

# NEWSLETTER

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## Principal's report

Congratulations and thank you to Gillian Haslehurst-Smith who retired on Wednesday after serving our school for 25 years and 5 months.

Gillian was a wonderful asset to our support staff and served the school generously over this time. Working closely with three Principals, Gillian organised over 100 formal ceremonies - Awards Days, Presentation Nights, ANZAC services, Cadet Passing Out Parades and Prefect Inductions.

A consummate professional, every event Gillian organised honoured our traditions and ensured every student and teacher felt special. Gillian worked closely with over 26 prefect bodies and is well remembered by our past captains and prefects.

Mrs Haslehurst-Smith has proof read and edited thousands of Year 12 references; taken hours of minutes (in perfect shorthand), ensured the successful enrolment of all students and been a friend and advisor to many parents.

As a member of our staff, Gillian will be missed. A wonderful friend is retiring and we wish Gillian a spectacular retirement filled with holidays, singing and music.

On Wednesday our Year 12 Jazz Ensemble led by Ms Jenns serenaded Mrs Haslehurst-Smith on the steps of Barrengary House. Their beautiful voices singing "Goodnight Sweetheart" evoked many tears in Gillian's colleagues and friends.



On Monday our Year 12 students sat their Drama HSC Performances. I was honoured to watch the group performances and was impressed once again with their talents. Please make sure you save the date and can come to their performance night - 6.30pm September 11<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to Ms Murphy and Mr Travers for their guidance of this year's class and also to Ms St Louis for helping to ensure the examination day was successful.

This week under the guidance of Mr Pronger, our students helped package our very own beef for sale. Our beautiful grass fed Angus has become a true paddock to plate experience. With the butcher close by, food mileage was low. A great learning experience for our students and wonderful meals for those who purchased the beef!



Congratulations to our students who ran this week's Book Lover's Café event to raise awareness in reading and in literacy. The Book Lover's Cafe is also hosting a competition. There will be exciting prizes for first and second places and entries will be published. For details, please see the Book Lover's Café update later on in the newsletter.

**Save the date - Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September**

**Official Opening of the Gymnasium 4pm**

**Illuminate 5.30pm**

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> 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 7B

Monday September 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 8 Resourceful Adolescent Camp
Tuesday September 4 <sup>th</sup>	Year 8 Resourceful Adolescent Camp
Wednesday September 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Preliminary Examinations begin</b>
Thursday September 6 <sup>th</sup>	Year 7 Debate
	NSW Athletics Carnival
Friday September 7 <sup>th</sup>	UNSW Prize Presentation
	NSW Athletics Carnival

## **Week 8A**

## **Preliminary Examinations**

Monday September 10 <sup>th</sup>	Zero Robotics University of Sydney
Tuesday September 11 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm HSC Drama Showcase
Thursday September 13 <sup>th</sup>	AIMO
	Cadet Passing Out Dinner
Friday September 14 <sup>th</sup>	Cadet Passing Out Parade

Have a wonderful week.

**Megan Connors**

## **The Sydney Water Project**

I am sending a link and asking for your help in supporting your fellow students (and in the process win great prizes for our school).

Over this year on Wednesday afternoons, a group of enthusiastic year 7 and 8 students participated in the Sydney Water Project **Brand Without a Bottle competition** for Junior English Enrichment.

**The aim of the project:** To promote the use of tap water over bottled water through an advertising campaign.

**What we had to do:** Students in the project had to create a story board which persuaded their target audience to drink tap water instead of bottled water.

The selection panel chose 2 of our groups but they could only have one winner.

We were chosen from over 50 schools to have our storyboard realised and recorded by a professional film crew - our students also had the opportunity to be involved in the production of the short film.

We have been shortlisted as one of 6 finalists and we would appreciate your help in voting for us.

We would appreciate the support of staff, students, parents and friends in our community as we showcase some of the wonderful things happening at our school.

**We need your help!**

**Please view our short film AND vote for us. Trust me, our film is the best!**

**(follow the link below and click on Gallery on the top right of the menu to see the videos)**

<https://oursydneyourwater.com.au/brand-without-bottle>

**Voting closes on Monday 3rd September so your support would be greatly appreciated!**



Some images captured during the filming of our short film.

Many thanks!

**Ms Schultz and Year 7/8 Sydney Brand Without a Bottle Enrichment class**  
**Head Teacher English Faculty**

### **Junior Legacy Public Speaking**

Congratulations to Isaac Lawrence and Iqra Razzak for their outstanding public speaking in the Legacy Junior Public Speaking Competition. Both students crafted compelling and engaging prepared speeches and delivered impressive impromptu speeches.

Iqra's speech was about **The impacts of NAPLAN on education** and Isaac spoke on **The significance of sacrifice**. Both students are commended on their outstanding effort in representing our school in public speaking.

Iqra was highly commended and Isaac was successful in progressing on to the Regional final on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September at the Performing Arts Unit at Lewisham.

**Ms Schultz**  
**Head Teacher English Faculty**

## Year 11 Metro Debating Competition

Congratulations to the year 11 Metro Debating team who are now zone winners, regional champions and state quarterfinalists.

Last week the year 11 Metro debating team defeated Normanhurst Boys High School in the State semi-final of the Metro Debating Competition.

The topic for the debate was '**that we should prosecute sportspeople for on-field acts of violence**'. James Ruse was arguing the negative and in a challenging debate, James Ruse defeated Normanhurst Boys in a unanimous decision by the adjudication panel.

On Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August, they will be competing against Sydney Girls High School in the State Final at Western Sydney University, Parramatta.

All the best to the team and congratulations on reaching such great heights in your debating over this year.



Rehan Gunawardhana , Flora Lee,  
Calla Lee and Charlie Yang

**Ms Schultz**  
**Head Teacher English Faculty**

## Prefect Update (Week 6)

Over the last two weeks, there have been many events, achievements and prefect activities across the school that have kept school life enjoyable and interesting ahead of the oncoming exam period.

Just last week, our Mothers' Club hosted an extremely successful food day, raising over \$6000 for our school. We'd like to thank them for their amazing efforts in supporting the CoJR improve the school facilities and providing us with some AMAZING food.

Our International Science Olympiad students have also all returned from competing overseas, bringing with them 5 medals. Congratulations to Wayne Wong, Kim Zheng, Phillip Liang, Raymond Li and Richard Huang for their achievements.



## PREFECT INTRODUCTION VIDEO

On Wednesday, we had our first whole school assembly of the term where we were able to present our much anticipated first prefect introduction video. With 12 minutes of suspense-filled plot, hilarious jokes (like the one at the end of this segment!), and all of your favourite prefects, we're sure that everyone had a good laugh. If you missed the assembly, or just want to watch it again, don't worry! We'll be releasing the video on Facebook and YouTube so make sure you check that out.

A BIG thank you to our amazing SnL team for making it all possible in such a short timeframe.

## 3 ON 3 SOCCER

With our Round Robin games ending this week, we'll be taking a break from soccer until after our exams. In weeks 9 and 10, we'll be having semi-finals and finals for our junior boys, senior boys and our girls' pools. We're also introducing the coveted Golden Boot award which will go to the highest scoring player in each pool. To finish off 3 on 3 Soccer with a bang, we're having a Teachers vs Students soccer match on Thursday of Week 10. The line ups for the day will be released closer to the date so keep an eye out for any Facebook or Instagram posts and emails.

## PRELIMINARY EXAMS

On behalf of the prefects, we would like to wish all year 11s (including us!) good luck in their examinations. Sleep well, eat well, stay healthy and don't get down about messing up once in a while!

Our year 12s are also getting their trial results back so good luck to them too and remember, it's not the marks you lost that matters, but the ones you gained!

In the spirit of tests, here's an academic joke:

I told a chemistry joke.  
There was no reaction

We hope that joke wasn't BASIC!

Until next time,

**Your Prefects '18-'19**

## Accounts Update

Dear Parents

A reminder that you are now able to pay all school fees, excursions, donations or any school-related payments with **POP** (Parent Online Payment) using your Mastercard or Visa credit card. Some of you may be familiar with it already, however, there are probably some of you that are still unsure what to do.

The secure Westpac payment page is accessed from the front page of the School website by selecting **Make a Payment** (3<sup>rd</sup> option) or through the Parent portal.

Using this option you must enter:

- Student name
- Class
- Date of birth

Alternatively, if you have already received an email reminder from us to pay your statement, the **BLUE LINK** can be used anytime to take you to your child's statement directly. This link is provided by the Department-approved secure School Bytes program. If you wish to know more about School Bytes Student Privacy information, please click the link below:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/going-to-a-public-school/media/all-files/School-Bytes-Student-Privacy-Information.pdf>

We hope you find this information helpful. Remember, this is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure your credit card details are captured securely and are not passed back to the school.

If you do need more information (or a bit of help), please contact the Accounts Office.

**Bernadette Liddell**

**Accounts**

## Agriculture Update

### Millie the Lamb

Millie is growing fast!

At 4 weeks, she weighed a healthy 14kg!

Dr Zounis and I were able to cart Millie around in this pet carrier but we will have to curb her travels when she is no longer able to fit in her carrier.

She is also outgrowing the school container!



Even though Millie has started to eat solid food, she still gets very pushy when it comes to bottle time. From this weekend, she will be down to only 2 bottles a day, so she is on track to be weaned over the next two weeks. The Year 7 boys have been coming down each morning to feed Millie.



Millie visited around the school so students & staff could have one last look at her wildly, wriggling tail!





## Tail Docking of the lambs on the farm

Yesterday, lambs were tail docked (with Elastrator Rings), vaccinated & males Cryptorchid (ask your children what this means). Here is a photo of them recovering together. One little lamb, however, managed to miss these processes despite being with rest! She has a short reprieve till we catch up with her on Monday!



## And a bit of fun on the farm

Alyssa Zheng sometimes bites more than she can chew!



**Ms Robbie Ashhurst**  
Agriculture Teacher

## Updates from The Book Lover's Café

### Book Lover's Café Book Exchange

The Book Club organised a special event this Tuesday, a book exchange! Here, you are able to return old used books that are in fairly good condition in exchange for little treats & possibly other little prizes. These books will go to persons who are in need of books/resources via the Salvation Army. Please keep them coming. They are for a worthy cause. The drop off point is in the library.

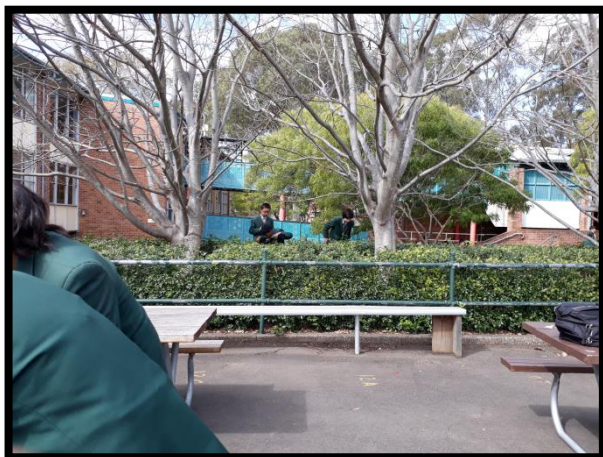


**Mahica Jain**  
President Book Lover's Café

## Book Day

A very successful Bookmark Stall held on Book Day was met with generous donations & wonderful displays of art!

Quotes & little treats were hidden around the school & students had lots of fun looking for them, perhaps they should not have looked in the bushes!



"perhaps they should'nt have looked in the bushes!"

Beautiful works of Art being created

**Sara  
Fernando  
Vice President Book Lover's Cafe**



### **Charles Sturt University - Facebook Live Parent Q & A**

August 29 | Online

Join CSU Prospective Student Adviser Hilary here live on Facebook as she gets into the nitty-gritty of applying, early offers, accommodation and costs. Hilary will break down the application process and help you navigate the uni landscape, so you can give your child the best support possible.

Find out more - <https://www.facebook.com/events/240654380095842/>

### **AIE - Information Evening**

September 20 | Sydney, Melbourne, Canberra & Adelaide

Discover the courses designed to get you started in game development, 3D animation and visual effects. Find out about what full time and part time courses are starting in 2019.

Find out more - <http://www.aie.edu.au/information-evening>

### **Catchment Adjustment Factors**

You may now be eligible for five additional adjustment factors through Macquarie's new Catchment Adjustment Factor Scheme.

If you qualify for adjustment factors, they are added to your selection rank and may improve your chances of receiving an offer for your preferred degree. Macquarie offers five additional adjustment factors to students who live or go to school in Macquarie's catchment region. These are called catchment adjustment factors. Use the tool below to check if your postcode qualifies. If you qualify, you will automatically receive five adjustment factors when you have a Macquarie course listed as one of your preferences through UAC.

[Find out more - https://www.mq.edu.au/study/admissions/entry-requirements/domestic/macquarie-entry/adjustment-factors/catchment-adjustment-factors](https://www.mq.edu.au/study/admissions/entry-requirements/domestic/macquarie-entry/adjustment-factors/catchment-adjustment-factors)

### **Bond University Scholarships Open Now**

Bond University scholarships are available to Year 12 students who excel in academic, community leadership and sporting pursuits. Applications are now open and we encourage high achieving students to submit a Bond University study application before commencing a scholarship application.

Apply now via [bond.edu.au/applynow](http://bond.edu.au/applynow).

Visit: [bond.edu.au/scholarships](http://bond.edu.au/scholarships)

### **Macquarie University - Central Coast Information Evening**

5 September. 5.30pm to 7.00pm

Brisbane Water Secondary College, Woy Woy Campus, Edward Street, Woy, Woy

Come along to find out how your child can achieve remarkable things at university. You will hear from current Macquarie students about what university is really like and what is on offer at Macquarie. You'll also have the opportunity to speak directly with expert course advisers and representatives from the university.

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/macquarie-unis-student-and-parent-information-evening-central-coast-tickets-48542693503>



### **University of Newcastle - Aerospace Engineering Degree Launch**

27 August. 5.00pm

The University Gallery, Callaghan Campus

Come along to learn more about our new degree and the two major specialisations available. You'll also get to hear from experts in the Faculty of Engineering and Built Environment and several of our valued industry partners who have been instrumental in getting this exciting new program up and running.

<https://www.newcastle.edu.au/events/faculty-of-engineering-and-builtenvironment/aerospace-engineering-degree-launch>

### **University of Newcastle - Renewable Energy Engineering Degree Launch**

30 August. 5.00pm

The University Gallery, Callaghan Campus

One of the biggest challenges humankind faces is the transition to a renewable energy economy. The success of this evolution depends on the creative solutions of a new generation of renewable energy engineers with specialised skills. Come along to learn more about our new degree and the diverse elective pathways available. You'll also get to hear from experts in the Faculty of Engineering and Built Environment and several of our valued industry partners who have been instrumental in getting this exciting new program up and running.

<https://www.newcastle.edu.au/events/faculty-of-engineering-and-builtenvironment/renewable-energy-engineering-degree-launch>

### **University of Pennsylvania**

10 September. 6.00pm to 7.30pm

Roseby Library, Redlands School, 272 Military Road, Cremorne

The University of Pennsylvania is an Ivy League university, one of few who visit Sydney annually, thus showing commitment to Australian students. All CA's, students and parents are welcome to this session presented by the Director of Admissions. RSVP:

[key.admissions.upenn.edu/register/SydneyAustralia](http://key.admissions.upenn.edu/register/SydneyAustralia)

### **Pilots of Tomorrow Scholarship**

We are pleased to announce a joint initiative to offer a future pilots scholarship program. The program is open to high school students interested in a career as an airline pilot. The aviation industry is experiencing extraordinary growth but a shortage of pilots is expected. Email [ben.evans@flightexperience.com](mailto:ben.evans@flightexperience.com)

See more information at: [sydney.flightexperience.com.au/scholarships/](http://sydney.flightexperience.com.au/scholarships/)

### **Do you have students wanting to choose teaching as a career?**

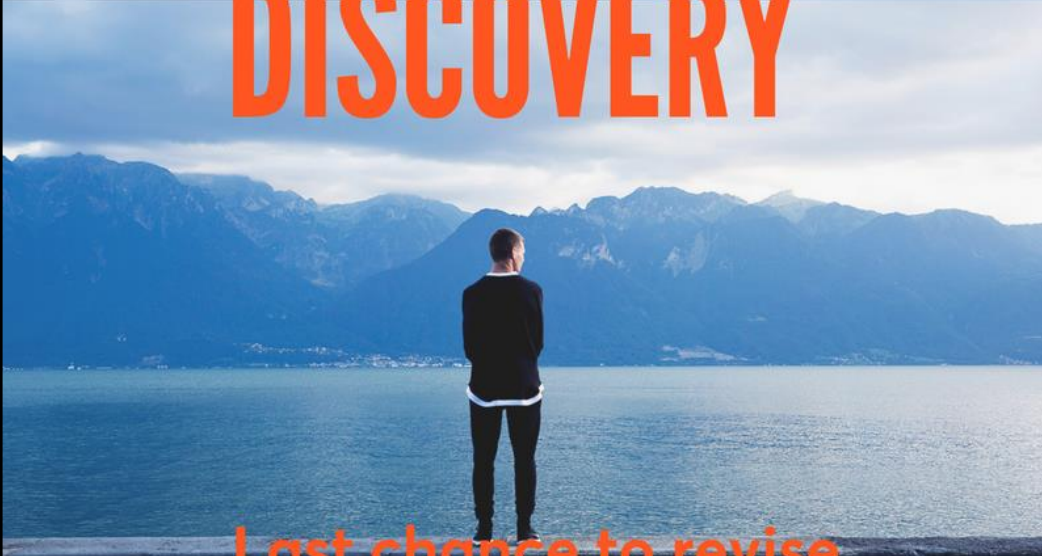
Apply 14 September

The NSW Department of Education has scholarships open to HSC students who want to become teachers. Inspire the next generation of teachers and encourage your students to apply for a scholarship. They will receive a head start in their teaching career with a permanent teaching job at the end of their tertiary teaching studies.

[teach.nsw.edu.au/get-paid-to-study](http://teach.nsw.edu.au/get-paid-to-study)

## Community News

HSC English Discovery Talk - Parramatta Library with Larry Grumley, Head English Teacher, Study Guide Author & Senior HSC Marker .



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