Welcome to our first newsletter for 2014. I would like to welcome all the new students, staff and parents.

Staff who have joined us in 2014:

- Elizabeth Love – Library (Weds, Thurs, Fri)
- Nathan Compton – English
- Melanie Avromovski - CAPA (Mon, Tues)
- Angela Aboushadi – HSIE
- Belinda Laverance - Health Studies

We also welcome Cross Campus teachers who join us from our middle schools to teach a class:

- Kimberly Krumins – Strauss – English
- My-Ahu Ho – Mathematics
- Patrick Ryan – Science
- Geoff Myhill – HSIE
- Daniel Waterworth – HSIE
- Najwa Samman – Languages

Open Night

On 4th March we had a very successful Open Night. The students were fantastic ambassadors for our school and showcased the many opportunities GRC has to offer.

School Fees 2014

Due to changes in the DEC Finance system, we have been unable to process invoices for school fees at this time. We hope to do so in the next few weeks. Like many government services, the school is provided with only limited funds. The payment of school fees allows us to provide the resources and educational level so important for senior schooling. Fees can be paid by instalments. The payment of fees is most appreciated and vital to provide the quality education we aim for.

School Bus $4,000
Parents SMS Notification $4,000
Final stage of Interactive projectors $6,000
Presentation/Graduation Days $1,000
Ipad project $5,000

Thank you to the P&C for supporting us with the purchase of these valuable resources.

Uniform

GRC is a uniform school. Please ensure your son/daughter is wearing the correct uniform.

As the cooler months approach, students will need a GRC jumper or jacket. A GRC cardigan will be available from Lowes in late March. Cost approximately $80.00. Students may wear white garments eg T-shirt, skivvie, under their school shirt for increased warmth. **Hoodies are never permitted**.

A reminder under WHS, school shoes must be black leather. Students out of uniform may be sent home.

Homework

Homework is a lot broader in a senior school. It includes:

- Set work given by teacher
- Summary notes of day’s work
- Review textbook of day’s work
- Read next section of textbook to prepare for next lesson
- Assessment task preparation
- Work from Assessment Resource Centre (past HSC papers and sample answers) for Year 12.

Thus, you can see they always have homework.

Dates for Diary

- 6 May – Year 12 Parent Teacher Night
- 14 May – Year 11 Parent Teacher Night
- 27 May – Parent Information Evening on the HSC.

GRC Oatley provides many opportunities for students. We look forward to 2014 and learning together.

Deidrei Bedwell
There are a number of outstanding results including Rhonda Douroukis First in Modern Greek (we think Cleo Iaonnou may have come 2nd) and Claudia Saab 1st in Human Services (TAFE). Claudia Saab was also 16th in General Maths.

Top Achievers List
Rhonda Douroukis - First in the state in Modern Greek Beginners
Cleo Ioannou - 2nd in the state in Modern Greek Beginners
Claudia Saab - 1st in state in Human Services and 18th in state in General Mathematics.

HSC DUX
All Rounders List
Lisa White and Claudia Saab

HSC Distinguished Achievers List
111 Students were named on this list. They are:
Jamie Helen Adams Community and Family Studies
Jamie Helen Adams General Mathematics
Theodore Alex Business Studies
Theodore Alex Information Processes and Technology
Theodore Alex Mathematics
Hussein Atoui Biology
Hussein Atoui Senior Science
Amanda Auprince Business Studies
Isabel Byrnes Food Technology
Yingxin Cai Mathematics Extension 1
Sunsil Chandra Mathematics
Lisa Dai Business Studies
Lisa Dai Mathematics
Annick De Silva Community and Family Studies
Dasiy Fei Deng Mathematics Extension 1
Rhonda Douroukis Modern Greek Beginners
Weipeng Fang Mathematics Extension 1
Lucia Fong Society and Culture
Halcyon Foster General Mathematics
Halcyon Foster Society and Culture
Halcyon Foster Italian Beginners
Wenshuo William Fu Mathematics Extension 1
Wenshuo William Fu Mathematics Extension 2
Sarah Fuller Business Studies
Sarah Fuller Mathematics
Sarah Fuller Textiles and Design
Sarah Fuller Ancient History
Mahan Ghebadi Mathematics
Mahan Ghebadi Mathematics Extension 1
Kass Goh Business Studies
Kass Goh General Mathematics
Kass Goh Modern History
Yaosheng Wilson Hu Mathematics Extension 1
Giwon Hwang Japanese Beginners
Cleo Ioannou Business Studies
Cleo Ioannou Legal Studies
Cleo Ioannou General Mathematics
Cleo Ioannou Modern Greek Beginners
Malaz Khoder Mathematics
Jason Ko Senior Science
Daniel Phillip Lai Mathematics
Jarak Lai Japanese Beginners
Raymond Lau Biology
Raymond Lau Business Studies
Raymond Lau Chemistry
Raymond Lau Mathematics
Raymond Lau Mathematics Extension 1
Michelle Lee Mathematics Extension 1
Sarina Lee English Advanced
Sarina Lee Mathematics Extension 1
Toni Leung Senior Science
Ben LI Mathematics
Land Li General Mathematics
Land Li Business Studies
Rio Putra Vici Liem Mathematics Extension 1
Jiahui Lyn Lin Mathematics
Jiahui Lyn Lin Mathematics Extension 1
Weinan Lin Mathematics Extension 1
Qingan Nina Liu Mathematics Extension 1
Mary Louis Mathematics Extension 1
Danny Ly Chemistry
Danny Ly Mathematics Extension 1
Grace Tin-Yan Man Mathematics
Grace Tin-Yan Man Mathematics Extension 1
Bethany Martin-Brown Community and Family Studies
Angus McIntrye General Mathematics
Laura Mitchell Hospitality
Yerolin Moodley Industrial Technology
Dylan Moore General Mathematics
Natalija Pavleski Community and Family Studies
Natalija Pavleski General Mathematics
Ebrahim Rammal Biology
Asheigh Roe Ancient History
Claudia Saab Biology
Claudia Saab Chemistry
Claudia Saab English Advanced
Claudia Saab General Mathematics
Claudia Saab Human Services Examination
Cherise Taylor Saad General Mathematics
Mikaela Sonter General Mathematics
Millie Soo General Mathematics
Tayla Stark Business Studies
Tayla Stark General Mathematics
Johanna Steriovsiki Information Processses and Technology
Amelia Strong Music Extension
Aya Takla Textiles and Design
Tina Tran General Mathematics
Juliette Giorgia Tsrudinis General Mathematics
Juliette Giorgia Tsrudinis English Advanced
Juliette Giorgia Tsrudinis Legal Studies
Amy Vuong Ancient History
Lisa White Ancient History
Lisa White Chemistry
Lisa White English Advanced
Lisa White Mathematics
Lisa White Modern History
Sonia Widjaja Legal Studies
Belinda Yang Mathematics
Lauren Ye English Advanced
Sean Ryan Young General Mathematics
Jiali Kelly Zhang Mathematics
Jiali Kelly Zhang Mathematics Extension 1
Cheng Gary Zhuo Senior Science

Also

115 students received TAFE credentials with 6 courses offered on site at GRC Oatley
157 students received Australian Vocational Framework Qualifications.

Congratulations to our Year 12, 2013 and their teachers for the excellent HSC results.

GRC Oatley is proud to be a comprehensive school catering for both academic students seeking university entry and those seeking an alternative curriculum and entry to TAFE and employment.

The Importance of Attendance

You may have read in recent media reports that the Department of Education and Communities is concerned with the number of parents who are taking their children on holidays during school time.

Attendance at school is mandatory until the age of 17 (exemptions can be given for attendance at TAFE or another registered training organisation or employment of over 25 hours a week).

A student who is absent 4 days per term will miss almost 7 weeks of school over the 2 years and 8 days/term will result in one and a third terms of missed work. Both these scenarios make it impossible to reach the 240 hours as required by the BOS to complete the outcomes for each course.

Missing school for family holidays during the term cannot be approved by the Principal. This will be recorded as ‘parent arranged leave’. Missed assessment tasks during this time do not qualify for Illness/Misadventure consideration and zero will be awarded.

Take home tasks can be submitted before or electronically by the due date.

Please avoid taking holidays during the term and if you do decide this is necessary, please ring the school to discuss the effect it may have on learning and assessment tasks.

From DEC
CAPA News

Congratulations to students from Year 12 2013, who have been accepted into the following courses:

- Grace Yuen - Bachelor Music/ Bachelor Education
  UNSW
- Britney Trevithick - Bachelor Music/ Bachelor Education
  UNSW
- Rebecca Hart - Bachelor Music: Sydney Conservatorium of Music
- Claudia Butters - Media Studies: UNSW CoFA
- Gabriella Odzak - Acting: Australian Academy of Dramatic Art

Angela Pryce
Head Teacher CAPA

Y12 Engineering Studies visits the Neonatal Emergency Transportation Services Unit (NETS)

Y12 Engineering Studies visited the Neonatal Emergency Transportation Services Unit (NETS) at Westmead Sydney, which deal with the transportation of premature newborn children anywhere around Australia 24/7. The students were given hands on experience from Mr. Kastrounis. Students were shown how Prenatal Cribs were designed using the latest aircraft engineering materials used in Aeronautical Engineering. Students then got to sit in the Helicopter that transports the babies. What a Great Day.

Report by
Mr. Poyzoidis/TAS Department

STEPS to a CAREER IN EVENTS MANAGEMENT

Get Real Events Experience (GREE) is a program of Kenvale College of Hospitality and Event Management for senior high school students looking for a future career in event management.

Jackie Moenting Yr 12 applied for GREE in July last year and successfully moved through these steps:

- attended an event management workshop at Kenvale.
- was invited in for group activities, and an individual interview.
- she was selected for the program, and was allocated a week of work experience in January with the events and hospitality team at Allianz Stadium/Sydney Cricket Ground.
- she submitted a report based on this work place learning experience

On Saturday February 8, Jackie was announced as one of two winners of this year’s GREE scholarship, worth $3,000. Jackie will study Hospitality and Event Management (a double qualification) over two years while gaining experience in the industry through paid employment.

Jackie with Grace Bannister, the other scholarship winner, and Selena Hooper, the Liaison Director of Foundation for Education and Training

GRC Environment and Social Justice Group

On Monday the 19th of August, the GRC Environment and Social Justice Group held a Palm Oil Free Cake Stall to raise money for World Orangutan Day, part of the Orangutan Foundation International whose main mission is to support conservation of the endangered animals.

The aim of the stall was to bake cakes, cookies and slices that did not contain Palm Oil Products. Every year, thousands of Orangutans are killed due to habitat destruction in Borneo. Their homes in the rainforest are destroyed to make room for fields of trees for the production of palm oil, which is used commonly in the food industry and is often discreetly hidden on packaging.

Overall, the day was a huge success, the stall raising $365. All proceeds will be donated to the Orangutan Foundation International, helping to conserve the homes of Orangutans and to assist with ex-captive and orphaned babies.

Thank you to everyone in the Environment Group or who contributed on the day, and Ms. Rooney for helping to organise the project.

By Lauren Hart
The St George LAC - Police Open and Information Day at Riverwood Police Station

The Riverwood Police Station Open Day will be held on Saturday, 5th April 2014 at Riverwood Police Station, located on the corner of Belmore Road and Shenstone Street, Riverwood.

The event will be held from 10:00am until 2:00pm. There is no cost associated with the event apart from the Lions Club Sausage Sizzle/Drinks, Mr Whippy and the Café Kiosk.

We would like to invite your students, parents and teachers to attend. In the coming weeks we will provide you with an event flyer. We would be very grateful if you could please photocopy this flyer and distribute. Perhaps you could also place this event in your School Newsletter.

Main attractions for the day will include:

- NSW Police Force Commissioner will open the event
- Police Dogs
- Police Horses
- Forensics – mock Crime Scene, fingerprinting and investigation techniques (display)
- Marine Unit
- Constable Charlie
- Youth Command - PCYC
- NSW Fire Brigade
- Public Transport Command
- Eyewatch (Facebook)
- Jumping Castle and slide
- Kids Colouring Competition
- Radio FM, 2NBC outdoor broadcast
- Sausage Sizzle/Drinks
- Mr Whippy
- Café Kiosk
- Face painting

We would love to see as many local students who attend local schools as possible. Police Recruitment will be in attendance therefore, a good opportunity for older students to obtain career advice.

Belinda PRINCE
Senior Constable
St George LAC

Student challenge

Tell a good story?

If you reckon you’ve got the goods, then put your creative prose where your mouth is and be in the running for instant fame (and an iTunes Card)

Your story must be no more than 500 words and be submitted by Monday April 7 to:
peter.r.chapman@det.nsw.edu.au

Winners will be announced at the first assemblies in Term 2