From the Principal

A Great Effort!

What a tremendous effort by the Prefects and SRC in raising nearly $1600 to support the Bandaged Bear Foundation. While it was undeniably a team effort, I would especially like to recognise the efforts of Jayden Maloney, one of our Prefects and an extremely modest young man, who was the driving force behind the successful Bombardment competition that was an important part of the fundraising.

As each Prefect cohort considers its legacy, I think the current group of leaders has a number of good ideas, the annual Bombardment competition for charity being one. Keep an eye out for an SRC page on the website, another great initiative from our Prefects, particularly Vice-Captain, Tilan Mahayagoda and Jayden Maloney.

Future Olympian?

Swashbuckling Corey Spiteri of Year 9 has brought great credit to himself, his family and his school by being named a Local Sportstar by the Wentworth Courier (see separate story). Corey is a very unassuming young man, but his talent with the foil may see him propelled into great things. Another talented young man from Randwick Boys’ High School!

Farewell

The end of Term 1 will also be a time to say farewell to two long serving teachers from the school.

Many students whose first language is not English will have appreciated the knowledge, skill and assistance provided by long serving ESL teacher, Ms Sigrid Darby. Ms Darby will be taking a period of leave for the remainder of 2014, before retiring.

Senior Economics students for many years have appreciated the knowledge and rigour of Mr Steve Elliott, who returned this term, after a year away from teaching. After some consideration, Mr Elliott has determined that he has other roads to travel and announced his resignation from teaching. He will be replaced by Ms Al-Anbagi, who taught in his place in 2013 and will return to Randwick Boys’ High School next term, for the remainder of 2014.

To both Ms Darby and Mr Elliott, I offer the thanks of our students and community for their efforts and wish them well in their future endeavours.

End of Term 1

This is the last Community Newsletter for Term 1. An eleven week term, Term 1 has rocketed by, full of the business and fun of education. In Term 2, we will begin working on the 2015 - 2017 School Plan in earnest. In the meantime, however, I wish everyone a restful and safe holiday period and I look forward to seeing all of our young men back, safe and eager to learn, on Tuesday April 29.

W Duncombe
Principal

HAPPY HOLIDAYS
## Coming Events for Term 1

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**Science News: ESSA RESULTS ARE IN!**

Late last year all Year 8 students sat the Essential Secondary Science Assessment. This 80 minute on-line examination tested students in the areas of Knowledge and Understanding, Communicating Scientifically and Working Scientifically. I am pleased to report that the students achieved some outstanding results. Whilst the performance trend for the state has levelled out, the trend for Randwick Boys’ High is one of significant improvement. There were several test items where the school percentage for choosing the correct response to questions, was 10 or more above the state population percentage.

The ESSA reports, sent home to parents on Thursday 3 April, have a similar format to the NAPLAN reports. Each report identifies your son’s strengths and weaknesses. Rather than reporting in bands, ESSA report in levels, where Level 6 is the highest. I ask parents and carers of Year 9 to please look at your child’s report and discuss it with him.

Each year, staff analyse the results of previous examinations, identify areas of concern and work on strategies to help students achieve their best.

To our current Year 9 students, **congratulations** on a job well done!

**Ms T Betros**  
Head Teacher Science

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**Bring the world home – host an international exchange student!**

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Southern Cross Cultural Exchange makes all the school insurance and travel arrangements. Free call S.C.C.E. on 1800 500 501 today to request a selection of student profiles or head to [www.scce.com.au](http://www.scce.com.au) to find out more!

**D Douglas**  
History Faculty/Shared Head Teacher Admin

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Presenting the 2014 Randwick Show
‘Time after Time’
The show celebrates iconic moments of each decade from the 50s to now through dance, singing and drama.
WHERE: NIDA Parade Theatre, Anzac Parade
WHEN: Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th August
Tickets will be available through Ticketek at a later date… stay tuned!

DENTAL CARE FOR CHILDREN
All children under 18 years of age are eligible for FREE DENTAL CARE at NSW Public Oral Health Clinics

NSW Health recommends that all children have a dental check-up
Toothache can cause children to miss school. Pain can stop children playing, eating and sleeping.

To make an appointment, contact:
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What’s on April school holidays:

**Warhammer 40K: a table-top gaming intro**

Monday 14 April 2014, Margaret Martin Library, 2pm – 4pm

FREE Age 10 years and over (11 year olds currently entitled to play)

Come and play a Games Workshop “40K” miniatures and learn how to play the table-top miniatures game. All materials supplied by Games Workshop.

**Dungeons & Dragons Epic**

Tuesday 15 April, 10.30am – 4.30pm, Brown Library

Age 12-25 years. Cost $14 for library members, $19 for non-members (Library membership is free)

Trip to a 24-hour improvised new Dungeons & Dragons game. There is no fixed plot or story.

**Creative Writing Workshop**

Wednesday 16 April, 10.30am – 4.30pm, Margaret Martin Library

Age 13+ Free (10 year olds currently entitled to play) Free

Do you want to enhance your creativity and improve your writing skills? Attend a Creative Writing Workshop to learn about the craft and share about the stories you are writing.

**Clay Figures**

Wednesday 23 April, 10.30am – 4.30pm, Margaret Martin Library

Age 10-15 years. Cost $18

Learn how to form your own clay figures. Make some animals, creatures, superheroes or... you decide.

**Bookings are essential:** 9399 6966

**www.randwick.nsw.gov/library**

**APRIL 2014 HOLIDAY PROGRAM**

**For Young People 12 - 18 years old**

**WEEK ONE**

**Monday 14**

**W-9 Laser Tag & Bowling**

2 games of Laser Tag & a game of Bowling at W-9 Laser Skirmish

Depart: 10:00am Return: 2:30pm $90 LUNCH

**Tuesday 15**

**Youth Centre @ Eastlakes**

All the usual fun of Eastlakes Youth Centre.

Table Tennis, Pool tables and PS3.

Cost: FREE

At: Eastlakes Community Hall

CC: Of Esses & Florence Avenue, Eastlakes.

Time: 4:00pm - 7:00pm $90 LUNCH

**Wednesday 16**

**Movies & Lunch**

Watch a movie at Fox Studios. Then enjoy a yummy Lunch of your choice.

Cost: $14

At: Eastlakes Community Hall

Depart: 9:00am Return: 2:00pm $90 LUNCH

**Thursday 17**

**Youth Centre @ Hillsdale**

All the usual fun of Hillsdale Youth Centre.

Table Tennis, Pool tables and PS3.

Cost: FREE

At: Hillsdale Community Hall

Time: 9:00am - 3:30pm $90 LUNCH

**Friday 18**

CLOSED

**PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

**WEEK TWO**

**Monday 21**

CLOSED

**PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

**Tuesday 22**

**Youth Centre @ Eastlakes W/ Pancakes**

All the usual fun of Eastlakes Youth Centre.

Table Tennis, Pool tables and PS3. As well as creating our own Pancakes.

Cost: FREE

At: Eastlakes Community Hall

CC: Of Esses & Florence Avenue, Eastlakes.

Time: 10:00am - 1:00pm $90 LUNCH

**Wednesday 23**

**Power House Museum - Game Masters**

A highly interactive exhibition with 3D-printable games.

Cost: $18

At: Power House Museum

CC: Of Esses & Florence Avenue, Eastlakes.

Time: 10:00am - 1:00pm $90 LUNCH

**Thursday 24**

**Youth Centre @ Hillsdale W/ DVD Night**

All the usual fun of Hillsdale Youth Centre.

Table Tennis, Pool tables and PS3. We’ll also be screening a movie.

Cost: FREE

At: Hillsdale Community Hall

Time: 10:00am - 1:00pm $90 LUNCH

**Friday 25**

CLOSED

**PUBLIC HOLIDAY**
Corey Spiteri – Year 9 Student - Randwick Boys’ High

Corey relishes foiling his rivals

Sustaining learning and individual growth.

Corey Spiteri is this week’s Junior Sports Star nominee.

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LAST CHANCE TO AUDITION FOR THE CHOIR

Voices of Sydney

Voices of Sydney Choir (formerly Sydney Region Choir) is an auditioned and official DEC choir for public school students from Years 5 – 12, with great performance opportunities.

- If you like to sing, and would like to sing in a choir, and
- If you would like to perform in great events (including the 2014 Schools Spectacular)

Then come along to a weekly rehearsal before the end of this term and join the rehearsal.

- Tuesday afternoons at Sutherland Public School. 4.00pm-5.30pm (Deb and Therese)
- Thursday afternoons at Darlington Public School 4.30pm – 5.45pm (Kipi and Helen)

Please ring, text or email to find out more - or turn up to a rehearsal and meet the choir.

Heather Causley Manager- 0400 808 603  causleys@bigpond.net.au

More information on the website www.sydneyregionarts.det.nsw.edu.au

Music Programs - Sydney Region Choir (the 2013 information is still current for this year).

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TEEN TAKES A STAB AT INTERNATIONAL STAGE

Robbie Patterson

FENCING isn’t your average choice of junior sport, but 14-year-old Corey Spiteri says he wouldn’t do anything else.

He has been fencing since he was seven, when “my mum first gave me a list of different sports I could play,” Corey said.

“The sport list was football, rugby, most Australian sports like cricket and water polo which I was also considering — I don’t know why I chose fencing.

“I turned up to the club and I just liked the atmosphere. “It is at your own pace, you aren’t being forced and rushed ahead to progress in the sport.”

And as it turns out, he is pretty good. Corey has entered the Wentworth Courier Junior Sports Star awards, proudly sponsored by Rebel.

He won the under-16 national title last year, he is the top ranked under-16 competitor in Australia and also ranks highly in the under-17 competitions.

Corey said he loved the challenging nature of fencing. “It is really a mental game,” he said.

“Not only do you have to have the skills and be able to fight someone for multiple rounds, you also have to have a huge amount of concentration.”

His coach, Antonio Signorelli, said Corey was already considered one of the most promising athletes in Australian fencing.

He is a specialist in foil, one of the three weapon types available in fencing.

And the Randwick Boys High School resident, who competes for University of NSW, will soon be a part of the cadet (under-17) Australian side, where he will attempt to earn a spot in the Asian and World Championships.

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Wentworth Courier, Wednesday, April 2, 2014