From the Principal

Old Boys’ Network to be Launched
On March 24, Randwick Boys’ High School will launch its electronic Old Boys’ network. The Old Boys’ site is accessible through the school website and will replace a cumbersome paper record. Old Boys of the school can register on the site and keep in touch with classmates, or indeed, make contact with friends from the past.

To visit the Old Boys’ site, go to our website at www.randwickb-h.schools.nsw.edu.au, click on the “Our School” tab and select Randwick Old Boys from the left hand menu. We are looking forward to welcoming some old boys from the school on March 24, so if you are an old boy, and would like to attend the launch, please let us know.

Congratulations to our Grade Sport Champions
Last week were the Grand Finals for the summer season of Zone Sport. Congratulations to the Second Grade Oztag Team, the 15’s Oztag team, the Junior Futsal Team, the 14’s Waterpolo and the mighty First Grade Basketball team, all of whom came home as Zone Champions.

Congratulations to the young men and their teachers who worked so hard to achieve these impressive results and to all the students who represented our school in Grade Sport. This is the elite level of competition and Randwick Boys’ High School is the only school in the Eastern suburbs offering competition in this sporting Zone.

W Duncombe
Principal
DEBATING WORKSHOP

On Friday February 14 six students from Year 7, one boy from Year 8 and Mr Warren attended a debating workshop at the University of Sydney. We went to the Carslaw Building to register, where the theatre was crowded with students from Years 7 to 12 from other schools. The day started off with a demonstration debate by our presenters about whether or not Indigenous people should receive five seats in Parliament to give them a voice.

We attended three sessions with other Year 7 and 8 students. In the first workshop session we learnt what the first, second and third speakers are meant to do. We learnt how to structure sentences when writing an argument, about persuasive techniques and about introductions and closures to a speech.

After a tasty recess, we returned with our group to learn more about how to structure an argument and make good rebuttals. Some tips are to find flaws in the opposition’s argument, place the rebuttals in order of importance and not repeat what the opposition said. Another way to build an argument is PEEL, which stands for Point out, Explain, Example and Link back to the topic. In small groups we then had to put together a negative argument for a debate topic: Should continuous drug users get harsher punishments? Our team put together a strong case but we did not get to have a go at speaking.

The last session after lunch was about the manner in which we speak. Our group watched some hilarious videos on YouTube about politicians repeating themselves, not answering the question and shouting rudely. Our last activity was a game where we had to pick a celebrity and give the reasons why they should have the last parachute in a crashing plane. Our group’s celebrity was Hugh Jackman.

The training day was very informative for those of us who had some experience and those who were novice debaters. Thanks to Mr Warren for organising the excursion.

Writers: Ethan Lee Chalk, Daniel Grace, Hugh Williams
Others attending: Josiah Cocking, Ryan Lee, Veron Singh, Ben Mobbs

Coming Events for Term 1

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APRIL 2014

SCHOOL HOLIDAY SHORT COURSES

MAKE A STOP MOTION MOVIE
AFTRS FILM CLUB // HSC VIDEO INTENSIVE
DIGI ANIMATION // GAME DESIGN

1300 065 281
open.aftrs.edu.au
AUSTRALIAN FILM TELEVISION AND RADIO SCHOOL
Read all About It!
Year 7 English

A few weeks ago Miss Pappin brought in an old leather suitcase packed to the brim with old photos and letters. Our class found this very interesting and we rummaged through the seemingly endless suitcase of fascinating photos, papers and letters. Our class task was to pick a photo and to write about it. It was a lot of fun. Some people decided to write a report while some people decided to compose a monologue. The next day we all read them out in class. It was a very intriguing task and our class enjoyed it very much.

Over the next few editions of the newsletter 7K will be sharing their compositions with you.

Hugh Williams

Haunted

The war has ended. I have finished my tour of duty. My soul longs for home. I am on a ship crossing the sea headed toward the place I desire most. I am excited for home but I am still haunted by visions of war. The sound of bullet cases exploding, the loud whistle and bang of the mortars and shrapnel tearing through the war zone. The grim expressions of the men who knew their fate too well. The enemy soldiers and us were just pawns in the gratuitous game called war. I am proud to have served my country but these memories will never fade. I had killed. Flesh and blood. It was as if those men had risen from the ashes to haunt me for all eternity.

I am home now with my wife and children. I am glad I survived, but sometimes I wish I had not. My children ask me what is wrong when I seem sad. Every time I try to tell them I have been to war, the memories come flashing back. The blood, the screams, the outcome. It all seems surreal. All I hope for is that we can make peace and prevent further wars.

Hugh Williams

A Man’s Destiny

I remember staring at the dull wall with emptiness in my mind as I prepare for war and doing what is right for my country. The bright flash of light came shining across my emotionless face and this was the last photo I will ever have for my family. As I got off the seat I knew that one day during battle I will fall to the ground and my family will not see me again. But no matter what, I will have bravery in my heart as I fight and will have honour while I have my last breath of living.

Jian Choe

The Trenches

At the moment I am in a middle of a war between Egypt and France (enemy). The green, dark and bug-infested trench has been home for me for over six months now. Gun shots shooting past my head, bombs smashing into the ground, people walking slowly into the wet grass, smoke up in the sky as if it was about to explode. The living dead torture my brain when I sleep. One hour passes and I have to wake up AGAIN. Bullets coming like missiles as they just avoid my right shoulder. The enemies have now found us and we have to spend hours trying to find a new shelter. My mind is dying as I think about all my friends who have died SO FAR in this war. Unfortunately for me this is what I have to deal with every day and I am lucky so far not to be DEAD.

Ethan Chalk

A Letter

The year was 1950 as I rode down the African road in an African taxi (a man pulling a trailer while we sat on a wooden seat) with my wife Nola. The sun's rays stabbed me like a faint sword. I was going to an auction. They were selling a mansion that has 55 windows, 20 rooms, 15 toilets, 10 kitchens and 25 doors.

It took 35 min to reach the auction. The mansion was like a prison. It was really flat and the paint was peeling off. I knew there was rats filled in the cupboards and cockroaches in the kitchen.......

Joe Francio
Randwick Boys’ High School

YEAR 7 & 8 FAMILIES
Welcome BBQ
and Friendly Soccer Game

6:00 – 8:00pm Thursday 27th March
at the school - near the basketball courts.

• **Come along and get to know** the families that your son will be at school with until 2019, and chat to the ‘old hands’ - Year 8 parents.
• **Meet the Year 7 and Year 8 Advisors** - Ms Edwards and Ms Ford will be there.
• **Join in the Kids vs Parents soccer game!**
• **All family members welcome.**
• **Free - Sausages (halal) on a roll and soft drinks.**

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**RSVP for catering purposes - Year 7 & 8 Welcome BBQ**

Return this slip to the school office or call or text Sally (stating numbers attending) on 0418 113 942 by Tuesday 25th March.

Student’s Name ___________________________________________ Class ______

Parent Name(s) _______________________________________________________

Total number of your family attending ______________.
“E-Contact List – what is it? The way to stay in touch!”

The School Parent E-Network Contact List exists for each of the class years at Randwick Boys’ High School and is an email service coordinated by a school parent representative and member of the P&C (Parents & Citizens).

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The network advises of events (social & business) at the school and provides opportunities for parents to get together to discuss matters of interest in relation to their sons as they progress through High School. It’s a great way to be involved and to provide mutual support.

Joining the School Parent E-Network also makes it easier to:

- Receive regular updates from the P&C (Parents & Citizens).
- Have the opportunity to give feedback on issues canvassed by P&C. Raise any issues of concern that you may have.
- Make suggestions for social or information events of interest to families.

Parents/carers are invited to complete and hand in the response slip below to the School Admin Office. You can also update your details this way if you are already on the Parent Network Contact List. Note that email addresses are only used within the network and are not shared outside the network.

Please register me for the RBHS Parents' E-Network Contact List

Student’s Name ............................................................... & my son is in one of the following (please circle one): Year 7 ; Year 8 ; Year 9 ; Year 10

Parent/Carer Name/s...........................................................................

Parent/Carer Email/s...........................................................................

Parent/Carer Mobile/s...........................................................................
School Photo Day

Years 7-12
Monday 10th of March
ALL DAY

Catch up session
Wednesday 12th of March
9-11am

Two separate photo days have been scheduled to accommodate students absent on Monday.

Students are requested to wear FULL School uniform for photos as ALL students will be photographed.
(White shirt/grey pants/black shoes)

ENVELOPES have been issued to the students. These need to be brought into school ON PHOTOGRAPHY DAY (Monday 10th March), with the appropriate amount of money enclosed – no change can be given by photographers. Credit card payment is available, simply fill out the section with CC details, insert in envelope and seal.

For those students wishing to have family photos taken, 1 envelope per family is to be collected from the office prior to photo day.

These photos will be taken on the same day.

Envelopes will not be accepted before or after photo day to the office they must be given to the photographers on the day – any enquiries after photography day to be made to Academy Photography at www.academyphoto.com.au.
RANDWICK BOYS’ HIGH SCHOOL
Guiding young men to success

OPEN NIGHT
Tuesday 11th March, 5 - 7pm

Come and speak to our student leaders and hear about our outstanding educational, cultural, sporting & civic programs. We’ll have:

- Displays in English, History, Maths, Social Science, Visual Arts, Design and Open High School.
- P&C BBQ and light refreshments.
- Drama and Music performances.
- Science experiments & PDHPE demonstrations.
- View our technology rooms, workshops & Library.

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

For a copy of the Open Night Program please visit our web site or contact the school.

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