



## **Deputy Principals' Newsletter Weeks 9 and 10 Term 3: MONDAY SEPTEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2011**

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### **Save the Oval Trivia Night**

RBSC trivial night is on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November. This is a major fundraiser for the oval. There will be great prizes, great silent auction, great trivia, great games and it promises to be one awesome night. All parents are invited. Lots of staff are attending. Put this date in your calendar now.

### **Our Year 12 students - Good Luck and Good Bye**

It is hard to imagine that in one and half weeks' time our Year 12 students will be farewelled from Rose Bay after spending six years at our College. These students were the first Year 7 Rose Bay students and all of them have left their mark at RBSC. They will have three weeks to finalise their preparations for their HSC which commences on October 17<sup>th</sup>. Good Bye Year 12s, we will all miss you. We wish every single one of you "Good Luck" and a very bright future. We know that your formative years at our college has prepared you well for whatever you choose to undertake.

### **V-FEST 2011**

The screening night for this year's V-Fest Student Video Festival is Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September. The Chauvel Cinema (underneath Paddington Town Hall on Oatley Road, Paddington) opens its doors for us at 6pm and everyone needs to be seated by 6.15pm. We commence procedures at 6.30pm and the evening finishes at 9pm. There are NO tickets for sale (for copyright reasons), merely gold coin donation and then seating based on entry. There is seating for 250 people, so if you intend coming please be there on time. We have a wonderful program this year with entries from a variety of schools in competition for Junior and Senior Places as well as the 'People's Choice'.

### **From the Deputy Principals' Desks**

#### **Denison House Wins 2011 House Competition**

Congratulations to Denison who wins the overall house competition for this year. All Denison House's students from Years 7 to 12 are invited to an excursion. This will be held on the last day of Term 3, Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at Luna Park. The cost is \$38 per student and permission notes can be collected from the front office or A Block staff room. Students will travel to and from school by private bus.

#### **Grease Night at RBSC**

What a fabulous night we had on the 1<sup>st</sup> September! The dressing up, the stalls in the Principal's lawn, the singing and the dancing were all enjoyed by all. A big thank you to A block staff members from all parents, teachers and students who attended.

## The Calendar

Date	Event
September 12	Year 11 Yearly Exams start
September 13	Year 12 Physics Excursion to Sydney University
September 16	Support Class Special Olympics Excursion
September 20	Year 11 Yearly Exams finish Year 10 Computer Skills Trial Exam and Year 10 English Speeches VFest 2011 Chauvel Cinema 6:30 pm
September 21	Year 12 Final Roll Call - 11:30 am Year 12 Graduation in the gymnasium – Guests to be seated by 6:45pm Year 11 Return to school after Yearly Exams Year 10 English and Science Trial Exams
September 22	Year 11 Physics Excursion to Observatory Hill 7pm Year 10 Mathematics and History/Geography Exams
September 23	Year 10 English Speeches Denison House excursion to Luna Park Last day of Term 3
October 10	Term 4 begins

### [Our school Calendar](#)

## Departmental News

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## English

### Drama

**Year 12** students are expected to be in class and revising for the written component of the HSC exam.

**Year 11** students are having their Yearly Exams focusing on *Absurdist Theatre* and *Elements of Production and Drama*.

**Year 10** students are completing their performances on the theatre practitioner *Dario Fo* and beginning *Individual Performances*.

**Year 9** students are completing their performances on *Commedia Dell Arte*.

### English

**Year 12s** have finished their Trial HSC exams and will be completing all course work and begin revising for their final HSC exams.

**Year 11** students will be doing their yearly exams.

**Year 10** students are preparing for The School Certificate and their trials. They will also be doing a core speech assessment – they have already completed writing a creative story which they will be performing as a speech in the last week of term. Students not turning up for their tasks will need to present documentation explaining their absence and do the task the day they return to school to avoid being issued with an N Warning.

**Year 9** are working on a poetry unit focusing on Australian Poetry which will be assessed in the yearly exam in Term 4.

**Year 8** are working on a poetry unit which will be assessed in term 4 in the Yearly Exams.

**Year 7** are working on visual literacy in Film. All students are writing and are required to submit an essay on the studied film. They will also be assessed on the film in the Yearly Exam in term 4.

## History

### Teachers for Semester 2

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
A – Ms Pollock C - Mr Stanger G – Ms Pollock	A- Ms Pollock C – Mr Mansell D- Ms Pollock E- Ms Pollock F- Ms Jansen G- Mr Stanger	B- Mr Horrell C- Mr Stanger E- Mr Stanger G- Ms Pollock	A – Mr Mansell B - Mr Mansell C – Mr Stanger D – Ms Jansen E – Ms Metson F – Ms Metson G – Ms Hawkins

### Year 7

Year 7 will continue their study of Ancient Egypt until the first few weeks of term 4. Then they will begin a study of Ancient Greece. In this unit students will look at aspects of daily life, religion and beliefs, and the legacies of the

Ancient Greeks. Year 7 will complete a research task on the Ancient Egyptians, this will be due the first weeks of term 4.

#### Year 8

Students will continue their focus on the Aztecs and the Incas by looking at the main features of the indigenous culture before colonisation including their lifestyle, religion and agriculture. They will discover the similarities and differences of these two indigenous cultures and the impact of colonisation on them.

#### Year 9

The focus for year 9 this term is Australia's involvement in World War I and how this has been regarded as a defining event in our history. Students will examine the experiences of soldiers at Gallipoli and develop an understanding of the Anzac tradition through an analysis of the Anzac legend. The focus next term will be 'Australia Between the Wars', we will look at Australia after WWI and the impact of the Great Depression on Australian society.

#### Year 10

Year 10 are currently studying the Vietnam War era, we will examine the reasons for Australia's involvement and the social, political and cultural changes that resulted from it. Students have been given a source analysis and research task on Australia's involvement in the Vietnam War. Good luck to all year 10 students for their exams. The topics examined will be the changing rights and freedoms of Indigenous Australians and migrants, Australia in the Vietnam War Era and the social and cultural features of the 1960s.

#### Year 10 Elective History

Year 10 will be completing their investigation of serial killers by comparing personalities, motives, characteristics and the way they were tracked and caught, as well as how they were perceived. We will also be looking at the role of forensic science in tracking down and capturing these cold hearted killers- as well as its implications for History in general (particularly in terms of unearthing new information from old archaeological artefacts).

#### Year 11

Best of luck for the exams to all year 11 students.

Modern History –The yearly exam will focus on the World at the Beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century and The Russian Revolution.

Ancient History –The exam will focus on The Celts and Deir el Medina: The Worker's Village, and students will be expected to draw on material covered across two terms in detail.

Society and Culture- The yearly exam will focus on the concepts, research methodologies, adolescence and intercultural communication.

#### Year 12

Good luck and farewell to all year 12 students. Over the next week, in all the History subjects, students will focus on revision of all topics and examination techniques. There will be revision lessons in the holidays, please ask your teacher about the dates and times of these lessons.

## **Languages**

#### Year 7

##### Italian

Students have commenced a unit of work based on the theme 'About Me'. They will cover topics that are relevant to their world and each student will be able to initiate and sustain simple communication in the target language at the completion of the unit. Language will focus on topics such as greetings, introductions, age, birthday, nationalities, likes and dislikes and family. The cultural component will include some political facts on Italy, major geographical features, the development of the Italian language and Fiumicino airport. Assessment is ongoing throughout the term. Students will complete several quizzes pertaining to language and culture and in week 10 a major assessment task is scheduled.

##### Japanese

Currently Year 7JA and 7JF are enjoying lessons with a Practicum student from the University of NSW, Juraj Kokotovic, who has lived in Japan for a year, so he has lots of interesting stories to tell about daily life in Japan.

#### Year 8

##### Italian

8A

Students are presently covering a unit of work relating to the theme 'Food'. Language will focus on a typical Italian breakfast, some desserts as well as drinks. Students are learning to initiate and sustain simple communication and create original texts that relate to a specific situational context. The cultural component will include a look at the origins of the gelato and pizza. In addition, students will be required to complete several online interactive activities for homework which will assist with the consolidation of new vocabulary and language structures.

8C/8G/8D/8E

Students are completing a unit of work on the theme 'About Me'. They are learning language relating to their world and include topics such as nationalities, addresses and like/dislikes. The cultural component will focus on names of Italian streets and various meeting places for youths in Italy. Students will be required to complete several online interactive activities for homework which will assist with the consolidation of new vocabulary and language structures. Assessment is ongoing throughout the term.

##### Japanese

Currently 8F are enjoying lessons with a Practicum student from the University of NSW, Juraj Kokotovic, who has lived in Japan for a year, so he has lots of interesting stories to tell about daily life in Japan. 8F are doing their Speaking Tests.

## Year 10 Philosophy

At the moment the students are still in the painful process of trying to "now thyself". They keep arguing with each other and myself trying to prove their arguments. Every lesson is a battle and it is great! That's what philosophy is about: Examining your basic assumptions and questioning your beliefs!

## **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

Year 7 are completing a unit entitled "Am I Normal?" in the theoretical component of this course. In this unit students will look at factors that affect health such as adolescence and change, body image, eating disorders, the nature of mental health problems and seeking help/protective strategies. The assessment task for this unit is a speech/power point presentation for the selective class and creating a pamphlet for the comprehensive classes. This assignment is due in week nine of this term. In the practical component of this course the students will enjoy participating in a variety of stick games such as softball/T-ball, cricket, hockey and Lacrosse.

### Year 8

Year 8 are completing a unit entitled "Life Long Habits" in the theoretical component of this course. In this unit students will explore risk taking behaviours, sexual health and strategies to minimise harm to lifestyle diseases. The assessment task for this unit is creating a feature article. This has been submitted in week eight. In the practical component of this course the students have been taught the basic elements of an aerobics routine and a body combat routine. They are now in the process of performing their routines which have been fantastic.

### Year 9

Year 9 are completing a unit entitled "Looking After Myself and Others" in the theoretical component of this course. In this unit students will look at supporting themselves and others, strengthening resiliency and developing equal and respectful relationships. The assessment task for this unit is creating a short film clip using a webTwo tool for the selective cohort and designing a pamphlet/newsletter for the comprehensive cohort. These are all due week eight or nine of this term. 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 in the process of creating their own game. They are now in the process of teaching these games to their peers and they have been of a very high standard.

### Year 10

Year 10 are completing a unit entitled "Composition and Performance" in the theoretical component of this course. In this unit students will explore influences on skill development and performance and applying mechanical principles to enhance performance. The assessment task for this unit is an end of year examination. Please note that Year 10 are working with edmodo on their laptops and should be checking this daily. In the practical component of this course the students have been taught the elements of dance composition. They are now in the process of performing these routines and some of the presentations have been outstanding!

### Year 9 PASS –

These students are starting a new unit entitled – "May the Force be with you!" Students examine factors that limit and enhance the capacity to move and perform whilst also working collaboratively with others to enhance participation, enjoyment and performance in modern sport. Students participate in a range of ball sports to increase their proficiency in performing movement skills. These students have also, as part of the practical component of this course, attended a whole day excursion to Fitness First Platinum where they were able to participate in three classes; a spin class, a Bodybalance class (a mixture of Thai Chi, pilates and yoga) and Bodypump class. On behalf of the college I would like to extend a huge thank you for providing this service free of charge.

### Year 10 PASS –

These students are starting a new unit entitled – "Sporting Champions – Born or Made?" They will be given the opportunity to discuss and critically think about what makes a successful athlete and they will be questioned about the degree to which these areas are essential for the athlete. In the practical component the students will be learning and participating in ultimate Frisbee and Gridiron.

### Year 11

Year 11 are completing their first option (first aid) and have an assessment for this shortly. A reminder that examinations will be starting week 8 so students should be revising their work.

### Year 12

Year 12 are starting their final topic of Improving Performance. They are vigorously and enthusiastically studying for their trial examination. To assist them in this they must access edmodo daily as Ms Strong will be posting tips and answering questions utilising this excellent website. Students should complete and submit for marking at least three past papers ... this is the best way to study and improve. These exams will be posted on edmodo and can also be found on the following website <http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au> Each student should be aiming to spend at least three hours a week studying just for this subject.

### **Some final points**

1. Please keep bringing in the Coles vouchers. We are getting quite a lot which is great!
2. Save the date – Trivia Night is on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November.

## **Visual Arts / Photography**

### **YEAR 12 VISUAL ARTS**

Students are now revising for the HSC Theory exam. Students should be attempting practice exam papers outside of class and returning to teachers for feedback. Email practice essays / questions to: [Maria.Alonzo2@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Maria.Alonzo2@det.nsw.edu.au). Edmodo will also have further resources for students to use.

Edmodo Code: a3xr7j

### **12 PHOTOGRAPHY**

Students working on their FINAL Portfolios – including logos and all past artwork for submission into an A3 folder or on an online Coffee table book.

### **YEAR 11 PHOTOGRAPHY**

#### **On Exams**

Year 11 Photography assessment task was completed in Week 8, any student who has not done this task must see Miss Alonzo during the exam period to negotiate an appropriate time to do the task.

### **YEAR 9 VISUAL DESIGN**

Students are working in their T-Shirt designs. They should bring all materials required such as: Iron on transfer paper, beads, fabric, needles and thread, fabric paints, dye and other appliqué materials.

### **Year 12 Art (Cave)**

All students need to attend class to prepare for the Written Exam. Content and written expression will be revised. Practice essays are very important at this stage.

Contact Ms Cave on [deborah.cave@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:deborah.cave@det.nsw.edu.au)

### **Year 12 Media**

As all films have been completed for V-Fest, the next order of business is the Year 12 Video for the Farewell Roll Call. This project is an important aspect of this course and requires all students to participate, in terms of editing and conducting interviews. This needs to be completed by Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September.

### **Year 11 Art**

The year 11 Visual Art Exam is Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September (PM).. Students need to be summarizing their notes and practicing writing responses to short questions and essays. Any enquiries please contact Ms Cave on [deborah.cave@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:deborah.cave@det.nsw.edu.au).

### **Year 11 Media**

All projects have been completed for V-Fest competition. There is NO Yearly examination for this subject, however students need to attend class after the Yearly exams to finalize competencies in preparation for their Yearly reports.

### **Year 9 Moving Image Class**

All projects have been completed for V-Fest competition, so the students will now focus on creating a 30 sec. Music Video. This will begin this week (week 9) with planning and organizing. Shooting will commence in Week 10.

## **Music**

### **YEAR 11 MUSIC**

Exams will be held in Week 9. Music 1 in C210 on Tuesday, 13/9 and Music 2 is in C212 on Thursday, 15/9. Good luck and study hard.

### **YEAR 10 MUSIC**

Own choice performance task is due Friday, Sept 16 in class.

### **YEAR 9 MUSIC**

Tuesday, Sept 13 – listening and written test in class

## **Social Science**

**All students from years 7 – 12 have been issued with a detailed assessment schedule outlining each of the assignments and tests that will take place throughout the year.**

### **Social Science Staffing for 2011**

Ms McMurray – Legal Studies and Geography teacher (Head Teacher on Mon, Tues and Weds)

Ms Burke – Business Studies, Commerce and Geography teacher (Head Teacher of Administration)

Mr Horrell - Geography teacher (Year Adviser Year 11) (Head Teacher on Thursday and Friday),

Ms Kelly – Economics, Commerce and Geography teacher (Year Adviser Year 11)

Ms Mathur – Business Studies, Economics, Commerce and Geography teacher

Ms Metson - Geography teacher (Head Teacher of Welfare)

Ms Russell – Geography teacher, Monday, Wednesday, Friday.

Ms O'Rourke – Legal Studies and Geography teacher (covering Ms Russell's classes Tuesday and Thursday)

## **Year 7**

### **Geography**

Students are studying World Heritage Sites and their natural, historical and cultural significance.

Students have a World Heritage Site Project due in week 10.

## **Year 8**

### **Geography**

Students are studying Global Geographical issues including threatened habitats, tourism, urbanization, use of ocean resources, access to fresh water, climate change, energy use, human rights, indigenous people and self-determination.

Students of 8D, 8F and 8G have homework booklets due every week. Please be aware there is plenty of homework in the booklets and parents can check the progress in the subject by looking at the booklet. Students of Geography have been very busy and keen by undertaking the voluntary, extra-curricula 'The Homework Challenge' in the hope of raising an identity of philanthropy in our young people. The students have been busy at school helping teachers & the deputy with chores even undertaking a teacher Car Wash. The program has been very positive and continues for the rest of this term. Please feel free to ask teachers & school deputies for any chores to be done so they can earn money for an NGO of their choosing. A big thank you to all the parents supporting this initiative. Students undertaking this challenge will be recognised with Philanthropy Certificates. Please continue recording your child's effort with this challenge and any donations for the cause will be greatly accepted.

Students have a research task on 'Global change' due in Week 10 of Term 3.

## **Year 9**

### **Geography**

Students are studying Australia's landforms and drainage basins in detail looking at the Murray-Darling basin and the Great Dividing Range.

Students have a skills test in Week 10 on Latitude and Longitude, Cross Sections, Contours, Gradient, Aspect and Synoptic Charts

### **Commerce**

Students will be selling shares to parents for \$2 each with a maximum of \$20 worth. Please get involved in the 'My Tie Dye' business. Students will be tie dying a shirt at home in the next 2 weeks. Students sold a number of shirts at the 'Grease' night. The stall looked very professional.

## **Year 10**

### **Geography**

Any students who have not handed in their Foreign Aid assessment need to do so ASAP.

Students have their Trial School Certificate exam in Week 10. They have received a notification on what they should be studying.

## **Year 11**

### **Economics**

Students have weekly homework. They should be practicing essay paragraphs over and over (10 times) to get ready for the final exam in Economics on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2011.

### **Geography**

Students have revision work. They should be practicing revising content to get ready for the final exam in Geography on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2011.

### **Legal Studies**

Students have revision work. Good luck for their final exam on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2011.

### **Business Studies**

Students have revision work. Good luck for their final exam on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2011.

## **Year 12**

### **Business Studies**

Congratulations on all of your hard work, now is the time for revision and getting as much help from anywhere you can. Good Luck!

### **Economics**

Students have 3 chapters to complete before the end of the term: Environmental Management, Income Distribution & Labour Market Reforms. This information requires all students to be attending every lesson even up to the last day of the term (post - final assembly). Students are expected to be doing past HSC questions related to these chapters as Homework. The homework is due every Friday lesson. Some students have been issued N Warning Determinations as they have been under-performing and dropping their work effort. The course is not complete. We expect all students to be in class, focused & doing the necessary work.

### **Geography**

Students should be revising the 'Ecosystems at Risk', 'Urban Places' and 'People and Economic Activity' topics for their upcoming HSC exam. They are to attend ALL classes and revising through skills, short answers and extended responses which Mr Horrell will be marking towards the HSC.

### **Legal Studies**

Congratulations on all of your hard work, now is the time for revision and getting as much help from anywhere you can. Good Luck!

## **Science**

### **Science summary**

The Science faculty would like to thank the practicum teachers Mr Owen The, Miss Deborah Segal and Miss Kate Jones all of whom have been doing a wonderful job this term bringing exciting and engaging lessons to our students. We wish them all the best for the future.

### **Year 7**

Students will be continuing to work on their Plant Earth topic throughout the end of the term. Students have been given an assessment task "Journey to the Centre of the Earth" in which they are to write a fictional story with a factual basis about how they would travel from space to the Earth's core. This assignment will be due on Monday, October 10 (Term 4, week 1).

### **Year 8**

Year 8 are currently working on "Body Systems". This topic will conclude in about week 3 of next term. An assignment will be handed out this week and this will be due during week 2 of Term 4.

### **Year 9**

Students will be continuing to work on their Energy Resources topic throughout the end of the term. Students will be given an assessment task on this topic before the end of the term to be due early next term.

Marine studies: Marine studies students are working on the topic "Native Crayfish" In which they are looking in depth at the Yabbies in our Marine Lab. They will also have an assignment in which they will have to research and report on a Cartilaginous or bony fish.

### **Year 10**

Students will be finalising the main concepts of their final rotation before the Trial School Certificate. Students may be given time in class for revision if possible, but should also be revising their year 9 and 10 Science work at home in preparation for the exam. When school resumes next term, students will continue with their current teacher, completing the course and revising before the School Certificate.

### **Year 11**

#### Biology

Students will sit their yearly Biology examination on Monday 19/9/11 (week 10). Students are advised that they will be examined on all four topics of the Preliminary course – A local ecosystem, Patterns in Nature, Life on Earth, Evolution of Australian Biota. This will be a two hour examination including 20 multiple choice questions and 10 short to long answer questions worth 55 marks. Students should be studying for this exam to prepare themselves and can see their teachers with any questions.

#### Chemistry

Students will sit their yearly Chemistry examination on Monday 20/9/11 (week 10). Students are advised that they will be examined on all four topics of the Preliminary course –A chemical earth, Metals, Water and Energy. This will be a two hour examination including 20 multiple choice questions and 10 short to long answer questions worth 55 marks. Students should be studying for this exam to prepare themselves and can see their teachers with any questions.

#### Physics

Students will sit their yearly Physics examination on Monday 15/9/11 (week 10). Students are advised that they will be examined on all four topics of the Preliminary course –World Communicates, Moving About, Cosmic Engine, and Electricity in the Home. This will be a two hour examination including 20 multiple choice questions and 10 short to long answer questions worth 55 marks. Students should be studying for this exam to prepare themselves and can see their teachers with any questions.

### **Year 12**

#### Biology

Students will be completing revision and past HSC papers in class. Students are advised that this time is invaluable in their final weeks of school before graduation and may help improve their marks in the HSC. They should be reminded that classes will still go ahead until the last day of term and unless they are ill, they should be at school and in class to learn.

#### Chemistry

Students will be completing revision and past HSC papers in class. Students are advised that this time is invaluable in their final weeks of school before graduation and may help improve their marks in the HSC. They should be reminded that classes will still go ahead until the last day of term and unless they are ill, they should be at school and in class to learn.

#### Physics

Students will be completing revision and past HSC papers in class. Students are advised that this time is invaluable in their final weeks of school before graduation and may help improve their marks in the HSC. They should be reminded that classes will still go ahead until the last day of term and unless they are ill, they should be at school and in class to learn.

#### Senior Science

Students will be completing revision and past HSC papers in class. Students are advised that this time is invaluable in their final weeks of school before graduation and may help improve their marks in the HSC. They should be reminded that classes will still go ahead until the last day of term and unless they are ill, they should be at school and in class to learn.

## Mathematics

### MATHLETICS –

MATHLETICS has a face lift! You have to upgrade to Flash Player 10.3 to get the most of MATHLETICS. Please visit it again as soon as possible. If you do not have an account yet, pay \$15 to the school finance office and bring the receipt to your class teacher or Mr Lo. Visit the website [www.mathletics.com.au](http://www.mathletics.com.au) for detail.

### Mathematics Competitions

There are 2 dedicated students completed the recent Australian Informatics Olympiad successfully. Congratulations. Results will be known early next term. Thank you Mr Stamell for organising the training and running the competition.

#### Year 7 to 10

In order to facilitate the best learning of Maths, please make sure that your child has the necessary equipment in class, including textbook, exercise book, geometry set and scientific calculator. The scientific calculator, CASIO fx82AU Plus, is available at the school Uniform Shop at \$30 each.

In terms of topics, year 7 classes are finishing 3-Dimensional Solids. Year 8 classes are finishing Number Plane and going into Graph and Table. As year 9 and 10 Maths classes on different pathways, namely Advanced, Intermediate and Standard Maths, have different topics, please check with the class teachers for the topics your child is on now.

The Year 10 Mathematics School Certificate Trial Exam is on Term 3 Week 10 Thursday. To help students to prepare for the exam, students can find practice material at [www.edmodo.com](http://www.edmodo.com) with code: 812p2w.

#### Year 11

The Yearly Exam is now on. Please be reminded that students who have missed the Assessment Task need to follow the school policy by completing a misadventure form with a medical certificate and submit them to Mr Alexandrou or Mr Lo the first day back to school.

#### Year 12

After the Trial Exams, students must use the feedback given to guide their study and must address the weaknesses highlighted. Students should also attend all Maths lessons and revise with more HSC style questions and practice under examination conditions as part of the preparation for the HSC. See class teachers for further assistance.

## Welfare

Year Advisers 2011

Please contact your child's year adviser should you have any concerns or questions, they can then either assist you themselves, or help you direct your enquiry to the appropriate place. As Year Advisers are often in class, it is probably best to contact them via email. Please email the school account with Attention: Year Advisers Name/s and your child's name and Year level in the **subject heading** of your email. Year Advisers check their email daily and will usually be able to respond to your email within 24-48 hours.

Year 7: Cheryl Russel and Hayley Strong

Year 8: Sharon Cleary and Deb Stern

Year 9: Marika Horvath and Rod Portada

Year 10: Louise Hawkins and Mario Alexandrou

Year 11: Bron Kelly and Phil Horrell

Year 12: Paul Mansell and Maria Alonzo

### Best Buddies



**Best Buddies is coming to Rose Bay Secondary College.** Students who are interested in making friends with a student from the support unit should see **Ms Metson** in the **A Block Staff Room**.

Best Buddies Australia is a new not-for-profit organisation that seeks to harness the power of friendship to transform the lives of people who have an intellectual disability. We want to create a community where these people are connected, included, respected and valued; through friendship.

Best Buddies matches people who have, and those who don't have intellectual disabilities, in one to one friendships. Then the volunteer and their Buddy get involved with everyday activities together, like a trip to the movies or a meal and a chat. The framework requires volunteers to commit to a 12 month program, during which time volunteers (we call them Peer Buddies) and those who have an intellectual disability (Buddies) are matched according to age, location, sex and interests.

Best Buddies focuses on the development of a friendship relationship rather than a mentoring one.

Best Buddies is currently operating in 6 High Schools in Sydney and 2 High Schools in Melbourne. There are more than 70 Buddy Pairs.

More information can also be found on the Best Buddies program website: <http://www.bestbuddies.org.au/index.html>

#### Year 12

Year 12 Graduation is fast approaching. Students and families of Year 12 are reminded the date for this event is Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September. Graduation is held in the College Gym, students and families are asked to arrive by 6:45pm.

Students who wish to present an item for the final roll call Wed 21<sup>st</sup> September should see Miss Alonzo and Mr. Mansell. Any outstanding Year 12 formal money needs to be paid in Week 9. All students should be in classes until the end of term.

## FINAL ROLL CALL AND GRADUATION EVENING



The last day of school is Wednesday 21 September. Students must be attending classes for revision until this day. On Wednesday 21 September students will be farewelled by the Rose Bay College community during the day at the final roll call. The graduation evening is a formal setting for students and their families and is scheduled to start at 7 pm. Students and guests must be seated by 6:45 pm. Students must be in full school uniform on both of these occasions to be included in these ceremonies.

### **CLEARANCE PROCEDURES, RETURNING OF RESOURCES AND MONIES OWING**

On Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November between 11am and 1.00pm students **must** complete school clearance procedures. Clearance forms are to be collected from the Boardroom next to Ms Andre's office. **Please** return textbooks, library books, and pay any monies owing. Invoice letters will be posted before this date outlining monies that are still owing to the school eg for course fees. The school appreciates donation of any old uniform items

**Failure to return textbooks will result in the school issuing an invoice for payment for the replacement of these books.**

**FORMAL TICKETS** – these will be issued after students have completed clearance procedures on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November. This means YOU MUST DO CLEARANCE TO GET INTO THE FORMAL.

If you can't complete clearance on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November please email the school and tell us when you able to come into school to complete this process.

**HSC EXAMS**– Good luck to all students! Students and parents ARE to refer to The [2011 Higher School Certificate \(HSC\) examination timetable](#). The examination period is from Monday, 17 October 2011 to Friday, 11 November 2011. This timetable is available on the BOS website.  
[http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/hsc\\_exams/](http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/hsc_exams/)



Students and parents need to review the **'Rules and Procedures for 2011 Higher School Certificate** – also available on the BOS website. We draw your attention to section 17 (ii) which says *"If you miss an examination simply because you have misread the timetable, you must contact your principal immediately. You cannot lodge an illness/misadventure appeal on these grounds."*

### **A couple of reminders which will help examinations to run smoothly**

**WEAR SCHOOL UNIFORM. LEAVE YOUR MOBILE PHONE/ i-POD AT HOME.** You will have to hand in any personal technologies before you enter the examination room!!!!

### **Year 8**

Year 8 students Camp is on: Term 4, Week 4, Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2011. This is a reward camp and students will be invited to attend.

### **Year 10**

School Certificate Trial Examination are being held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> English / Science and Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September Maths/ History Geography. **ALL STUDENTS MUST ATTEND THESE EXAMINATIONS.** In many cases they are worth a large proportion of your final school based assessment mark for the School Certificate. Assessment policy states that if you are going to be absent on the date of a task your parents **MUST** phone the school on the morning of the task. The only make up day will be Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September.

### **Important Dates for Year 10 in Term 4**

Week 5: 7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> November: School Certificate Examinations

Week 6 -7: 14<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> November Stage 6 Senior Preparation Program

Week 8 – 9 28<sup>th</sup> November – 8<sup>th</sup> December – Work Experience

Week 9 Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Year 10 Graduation Ceremony

Students travelling overseas as part of exchange programs like discover Israel **MUST** apply for Leave from school, and see Ms Metson in the A Block staff room prior to departure. The compulsory components of the Stage 6 program must be complete and handed in on the first day of class 2012.

### **EXTRA – CURRICULAR PROGRAMS**

#### **Music Ensemble Programs**

Next meeting: Thursday Sept 15, 7pm in College Boardroom near the Front Office. New members welcome.

## *ROCK BAND PROGRAM*

If you are interested in joining this new initiative, see Mrs Masterson or Mr Bryant in the music staff. Notes have been sent in the post to interested students this week and the Program will be starting in Week 9. Mr Bryant is the co-ordinator.

## *V FEST*

Put in your diaries: a showcase of films from our school and other schools.

Venue: Chauvel Cinema Paddington

When: Tuesday Sept 20

Time: 6pm

### **Newsletter contacts**

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