DARE Week brings our community together

Students, staff and the community participated and enjoyed a wide range of events for DARE Week which culminated in the DARE Fair and Rouse Hill High School's Got Talent. The DARE Fair encouraged student participation in a number of fun and interactive activities. Leadership groups from each year organised activities displaying excellent examples of teamwork, initiative and enterprise.

Rouse Hill High School was supported by a number of local community sponsors that we would like to once again acknowledge and thank for their support.

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DARE week cont.

Ironbark Ridge, Beaumont Hills and Rouse Hill Public School were involved in the spectacular MADD - Music, Art, Drama and Dance performances held on Wednesday night which showcased and displayed the talents of many students. All schools congratulated and thanked the students on their efforts and appreciated the integrated involvement of their schools in the performance.

Rouse Hill High School LOTE teacher Mrs Wang commented, "creative and inspired teaching outside the classroom is what Rouse Hill High School has successfully achieved this past week. DARE Week as it has been named has broken the boundaries of traditional teaching to challenge students and reinvigorate their excitement for learning".

Thank you to our community, staff and students for their active role in making DARE Week a success.
Thank you to our DARE week supporters

Modern, innovative and specialist teaching environments for dance, music, drama and digital media
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**Hills Dance Spectacular**

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On Sunday 14 September, students from Rouse Hill High School competed in the Hills Dance Spectacular at Pacific Hills Christian School. We had 6 teams competing across two sections and the adjudicator certainly new our school by the end of the competition. In the Junior Section the 7 and 8 Ensemble took 1st place and the Year 9 dance class came 3rd. In the Senior Section our Hip Hop crew were awarded 4th place and Senior Jazz were awarded a Highly Commended. Overall the judges loved the costuming, energy and technical talent of our dancers.

Heather Pearce and Isabelle Secanski from the Year 9 dance class entered the 14U Duo section with a dance they choreographed in class to “Everybody Wants to Rule the World”. Their great partner work and the intensity of the piece saw them awarded 1st place. This was a tremendous achievement for the girls as it was the first time they were competing in a “non school” section.

Congratulations also to Sophia Charters and Sarah Fogerty who completed their HSC Dance exam at Rouse Hill High School in 2013. Both girls have been accepted into fulltime dance courses for 2015 and we wish them the best of luck…….chookas!
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**Fun in the HSIE classroom!**

Mrs Castle, Head Teacher HSIE

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**Macquarie University Schools Chess Challenge!**

Mr Williams, Teacher Librarian

On Sunday the 26th of October, four students from Rouse Hill High School travelled to Macquarie University to participate in the Macquarie University Schools Chess Challenge. Vihar Patel and Bril Adu from Year 7, together with Abdallah Harun and Austin Panganiban from Year 9, joined an assortment of 28 teams from 18 different schools to engage in seven rounds of fiercely contested chess competition.

In considerable heat, the boys played exceptionally well against several older and more seasoned competitors, winning 13 games across our two teams. All four students displayed exemplary sportsmanship, skill and improvement throughout the day. They served as fine representatives of Rouse Hill High School.

These four students are among many others who have greatly increased in their knowledge and skill in the game of chess since the first competition of the year. With further in-school competitions this year, and the opportunity for inter-school competition next year, any student interested is welcome to join the growing number of players at Rouse Hill.
Leadership and engagement programs that build confidence, resilience and success
On 23rd of October, the Rouse Hill High School Science faculty took 58, Year 8 students to the Youth Eco Summit at Olympic Park where students participated in a wide range of sustainability and environmental workshops, seminars and video conferences.

Our students got hands on by enjoying some fascinating experiences. They had a go at hand milking a cow, observed the transformation of milk into soft cheese and explored the reliability and constraints of solar and wind energy in a fun and practical way. They also had a chance to investigate using wind meters, solar panels, compasses and solar powered cars. Our students gained a lot of knowledge and information about environmental and societal sustainability with interesting and practical curriculum based mini- sessions, which hopefully developed student’s awareness to aspire for a sustainable future.
Luna Park excursion was an overwhelming success on Monday, 15th September. All students enjoyed the park and had a great time screaming on the rides!!

This excursion was run by the “Physics is Fun” Association of New South Wales. Our students participated in the excursion as part of their project based learning task related to their unit of work ‘Forces’ where students were able to complete various graded activities and ‘learn as they ride’.

All students had a wonderful time and are to be commended on their respectful and responsible behaviour. We look forward to running this excursion again next year.
Write 4 Fun

Recently, English students in Year 9 have experienced success in the writing competition ‘Write 4 Fun’. The competition is open for all Australian school-age students and every year thousands of students enter the competition across the country. Finalists are selected to be published in a volume of work the year following the competition. If a student wins, the school and the student receive $500 each.

In 2013, Abby Grieg entered the competition with great success and her work has been published this year in a volume of student work entitled Write as Rain. Her work was a skilful poem on issues pertinent to adolescents and is currently available for purchase on the website as either part of the volume or an individual piece of work.

This year, many students from Years 7, 9, 1.0 and 1.1 entered the competition with several of the following students successfully making it through the first round of applicants. The students that entered the competition are as follows:

### Year 7
- Yasaman Jamshidi
- Khiara Lizzo

### Year 9
- Maximillian Allen
- Chloe Arndt
- Mehmood Asa
- Jessica Mihatov
- Emily Moir

### Year 1.0
- Annaleise Bentley
- Cameron Cassidy
- Celeste Collins
- Kirstin Regel
- Rebecca Shepherd

### Year 1.1
- Jordan Geddes
- Abby Grieg
- Ashleigh Stephens
- Vicki Sternaras
- Jenna Mullins
- Victoria Isemonger

Congratulations to all students who entered and especially to Abby Grieg for her excellent success!

Would you like to be a foster carer – Take the Leap

More than 60 children and young people are entering care every week across New South Wales.

Foster care agency, MacKillop Family Services, is in need of foster carers in the Hills District, people willing to open their hearts and homes to some of the state’s most vulnerable children.

All types of carers are needed – respite, immediate, short and long term.

If you are interested, MacKillop is holding a no obligation, free Foster Care Information Session in the James Cusack Room of the Vinegar Hill Memorial Community Centre at Rouse Hill Town Centre (above the Library) on Thursday, 27 November from 6.15pm – 8.00pm.

The session will cover information about the different types of foster care, steps to becoming a foster carer, and how carers are supported by agencies like MacKillop. The event will also provide an opportunity for you to meet current carers.

If you are interested in attending please let us know by contacting Louise on (02) 8881 4800 or email louise.carson@mackillop.org.au.
CAREERS NEWS  
Ms K Henson - Careers Advisor

YEAR 1.0 WORK EXPERIENCE
Year 1.0 has received exceptional feedback from their employers regarding their Work Experience in Week 4 with some interested students being offered casual and part-time employment. Students have undertaken Work Experience in a wide range of Industries. Some of which include business, law, administration, retail, trades, hospitality, health, transport and logistics, government services, youth work, information technology, education, animal care, events management and fitness. Thank you to our parents and local employers that have supported our Year 1.0 Work Experience placements.

Michelle Stedman - Michel's Patisserie

Mitchell Hollis - Coles

Stephanie Qi - Boost Juice

Our students, staff and parents are part of a strong, sharing community
All of Year 9 had the opportunity to attend a Careers presentation by Glen Gerryn from The Oxygen Factory, a renowned international speaker. The motivational presentation was titled “The Power of a Dream”. It covered information on goal setting and strategies for career and life direction.

Students in Years 9 and 10 who are interested in a career with the Police were invited to a presentation on career options by our Police Liaison Officer. Options presented included The Mounted Police, Water Police, Forensics, Police Diving, The Dog Squad, General Policing, Police Rescue and Missing Persons. The presentation included information, videos and flyers for students to further research this as a career option. Any student who was unable to attend the presentation may collect information from the Careers Advisor Ms Henson in the Careers room.
Construction Landscaping Apprenticeship

Certificate III

Australian Training Company currently has 3 Construction Landscaping Apprenticeships. Located in Parramatta, Concord and Epping although work is in Metro Sydney.

If you like working outdoors and working with your hands, this is a great opportunity to get into this trade. We are looking for an enthusiastic, energetic and motivated person to complete a 4 year apprenticeship in Horticulture Construction Landscaping Certificate III.

Duties include, garden renovation, new landscaping, planting, retaining walls, fencing, paving, pergolas, fencing, stonemasonry, using excavation equipment including bobcats, water features and lots of other duties related to building new gardens and renovating old gardens. Skills you will learn include engineering, carpentry, bricklaying, fencing, stonemasonry, concreting, planting and lighting.

Drivers Licence and transport is required. Must have or be willing to obtain OH & S Induction Card (Whitecard).

Must have good passes in math, willing to learn and able to take instruction. Successful applicant will be well presented for public contact and have good communication skills. Must be fit for physical work. TAFE is for 3 years at Ryde.

Hours are Monday – Friday 7am – 3.30pm. Some overtime may be required.

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To apply for this position email your resume and cover letter to kduck@austreg.com.au

If you have any queries contact ATC on (02) 9704 1500
Information Sessions

Come in and discuss your future traineeship and apprenticeship opportunities in a variety of industries. The session will conclude with one-on-one interviews.

TRAINEEISHPS:

Dates:
Tuesday 11th November 2014
Wednesday 3rd December 2014
Tuesday 20th January 2015

Time:
9:30am to 12:00noon

APPRENTICESHIPS:

Dates:
Tuesday 2nd December 2014
Tuesday 20th January 2015

Time:
9:30am to 12:00noon

For more information and to register - Call Kenita on (02) 9704 1500 or ksu@austrg.com.au

Australian Training Company
30-32 Pomeroy St, Homebush NSW 2140
www.austrg.com.au
Are you interested in a career in Horticulture?

Apprentice Information Open Day

Arborglen Production Nursery, located in Glenorie, is Australia’s leading plant nursery. Arborglen, in conjunction with TAFE and MIGAS, is having an Information Open Day and invites those looking at a future in the industry to come and visit and explore a career in Horticulture.

**Program:**
- Introductions
  - Jamie Currie (General Manager at Arborglen Nursery)
  - Chris Hayton (Field Officer at MIGAS)
  - Stephen Rixon (Head Teacher of Horticulture, Richmond TAFE College)
- Schools to Training Pathway Program Info
- Nursery Tour
- BBQ Lunch

**Location:**
- Onsite at one of Sydney’s largest production nurseries.
  - Arborglen Wholesale Nursery
  - 35 Boronia Rd, Glenorie NSW 2157

**When:**
- 21st November 2014

**Time:**
- 1pm - 4pm

**RSVP:**
- Chris Hayton
  - MIGAS
  - Mobile: 0431 021 862
  - Office: 02 9821 1233
  - Email: chayton@migas.com.au

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P & C NEWS
The P & C meeting scheduled for 17 November 2014 has been cancelled. Please join us in 2015 for our next meeting on Monday 16 February.

If you would like to be added to the P&C email list, simply email the Secretary at nicoletheissen@optusnet.com.au or log on to www.rousehill-h.schools.nsw.edu.au and click on the P&C tab for information.

COMMUNITY SEMINAR
The next community seminar will be held on 16 February 2015 to align with the P & C Meeting. Further information will be distributed to students leading up to the event.

FROM THE EDITOR
Thank you to all the staff, students and community members who have contributed to this edition of the Rouse Hill High Newsletter.

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