From the Principal

Great news on NAPLAN

Each year, I take some time to explore the NAPLAN results and I like to report key findings to the community. For several years, we have been concentrating on the literacy aspects of NAPLAN, as these have been the areas where boys traditionally have underperformed.

In relation to numeracy, we continue to perform well, meeting the expected growth in numeracy for boys in DEC schools. This is pleasing particularly as this group, when they joined us in Year 7, was well behind both State and DEC boys’ averages. In 2014, 68.2% of Year 9 students reached or exceeded their expected growth. This was an increase from 60.4% for the same cohort in 2012. In the 2015 – 2017 School Plan, we will explore ways in which we can improve on this achievement.

However, it is in relation to literacy that we can see some really outstanding improvements against expected growth. In 2014, 66.6% of Year 9 students reached or exceeded their expected growth. This was an increase from 53.8% for the same cohort in 2012.

In 2013, I was delighted to see the improvement of that Year 9 in writing. This year, Year 9 has beaten both DEC and State averages for average growth scaled scores in every category of literacy! This is an excellent result and Year 9 should be well pleased with their achievements.

The results are summarised as:

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W Duncombe
Principal
Coming events for Term 4

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Sydney Symphony Orchestra Concert excursion Part 1

This year students from RBHS attended a series of concerts throughout the year at the Opera House performed by the Sydney Symphony Orchestra. The concerts included a variety of repertoire and were spaced throughout the year. Published in the newsletters over the next four weeks will be articles from Kento Farbeh recounting his experiences.

M Olsen
HT CAPA

We will be attending the concert series again in 2015 so if you are interested in attending come and get a permission note from Creative Arts Staff room.

Robertson Conducts John Williams was the 1st concert I went to, on the 27th of February as a part of the Meet The Music program. I am a big fan of film music, and a significant portion of the music I play is from a game’s or movie’s soundtrack, so naturally, I was thrilled to hear John William’s musical works in person. Already looking forward to performances by the Sydney Symphony Orchestra in general, the thought of film music played live was something I had been looking forward to. David Robertson, the chief conductor, referenced Williams’ work and his composition method, which I found quite interesting. The selection of songs that we listened to included Jaws, Raiders of the Lost Arc, E.T, Jurassic Park, Saving Private Ryan, Schindler’s List, Harry Potter and the eagerly anticipated Star Wars (can you blame me?). I could barely contain my excitement when I heard the Star Wars Theme and the Imperial March, to the point that I “forgot” that I wasn’t meant to express my enthusiasm vocally. The way in which I had absorbed the music and how the music had impacted on me was extraordinary; I could only gawp back in amazement. To my surprise, the conductor was not only a wealth of knowledge (which was evident in his speech), but also possessed a sense of humour, which I hadn’t expected. This concert had me on the edge of my seat and smiling all the way through.

Kento Farbeh

Publicity Team News

Sport

Due to year 11 camp, RBHS Grade Volley Ball 2nds had to forfeit their game and play 1st Grade against North Sydney Boys’ at Willoughby. Despite prior injuries, the team played a ‘Monster’ game. They lost the first set, then were leading 15 to 7, but North Sydney 1st fought back and went on to win a nail biting (for Mrs Leadbetter) 25 to 22. The students then played two friendly games with North Sydney. Great sportsmanship and effort from both schools. Well done guys.
Good news

Our students Jonathan, Martin, Slade and Ahmed found and kindly rescued a dog from the perils of the traffic on Avoca Street yesterday. They brought the dog back to school, where it was looked after until the owner was located and they were re-united. Another great example of how our students contribute to the well-being of the local community.

Despite the stress and hard work of the HSC our outgoing Year 12 student Johnny Saraswati recently participated in the Lionel Bowen Young Writers Award of 2014, which is a prestigious, long-running event, hosted in honour of Lionel Bowen.

His story, ‘Diamond of the Day’, has been shortlisted, and it is his first attempt at a writing competition of this calibre. Congratulations Johnny, I am sure we will be hearing more from this talented young writer in the future.

Jayne Leadbetter
Randwick Boys High School Publicity Team

Free Graduated Licensing Scheme Workshops for Learner Driver Parents
the Randwick area

Young drivers are three times more likely to be involved in casualty crashes. That’s why the Roads and Maritime Services has introduced a new licensing scheme, with more supervised driving practice for learner drivers.

To help parents in supervising learner drivers, the RMS has set up a FREE 2 hour workshop for parents that offers practical advice on how to help learner drivers become safer drivers.

A FREE RMS parents’ workshop will be conducted by David Riches and hosted by Randwick City Council on Thursday November 27 that Randwick Council Offices in Avoca Street from 6.30 pm – 8.30 pm.

Early bookings are essential, by phoning Catherine on 9399 0786 now to reserve your place, or email catherine.hoe@randwick.nsw.gov.au

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Guiding, nurturing, teaching
Randwick Boys’ High School has two P&C Fundraising BBQs coming up!

First one @ Bunnings Mascot Sat 8th Nov
Second one @ Mitre 10 Matraville Sat 15th Nov

Two opportunities to volunteer to help!

We have been allocated two fundraising BBQs close together this year. Calling on school parents and students to help out at whichever you can.

**BUNNINGS BBQ**
7:30 am – 4:00 pm Sat Nov 8th
cnr Bourke & Gardeners Rd Mascot
Shifts available:
  7:30 – 10:00
  10:00 – 12:30
  12:30 – 2:30
  2:30 – 4:00

To put your name on the volunteers’ roster please text Maria Hoareau on 0434 514 520 or email your contact details and availability to - maria.hoareau@bigpond.com

**MITRE 10 BBQ**
8:30 am – 1:30 pm Sat Nov 15th
Beauchamp St Matraville (Foreshore Road end)
Shifts available:
  8:30 – 11:00
  11:00 – 1:30

To put your name on the volunteers’ roster please text Sally Durham on 0418 113 492 or email your contact details and availability to - sally.durham@rms.nsw.gov.au

All offers of help gratefully received – even if you can only make part of a shift or crossover times!

Funds raised will be used to support student educational needs