What the Sign Says

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The Carnival starts at 9am and should conclude at 2.30pm.

Please ensure that your son brings sun screen, a hat and warm clothing in case it gets cool.

More details of the Swimming Carnival from Ms Mould our Sports Coordinator is included in this Newsletter.

Brian Thornton
Head Teacher History/LOTE

From the Principal

2014 Gifted and Talented Class

For some time, the school has discussed the possibility of developing and academically selective gifted and talented stream. During 2013, Ms Edwards, from the Science Faculty, will be working with a team of teachers to develop this concept and offer a Gifted and Talented program for a Year 7 stream in 2014.

I am sure that this will add not only depth and breadth to the Randwick Boys’ High School student body, but in the course of the training provided, enhance the teaching and learning opportunities for all students.

As the project gets underway, Ms Edwards will make information available through a dedicated page on the school website. I think this is an enormously interesting project that will stimulate the learning of all students in the school.

Family Law Website

The Family Law Network Australia has written to Principals asking them to make their communities aware of a family law website that has been launched by the organisation. The website is a free information service and referral service for family law matters.

The link to the website is www.familylawmattersaustralia.com.au. A link will also be posted on the school website.

Year 7 closed to non-local enrolments

With a high interest in Year 7 at Randwick Boys’ High School this year, our 2013 cohort has now been closed to non-local enrolments. As of Monday, February 04, we had only seven places left in Year 7! The school is considering creating an additional class to alleviate the pressure on classes caused by the popularity of enrolment.

Pressure of enrolments means that we are also close to closing Years 8, 9 and 11 to non-local enrolment as well. Year 10, for which an additional class was created for 2014, has recently topped 150 enrolments!

Does your son have an allergy?

Our awareness of a student’s allergy may make a difference in a critical moment. Anaphylaxis is a high profile allergy, because of its severity, but treatment of other allergies is also important. We have four anaphylactic students in the school, each of whom has a treatment plan, which is reviewed annually.
I have included a “Students With Allergies” checklist in this bulletin. If your son has an allergy, could you please complete it and ask your son to return the form to the Administration Office. We’ll retain the information on our system and brief staff on students’ allergies.

W Duncombe
Principal

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Quotable Quotes...
‘Art is the inner energy of the soul, waiting to be unleashed to the world as we press a brush or pencil among the canvas. For the world is our canvas, and we are the brush.’
Shamus Forbes Year 7 student 2013

SPORT AFTERNOON – 06 FEBRUARY 2013
GRADE SPORT RESULTS ROUND 13

Hello everyone, Welcome to another great year of sport.

We saw some really interesting results in Round 13 of the Grade sport competition. Please check the results table. For new students and parents I should explain that our school plays in the North West Metropolitan Zone Competition, which includes the following schools: Epping, Homebush, Ashfield, Normanhurst, Asquith, North Sydney and us. All of these are boys schools and many of them have large school populations (often twice our size). All of this means that our sportsmen have stiff competition each week when they play in this prestigious government school comp.

As you can see, wins against Homebush are hard to come by, especially difficult for our 1st Grade basketball team, who are virtually all Year 10 students. They came up on Wednesday against an excellent Homebush team, led by the tallest schoolboy I have ever seen! Against incredible odds our extremely committed team played their hearts out. Everyone who watched this entertaining game, I’m sure, would agree with me that our boys were fantastic, Special mention should go to Marshall Ndebele, whose job it was to mark this gigantic player all game.

However, our 1st Grade Volleyball team did gain an excellent win over their much lauded Homebush opponents in a fantastic result, winning 2-0 against the top team in the comp. Our Volleyballers richly deserve this great win, as they are an incredibly committed team, who train several times a week - and even in their holidays. Well done boys and Mr Nguyen!

Other great victories were attained by our three Oztag teams, who really shone with their excellent ball skills, pace and defence on Wednesday. All three teams are looking good for the upcoming Semi Finals in two weeks’ time. Our 14 Years Water polo team also had their biggest ever win on Thursday, helped by our new recruit, Scott Dyson, the brother of another of our famous old boys, Chris. Chris Dyson is an Australian Representative Waterpolo player.

Another new boy, Nivek Tanner, also shone in the Under 15s Cricket match. Nivek gained a wicket with the first ball that he bowled for our school! What about that for an impressive debut?

Next week is the final Round of Summer Grade sport. Most of our teams have a great chance to make the semis. Good luck to all of our boys and Up the Wicks!

Finally, next Thursday is our annual Swimming Carnival. A copy of the information letter given to all students is included in this newsletter. I hope that the weather is great and that we have a fun day.

From Ms Mould
Sport Organiser

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**Time:** The Carnival starts at 9am and should conclude at 2.30pm.

**Cost:** There will be no charge for student entry to the Carnival.

**Transport:** The boys are expected to make their own way to and from the Carnival.

If you would like to drop your son off early to the pool on your way to work there will be teachers supervising at the pool from 8am. I will also stay back until 3.30pm with your son after the Carnival if he is waiting to be picked up.

**Participation:** All students are expected to attend the Carnival and to participate. All boys who enter a race earn 10 points for their house, with 100 points, 80, 60 and 40 points awarded for gaining a place in a race.

**Zone Carnival:** All boys who gain 1st or 2nd place in the final of an event (and some 3rd placegetters) will qualify for the North West Metropolitan Zone Swimming Carnival, to be held at the Sydney Olympic Pool at Homebush on Friday 1st March. If your son qualifies, parents will be informed and our swim team will be bussed to and from the Zone Carnival.

**Dress:** Please encourage your son to dress in his House colours. Blue for the Romans, Red for the Spartans, Yellow for the Titans and Green for the Vikings.

To make the day fun, we also encourage the boys to wear fancy dress. House points will be awarded to all students who wear their house colours and prizes (movie passes) are given to the ‘Best Dressed’ on the day (as judged by Ms Pappin and Ms da Costa). Please ensure that your son brings sun screen, a hat and warm clothing in case it gets cool. The boys are allowed to purchase food from the pool’s canteen or they can bring their own lunch. It is advised that the boys do not bring valuables to the Carnival. However, the Roll Call teachers will collect and mind any valuables handed in.

I hope to see a large turnout of students at the Carnival and that the boys have a great day. Parents are also welcome to attend the Carnival to cheer their son along.

If you have any further questions about the Carnival, or general sport matters, please contact me at the school on 9399 3122 Extension 116.

Thank you

Ms K. Mould - Sport Organiser

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**THE 2013 SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

**THURSDAY 14th FEBRUARY 2013**

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APPENDIX 1

Students with allergies

This form is to be completed by the parent/carer of a student with an allergy and returned to the principal or delegated executive staff. The school will complete the first three fields. The purpose of collecting this information is to identify students who are at risk of a severe allergic reaction. Information provided on this form will be used to assist the school in determining what action needs to be taken in relation to a student with an allergy.

Dear

You have identified ____________________________________________
as having an allergy/allergies to _______________________________________

Please complete the questions below and return to the principal or delegated executive staff.

1. A doctor has diagnosed my child with an allergy to:
   □ Insect sting/bite ____________________________ (specify)
   □ Medication ____________________________ (specify)
   □ Food:
     - Peanuts ____________________________ Y/N
     - Nuts. Please specify: _______________ Y/N
     - Fish ____________________________ Y/N
     - Shellfish ____________________________ Y/N
     - Soy ____________________________ Y/N
     - Sesame ____________________________ Y/N
     - Wheat ____________________________ Y/N
     - Milk ____________________________ Y/N
     - Egg ____________________________ Y/N
     - Other. Please specify: ____________________________ Y/N

   □ Latex ____________________________

   □ Other. Please specify: ____________________________

2. My child has been hospitalised with a severe allergic reaction Y/N

3. My child has been prescribed an adrenaline autoinjector (EpiPen® or Anapen®) Y/N

4. My child has an ASCIA Action Plan for Anaphylaxis 6 (please attach this and return the form) Y/N

Completed by ____________________________ / / 
Parent/Carer (please print) date

Signature: ____________________________

6 Each time your child is prescribed a new adrenaline autoinjector the doctor will issue an updated ASCIA Action Plan for Anaphylaxis. It is important that this is the plan provided to the school.