2015 Term 3, Week 10 - 18 September 2015

Principal's Message

Junior School girls performing for Year 12 at the Valedictory Service

Information on: the Gold Award for the WriteOn competition, Commissioning of School Leaders and farewells to Year 12 2015.

**WriteOn Gold Award**

This week, I was delighted to attend a presentation ceremony at which Jasmine, Year 6, was presented with a Gold Award for her entry to 2015 WriteOn. WriteOn is the Board of Studies, Teaching Educational Standards (BOSTES) annual writing competition for NSW students in Years 1-6. The award was presented to Jasmine by the President of BOSTES, Mr Tom Alegounarias in the Dixon Room, State Library NSW.

Approximately 400 students from NSW schools entered the competition. Students were asked to respond to an image of a hot air balloon in an imaginative piece of writing of 500 words. Jasmine's narrative title *A Collection* will be published in the annual BOSTES WriteOn anthology.

**Commissioning of School Leaders**

In a special service on Monday, our new School Leaders for 2015/2016 were presented to the school and commissioned to service by Rev Dr Brian Brown, former Moderator, NSW Synod of the Uniting Church in Australia. I congratulate each of these girls for the trust that has been placed in them by their peers and wish them well as they take up their responsibilities.
Farewells to Year 12 2015

conducted by Year 11 students. The Presentation Assembly last week marked the achievements of girls across all Year Groups in in co-curricular activities. The last day of term today is filled with valedictory events beginning with a breakfast for staff and students, followed by the wonderfully symbolic Valedictory Service and, in the evening, the Valedictory Dinner. We wish all of the Year 12 students of 2015 the very best in their forthcoming HSC and IB Diploma examinations.

May all school staff, students and parents enjoy the coming school vacation.

Ms Vicki Steer

Chaplain's Message

We come to the end of Term 3, which also marks the ending of regular school attendance for our Year 12 students. At this time, we wish them all the best as they journey into the future beyond Ravenswood and, especially, a productive time of preparation for their upcoming examinations.

Endings are like beginnings, arbitrary markers along a journey that assists us place ourselves. Whilst some endings are more concrete than others, like the end of a road compared to the end of a period of time, they can be significant symbolic moments for choice in our lives. We use words like ‘continuation’, ‘turning point’ or ‘intersection’ to describe how these times call on us to make choices and decisions.

I am not a fatalist. Even in my faith, whilst I believe that God sits outside of time as Creator and thus knows what will happen to us, I also believe that we are beings of free will and can choose who and how we want to be. I don’t subscribe to a set person that we are destined to become. I honestly believe, even with our genetic predisposition and the influence of family, culture and society, we are free agents and can choose what being human will be for us. In this, is the greatest blessing. We have gifts and talents. We develop skills and knowledge. All these things can contribute to who we can be but do not set us on a predetermined outcome or goal.

Life is a journey of discovery. As beings created in the image of the Creator, we have the creativity to chart our own course and be the person we choose to be. God sees our potential and gifts us with grace, support and guidance to live the way that we choose. Who we are and how we are as people, are all shaped by who we choose to be. This is truly something to think about. God bless.

Rev Jon Humphries
Whole School

Uniform Centre

All girls need to return to school for Term 4 in summer uniform. The Uniform Centre will be open on Tuesday 6 October from 9.30am-3.00pm and Wednesday 7 October from 10.00am-4.30pm. Regular opening times for the Uniform Centre are Monday and Thursday, from 10.00am-4.30pm. This information is in the front of the Student Diary.

Would you please ask your daughter to try on her uniform for size. If you feel you need to buy anything new, contact us at ruc@ravenswood.nsw.edu.au or 9498 9815 and we can help you with your order. Keep in mind that we do all our fittings for new students during November and would like second-hand uniform items to sell that are in good condition. All items need to be washed and jackets need to be dry cleaned.

LRC Holiday Study

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Holiday Study

10.00am-4.00pm Monday-Friday
Closed Labour Day (Monday 5 October 2015)
Both weeks of the September/October school holidays

After School Activities - Notice of Withdrawal

Please note that all activities require a written notice of withdrawal four weeks in advance of the commencement of the Term 4 classes.

Junior School

Head of Junior School

Information on: the Dance Festival, the Spring Band Concert, Portfolio Day and Term 4 dates for your diary.

The Dance Festival held on Sunday showed the increasing development of dance in the Junior School. The discipline, teamwork and development of physical skills that dance brings was highlighted in the excellent performances by the girls. Following the success of the Dance Festival was the Spring Band Concert on Monday evening with a number of Junior School girls performing with Secondary School students. Thank you for your support of the girls in their classes, practice at home and at the performance.

Assessment and Reporting is an integral part of the teaching and learning cycle. Portfolio Day, taking place today, proves how well each student is able to report on her learning and show an understanding of the learning process. Thank you for attending and supporting your daughters at these important days in the calendar. I trust you found the information session by Dr Fitzpatrick informative.
Term 4 Dates

Information about these events will be available in Term 4:

Week 1 B

Wednesday 7 October TERM 4 COMMENCES
Friday 9 October Year 7 2016 Orientation Day – sports trials and music auditions will be held in the afternoon. An invitation was emailed on Friday 11 September. All current Year 6 students need to be registered for this day. For any enquiries contact enrol@ravenswood.nsw.edu.au.

Week 2 A

Wednesday 14 October Years 3-6 Gymnastics Gala Day in Activities time
Thursday 15 October Years 3-4 Little Puppy Cupcake Day at recess - thank you to the parents providing cupcakes on this day
Friday 16 October Junior School RPA Meeting 8.45am Mabel Fidler Boardroom

Week 3 B

Tuesday 20 October Year 5 Grandparents’ Day – commencing in Chapel at 9.15am, followed by Morning Tea in the Junior School
Wednesday 21 October Kindy 2016 Orientation Day 1-1.30pm-2.45pm
Parents and girls to meet at Main Reception
Parents will remain as a group in the Junior School LRC, Kindergarten 2016 will move to the Kindergarten classroom
Thursday 22 October IPSHA Gymnastics - information sent to parents from the Sports Office

Week 4 A

Wednesday 28 October K-6 Lunchtime Concert in Music Room 401 commencing at 1.00pm
Sunday 1 November Ravenswood Tennis Championships Years 3-12
Week 5 B RRR (Rest, Rejuvenate, Recharge) Week

Tuesday 3 - Friday 6 November K-11 Visual Arts Exhibition
Thursday 5 November K-2 Swimming Gala at Ravenswood
Friday 6 November IPSHA Debating Round 9

Mrs Cheryl Bailey, Head of Junior School

Peer Support - What Can I Do?

Peer Support in the Junior School came to an exciting conclusion this week. Our Promoting Harmony sessions have been a huge success with the K-6 girls, and this week all groups reflected on what they have learned over the past weeks. When creating their Peer Support chatterbox, each student was reminded to reflect on her personal values and how she can positively demonstrate these to other people. After our session this week, each group of students was given the opportunity to celebrate what they have learned and the new friendships and connections they have made with our Peer Support picnic.
All Junior School girls have benefitted from our Peer Support sessions this term, and special mention should be made of our Year 6 leaders for all their enthusiasm, superb organisation and ‘passion’ demonstrated in preparing for our weekly Peer Support activities.

Mr David Freeman, Ms Georgia Galata and Mrs Karla Russo

RPA Junior School Year Group News

Year 5 Parent Cocktail Party: Saturday 7 November from 7.00pm
Year 5 parents are invited to a Mix and Mingle parent cocktail party at Alison and Anthony Kingsley’s home in Lindfield. The cost will be $49 per person and bookings should be made via www.trybooking.com/JAGI by Friday 23 October. Full details are available on the Parent Portal.

Year 6: Coffee Morning: Thursday 15 October from drop-off
Year 6 parents are catching up for a coffee and chat at Tea Monkey in Gordon. We hope you can join us.

Secondary School

Minecraft Club

Every Tuesday at lunchtime, a group of Year 7 students meet in the LRC to join the virtual Minecraft History World. Our virtual world is made up of Ancient Roman temples, bathhouses and other buildings that existed in Roman times. All of these structures were actually made by the students. Using images of real remains of the ancient buildings, we recreated them into our own world and customised the details. For example, blocks of quartz were used to construct a temple that was dedicated to the Hedgehog Goddess with an added Hedgehog statue (of course, there aren’t any Hedgehog Goddesses). Students built other quartz temples with secret underground treasure rooms and libraries.

Minecraft allows us to apply our creativity into building a whole new world since there are many materials for us to choose from. There are blocks of quartz, wood, wool and many more. Meeting together to build our Minecraft History World was a fun experience which allowed us to apply what we have learnt in History to gaming.

In Term 4, we are going to work on creating a virtual Ancient China world, starting with the Great Wall of China.

Jasmine and Hana, Year 7

The Duke of Edinburgh’s Award

These coming school holidays, ten eager Ravenswood girls will head to the Royal National Park for a three-day Silver Award Qualifying hike. The girls have been planning their routes, menus and sleeping arrangements and are looking forward to what should be a great journey.

Our Bronze hike has been cancelled as the majority of Award participants achieved this component during their Year 9 Camp in Term 1.

If you would like any further information about the Duke of Edinburgh’s Award, please do not hesitate to contact me at pyle@ravenswood.nsw.edu.au. Alternatively, I am available every Tuesday and Thursday lunchtime in the gym area to help any students involved in the scheme.

Mr Thomas Pyle
English Support

THE ENGLISH DEPARTMENT IS OFFERING ENGLISH SUPPORT IN SEMESTER 2 IN THE LRC FROM 3.30-4.30PM. THIS IS AVAILABLE FOR ALL YEARS 7-12 STUDENTS.

MISS BOWERS WILL BE AVAILABLE MONDAY WEEKS A & B
MRS SULLIVAN WILL BE AVAILABLE WEDNESDAY WEEK A & TUESDAY WEEK B
MRS PAULSEN WILL BE OFFERING ESL SUPPORT THURSDAY WEEK A & WEDNESDAY WEEK B

Maths Help

MATHS HELP 2015
WEEK A Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
WEEK B Thursday
3.30pm-4.30pm
LRC Foyer Level 2

Ms Blair (Mon Wk A), Ms Hazlehurst (Tues Wk A),
Mrs Hurd (Thurs Wk A) and Mrs Allan (Thurs Wk B)
will be available for individual help with homework,
preparation for testing or review of problem topics.

All Years 7-12 Mathematics students are welcome.
Please encourage your daughter to take advantage
of this opportunity to consolidate her mathematical
understanding in a relaxed and supportive environment.

RPA Secondary School Year Group News

Year 8 Dinner for Mums: Wednesday 14 October 7.30pm
Year 8 mums are invited to join us for dinner at Café Lyon in Lindfield. The cost is $57 per person and bookings should be made via www.trybooking.com/IXLR. Full details are available on the Parent Portal.

Year 11 - Future Year 12 Parent’ Drinks: Saturday 17 October at 7.30pm
Brace yourselves ... Year 11 parents are invited to come along for drinks and a catch-up to prepare for the commencement of Year 12, kindly hosted at Tania McMurtry’s and Alan Bennett’s home in Roseville. BYO drinks and a savoury or sweet plate to share. Please RSVP via www.trybooking.com/JBXX. Full details are available on the Parent Portal.
Performing Arts

Music

Information on: auditions for 2016 instrumental ensembles, new ensembles for 2016, *Alice in Wonderland Jnr*, the *Choral Festival* and Years 6-11 *Grease* auditions.

**Auditions for 2016 Instrumental Ensembles**

Audition packs are available through the Performing Arts tab on the Portal for instrumental ensemble auditions. To download your pack, follow this link and click on your instrument: [https://ravonet.ravenswood.nsw.edu.au/performingarts/CocurricEnrol/coEnrol/default.aspx](https://ravonet.ravenswood.nsw.edu.au/performingarts/CocurricEnrol/coEnrol/default.aspx). Auditions will take place in Week 5, Term 4 (2-6 November) during school time. Students will be notified at the start of Term 4 as to their audition day/time. Please note that UPDATED packs are available for violin, viola and cello.

**Music Program 2016 New Ensembles**

We have just heard the great news that we will be able to add an additional new band and additional new string ensemble to the Music Program in the following hierarchy: Burrows Band, *new band*, Morrison Band, Symphonic Wind Ensemble and Holland String Ensemble, *new string ensemble* and Grainger String Ensemble. We are still collating audition materials for these new ensembles and will notify all music students when these are available on the Portal.

*Alice in Wonderland Jnr*

Tickets for the Year 6 Musical will go on sale on Monday 12 October. Please see the flyer in the Community section of this Newsletter for more details.

*Choral Festival*

The *Choral Festival* takes place on Tuesday 24 November at The Concourse, Chatswood. All Secondary School students will attend. More information will be forthcoming at the start of Term 4. We are pleased to announce the guest judges for the event: Choral Conductor and Educator George Ellis and Olympian James Magnussen.


**Years 6-11 Grease Auditions**

If you are interested in auditioning for the 2016 Secondary School Musical, there are two simple steps:

- complete the Google form via [www.tinyurl.com/ravogrease](http://www.tinyurl.com/ravogrease)

Auditions will take place from Monday 2 to Wednesday 4 November with call-backs on Thursday 5 November.

*Mrs Heather Aird, Director Music and Performing Arts*

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**Junior School Dance Festival**


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**Secondary School Dance Festival**

[2015 Secondary School Dance Festival poster]

*Web guest judges: Siobhan Come, Jamie Barry and Simon Regan*

Lorriane Smith Auditorium
Sunday 18 October at 2pm and 7pm
Tickets on sale 14 September through TryBooking: [http://www.trybooking.com/TSN1](http://www.trybooking.com/TSN1)
Tickets are on sale for the Secondary School Dance Festival will go on sale. Tickets are expected to sell fast so ensure you get in early to secure your seats.

Tickets can be purchased from http://www.trybooking.com/IVSI. Should tickets sell out, a preview performance will open up on Trybooking for friends and family to watch the dress rehearsal on Sunday 11 October. More information regarding the preview performance will be distributed early next term.

Miss Ebony Keys, Dance Convenor

Sports

Rowing

Registrations are open for rowing classes in Term 4, for girls in Years 9-11. No experience is required and classes will be flexible to cater for beginners to those with some previous experience. The sessions are conducted by qualified coaches from Macquarie University and are based out of their boathed in Lane Cove. The program runs for five weeks with sessions on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 4.30pm-6.30pm. It is lots of fun so if you are keen to give it a go and learn a new sport, complete a registration form and drop it into my office as soon as possible.

Dr Michelle Nancarrow, Director Sport

IGSSA Netball

On Saturday, the IGSSA Netball Finals took place. Congratulations to our two teams that competed.

Rav 5 played an amazing game and won its Final match.

Match report from Rav 6:
‘The Year 10 Rav 6 girls had a fantastic undefeated season, making it to the Grand Final to face a very strong Year 12 team from St Vincent’s.

Photo: Rav 6

The game started at a frantic pace, with the teams going goal-for-goal in the first quarter. It was obvious this was going to be a close game, from clearly the two best teams all season. The arm wrestle continued in the second quarter, with St Vincent’s going into half-time with a slender 14-12 lead.

The Ravo girls had been in this position before and came out swinging, to level the score 15-15 midway through the third quarter. The crowd was cheering from both sides. The Ravo girls lunged and fought their way in the final quarter, desperate to find the win they so deserved. The older St
Vincent’s girls began to show their strength and experience and managed to hold off the gallant Ravo girls to win 27-20. Fear not girls, your turn will come next year.

Congratulations Rav 6 girls. You are a wonderful young team, with enormous spirit and you should be proud of your great season.’

A friendly reminder if you have a netball dress to please ensure it has been returned.

THANK YOU to all the parents for transporting the girls around each week and to the coaching staff for their dedication to our school and the girls.

Mrs Jeni Wasson

Artistic Gymnastics

Congratulations to all the Level 4 girls who competed at the State Championships at Sydney Gymnastics and Aquatic Centre last weekend. It was great to see our girls competing confidently and achieving excellent results. All of the girls have showed improvement in their skills and looked sharp in their performances. The next major events for our gymnasts will be the annual IPSHA and IGSSA Championships next month.

Water Polo

In the final week of the season, all three teams played-off for either gold or bronze medals.

The Junior Firsts and Rav 2 played in tough bronze medal matches. The Junior Firsts managed their best performance of the season for a nail-biting win. The girls scored a golden goal as the match went into extra-time. Rav 2 played a strong match but unfortunately couldn't manage to win. Full credit to the girls who remained committed throughout the term.

Photo: The Senior Firsts

The Senior Firsts lost to their Grand Final opponents Santa Sabina a fortnight earlier, however, they won the Final 9-3 in a comprehensive and polished performance. It was a thoroughly deserved victory after a near perfect season.

Thank you to all players and parents on another successful competition. A friendly reminder that Ms Joanna Rich will be the IGSSA Water Polo Convenor in Term 4.

Term 1 2016 Sport Registrations

Term 1 Sport registrations have opened for students entering Year 7 in 2016, Sports on offer include the Loreto Normanhurst Badminton competition, IGSSA Softball, IGSSA Tennis and Danebank Water Polo.

Registrations will close on Friday 25 September.

Registrations for these sports will open in the second week of the upcoming school holidays for students entering Years 8-12 in 2016. All parents will receive an email when registrations open. Registrations will close on Friday 9 October.
Registrations for students entering Years 4-6 in 2016 will open during Term 4. Sports on offer include IPSHA Football and Softball.

For further enquiries regarding registrations, please contact the Sports Office on 9498 9919 or sport@ravenswood.nsw.edu.au.

Mr Adam Raw

Hockey

Last weekend, Rav 7 played Frensham in the Grand Final. It was a nail-biting match with the teams evenly maintaining possession of the ball. Late in the first-half, Frensham capitalised on its possession and scored a goal. Ravenswood fought back hard in the second-half but was not able to score. The final result was 1-0 to Frensham. Rav 7 had a fantastic season demonstrating vast improvement. Many girls were new to the sport and now are confident, skilful players. Congratulations to the girls and their coach.

Thank you to all the parents who took their daughters to games and supported the teams. Your help and encouragement is appreciated by the players and staff.

Ms Ashleigh Nottage

Community

From the Development Office

Whilst we wish all of our Year 12 girls the best for their final examinations, let me take the opportunity to wish the Year 12 parents all the best for the future. We have been blessed not only to have your daughters attend Ravenswood but also all the time and effort and energy that you have given to the school. You have been a significant part of the community and for some of you, this may be the only school that you have ever known. We cannot thank you enough for all that you have done. Finally, please know that just because your daughters are leaving, we will not forget them. We have a Ravenswood Alumni page on Linkedin for networking opportunities: http://www.linkedin.com/edu/school?id=362035&trk=edu-ca-head-title and the Class of 2014 has offered to help students as they transition into university.

RPA Christmas Lunch


Bookings MUST CLOSE on Wednesday 7 October (Week 1, Term 4). We have over 20 market stalls for you to shop in air-conditioned comfort during the luncheon. This year, we also have a Dad’s Table by popular request.
You have told us you want to catch up with your friends and shop for your wives, daughters, mothers and sisters without the stress of Christmas parking stations, so we have created a table just for you (or you can sit with your wife/partner). This is a relaxed social event for those who can take the time off work.

**RPA Summer Carnival - Sunday 22 November**

*Volunteer Spot OPEN*


Thank you to all those who have locked in their time for the Summer Carnival. Year 5 is off to a great start with the most people booked in for the Year Group stall, although Year 8 is coming a very close second, with Years 6 and 7 tying for third. Whilst this is not a competition, it does mean that those who book early get their pick of timeslots/stalls. The success of the Carnival requires everyone to do a little bit. Please have a look at the opportunities on the *Volunteer Spot* sign-in sheet as soon as you are able.

*Ms Liane Leslie, Development and Relationships Manager*
ThinkUKnow KIK Messenger FAQs: Parents

What is Kik Messenger?
Kik Messenger (Kik) is a free smartphone messenger application that allows users to send texts, pictures, videos and sketches. Kik uses a wireless connection or mobile data to send and receive messages.

What is the age restriction for Kik?
The age classification for the messenger function is 13 years old. Kik also has a feature called 'Kik cards' which allows users to find images, videos and play games. This feature is restricted to users 17 years and older due to the inappropriate nature of some of the content available. It is important to note that these classifications are set by the app's creator and are not overseen by an independent body.

What are the potential problems with Kik?
Kik is a popular application amongst people of all ages. Issues arise when this app is used to transmit messages that are menacing, harassing or offensive. In some cases this can see young people in breach of State and Commonwealth legislation. Ethically, young people need to be aware that the messages they send can have a significant impact on other people.

As Kik also has the capability for users to share images it is important your child is aware of the legal and ethical ramifications of sharing sexualised, provocative and nude images.

It is extremely important that parents and carers are aware of the issues associated with various apps and websites so that they can openly communicate with their child about safe and responsible usage.

How can I limit who can contact my child on Kik?
Kik has a setting that allows users to ignore new people who may communicate with them. It’s a good idea for your child to enable this feature before they start using Kik to prevent people they don’t know from communicating with them.

To enable this feature select Settings > Notifications and turn Ignore New People to ON. This will hide any messages sent to your child from people who aren’t on their contact list.

How can I block someone on my child's Kik account?
It is really important that children and young people know how to block and report on every social networking site or app that they might use. To block a user in Kik select Settings > Privacy > Block List, click the + to select the username of the person you want to block and select Yes or Block to confirm. This will make sure that all messages from this user will be hidden.

Note: A user will not be notified when they have been blocked.

How can my child delete a user on Kik?
We recommend that you monitor your child’s use of Kik and be aware of who they are communicating with. This might mean going through your child’s contact list together to identify who they are talking to. It is important to ensure that their contacts are people whom your child has met in real life, trust and want to communicate with on a regular basis. To delete a contact, select the Talk icon to see your list of contacts. Select the person you wish to delete, swipe or press and hold and select Delete or Remove from List.

How do I delete my child’s Kik account?
After talking with your child about the ethical use of Kik and your family’s rules around technology, you may think it’s appropriate to delete the Kik account.

To delete a Kik account you require your child’s username and password. To delete the account select Settings > Your Account > Reset Kik Messenger. You then need to delete the Kik application from your child’s device. Ask a friend with Kik to send a message to your child’s old account and within a few days your child will receive an email (sent to the email address used to sign up for the account) from Kik saying you have unread messages. At the bottom of this email will be a deactivation link - click on this and within a few days your account will be deleted.

Note: If your child logs into their Kik account before you have clicked on the deactivation link the request will be cancelled and the account will remain active. It is important that you and your child agree to delete the account and understand the reasons behind that decision.

Open and supportive discussions around technology usage are vital in ensuring your child understands their responsibilities when using technology. Simply removing the technology is not the best response as it could potentially drive your child’s usage underground where there are fewer opportunities for you to support them.
Alice in Wonderland Jnr

Ravenswood’s Production of Disney’s Alice in Wonderland Jr.

Music and Lyrics by Sammy Fain and Bob Hillard, Oliver Wallace and Cy Coban, Ailee Wubel and Ray Gilbert, Mack David, Al Hoffman and Jerry Livingston

Music Adapted and Arranged and Additional Music and Lyrics by Bryan Louiselle

Book Adapted and Additional Lyrics by David Simpalico

Based on the 1951 Disney film “Alice in Wonderland” and the novels “The Adventures of Alice in Wonderland” and “Through the Looking Glass” by Lewis Carroll

By arrangement with Hal Leonard Australia Pty Ltd, exclusive agent for Music Theatre International, NY

19 + 20 November 2015
7.00pm
Lorraine Smith Auditorium

General Admission Tickets: $10
(on sale 12 October 2015)

http://www.trybooking.com/1YMU
ELES Online Study Skills Handbook

Information for Parents and Students:

**Great news!**

Our school has subscribed to the ELES Online Study Skills Handbook.

The ELES Online Study Skills Handbook provides a comprehensive and interactive online guide for the school community (students, parents and teachers) as to the study skills needed for success in high school studies. This approach taps into students’ affinity with technology to create a new and effective way to improve students’ study skills.

This is a great online resource for parents and students to address all their study skills issues and concerns and enable students to learn new ways to improve their results at school. The handbook has a huge amount of information for both students and parents as well as a large number of interactive activities.

To access the handbook, go to www.studyskillshandbook.com.au and login as a subscriber with these details:

Username: ravenswood
Password: 42achieve

We encourage all parents and students to take advantage of this opportunity to further develop their students’ study skills abilities through this online resource.

www.studyskillshandbook.com.au

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Creating Calm Within Chaos Ku-ring-gai Council Event

CREATING CALM WITHIN CHAOS

FOR THOSE WHO FEEL OVERWHELMED BY THEIR BUSY LIVES

FREE EVENT
Speakers, music, food

Learn to balance work life pressures and protect your emotional wellbeing

WEDNESDAY 7 OCTOBER
6pm-8pm, GORDON LIBRARY

Gordon Library 799 Pacific Hwy, Gordon
Food and music from 5pm for those heading straight from work

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
02 9424 0997 eismael@kmc.nsw.gov.au kmc.nsw.gov.au/creatingcalm
Northbridge School of Visual Arts Holiday Program

Artxtra (9 - 15yrs)

Monday 21 September
Tutor: Jane King
Fantasy Buildings
Create an amazing quirky house in clay. A residence for a wizard, fairy or dragon. View unique examples, then design & construct your artwork with lots of tips & tricks to help you.

Tuesday 22 September
Tutor: Amanda Davis
Art of Photography
Using a variety of photographic compositional techniques students will explore the relationship between photography, sculpture and art. Students to bring own camera (smart phone and/ or tablet included) hat and sunscreen.

Monday 28 September
Tutor: Karen Atkins
Still Life Flowers and Cityscapes in Acrylics
Am: Still life flowers using the works of David Hockney as inspiration paint a vivid floral artwork on canvas.
Pm: Cityscapes — paintings that reflect the man made environment — buildings, roads, signs, lights & cars.

Tuesday 29 September
Tutor: Jane King
Cats & dogs as Egyptian Gods in clay
Budding Egyptologists! Combine animal portraiture with the finery of the Gods to create an amazing life like sculpture in the round. Technical skills & processes covered.

Wednesday 30 September
Tutor: Jane King
Pop Art Portraits in Acrylics
We will look at celebrities & translate them into comic strip characters using bold colours, speech bubbles and dots. Painting techniques & colour mixing included.

Teens/ Adult Program

Wednesday 23 September
Tutor: Victoria Peel
Still Life & Landscapes in oil pastels /ink relief
Am: Work from a colourful still life with light and shade using man made and natural pattern.
Pm: Using the same technique work from one of your favourite images of urban or rural landscape.

Friday 25 September
Tutor: Susan Davies
Creative Abstract Workshop
Explore, discover and be excited by the endless possibilities of painting with acrylics and mixed media by using emotion and imagination in a spontaneous way. Focus on clourow, tone, line and composition. Complete 2 canvases.

Thursday 1 October
Tutor: Chantelle Koar
Papercraft – Christmas Themed Workshop
Students will create wrapping paper, gift tags, greeting cards & gorgeous packaging. Use watercolour, heat embossing, punches, texture embossing etc to hand make your own special Christmas decor and gifts.

NEW Early bird 8.30-9.30am drawing class
Late 4-5pm pottery/sculpture class $18.50 each

Venue: 307 Sailors Bay Rd, Northbridge (near roundabout)

Includes all materials, morning/afternoon tea, lunch for full day students
email: judy@nsva.com.au
website: nsva.com.au
Phone: 9958 1298
News
Commissioning Service

On Monday, the new School Leaders were commissioned to their roles. The new leaders made their pledge in the presence of the whole school community.

The incoming School Leaders were each presented with a carnation and the outgoing School Leaders were each presented with an azalea, in fond memory of Mr John King, a former employee, who for years after his retirement cultivated the flowers.

Photographs from the Commissioning Service are available to view and order online. Please go to gallery.skippingstone.com.au/commissioningservice2015 and enter the password: ravenswood.

Taste of Asia Day

As part of Year 6’s History unit of work, Class 6B has been learning about China, Class 6G has been learning about India and Class 6R has been learning about Japan.

Our Taste of Asia Day was a crazy fusion of all of these countries. Our energetic Year 6 girls and teachers danced all over the Junior School Courtyard Bollywood style, busted Tai Chi moves, cherry-blossomed beautiful art and wrestled in the ever so popular rugged sumo style! This event gets better every year.

Ms Georgia Galati, Mr David Freeman and Mrs Karla Russo
**Year 8 Dance**

What a night! After weeks of waiting for the evening of Friday 11 September, Ravenswood Year 8 students arrived at the doors bursting with excitement. Throughout the preceding week, two questions were continually asked; ‘Are you excited?’ and ‘What are you wearing?’. Finally, when Friday night came, everyone was ready to dance and socialise with boys from Knox Grammar School, Saint Ignatius' College and Sydney Church of England Grammar School (Shore). The atmosphere was electric, a great way to finish off a hard week and wind down at the end of the term.

A special mention must go to all the girls who invited boys to come along, every parent volunteer, the staff members who helped to supervise, the Year 12 Prefects and the Dance Committee for all their hard work and effort to make this night so enjoyable. The biggest thank you must go to Mrs Katherine Raftesath, without whose organisation the dance could not have happened. Her commitment to this event is what fuelled the girls' enthusiasm.

**Year 8 Create-a-Day**

Year 8 enjoyed *Create-a-Day* last Friday, taking part in a number of workshops relating to Performing Arts, TAS and Visual Arts. The girls spent all day learning a new creative skill.

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