



Fortnightly Deputy Newsletter Week 6 /7 Term 4: MONDAY 15th Nov. 2010

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Year 7 2011 Orientation DayVolunteers needed!

Orientation Day volunteers needed - The Uniform Shop is in urgent need of volunteers to help out on orientation day (December 7), preferably from 08.30 am until 2pm or for as much time as you can spare. If you are able to give some time to help please contact Debbie Walker at: rbsc.uniformshop@det.nsw.edu.au

Support Class Volunteers Wanted in 2011 - The support class is looking for parent volunteers who will assist the students during literacy and maths lessons once a week. Students in the support class have a moderate intellectual disability, and range from year 7 to year 12. Please contact Miss Shakenovsky at Kim.shakenovsky1@det.nsw.edu.au if you are interested.

Builder (or expert DIY'er) needed – I am looking for help to measure and 'put up' the school memorial boards and plaques that are stored on the balcony of the hall. There are some honour boards from past eras when this site was Dover Heights Girls' High School and Dover Heights High School, and there may be some Vaucluse High School boards as well. If you have the skills to help out please contact Diane Fetherston on 93010300 or diane.fetherston@det.nsw.edu.au

Lockers 2010 and 2011.

The lockers for 2010 have been an excellent facility for students to secure belongings, save carrying heavy books back and forth from home and a great place to keep all school belongings in a secure way. Lockers for 2010 need to be cleared out by the end of week 9, that means from the 6th December to the 10th December. The process, to enable students to receive their deposit back they must empty and clean their locker and return your lock to the Finance office

to get your deposit. Students in YEAR 11 going into Year 12 who want to continue to hire their locker have the privilege of paying in advance for 2011 and keeping their same locker. Students in year 10 on request may do the same process. Please note, you must pay 2011 fee to hold your locker. 2011 application forms can be found on the schools website. All lockers un-cleared will be emptied and those students may for-go future hiring.

[Locker Application form](#)

From the Deputy Principals desk

Happy New Year – school planning is well under way for 2011.

The timetable team, led by Ms Andre has been doing amazing work and is at this stage running to the planned schedule.

Year 10 have checked their course selections for year 11 and been given opportunities to change courses. There are no changes to year 11 courses next year so make sure you talk to your child to confirm their final choices. There is still time to change courses and students wishing to do so must see Ms Fetherston.

Year 9- Going into year 10- All year 9 students have been handed their elective 100 and 200 hour elective choices for 2011. If happy it was a nil return, those students who wanted a change of elective or their was a mistake you should have returned to Ms.Lofts before the 5th November. Updated lists will be pinned outside the Dps office next week.

Year 8 – Year 9 classes will be different for English and Maths. The faculty teams will group students into English and maths classes based on academic and ability and learning needs. Science, History, Geography and PDHPE classes will be the only 'core' groupings of students in Year 9. The faculty heads of these departments work together to form classes for these courses for year 9 in 2011. Year 8 student have all been given their 3 elective choices for 2011 and must come to see Ms Fetherston if they want to change an elective.

Year 7- Year 8 2011 classes are being formed based on teacher surveys, academic results and achievement from 2010. Students need to be aware that Mathematics for year 8 in 2011 will be grouped according to ability and results from 2010. This will allow for appropriate levels of Mathematics to be programmed to meet the learning needs of students.

Year 11

We wish our NEW year 12 all the very best for their upcoming HSC year and students have officially started their HSC course. The DP would like to remind Year 12 students and parents of 3 vital things. Come dressed to school as a serious student. Ie Full school uniform; follow the attendance procedures as set by the school and apply themselves with 'diligence and sustained effort'. It has been disappointing that at **minority** of students are not being serious about their application to study, rather choosing to spend time interrupting other classes and

not using study periods effectively. Please discuss this with your year 12 2011 child. Every student in year 12 has set goals for the year and the school is determined to ensure that students achieve their important learning targets.

Want to contact Sydney Buses for timetables etc..

<http://www.sydneybuses.info/contact-us.htm>

The Calendar

Date	Event
Nov 15	Year 10 preparation program begins
Nov 17	Director – general’s visit Point Zero presentation
Nov 22/23	9F geography excursion
Nov 23	Sport committee meeting
Dec 6th	Year 7 Lifesaving Week

[Our school Calendar](#)

Departmental News

[Curriculum Webpage](#)

Science

Year 7 Science classes have recently finished their “Planet Earth” topic and are now studying “Solids Liquids Gases”. This topic studies particle theory which is a foundation for many concepts studied in future years. The Final exam will be held at the end of week 6 and will cover all the topics studied this year. It will include multiple choice, short answer and extended answer question. Students should be summarising their class notes and asking teachers for assistance in areas they are not confident in.

Year 8 Science are currently studying the "The Truth is Out There - Space and the Solar System". They have just completed the final exam which was on all the topics studied this year. The Solar System topic test will be held toward in week 8 and students are encouraged to continue to study for this test as all work is assessed in the final reports. Year 8 will also complete the Essential Secondary Science Assessment (ESSA) on the 23 November. This state-wide Science assessment which tests work studied in years 7 & 8. Students will be given information in class about the test and how to study for it.

Year 9 Science has just completed their end of year exams. They will be continuing with their "Dynamic Earth" topic. A test topic test will be held latter in the term.

Year 11 Physics students have their first Year 12 assessment task on the topic "Space" on Monday 6th of December. It is an open book (hand written notes

only!) test worth 15%.

Year 11 Chemistry students will have their first assessment task in week 9 of this term.

Year 11 Biology students should now have completed their first assessment task - a laboratory report on enzyme activity. Their next task - an oral report - will be handed out early Term 1 2011. Students are also required to purchase the 'Dot Point Biology' work book. This book has HSC style questions on each syllabus dot point and great course summaries. The school has bulk purchased copies which can be paid for at the front office (\$36.70).

Senior Science

Students are required to complete all their homework to a high standard. As senior students they are expected to be up to date with all aspects of class and homework. Students should be preparing for their first assessment task latter this term.

Creative and Performing Arts

[Creative Arts Webpage](#)

Music

Mrs Masterson will be on LSL from Nov 10 and will be back at school Nov 25. Ms Andrews will be replacing her and Ms Alonzo will be Relieving HT CAPA.

Junior Stage Band will be performing at Double Bay Public School Sunday Nov 21.

Auditions will be in week 6 for Music Night items so start practicing now and give your entries to Ms Ranger in the music staffroom.

MEP Ensembles Concert is Tuesday Nov 30 in the College Hall.

PDHPE

All students from years 7 – 10 have been issued with a detailed scope and sequence that explains at length what students are doing each term in the theoretical and practical components of this course. Students have also been issued with a “PDHPE GENERAL INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS AT RBSC” sheet. This details the requirements in PDHPE in relation to uniform, theory lessons, homework, assignments and student conduct.

Year 7 PDHPE

Year 7 are completing a unit entitled “Keeping Myself Safe” in the theoretical component of this course. In this unit students will look at personal safety and road safety as well as water and beach safety. Students will also be instructed in basic first aid and DRABC. This is linked with the Year Seven Life Saving program that is conducted at Bondi Beach in week 9 of this term – Monday 6th December through to and including Friday 10th December. In the practical component of this course the students will be instructed in different line dances such as “the bus stop” and “the macarina”. Students are then to create their own

line dance that they will teach to the class. This is worth 15% of their course mark. During weeks 7 – 9 students will have the opportunity to learn circus skills.

Year 8 PDHPE

Year 8 are completing a unit entitled “Smart Living” in the theoretical component of this course. In this unit students will explore risk taking and drug use, specifically cannabis and binge drinking. Students will also examine how to access health information and consumer protection/protective strategies. In the practical component of this course the students are to design a warm up game and teach it to the class. This is worth 10% of their total course mark.

Year 9 PDHPE

Year 9 are completing a unit entitled “Don’t worry ... be Happy!” in the theoretical component of this course. In this unit students will look at mental health, developing positive relationships, recognising and responding to abusive situations, discrimination and affirming diversity. Please note that Year 9 are working with edmodo on their laptops and should be checking this daily. In the practical component of this course the students are learning non-traditional team sports such as Tchoukball, European handball, Gaelic football and La Crosse. They will be issued with a skills assessment mark worth 10%.

Year 10 PDHPE

Year 10 are completing a unit entitled “The Future” in the theoretical component of this course. In this unit students will plan for their future, look at types of careers, and how to balance commitments. Please note that Year 10 are working with edmodo on their laptops and should be checking this daily. Year 10 have just completed their yearly examination with some very pleasing results being obtained. In the practical component of this course the students will be competing in social games such as badminton and basketball.

Year 11 PDHPE

Year 11 are continuing to work on Sports Medicine and will be having their first HSC assessment task issued very soon.

Year 12 PDHPE

Year 12 completed their PDHPE examination on Wednesday 20th October. The students were very happy with the exam and are eagerly awaiting their results!

Year 7 Life Saving Week

Is on at Bondi Beach from Monday 6th December through to and including Friday 10th December. Year 7 have been issued with notes during week four of this term – they are due by Friday 12th November.

Coles Vouchers

Thank you very much to those people who have been collecting and submitting the vouchers to the school. It is very much appreciated. This promotion finished

on 31st October 2010. The schools voucher box weighed in at a massive 10.5kg – not entirely sure what that translates into in terms of sporting gear but we will keep you posted!

Year Info

Year 7

[Year 7 Web Page](#)

Year 8

[Year 8 Webpage](#)

Year 9

[Year 9 Webpage](#)

Year 10

[Year 10 Webpage](#)

Year 11

TURNING 18

The *Turning 18* website is at: www.turning18.com.au it might be a useful site to show Year 11 students going into Year 12.

[Year 11 Webpage](#)

Co-curricular

[Co Curricular Webpage](#)

MUSIC ENSEMBLE PROGRAM NEWS

It was a great thrill for our choir to host primary choirs from seven local feeder primary schools on Thursday 11. The performances were fantastic, most especially the combined finale when all schools managed to fit on the stage, to sing together. A big thanks goes to Dan Walker, Choir Conductor for pulling this memorable evening together. And as luck would have it, the predicted thunderstorms held off, enabling the many volunteers from the music program to turn out 400 sausages and put on a great show of hospitality for our guests, which was much appreciated.

Our string ensemble also played at the concert and are sounding beautiful. New members are very welcome as the aim is to have a minimum group of 10 players.

On Sunday 21st November, the Junior Stage Band will play at an event at Double Bay Primary.

If it's not already in your diary, Tuesday November 30 is the end of year concert for all ensembles. Also a social event, there will be a pre-concert barbecue from 7pm, all are invited.

There are also performances scheduled for Orientation day, December 7 and for Presentation night, December 8 - check the website for details

<http://rbscmep.net/wp/>

The final committee meeting of the year will be on December 9, all members are welcome to attend - just contact the secretary on secretary@rbscmep.net for time and venue details.

[Music Ensemble Program](#)

Sport News

[Sport Webpage](#)

Wednesday Sport

Wednesday Sport is running very well. We remind all students from years 7 to 10, that they must wear full school sports uniform to school every Wednesday. Students are encouraged to bring a hat and a water bottle for sport. Any enquiries can be directed to Ms Broit - Sports Organiser.

Surfing Competition

The first qualifying round of the Sydney South Side School Surfing Competition will be held on Wednesday the 17th of November at Maroubra Beach. We have 4 senior boys and 16 junior boys participating in this surfing competition. We wish them the best of luck and hope for a great day at the beach.

Sports Meeting

Parents and other interested members of the community are invited to join the newly formed (and developing) sports committee to discuss issues surrounding sport at Rose Bay Secondary College. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 23 November at 7:30 pm at the school, in the boardroom (front of school, opposite the Finance Office). Please come along to listen, give your ideas or simply just support the ongoing development of sport at RBSC.

STUDY SKILLS TIP FOR NOVEMBER: PREPARING FOR TESTS

Follow these four simple steps to preparing for tests and examinations:

1. Fact Finding - find out all you can about the upcoming test and what you need to study by asking your teacher politely at an appropriate time.
2. Get Organised – get your notes and papers organised and make sure nothing is missing. Then start working on study notes, you want to do this as early as you can. The Summarising Unit in www.studyskillshandbook.com.au can help you with this area. Senior students may also want to check out the new tips for making English study notes – click on the What's New button.

3. Plan Your Time - now decide what you will study when by allocating a few subjects per night to focus on, it is a good idea to write this plan in your diary.

4. Start Studying – this means learning the content by testing yourself over and over on the content. There are many different ways you can learn the information, check out the Active Studying unit for ideas. The key is to make sure you don't just read the information, you have to test continually if it is in long term memory. You also need to make sure you do lots of practice, This means finding questions you can do to see if you remember what you have studied and if you can apply it. You should do these questions without looking at notes or answers and under time limits, trying to simulate the exam conditions as much as you can. That way you can find out what you can and can't do and fix up the things you don't know how to do yet. Keep a list of questions you need to ask your teacher about and always ask them for extra revision sheets if you need them.

P&C News

[P & C. Webpage](#)

[Uniform Shop Webpage](#)

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