Congratulations to all of our ensembles and solo dancers who have qualified for the finals of the NSW Dancestar Championships on Saturday 14 June. Rouse Hill were well represented with 4 troupes and 5 soloists. Dance styles varied from jazz to contemporary to hip hop with many dancers in more than one item showing just how talented and versatile they are.

The Hip Hop crew, Yr 7/8 Dance and Yr 9 Dance will also be representing the school at the Sydney West Dance Festival in June. The festival is in its 30th year and showcases the amazing talent of the Sydney West region. Entry is by audition only and to have 3 items selected for the show is a fantastic achievement.
This year Rouse Hill High School are implementing the SALSA program and are very excited about the future prospects. SALSA stands for Students As Lifestyle Activists. It is a unique peer educational program that provides high school students with the necessary knowledge and skills to maintain a balanced and healthy lifestyle. SALSA is a partnership project with Rooty Hill High School, the Mt Druitt Medical Practitioner’s Association, the University of Sydney and Western Sydney Local Health District.

Over the course of the term, a selection of Year 1.0 students and all of Year 8 will be participating in the SALSA program. The program began on 19th of May in which students from the University of Sydney attended the school to mentor Year 1.0 students. During the day, the students participated in a variety of activities that taught the importance of a healthy lifestyle.

Now, the Year 1.0 students will be applying this knowledge to students in Year 8. The 1.0 students will be split into 5 groups that will then attend Year 8 PD/H/PE lessons to teach the classes. The lessons will consist of theory and practical tasks exploring food choices, physical activity, healthy lifestyle and individual and community action.

SALSA

Rachael Vila – SALSA leader and Mrs J Hicks – SALSA Coordinator
CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to all staff and students involved in the cross country races. The following students were this year’s Age Champions.

Age Champions:
- 12 years Girls - Phoebe Young
- 13 years Girls - Ashley Webster
- 14 years Girls - Samantha Baker
- 15 years Girls - Tara Fumberger
- 17 years Girls - Kate Fumberger
- 12 years Boys - Garthu Ngugi
- 13 years Boys - Abdur Rehman
- 14 years Boys - Mackenzie Dunn
- 15 years Boys - Dylan Mcleod
- 16 years Boys - Mitchell Olbrich
- 17 years Boys - Joshua Wall

A special mention also to the following students for their achievement at the Zone Cross Country. Mitchell Olbrich, 1st place in the 16 years boys and Phoebe Young, 2nd place in the 12 years girls.

PULSE REHEARSALS

It was on the minibus and off and away for the 8 students involved in the Pulse Combined Choir rehearsal at Glenbrook primary school. Students from Northmead, Nepean, Blaxland, Parramatta and Winmalee high schools, to name a few, joined our students to prepare for the upcoming Opera House performance of Pulse an annual concert that showcases some of the talent in NSW public schools.

The vocal ensemble teacher Miss Mitchell said “It was amazing, the sound they could produce and the amount of male voices. The rendition of MLK by U2 was my highlight.”

Students from across the state audition for the choir which will perform on 14th August 2014. The theme for this years event is The Power of the Dream. The massed choir will be performing a varied repertoire reflecting this theme including Man in the Mirror and a selection from Tommy, the musical. Tickets go on sale on 23rd June available for purchase at the Opera House box office.
HSC English students have launched into the course this term, involving themselves in the large range of activities on offer. On Friday the 9th of May, students in the Standard and Advanced course travelled into the city with Miss Saville, Miss Dellar and Mrs Dunne for an HSC study day. Students attended lectures on each of the modules for English Paper Two. The Advanced students were also able to attend an ‘Area of Study’ seminar.

A particular highlight for the Standard students was meeting author J.C Burke and playwright John Misto, composers of two of the texts set for study. Students were able to gain valuable insight and knowledge from these prominent literary figures. University lecturers and doctors in literature completed a field of knowledgeable and engaging speakers, allowing students to supplement their classroom knowledge.

On Saturday 24th May, the Standard students were off to the city again. Students met Mr Whitworth and Miss Dellar at the University of New South Wales’ Fig Tree Theatre to see the Impulse Theatre Company’s production of *The Shoe-Horn Sonata* by John Misto. This performance was very true to the play script and allowed students to experience the power of distinctively visual techniques, first hand.

Experiences such as these ensure that students have the best possible opportunity to engage with, explore and understand their English texts, preparing them to face their HSC examinations with confidence and a wealth of information.
The Mother’s Day morning tea was a big success for the Year 8 leadership team. A lot of mothers turned up on the 9th of May, with their children ready to spoil them. There was coffee, tea, cakes, slices and entertainment. The mothers had a great time.

Once everyone had arrived the Year 8 Rock band performed *Wake me Up* by Avicii and *Armageddon* by Guy Sebastian. There were some very proud mums in the audience. The rock band was followed by Zoe Seale and Emily McCann performing their own composition titled *Stars Don’t Shine*. They were spectacular.

The mothers had fun and it was a fantastic day for us to celebrate with our mothers and thank them for all they do.
Term 1, 2014 saw the introduction and inaugural competitions of the Rouse Hill High School Chess Club. Three separate round-robin tournaments were held at the end of term, one for Year 7, one for Year 8 and a final competition for seniors.

The first of the three competitions, the Year 7 Tournament, was fiercely contested over 9 rounds. After a week and a half of competition, Bril Adu overcame his opposition to become the first winner of the tournament, holding an unblemished record of nine wins. In a close second, Vihar Patel played very well to finish with eight victories.

Next were our intrepid Senior Students, who found time in the midst of a heavy study workload and examinations, to compete against one another over 7 rounds. At the time of writing, the final match between Lachlan Bentley and Matthew Lee, both holding perfect tournament records, is yet to be contested.

In the first week of Term 2, it was time for our Year 9 students to demonstrate their fortitude and skill in the last of the round-robin competitions. Seven rounds over a week left two players in a tie for 1st place, Kirsten Regel & Aashray Velhal.

All players are to be commended for their involvement, their positive attitudes and their considerable improvement over the course of the term.

With noticeably more players showing an interest in chess in Term 2, and vast increases in ability thanks to lessons in chess theory from Mr Alex Brown, the RHHS Teams Competition to be held in Weeks 8 and 9 of Term 2 looks to be even greater.
CAREERS NEWS
Ms K Henson - Careers Advisor

SENIOR RECOGNITION ASSEMBLY

It was a privilege to listen to the presentations delivered by two of our ex-students, Samantha Adams and Janssen Marquez from our 2013 Year 1.2 cohort, who spoke about their current career paths and experiences with university to date. Janssen Marquez is completing a business degree in accounting and Samantha Adams is completing science at UWS to move into the specialist area of a degree in zoology in the near future. Janssen also presented Benjamin Acland’s speech on his electrical apprenticeship at NECA, a national corporation, and the competitive process that he went through to attain the apprenticeship. These students are balancing their university studies with part-time employment as well as pursuing their many and varied interests. They highlighted their success and the need for students to balance their time well.

The students who completed Year 1.2 in 2013 are a credit to their year group, being engaged in tertiary education and employment in either a full time, part time or casual basis in a number of varied industries.

Congratulations also to our four captains Lewis Bustin, Brie Bayfield, Danielle Noll and Asim Fahiz who conducted the assembly in such an efficient manner.

WESTERN SYDNEY CAREERS EXPO YEAR 1.0

All of Year 1.0 are attending the Western Sydney Careers Expo at the Sydney Showground, Sydney Olympic Park on Thursday 19th June.

The Expo to be held in Halls 5 and 6, gives students the opportunity to visit exhibitors including providers of HSC resources, universities, TAFE, training colleges and employers. Year 1.0 students will also have the opportunity to attend seminars of their choice on HSC subjects, tertiary courses, career, employment, gap year, study advice and management. Parents and carers are encouraged to attend on Saturday 21st or Sunday 22nd June with students who might want to revisit the Expo and attend more seminars.

The Expo is open from 10:00am-3:00pm on the weekend.
Australian Schools Karting Championships  
Mr Brien - PDHPE Teacher

The Australian Schools Karting Championship is a combination of team and individual races open to all school students aged 13-18. It's an arrive and drive program with all karts and equipment provided. The championship is run in Brisbane, Sydney, Canberra and Melbourne with national finals held in Sydney.

Rouse Hill High School entered 3 teams into the championship which was the most of any school. We attended the Northern Sydney Regional round of the championship after school on Tuesday 20th May at Villawood and we were extremely competitive with 4th, 6th and 7th placed finishes. Congratulations to our students who participated for displaying outstanding commitment, sportsmanship and teamwork throughout the afternoon as well as their parents who sacrificed their own time to help with transport and supervision.

Well done to these students;  
Connor Hey  Luke Newbert  Blake Alexander  
Kayla Green  Connor Spiteri  Adam Bibby  
Tyson Gibbon  Sean Subritzky  Andrew Matellis

TRY-A-SKILL

Ms K Henson - Careers Advisor

Students in Years 9, 10, 1.1 and 1.2 who are interested in the Trades will have the opportunity to be involved in hands on activities in a number of different trades at Kevin Betts Stadium in Mt Druitt on Tuesday 24th June. Those students who don’t already have their White Card are able to complete the course at school on Thursday 26th June.

For further enquiries contact the Careers Advisor Ms Henson.

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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](http://www.rousehill-h.schools.nsw.edu.au) and click on the P&C tab for information. Next meeting Monday, 16 June

BRICKS FOR GARDEN BEDS
If you have unwanted bricks around your home and would like to see them reused, please contact Garry at the school. We are looking for bricks to create garden beds to help beautify our school.

UPCOMING EVENTS
- 2 June  
Year 1.0 HSC information night
- 3 June  
UWS open day
- 3 June  
Year 9 Rural fire service seminar
- 3 and 5 June  
Sydney West Dance Festival
- 4 June  
ICAS science exam
- 5 June  
Macquarie Zone athletic country
- 6 June  
Society and culture study day
- 9 June  
Queens birthday public holiday
- 11 June  
Sydney West cross country
- 13 June  
Modern and Ancient history study day
- 16 June  
P & C Meeting
see school website for more details

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