P&C Annual General Meeting
I was pleased to act as Returning Officer for the P&C AGM on Tuesday night. As a result of elections, the following office bearers were elected, or re-elected, for 2014:

President:   Mr Nasser Attia
Vice Presidents:  Ms Sally Durham; Ms Alex Luxford
Secretary:   Ms Maria Hoareau
Assistant Secretary:  Ms Rachel Daly
Treasurer:   Ms Alex Luxford

The P&C also has a number of Committees that operate to support the school. Convenors for these committees were elected last night as well:

Fundraising:   Ms Adriana Skleparis
Gardens:   Ms Sally Durham
Promotion and Community:  Ms Janet Evans
Lobbying and Advocacy:  Mr Glen Kotopoulos

This is a strong leadership group in the P&C and I look forward to working with the team in 2014. It was great to see so many parents at the AGM. I encourage all parents to come along to the P&C, which is held on the third Tuesday of each month.

Year 7 Camp
On Wednesday, students from Year 7 headed off to a three day camp at Wyee, north of Sydney. About 75% of the cohort attended which was fantastic. As students become more accustomed to high school life, they build some of the friendships that will last a lifetime.

The camp is one way that the boys attending can bond with one another, share challenges and develop friendships across the whole cohort.

I am very grateful for the dedication of the teachers and support staff participating in the camp: Ms Edwards, Year 7 Adviser, Ms Leadbetter, Ms Yang, Mr Halliwell and Mr Young.

Harmony Day Assembly
On Tuesday, we celebrated Harmony Day, a little earlier than the official day, Friday, to include everyone. With the Year 7 camp concluding on Friday, we thought it better to have an early celebration.

It was humbling to hear speakers from non-English speaking backgrounds, share their journeys and shared sense of culture and to see our Captain and Vice-Captain, one from an English speaking background, one from a non-English speaking background, conduct themselves with confidence and élan as they managed the assembly.

One particularly impressive item on the program was the delightful presentation by 7K of a traditional Samoan dance that they had been taught by four of our senior students of Samoan descent. These young men were justly proud of the performance given by the Year 7 students, which the seniors both conducted and accompanied with traditional Samoan instruments. Their pride was shared by a number of parents in the audience.

The powerful final Haka was a stirring performance once again and highlighted the pride of our Islander Group, their growing maturity and leadership.

The ceremony also represented the first of a number of formal assemblies we will hold throughout the year to provide our young men with clearer training in the expectations of such occasions, an appropriate preparation for their future lives when most will experience formal ceremonies themselves, or with their own children.

W Duncombe
Principal
Parents and Citizens of Randwick Boys’ High School volunteer their time to support members of the school community. 2013 has been a productive year, with an exceptionally high number of new members. The year began with P&C hosting a successful welcome morning tea for Year 7 parents.

We held meetings approximately once a month and organised planning & sub committees, setting goals to:
- Help identify areas of need for P&C action
- Rejuvenate school grounds
- Expand parent network
- Raise the profile of our school in the Eastern Suburbs.

Fundraising events included Bunnings and Mitre 10 BBQs which saw a big turnout of volunteers including parents and students. The newly introduced Year 7 book pack which was an initiative from a new parent was also very successful.

Proceeds from these fundraisers were directly channelled into school programs which include:
- Writers Workshop
- Robotics Program
- Presentation Day.

We are lucky to have such tremendous community support. A special thank you to my fellow executive committee members.

The P&C Executive Committee have had an extremely productive year, working cohesively and volunteering time to help with fundraising events and participating in sub-committee activities.

Thanks to all the parents who attended our meetings through the year and assisted wherever possible.

I must make special mention to our honorary member Mr. Wayne Duncombe. Mr. Duncombe has attended almost every meeting and strongly supports P&C as well as ensuring the utmost professional standards are upheld.

Thank you to the Teachers and Admin Staff who often extended themselves to help the P&C.

P&C has new ideas and initiatives we hope to implement in 2014.

We would like to welcome new parent to join the P&C and come along to our meetings which are usually held on the third Tuesday of every month.

Community support and working together for a common goal ensures continuous improvement which in turn makes this great school a greater one.

Nasser Attia
P&C President

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### Coming Events for Term 1

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**2013 RBHS Year Book**

**Only $15**

Limited copies available from the RBHS front office.

This high quality publication focuses on presenting life at RBHS in colourful photos. It provides a fascinating insight into the diversity of experiences offered to RBHS students.

It features students cooking, camping, dancing, fine dining at a French restaurant, kayaking, trekking in the wild, scoring tries and hitting sixes. They are wearing armour, relaxing in a tropical rainforest, making furniture, programming robots, rock climbing and much more.

Also included are photos of each student’s year, and photos of the Student Representative Council, Prefects, ‘The Show’ group and Hakka group.

Year Book preview - four pages are attached to this newsletter.
Read all About it!
Year 7 English

We hope you have enjoyed the stories from the suitcase over the past few newsletter editions. Please enjoy the remaining creative responses from 7K inspired by an endless suitcase of fascinating photos, papers and letters.

An Adventure

Wow it’s over; this is the best thing that’s ever happened to me. I can’t wait for our adventures to come. There’s no place I’d rather be right now and I promise that I will do my best forever when we’re together. I hope we will be able to go on many adventures from here and just live. “Darling, let’s go to Africa right now.” “You mean now” “Yes for our honeymoon!” “Well why not.”

By Daniel Grace

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Nola’s Life

I am Nola Horwitz, and I am happy with the life I live. However, my childhood was not the best. I am Jewish and I grew up in Africa with my mum and dad. They were nice and I really loved them. Everything was going well, until I went to school. It was a mixed school so it was boys and girls. I didn’t know anyone I could call a friend, that’s why I kept a diary. Here is the entry about my first day of school.

Dear Diary
I hate school. Everyone is so rude and racist. I don’t know if I will even finish Year 12. My parents keep telling me that everything will be fine, but I have a feeling that it will not. That’s all for now. I will see you tomorrow.

I hated school mostly because of a boy named Teru. He was bullying me and saying very bad things about Jewish people. I wanted to retaliate but my mum said that I had to be very gentle and respect people. Luckily for me, in Year 9, I found a guy who did really understand me. His name was Ralph and when I was 21, I got married and when I was 24 we had a little princess called Jessica. But I still have this feeling that Teru is somewhere near, even though I live in Australia. This is the last entry that I wrote in my diary.

Dear Diary
My Life is perfect. However, I have a feeling that Teru, is somewhere near me. I know this is literally impossible, but it feels like he is looking at me right now. This is the last time I will write. Thank you for listening to me.

I was happy and I am still very pleased that I have a happy life. And I will never say that my life is bad.

Gleb Samokhin

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Ralph

I am Ralph Horwitz. I was in the army when I was a teenager. I thought it would be fun but it was anything but that. It was terrible. I only just made it home with my shot leg. I made it to the first aid and got treated and did not have to get it cut off. I came home and got a big welcome. I was a bit sick when I got home so I slept for ages which was very different from war where I did not get any sleep at all.

Harry Steenbeek

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The Picture

This picture is about Ralph Horwitz, advertising for his shop. In the picture there are two children around the age of 5 or 6. These children are Ralph’s. His children are also in many other of the photos.

The advertisement is for a new toothpaste brand and shows Ralph and his kids having fun brushing their teeth together. A few things that led me to figuring out that it was an advertisement were the fake tile backdrop, the spot in which the basin was placed, the camera angle, the facial expressions and finally, no one has fun brushing their teeth!

Josiah Cocking

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Station Photo

This photo is the beginning of an adventure for they may be going on a holiday somewhere. This is a happy family from the expressions on their faces. This can’t have been too long ago because this is a photo however, it is in black and white so from around the 1950s. Other gathered intel has indicated that the father’s name is Ralph & the mother is Nola. There is also a short letter written on the back of this photo.

Daniel Grace

L Pappin
English Faculty/ Year 11 Adviser/ Welfare Coordinator
RBHS P&C Lights Up the Stage!

On behalf of all Drama students I would like to thank our Parents and Citizens Association who kindly donated the funds for our department to purchase theatrical lights at the end of last year.

The studio was transformed into an intimate theatre space on Open Night and students have been enjoying learning about lighting and set design in class.

Thank you to Tyrone Santika and Dante Davies who assisted in preparing the space for Open Night and were wonderful lighting operators during our performances.

We appreciate this wonderful contribution from our P&C.

Ms Pappin, Year 10 and 11 Drama Students and Drama Club members.

Is your son leaving school early?

In the morning send a note with your son advising us of his early departure and the reason for his leave.

Before roll call the student must take the note to our Deputy and get it signed.

He then takes the signed note to the Rolls Office who will issue him with an ‘Early Leavers’ pass.

This procedure will eliminate any delay in your son’s departure.

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Don’t’ miss out!

We are now taking orders for

BLAZERS

Special Offer - only $110.00

If you would like to order a blazer with a logo, the Uniform Shop now has a selection of sizes that you can try on. It will take two to three weeks to make them.

We have an extraordinarily great deal on these. Our 2012 price was $150 - $180. They are NOW available for $110.

If you would like to order a blazer, check your size with the Uniform Shop next Thursday, then pay $110 and give your size details to the front office.

Orders close Friday 4 April 2014
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.

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 ____________.
Randwick Boys’ High School

Join the Parents’ E-Network Contact List

⇒ Year 7 & Year 8 & Year 9 & Year 10 ⇐

“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 ..........................................................................

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Students from Year 7 -12 were involved in the ABC Trailer visits, experiencing a range of media technology activities such as presenting for television and producing radio segments. Students enjoyed reading the weather, news, giving sports reports and becoming radio D.J.s.

The boys were able to experience first hand the high-tech world of video production. Most popular of all was the “Green-Screen” technology which places a pre-recorded background behind each student. Weather reporters had their maps complete with suns, clouds and isobars. Other students had pop-stars, sporting legends and various other studio settings as a background for their performance.

The ABC visits were definitely a fun and worthwhile day for all.

L. Pappin
Head Teacher English (Relieving)
Towards the end of Term 2, the Year 8 French class studied the vocabulary they would need to order food in a French restaurant. They then had the chance to put their efforts into practice by embarking on an excursion to the local French restaurant, Montparnasse in The Spot.

Montparnasse is a famous district in the centre of Paris with many Parisian-style cafes and our Montparnasse in Randwick is decorated just like those. It has French posters on the walls, the music playing was that of famous French singer, Edith Piaf, and the tables were set like a formal French dinner would be in France – what lucky boys!

When they arrived, they greeted the waiter and waitress in the French they had learned in class and the waitress was impressed that each boy was able to order their 3 courses in French – well done Year 8!

The lunch was a traditional three-course meal with entrée (terrine or feuillete) plat principal (Veau a la Normande or the famous Boeuf Bourguignon) and dessert (profiteroles or the popular Crème Brûlée!!)

By the end of lunch the boys were unable to eat another crumb and found their first experience, for many of them, of a real French meal very exciting. Similar excursions are normally held for each language class as well as French breakfasts and picnics in class.

These excursions along with excursions to the French Film Festival are a normal part of a French experience in any year at Randwick Boys’ High.

G. Townshend
French teacher
TERM 4 AND Ms. Leadbetter’s and Mr. Silva’s Year 10 Information Software and Technology students have been learning how to build robots using the latest technology from Lego Mindstorms - a huge thank you to the RBHS P&C who made it all possible with a major donation to help purchase the robotic kits.

The building and programming of robots is a great introduction to software design, encourages problem solving, predicting outcomes, analysing data and drawing conclusions - and is amazing fun in the classroom.

J. Leadbetter
Computing Studies
History
Discovering the Past

The History Department continues to engage students with many interesting, fun and challenging topics and research opportunities. This year has seen many wonderful models made by students to highlight the ancient civilisations and Life in Australia during the 1960’s - 1980’s period.

There have been opportunities to handle weapons and armour from the Middle Ages period and to dress in costumes during our annual History Day. Extension activities included practical archaeology and working as an archaeologist.

Students from various years have worked on a special project called TOP DRAWER, researching important historical figures like Howard Carter, Winston Churchill, Mao Tse-Tung and Heinrich Schliemann. They have also helped prepare a special exhibition about the 50th anniversary of the Assassination of John F. Kennedy which will be held in November 2013. These practical exercises have helped students see that history is a “hands on” subject, calling for skills in the interpretation of and the collection of objects.

Our dedicated team of history teachers Mr. Benson, Ms. Douglas, Ms. Yiannopoulos, Mr. Bladwell, Ms. da Costa, Ms. Mould, Ms. Quansah and Ms. Boening have helped to keep History alive and relevant.

We continue to offer our overseas Ancient History excursion to the senior students as a popular way of learning about the ancient world.

Thanks to all the boys who love history and who continue to choose to do electives in History, senior Modern and Ancient History, who challenge themselves in Extension History, and all those who love it for what it is: a great subject.

B. Thornton
Head Teacher History