemical, petroleum, computer, mechatronics and photovoltaic. During the breaks we were provided with lunch and morning tea.

The university organized the event very well giving us a look at university life and some insights into the engineering profession.

These are some of the comments from the students who visited the UNSW on that day:

► I have enjoyed my day at UNSW visiting my three schools: mechatronic, civil and electrical engineering doing loads of fun activities including building a bridge out of wood and putting weights on it until destruction. This experience has been great and has given me an idea to pursue engineering in the future and I will definitely do it next year.

► The day went pretty well and was well organized by the UNSW. I enjoyed my visit to the different schools: mechanical and chemical engineering, where I got to make ice cream with liquid nitrogen and also got to see go-karts build by the university students. Overall I enjoyed the day.

Alex Krimatat and Pavel Dobronevsky
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INFORMATION EVENING

DATE: NOVEMBER 11, 2009 6.30 p.m. – 8.30 p.m.

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