

NEWSLETTER

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Principal's report

Thank you to Ms Katrina Jenns for organising a successful and safe Silver Duke of Edinburgh hike last weekend.

Congratulations to our **HSC Music** students who performed on Tuesday night with such talent and dedication. The lively, emotive and mesmerising pieces were hugely entertaining.

Congratulations to:

Tara Mahendroo (Clarinet) - Sonata for Clarinet and Piano by Francis Poulenc

Anna Liu (Piano) - Butterflying by Elena Kats-Chernin

Sharath Mahendran (Piano) - Russian Rag II by Elena Kats-Chernin

Edwin Xu (Piano) - Danzas Argentinas by Alberta Ginastera

Kevin Li (Piano) - Waldesrauschen by Franz Liszt

Annabelle Hon (Piano) - Au Bord d'une Source by Franz Liszt

Eric Zhuang (Piano) - Grande valse brillante by Frederic Chopin

Ramzi Zhu (Piano) - Arabesque No.1 by Claude Debussy

Eunice Cheng (Violin) - Little Chrissietina's Magic Fantasy by Matthew Hindson

Derrick Ma (Piano) - Revolutionary Etude by Frederic Chopin

Leona Jiao (Piano) - Prelude in C# minor by Sergei Rachmaninoff

Brian Lei (Piano) - La Campanella by Franz Liszt

Elton Yang (Piano) - Ballade No. 1 in G Minor by Frederic Chopin

Rowena Song (Flute) - Carnival Night by John Carmichael

Leona Jiao and Elton Yang (Piano duo) - The Serpent's Kiss from Fantasy Rags by William Bolcom



Thank you to the hard working Mothers' Club for organising another hugely successful food day.
Congratulations and a big thank you for raising \$6027.

Thank you to the many parents, ex-parents and grandparents who gave up hours of their time preparing and cooking our delicious food.

A special thank you to Mrs Marissa Li our President and Mrs Annie Chen, ex-parent, who once again provided invaluable advice to ensure the success of the day.

This week we were given permission to begin refurbishing our new science laboratories and all money raised will help ensure we can provide the best equipment possible.

Next Thursday at 9.45am in the Lecture Theatre Mothers' Club will host their Annual General Meeting. Our guest speaker is Mr Jason Driscoll our Careers Advisor who will share his knowledge on Scaling and the HSC. We will also hear stories of our Year 10 work experience students.

Save the date - Wednesday 26th September

Official Opening of the Gymnasium 4pm

Illuminate 5.30pm

Wednesday 26th September is a very special day for the Ruse Community. Everyone is invited to our official Opening of the JRAHS Gymnasium at 4pm followed by **Illuminate** at 5.30pm.

Coming Events

Week 6A

Monday August 27 th	Year 12 Drama HSC Performances
Tuesday August 28 th	CoJR Meeting 6pm Booklovers' Café Year 11 History Debating
Wednesday August 29 th	School Assembly
Thursday August 30 th	Mothers' Club AGM 9.45am in the Lecture Theatre
Friday August 31 st	Ideas Forum Year 11 Debating Final



Week 7B

Monday September 3 rd	Year 8 Resourceful Adolescent Camp
Tuesday September 4 th	Year 8 Resourceful Adolescent Camp
Wednesday September 5 th	Preliminary Examinations begin
Thursday September 6 th	Year 7 Debate
Friday September 7 th	UNSW Prize Presentation

Have a wonderful week.

Megan Connors

The Tell Them From Me parent survey Term 3, 2018

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the **Tell Them From Me** parent feedback survey.

The survey measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes.

The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

You may remember that our students also participated in a **Tell Them From Me** student survey in Term 1 this year. All families will be emailed a link to the survey which will open on Monday 27th August

The survey is a great opportunity for our parents to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged their children are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them.

More than 6,300 schools in Australia and around the world have used **Tell Them From Me** to survey 5.4 million students. Capturing the voices of our parents will also help improve how we do things at our school.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered 27 August and 26 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

FAQs are available from: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

This information is available in 23 languages.

I look forward to your support.

Liza Mayers
Deputy Principal

2018 UBS Finance Academy

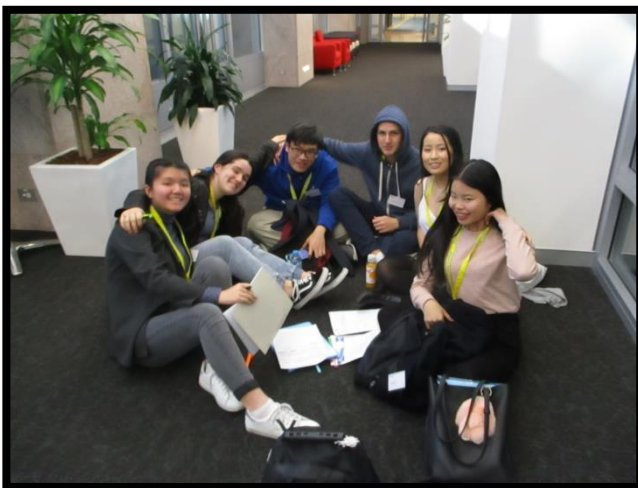
During the first week of the July school holidays, I had the amazing opportunity to attend the 2018 UBS Finance Academy. Over the course of four days, I met 38 like-minded students from all over New South Wales who were interested in learning a bit more about finance.

Throughout our time staying at Macquarie University, we travelled to the UBS building in the city nearly every day, where we gathered insights on the different aspects of investment banking like equity research, mergers and acquisitions, and we even had a chance to visit the largest trading floor in the Southern Hemisphere!

The highlight of this short, yet unforgettable experience was the amount of people we got to meet, from forming tight-knit friendships within four days, to networking with UBS employees at a canapé function. The Finance Academy was not just a great learning experience, but one that was fun and full of enjoyment.

Although the concept of spending nearly half my holidays with almost 40 strangers was scary at first, the late-night Ping-Pong games, the inside jokes and the memories we created is something I will never forget.

I encourage future year 11 students to apply and hopefully attend the Finance Academy in coming years, as the memories from this experience are priceless, and I can promise that over the course of the 4 days, there is never a dull moment!



Bernadette Wong (Year 11 Student)

Reflection on the Yale Young Global Scholars Program

I was fortunate enough to have been selected to attend the Yale University Young Global Scholars Program in the Biological and Biomedical Science session during the first 3 weeks of this term. From the moment I set foot into my assigned college, I was captured by the warm and inviting atmosphere that was to be my family and home for almost a month.

For the following 2 weeks, I was thrown into a whirlwind of intensive but fun-filled days from 8am to 9pm, 7 days a week, with 250 other Year 11 and 12 students from across the world. Every day was filled with various captivating lectures by university professors and leaders in their field, seminars taught by PhD students and a high pace simulation of a real-world epidemic crisis where we worked to solve it in real time.

One of my favourite activities was the Capstone Project which lasted over the course of the 2 week program. We were assigned topics (mine was Neuroscience and Psychology), split into teams of 4 to create a PhD-style research thesis on an unsolved area of research, and at the end of the 2 weeks we had to deliver a 20 minute presentation and Q&A to other students and PhD researchers. Although it was a lot of hard work involving long nights of research and brainstorming with my team and our supervisor, learning how to understand complicated medical journal papers filled with foreign abbreviations, I definitely learnt the most from this activity, having to work closely and effectively with people I had never met before.

Don't get me wrong, it wasn't just all study and work. Surprisingly, I was the only Australian in the whole cohort of 250 students. This became quite a conversation starter during our free times hanging out in the games basement, as the number of people who mistook my accent for British was astounding! Despite being such a minority, I made sure to show-off a bit of our Australian culture by successfully auditioning and performing "Waltzing Matilda" during our end-of-program Talent Show!

The Yale Young Global Scholars Program provided me with such an amazing opportunity to not only go and study at one of the world's top universities, but more importantly to get to meet and learn with talented students from across the world that were all so passionate about the same things, despite the cultural and language barriers. Being able to work closely with PhD students in their laboratories, and experience first-hand the cutting-edge research that renowned professors are conducting, has left me filled with awe and inspiration. The program has allowed me to have a taste of numerous niche and fascinating areas in science and has broadened my horizons and knowledge.

All in all, it was an incredible experience that was totally worth the 96 hour travel time and jetlag!!!

Eunice Cheng (Year 11 Student)



Agriculture Update

Update on the most famous lamb - Millie

Millie met a lot of new people & animals this week at



...the Galston Soccer Finals ..



A basketball game.....



... also met the Ruse free range chickens!

Millie's search for food continues as she leaves a path of destruction and looks rather innocent ...



And her inquisitive tastings continue as she works out what to eat but is not always successful with her choices! She finally discovered real grass and some Lucerne hay and spent the afternoon chewing her own cud !



CoJR P&C

Upcoming General CoJR Meeting

When: 6pm, Tuesday August 28, 2018

Where: Staff Common Room

Come join us for the School Update from Ms Connors where you are also invited to bring up any of your ideas and/or concerns at this meeting as CoJR P&C always strives to improve the experience we deliver to the School Community.

Remember to email us if you would like to volunteer to help at the upcoming **Illuminate Festival on Wednesday September 26 5:30-7:30pm**. It should only be a 30 min roster to sell pre-packaged snacks and drinks, so it leaves you with ample time to join in and enjoy the Illuminate Festival.

Don't forget to claim your tax-deductible CoJR Contribution and Building Fund Donations on your tax returns!

Yvonne Lo

President, CoJR P&C

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Mothers' Club News

Mothers' Club's Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on

Date: Thursday, 30th August (week 6)

Time: 9:45am

Venue: Lecture Theatre

Guest Speaker: Jason Driscoll - Career Adviser/ PDHPE teacher

Topics: - HSC subjects Scaling

Jason will talk about the scaling process and how it works in relation to some of the HSC subjects James Ruse students choose. He will use data from the 2018 scaling report to show examples of what scaling looks like for a number of those different courses. He will also cover the terms ATAR, Aggregates and Moderation to help better understand the complex process.

Guest Speakers:

Five Year 10 James Ruse students who have just had a wonderful week of work experience in varying and interesting fields will share their experiences with you

These students are:

Kathy Li - Taronga Zoo.

Joshua Salama - Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute

Matthew Ku - Concord Hospital & SBS

Aneesa Abdu - RP Compounding (Pharmacy)

Esias Feng - Herbert Smith Freehills (Law)

At the meeting, we will hold our annual election of the 2018-2019 CoJR Mothers' Club Committee. The election is open to all James Ruse parents. The Executive positions comprise of the President, the Vice President, the Secretary and the Treasurer.

The role of the Executive is to lead Mothers' Club activities and to ensure all Mothers' Club meetings run smoothly.

- President - The President presides at all meetings and regularly consults with the Principal and members of Mothers' Club on school and parent related issues.
- Vice President - The Vice President supports the President and presides over the meetings in the absence of the Mothers' Club President.
- Secretary - The secretary shall attend the meetings and records the minutes of all Mothers' Club meetings.
- Treasurer - The treasurer receives and deposits money, maintains records, draws cheques, present accounts to the Annual General Meeting of the Mothers' Club, and presents all records for auditing each year.

The Executive is the "engine" of the Mothers' club. However, they cannot do everything without teamwork and the essential assistance of the other Committee members, and the generous support of the parents and carers. It is a Community, and it only works when we all work together.

All new committee members will be given full briefings on their roles, and will be actively supported by all the committee members.

We would love to see both fathers and mothers of different backgrounds to join Mothers' Club. To help you better understand Mothers' Club committee, you can contact any current Mothers' Club committee members or me at our email: cojrmothersclub@gmail.com

Entertainment Books

The 2018/2019 Entertainment Books sale has ended.

Thank you to those parents who bought the book.

Some parents of year 7 and 8 who didn't buy the book but haven't returned it yet, please return it to the office as soon as possible.

Marissa Li

President, CoJR Mothers Club

Community News

Commencing Sunday 7/10, Castle Hill Library will be hosting a series of HSC Study on Sundays. To support studying, Castle Hill Library will open exclusively for HSC students on Sunday mornings from 9.30am - 1pm for 4 weeks prior to the HSC.

Bookings can be made online via the Library's webpage on Eventbrite.

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