Chinese classes 7D and 7E recently went to Dollar King Discount Variety store in Rouse Hill Town Centre to practise their language skills. They had to converse with the shop keeper in Chinese whilst purchasing their products.

They had been chosen from amongst the Year 7 Chinese classes, who had all been learning basic shopping conversations in Term Two, because of their particular commitment to learning during lessons.

The other classes did not miss out, completing a pretend shopping experience for free food and lollies with Mrs Wang and volunteer Chinese teachers in the Chinese classroom during their later lessons.

Happy Chinese speaking shoppers at the Rouse Hill town centre

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Let’s go shopping in Chinese cont.

Although most students in 7D and 7E were nervous at first, they performed well in the end. The shop keeper understood them and praised them for their efforts to speak Chinese. Two students who earned particularly high praise were Abbey Timmons and Vihar Patel.

The store manager was very pleased to be able to forge closer links with our school and the local community, and welcomed Mrs Wang to bring classes to his shop again in the future.

DEBATING SUCCESS

Miss Saville, English Teacher

Debating competitions have started across Years 9 to 1.1 and students are highly enthusiastic. Students have made an effort in and out of school to perfect their debate structure, models and understanding of topics.

The Year 9/10 team have shown great courage and paid careful attention to their oppositions arguments. Students won their first debate on the 12th of May against last year’s zone winners, Glenwood High School. The debate topic was: ‘That we should make self defense classes compulsory in all schools’ and our team was negative, using a counter-model to win! This has been a great start to the debating year! Students will compete against a Kellyville High School team on Friday the 30th May to hopefully secure top position in the zone.

The Year 11 team have banned together to develop their debate structure and discuss many issues in our society. Their first debate on the 2nd of May was against Colo High School with the topic: ‘English should be a voluntary subject in the HSC’. The debate was close, however, Colo won due to their strong rebuttal. On the 13th May, the team debated against St Mary’s Senior with the topic: ‘Marijuana should be made legal.’ The RHHS team was negative and due to a solid model and carefully selected rebuttal, the students won.

Congratulations to all students in debating and public speaking! You have done Rouse Hill High School very proud so far. Keep up the great effort!
Recently Mrs Wang, our Chinese teacher at Rouse Hill High School, was invited to present at the Asia Education Conference in the city. The theme of the conference was “New World, New Thinking”, and the presentations focused on how to equip our Australian students with the skills necessary to survive and thrive in the Asian century, as described in the Federal Government’s White Paper (2012).

Mrs Wang was invited to present the way in which her ‘China Connect’ project has been assisting schools in the Western Sydney region to achieve that goal. ‘China Connect’ broadcasts Chinese language and cultural lessons into school classes via a camera and a smartboard. Students sit in the connected classroom at their school and receive lessons through the television from a Chinese teacher broadcasting from Rouse Hill High School.

Mrs Wang coordinates the program, working closely with Ms Louise Lu, who is the main broadcasting teacher. Ms Lu is a Ningbo volunteer teacher studying a PhD at University of Western Sydney. This semester has seen two other Ningbo volunteer teachers join the China Connect staff, Ms Iris Wu and Ms Vicky Zhang.

Schools pay to receive the program, and there are currently 5 client schools involved: Iron Bark Ridge Public School, Springwood Public School, The Meadows Public School, Richmond High School and Springwood High School. China Connect has tailored its teaching to suit the unique contexts of each school, as well as the individual needs and ability levels of the classes involved. Some schools have utilised the program for language instruction, others for cultural enrichment. In Semester Two, Richmond High School will use China Connect to help prepare the parents, students and teachers going on a sister-school delegation to China in September. There are many ways that the program can facilitate the needs of schools in teaching and learning about China and Asia.

It is exciting to have Rouse Hill High School as the base for China Connect and we look forward to opportunities for growth and communication it offers between the schools in our region and overseas.
The dance ensembles have had a very successful end of Term 2. Three groups performed at the Sydney West Dance Festival throughout the first week of June. Performances were spread across evening and matinee show in The Evans Theatre at Penrith Panthers.

Four groups and five individuals qualified for the NSW finals of the Dancestar Championships at Sutherland Entertainment Centre on Saturday 14 June. The Hip Hop crew, Year 7 and 8 Dance Ensemble, Year 9 Dance class and Open Jazz group all placed second in their respective sections. The Open Jazz group were then invited to the National Championships to be held in Queensland on Saturday 9 August.

Soloists Rachel Noll and Emily Page won their sections and will also compete at Nationals. They will be joined by Danielle Noll and Jemima Catania who place second in their competitions and were invited to Nationals as a result of their strong performances. Special mention to Rachel Noll who was ranked 3rd in her section after the heats and ended up winning the final. A big congratulations to Emily Page who was awarded the highest score of any other soloist or group in the days competition with a powerful contemporary solo.
Stage 6 Society and Culture students attended an excursion to the Wesley Conference Centre on Friday 6th June. The Society and Culture Association provided a valuable seminar to prepare students for the HSC examination. Students had the opportunity to further develop their understanding of the course requirements and gain vital insight into what expert HSC markers look for in student responses.

One highlight of the day was the Aboriginal music performance during the lunch break. Students were treated to an array of singing, dancing and didgeridoo playing. Two of our very brave students, Mitchell Luton and Dylan Bent, accepted an invitation to perform an emu simulation dance on the stage with a group of students from other schools. It was a most interesting ensemble and was met with loud cheers from the audience!

The excursion proved to be a success and enabled these students to develop the capacity to extend themselves to achieve to the best of their ability in the HSC examination later in the year.
CARPARK / SAFE DRIVING
Parents are reminded that senior students who drive to school and park in the Bruce Purser car park are to exhibit safe behaviour at all times. The car park is a busy area with children walking to cars to be picked up and others crossing the exits to the car park. Primary school children also move through the area in the morning and afternoon.

If parents notice any poor behaviour in this area, please pass this information on to the school.

Parents collecting students in the afternoon are reminded to please continue through the roundabout and park in the parking area. This will dramatically improve the flow of traffic in the area.

LEAVING SCHOOL GROUNDS
Parents are reminded that students are not to leave school grounds at any time during the day. Parental permission does not alter this situation as the school must be aware of the location of students at all times and in case of emergency. Accessing personal items or food from cars parked in the Bruce Purser car park is not a reasonable excuse.

The exception is students who have signed out through the front office at the completion of their studies for the day having previously submitted parental permission to do so.

Students found to have left school grounds without permission will be issued with consequences for this behaviour.

BUSES
Parents are asked to encourage safe and respectful behaviour from their children travelling to and from school via bus. This reminder relates mainly to two specific parts of the journey.

Waiting to board buses
Students waiting for buses on Commercial and Withers Roads are reminded to wait a safe distance from the road and to keep their distance from the front of the bus as it pulls in to stop. Students should wait at least several metres from the roadway and wait until the bus has stopped before approaching.

On board buses
Students on board buses must remember that they are on display to the general public. The same high standard of behaviour that they exhibit at school is expected on the journey to and from school. Students should use appropriate language at all times and be respectful towards bus company employees and the general community.

Bus Passes
Information on bus passes is available from the administration office. The school distributes this information on behalf of the bus company but has no say in decisions about eligibility. Bus companies have recently informed the school that they will be tightening enforcement around the use of bus passes. If you wish your child to travel by bus please ensure they have a bus pass or the correct fare.

SUPERVISION
Rouse Hill High School provides supervision of students at all times throughout the school day from 8.45 am – 2.57 pm.

Supervision is provided in the school quad in the morning from 8.15 – 8.45 am and for departure at the school gate from 2.57 – 3.10 pm.
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✓ Building relationship with your teenager
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Registration Fee
This course is free
Afternoon Tea Included.

To register for this course, contact Sarah-Jane at WAAT on 9881-1230 by the Wednesday the 30th of June

What parents have said...

A step dad recalled an incident at the weekend with his 12 year old step daughter. He said that the input he had received the previous week from the course helped him keep his cool and brought a more favourable outcome.

A single Mum who had presented as quite anxious on the first night told the group in week 2 that she had made an appointment with her 15 year old son during the week and had had a far more favourable discussion with him than would previously have been the case.

Who’s running it?
Sarah-Jane, and Paula will be facilitating. They have completed Parentshop’s Engaging Adolescents training.

For more information contact Sarah-Jane on 9881-1230

• An end to the arguing and yelling! • It saved our lives • Simple, sane, effective •
This week, our Nation's Capital played host to the 4th AFL Youth Girls Under 18 National Championships. The girls played at a brand new stadium located at Gungahlin Town Centre Oval. The Championships ran from May 3rd to 8th. With the final day seeing the Grand Finals of both groups being played.

For the first time Northern Territory and Tasmania sent a combined team (Thunder Devils). The championships also included the Woomeras (a combined team from the Kickstart female championships in 2013). This team provided opportunities for Aboriginal girls who may not have access to mainstream competitions being from remote and isolated communities as well as large rural towns. Their unique brand of football during the championships added great excitement to the overall atmosphere of the carnival.

There were also the “Usual Suspects”, including WA, Qld, Vic Metro, Vic Country, SA and our very own NSW/ACT girls.

The NSW/ACT side was made even more special with former Kellyville Junior, Chloe Arndt, suiting up. Not a bad effort from Chloe, considering she is still only 14, with the majority of the girls 16 to 18 years old.

Chloe had a pretty good tournament as did the NSW/ACT girls, finishing Runner up to the Woomeras in their Grand Final on Thursday, going down by just 11 points in a pretty tough and torrid match.

Well done Chloe and well done to all. If our under 14 Youth Girls have anything to say, next year will be an amazing year for Youth Girls AFL.
A Visit from the Rural Fire Service

Year 9 students at Rouse Hill High School are currently studying the impact of natural hazards on Australian communities in Geography. To provide students with a richer understanding of the detrimental effects of such disasters, Chris Batten from the Horsley Park Rural Fire Service was invited to speak to all of the students on Tuesday 3rd June.

Students were intrigued by his first-hand experiences in battling bushfires on the frontline. Of particular interest were stories and uncut live footage videos of the recent disaster in the Springwood area of the Blue Mountains.

At the conclusion of his presentation, Chris was swamped with a vast array of questions by students keen on learning more about the management of bushfire disasters in Australia.

The event proved to be a valuable experience in enabling students to develop a deeper appreciation of the how individuals, groups and governments can contribute towards active citizenship.

CHLOE TAKES THE BISCUITS

Chloe Arndt has done it again. If representing NSW/ACT in the youth Girls Australian Championships was not enough, “Biscuits Jnr” was this week selected to Represent NSW at the Combined High Schools (CHS) Girls Championships in July.

Chloe travelled to Wagga on the Weekend to play against other schools at the NSW state Championships. Representing Greater Sydney CHS team. Would you believe it rained pretty much for the entire tournament. The wet conditions didn’t deter Chloe, if anything it made her game even stronger, with her slick silky skills coming to the fore.

No doubt this is reward for all the effort that Chloe puts into her game, whilst she doesn’t actually play at the club, due to the fact we don’t have a youth girls Under 18s, Chloe is still very much a part of Kellyville Rouse Hill Magpies. Every Wednesday and Friday Chloe trains with the under 15s and yes she can still mix it with the boys too.

The Girls will play a series of matches against Victoria, WA, ACT, Queensland and NT, with NSW afforded the chance to play matches on the SCG and Spotless Stadium.

Well done Chloe and good luck in July.

Chloe (Pictured second row 5th from the left) with her Greater Sydney Schools teammates
CAREERS NEWS
Ms K Henson - Careers Advisor

UWS DAY PARRAMATTA CAMPUS YEARS 1.1& 1.2

Rouse Hill High Senior Students participated in many informative sessions and seminars at the University of Western Sydney’s Parramatta Campus UWS Day on Tuesday 3rd of June. The day opened with an introductory presentation which incorporated a panel of representatives. Students could ask questions of the panel members relating to courses and careers. Prior to the day students registered for different sessions and seminars giving them the opportunity to attend their course information of choice. Different faculty representatives gave students a snapshot of course information relating to the careers the students indicated they were interested in.

The students also had the opportunity to familiarise themselves with the University and in particular the Parramatta campus. They were treated to a free sausage sizzle where they could mingle with senior students from other schools and University staff.

Students evaluated the day as valuable and informative.
Come and discuss your career options with the experts!

Meet training organisations and employers, pick up job application and interview tips and find a career that suits your interests.

When: Wednesday 13th August, 2014 from 4pm-7pm
Where: Hornsby War Memorial Hall, 2 High St, Hornsby
For: Young people 15 years and older

Please bring several copies of your Resumé and a pen. Parents are welcome to attend.

For more information, please contact Rachelle Elphick on 0439 041 020.
**YEAR 1.0 WESTERN SYDNEY CAREERS EXPO**

Year 1.0 attended the Western Sydney Careers Expo on Thursday 19th June at Sydney Showground Sydney Olympic Park.

The exhibitors included providers of HSC resources, universities, TAFE and training colleges, employers, government organisations and the Defence Force.

Year 1.0 students attended selected seminars covering a wide range of topics including: post school options, specific career information relating to particular industry areas, maximizing study time, exam preparation and University Entry.

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Join in the fun at the Rouse Hill Billy Cart Derby & Family Festival

What’s Happening?
Build your own push Billy Cart or borrow one of ours & race it as a team along the Billy Cart track at Rouse Hill Town Centre.

Great prizes, lots of carnival fun at the Family Festival.

To register for the race simply complete the entry form online at www.billycartderby.com.au, download your cart construction guidelines & start building your cart!

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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

14 July
School development day

15 July
Students return for Term 3

16 July
Year 1.0 and 1.1 Subject selection interviews

18 July
Beauty and the Beast musical excursion

18 July
NSW All Schools Cross Country

21 July
Stage 5 subject selection evening

23 July
Year 7 and 8 Brainstorm productions

24 - 25 July
Sydney West Athletics carnival

28 July
Parent/ Teacher night

28 July - 1 August
Education week
see school website for more details

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