



RANDWICK BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

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WEEKLY NEWS

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What the sign says

Our Annual Open Night is next week. Come along and see the displays which showcase the wonderful work done by staff and students. Everyone is welcome. Meet at the BBQ outside the Administration Block and pick up a sausage sandwich to begin your tour.

B Thornton
Acting Deputy Principal



CHECK US OUT!
OPEN NIGHT
TUESDAY 3rd MARCH
5-7pm

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Connected Classrooms are all the buzz at the moment. A connected classroom is a classroom that allows for real time interactivity with other sites, such as other schools, museums, laboratories, in fact any site with a video conferencing facility and that can include sites under water or orbiting space ships! The Department of Education is rolling out a program to install a connected classroom in every government school in the state. Each connected classroom is worth about \$20,000.00, but its value to learning is inestimable. Randwick Boys' is part of the current roll out. We have selected a suitable space, and a team has visited to check measurements and configurations. We expect the connected classroom to be installed by July.

This initiative will really bring the twenty first century into our classes. Teachers will be able to book classes into the space. Training will be given to five teachers who will become the school leaders and, as people become more comfortable with the technology, I expect it will be widely used and in high demand.

Complementing this technology, the school will be installing, over the next few years, a number of interactive whiteboards in various venues around the school. This technology enables interactive use of the internet in classroom teaching and provides teachers with the software to develop their own interactive units of work for students.

Again, staff will be trained in the use of interactive whiteboards, and as with all new technology, it will take some time for people to become familiar with its use. I hope that students take the lead with the new technology as this will help promote individual learning and encourage students to take more responsibility for their learning. The first interactive whiteboard will be installed in the library. The School Plan has provision for the purchase of at least one additional interactive whiteboard each year. As prices fall with advances in technology, I expect we will be able to install more over time.

This week will see our annual school swimming carnival. This is an important event, as I have mentioned previously. The school is mindful of the tragedy last year, of a young student drowning at a school swimming event. All carnival events are structured and supervised. Parents have been asked to sign a participation consent form and to advise the school of the swimming strength of their sons. This is important in helping us to maintain appropriate supervision of the pool during events.

Year 7 students are completing their swim school, which is part of their Term 1 sport program. It is timely to remind all parents and caregivers of the importance of ensuring that your sons can swim. Tragically, each year people enter the water at Sydney's many beautiful beaches and get into difficulties. Learning to swim is an important part of keeping safe at the beach. If your son is a non swimmer, may I urge you to contact a local Surf Life Saving Club to find out when learn to swim programs operate. Ours is very much a beach culture; knowing that your son can swim brings great peace of mind!

Last Tuesday, we held our Meet the Teachers night. This is an opportunity to meet your sons "new" teachers for the year, especially for Year 7 parents. I was impressed by the number of parents who attended and had the opportunity to speak with many of them. It is an informal evening, but a valuable experience to get a feel for how your son is starting the year. My thanks to staff who gave up their time. This is a busy part of the year and I am grateful to the commitment of staff to promoting our school.

On March 3, next Tuesday, we have Open Night. This is an opportunity to showcase the school to prospective parents. Pat Gard has led a team in preparing the various displays and activities that will be on show. If you know someone who is considering Randwick Boys' for their son, or indeed just someone who is curious about what the school offers, please let them know about this great event. Of course, our strength is our students and there will be many on hand in various events: Kapa Haka performers, Rugby players, musicians, chess players, singers, dancers, writers and scientists! Our young men have a terrific range of talent

At the end of this term, some of our Ancient History students, accompanied by Mr Thornton and Ms Mould, will be traveling to visit the ancient civilizations of Egypt and Greece. This is learning at its best! The ancient societies' excursion is a feature of the academic life of Randwick Boys' High School. Ms Mould and Mr Thornton have worked hard to get a fantastic price and to plan an outstanding educational experience. It is just one more example of how Randwick Boys' High caters for the needs of all of our students.

Finally, I am delighted to announce two new appointments to the staff of Randwick Boys'. Joining the Social Science faculty is Mr Liban Adi, who has been working casually in the position since the beginning of the year. A new appointment to the computing staff in the Technology and Applied Studies (TAS) faculty is Mr Ronald Lee. Mr Lee will be taking up his appointment in a few weeks' time. Two panels will make the final two appointments to the school and we should have a full staff by the end of term. Ms Crocker is working on some minor timetable changes, which I expect will be in place to commence on March 16.

W Duncombe
Principal

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FROM THE ACTING DEPUTY
PRINCIPAL

Do NOT bring the following items to school:

Mobile Phones
Spray Deodorant
Jewellery
Skateboards and/or scooters
Large sums of money
Discmans/Walkmans/MP3/iPods
Game Boy/PSP etc
Textas
Laser Pointers (of any kind)

Mr B Thornton
Acting Deputy Principal

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SOME DATES TO REMEMBER:

Monday 2nd March

- Homework Centre open in Library
3.20 – 5.00pm

Tuesday 3rd March

- **OPEN NIGHT**
5.00 – 7.00pm
Come and see our displays!

Wednesday 4th March

- Ancient History Excursion to
Egypt and Greece Meeting
In Common Room at 5.00pm

Thursday 5th March

- Zone Swimming Carnival
Homebush Aquatic Centre
- Homework Centre open till 5.00pm
in Library

B Thornton

Acting Deputy Principal

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OUR SCHOOL RULES

- Be prepared for the days activities
- Be on time to class
- Listen to and follow instructions
- Be polite and respect others:
staff, students and visitors
- Look after school property
- Behave in a safe and sensible way

DO YOUR BEST

KEY PERSONNEL

Principal	W Duncombe
Deputy Principal	P Gard (Years 8, 10, 12)
Acting Deputy Principal	B Thornton (Years 7, 9, 11)
Head Teacher:	
Admin	O Del Gallo
Creative Arts	T Cassar
English	C Pearson
ESL	R Linkiewicz
History	K Mould (Relieving)
Maths	Y Loizou
Modern Languages	R Linkiewicz
PD/Health/PE	O Del Gallo
Science	L O'Brien
Social Science	M Harris
TAS	N Frougas
Year Advisers:	
Year 7	C da Costa
Year 8	N Benson
Year 9	D Douglas
Year 10	T Betros
Year 11	W Troncoso
Year 12	S Darby
Teacher-Librarian	R Anderson
Careers Adviser	A Cipolla
Sports Co-ordinator	J Ambele
Counsellor	M Nicholson



Often people have a shoe box under their bed or in a wardrobe, full of things they can't throw away or have some special meaning.

This week we profile **Ethan SAXENA** 7R from Eastlakes Public and **Andy ELLSTON** 7N from Beverly Hills North Public School to uncover what might be in their "shoo bocks"

ETHAN SAXENA



My first day at Randwick Boys I was scared I wouldn't make any friends but it turned out I made lots.

My parents always tell me that in whatever you do let excellence be your signature.

Dream Job would be to work for military defence or work in the Pentagon in the USA.

Best restaurant I've eaten in is Choice Gourmet Pizza in Anzac Parade. I like the BBQ pizza the best.

My favourite lesson was History with Ms Douglas, because I've always been interested in Ancient Egypt, English with Ms da Costa as we are doing cool stuff about adventure stories and Science with Mr Tronconso because we get to burn lots of things.

What I have in my shoe box is my school captain's badge, Black belt certificate, a silver medal from a ballroom dancing competition and 8 Tae Kwon Do tournaments medals.

ANDY ELLSTON



My first day at Randwick Boys. I was nervous but I had a great day.

My parents always tell me that I should try my hardest and have fun.

Dream Job would be to be a mechanic or a carpenter.

Best restaurant I've eaten in is a Japanese restaurant in Beverly Hills where they chuck eggs at you and you catch them in your bowl.

My favourite lesson was History with Mr Benson when we did Ancient History and Science with Mr Noble when we did cool experiments.

What I have in my shoe box is birthday cards from when I was small and other cards that I've kept.

Old Boys of World War One

This is the first of Ms. Douglas's year 9 extension history students' reports on old Randwick boys who were veterans of WWI.

Year 9 extension history students are using their research skills to explore the history behind the Honour board situated in our front office. This is a memorial for the teachers and boys who served in the "Great European War" August 1914 – June 1918.

We chose the top name - Samuel Edward Townshend. We were surprised to find out quite a bit of information through our research. He was born in Mackay, Queensland on the 29th June 1885. He ended up living at "Selwood" House in Allison Road, Randwick. He went to Randwick Superior High which was located near Randwick Public School. After school he went to Perth University in WA where he trained as a Barrister at Law.

We also learned that he was a captain of the 16th Battalion (pictured below). He embarked from Melbourne on the 2nd of December 1914. Unfortunately he was killed in action the day he disembarked (the 10th May). He was only 29 years old.

His last known words are believed to have been, "AUSTRALIA FOREVER", which he used to signal a charge against an enemy trench. During this charge he got shot in the foot. He was picked up by a fellow soldier and while being carried away he was shot again.

We got our information from the Australian War Memorial website and the book "The Story of the Anzacs" volume II, by C.E.W. Bean.

**By Will Lindeback and Michael Witting
(YEAR 9)**



**Captain Samuel William Townshend is the
5th across in the middle row**

GRADE SPORT NEWS

SEMI FINALS WEEK

At the time of writing your GSN correspondent only knew some news about our Semis! That is that our 1st and 2nd Grade Basketball boys lost after both battling bravely against their “much fancied opponents”, North Sydney. I wasn’t able to see the matches but I know how close the boys went. The firsts were in front for a large part of the game and the seconds only lost by 2 buckets. If you know these boys, you know how hard they trained all season and how hard this loss must be. However, to be beaten by excellent opponents is no disgrace. North Sydney was the favourite in both grades, having the height advantage and boasting many rep players. They have been undefeated now for 2 years. So, heads up boys! All is not lost!

Our Opens Basketball boys, get to play together again in their first Shell Cup State Knockout game on Thursday 26th February, (yesterday) against Kincumber High School in the Central Coast.

Sadly, the 15 Years Cricket also lost their semi. A downhearted Mr Benson reports that our bowlers tried very hard, but that we didn’t post enough runs to win the day. However, he too would like to say how much he enjoyed coaching his team. (Refer to quotes of the week!)

Great news is that our “little guns”, the 14’s Basketball boys had yet another win and are now through to the Grand Final. Well done boys! You have been the in form team all season and fully deserve to be there. GOOD LUCK next week!

The other results are listed in the table below.

Sport	Opponent	Score		Best & Fairest
		L	W	
Cricket 1st’s	—			
Cricket 3rd’s	Homebush BHS	L 8/122	W 3/123	Thunuja PERERA
Cricket 15’s	Normanhurst BHS	L 10/40	W 4/42	Gaurav BANGA
Basketball 1st’s	North BHS Sydney	L 29	W 40	The whole team
Basketball 2nd’s	North Sydney BHS			The whole team
Basketball 15’s	—	W 48	L 33	
Basketball 14’s	Homebush BHS			Jesse HARTLEY
Volleyball 2nd’s	—			
Tennis	North Sydney BHS	No Game		
Senior Indoor Soccer	—			
Junior Indoor Soccer	Epping BHS	L 6	W 7	Rizaldy WAHYUDI Frankie SAIA Gabriel PEZZOTI

Whatever the outcomes, I would like to congratulate all Grade players this season for representing their school with pride. All boys who play Grade sport pay quite a lot of money for their bus travel, often spend long hours travelling to and from sport and devote a lot of time to training.

I would especially like to give a big thanks to all of our Year 12 students who play Grade sport. As, you may know, they have the option of not playing sport on a Wednesday, so that they may study. Yet, many choose to take part, and represent their school with great pride. Many of these boys are also very serious students, so this sacrifice of their free study time is a great credit to them.

Big thanks should also go to all of our teachers who also choose to coach a Grade team. They also sacrifice a lot of time and energy for their teams. Without dedicated teachers our school would not be part of such a competitive Grade Sport Zone.

So, if you lost your semi, don't be too sad! Get ready for the winter comp! It should be great! Let's get heaps of teams entered and beat those North Westies in the colder months!

Already, I have had a meeting with our Opens Rugby players, who are very keen. It looks like we will have a 1st s and a 2nds this year and our pre season training starts next Wednesday. If you want to see the boys play in a friendly match, they are playing against each other, in a game of 10-a-side, on the school oval, on Open Night, next Tuesday at 5.30 pm.

Report from Ms Mould

QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"What a fine bunch of young gentlemen they are!" Mr Benson, referring to his 15's Cricket team.

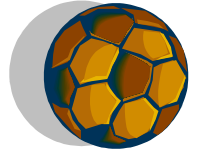
"Jesse and Derone are always great!" Mr Foster, referring to his two stars in the 14's Basketball team.

"No one trained as hard this season as the 1sts and the 2nds Basketball boys!" Me, Ms Mould, referring to my boys! I'm very proud of you, guys!

"I'm going to launch legal action in a bid to recover the time I lost watching the Waratahs play the Chiefs on Friday". SMH journalist, Greg Pritchard, referring to the most boring game of Rugby ever played, in the Super 14 game last week. That's NOT the way we want Randwick Boys' to play! (Ms Mould speaks).

INDOOR SOCCER

This year's Junior Indoor Soccer team proved to be the strongest the school has fielded for some years, and reached the Semi-Finals of the competition. Randwick started the game strongly and dominated the first half, to lead 3-1 at half time. The second half proved much tougher, and they were down 7-4, 5 minutes from full time. Randwick then struck back and scored two more goals but unable to overtake the strong Epping side, which will face Homebush in the finals. In a great team performance, **Rizaldy Wahyudi**, **Frankie Saia** and **Gabriel Pezzoti** all made outstanding efforts in an exciting, and closely matched game. During the winter season the Junior and Senior teams have both demonstrated a real commitment to the game and have been impressive for their skill and determination to win. They have been excellent representatives of their school on and off the court.



S Elliott
Coach

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CRICKET

Despite a brilliant 77 by man of the match **Thanuja Perera** Randwick were unable to stop Homebush from progressing to the 3rd Grade Cricket Final. Our team was struggling at 4/17 when Thanuja came to the crease and played the major role in taking our score to 8/122 off 20 overs.

Unfortunately, Homebush made a strong start and did not lose their first wicket until the score reached 80 and from there on were comfortably in control of the match, passing our score with two overs to spare.



S Cargill
Coach

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**The Randwick Boys' High School
P&C**
will be holding a Fund-Raising BBQ



at **BUNNINGS**
Gardeners Road MASCOT
on
Saturday 7th March 2009
Your **HELP** would really be appreciated
between 8:30am to 4:00pm
even an hour or two would be great
Roster available
Please call
Alex Luxford
0414 820 703
to arrange a suitable time
Thank you



RANDWICK BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL
Building Responsible Citizens

OPEN NIGHT

Tuesday 3rd March 2009 - 5-7pm



Randwick Boys' High School is a co-operative, caring school with a tradition of academic, sporting and creative achievement.

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