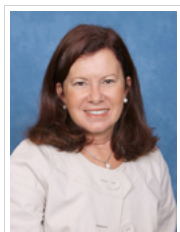


6 November 2014

Principal's Message



As many of you may be aware, I have applied for leave in 2015. After an Expression of Interest process to the 4 GRC campuses, Kate McRae was successful in gaining the position of Relieving Principal for 2015. Mr Mark Treacy from GRC Penshurst will join us at Oatley as Deputy Principal in 2015. It is with a great deal of trepidation I

embark on my year of leave. The year will give me some time to reflect and make further decisions about my future. I know I will miss the students and staff immensely. It has been a great 5 years and I am very proud to be part of our GRC community.

The HSC is now over and there is a big sigh of relief from our Year 12 students and I am sure their parents. We welcome Year 12 back to a BBQ on 18 November. This is called "Sign-out Day" but students are encouraged to return texts and sign out before this date to avoid long queues.

Year 11 are now the older and wiser Year 12 2015. They will soon embark on their first Year 12 HSC Assessment Tasks. Can I remind parents that the work from Term 4 and assessment tasks contribute to the final HSC Mark. Many parents seem surprised to learn that Term 4 is actually part of the Year 12 HSC requirements. We need students – IN CLASS, ON TIME and LEARNING.

Trips overseas in school time should be avoided in Year 12. The school never gives permission for an absence or overseas holiday. We simply acknowledge the parent request. An overseas holiday does not constitute an Illness or Misadventure by the BOSTES rules. Choosing to go overseas during school time can have dire consequences on HSC marks and the meeting of HSC requirements. Holiday time and from November next year is the time to plan long overseas visits.

On Wednesday 12 November all Year 12 students will be involved in the road safety program "U Turn the Wheel". Attendance is compulsory and contributes to the mandatory 25 hours Crossroads course. U Turn the Wheel is now in every Sutherland Shire High School and there has been a 30% reduction in motor vehicle related casualties in the 17-24 age group since the program began. The cost to the students is \$5 (The real cost is \$10 but half has been subsidized by the P & C and school). Please ring the school if your son/daughter cannot attend. Arrangements may be made to attend the program when it is presented at another school. As both a Principal and parent "U Turn the Wheel" has my highest recommendation.

I ask for parent's support in ensuring students are at school by the warning bell at 8.30am. Classes begin promptly at 8.40am. As we have a computerised attendance system arriving at school after this time is recorded as lateness. Lateness on reports is not a good sign for future employers, scholarships, early entry to university etc. Teachers and students also find it disturbing to learning to have students entering the classroom after the lesson has begun.

I look forward to the next 6 weeks especially our celebration of Year 11 achievement at Presentation Day on 16th December. I am sure GRC Oatley will continue to make me smile. It is a very special school!

DEIDREI BEDWELL
Principal

Sportstars

Congratulations to the following students on being awarded a St George Zone SSSA Sporting Award for the following sports:

Laylaa Martin - Swimming Champion 16yrs
Julia Spyrou - Cross Country Champion 18+ years
Omar Abdel Wahab - Cross Country Champion 16yrs
Georgia Phillips- Athletics Champion 17+yrs

Rae Williams
Sports Organiser

Supporting YOUR YOUNG PERSONS' MENTAL HEALTH

Rotary Club of Rockdale invites
Parents of Adolescents,
Teachers, Counsellors & GPs
to attend an information session
around Mental Health

What do you do when you're worried?
What do you want to know?
What helps young people in Australia grow well in 2014?

DATE	THURSDAY 20 NOVEMBER
TIME	6.30 - 8.30pm
VENUE	TORWOOD LOUNGE
ADDRESS	247 ROCKY POINT RD, SANS SOUCI
GUEST	PETER SLATTERY
RSVP	(02) 9580 8700

About our guest - Therapist Peter Slattery
Peter has worked with young people and families for 30 years. He has worked in Australia, Asia, Europe and North America. He is passionate about developing new, exciting and ever more useful ways of helping people explore what troubles or inspires them. Peter has published a number of resources including "Youth Works and Thoughtpics".


Refreshments will be provided on the night.
Please RSVP for catering purposes.

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THERE IS HOPE

'U Turn the Wheel' Reduces Youth Road Toll

Since 2007 there have been many changes in NSW to the driving and licensing laws affecting young drivers, with these measures having immediate impact on young driver crash rates as shown below.



There has been an overall decrease in the crash rates of young drivers over the last five years. However between 2007 and 2012 the casualty rate of 17-20 year old drivers fell 49% in the SouthEast Local Government Area, compared to a 13% reduction across the Sydney Region.

All things being considered equal, one obvious difference between Sydney Region drivers aged 17-20 and those from the SouthEast Local Government Area, is the involvement of 'U Turn the Wheel' students in 'U Turn the Wheel'.



Student Feedback

Students at each school are asked to evaluate the program. When asked 'What have you learned?' students responses have included:


- the consequences of an offence
- It's really easy to lose your license
- Don't be a coward
- When you're driving, just drive - don't drink, don't speed, and wear seatbelts
- All our decisions are our choice
- There are big consequences to our decisions
- Follow the law and you keep your license

For information and bookings contact
Lynne Goodwin, Motiv. Trainers
Email: lynne@u-turnthewheel.com.au



The 'U Turn the Wheel' program is a one-day in-school program delivered to Year 11 students, young drivers who are just starting their driving experience.

The program reinforces the messages that parents are trying to get their young drivers to heed - that the decisions and actions made by drivers on the roads are their responsibility alone, and can often lead to unforeseen and tragic consequences.



Keeping Your Us and P's

Local Highway Patrol Officers discuss the methods and consequences of enforcement.



There is a strong focus on identifying risk-taking behaviour, such as speeding, using mobile phones, and the penalties for these offences.

Buying a Safe Used Car

The NRMA Motoring and Services Roadside Assist Officers give advice on how to buy a used car and the things to look out for. The session includes a hands-on session which covers basic car maintenance.



Are We There Yet?

YouthSafe present an interactive session on managing distractions. The presenters discuss the real-life consequences of being involved in a crash. The main goal is identifying potential in-car distractions and talking about how best to deal with them.



Picking up the Pieces

NSW Ambulance Service present on the results of crashes and how driver attitudes affects crash risk. The theme of personal choice is integral. The Paramedics have extensive personal experience at crash scenes and the students are always interested in what causes crashes and how they can be avoided.



Being Fit to Drive

Students learn that there is no 'safe' amount of drugs or alcohol. Includes how different substances can impair driving ability, the rate that young bodies process alcohol, as well as the importance of having a 'getting home safely' plan.



New Driver Survivor

Emphasise the hazards, distractions and risks that challenge safe driving outcomes. Discussion occurs based on the types of decisions made and skills and techniques needed to avoid crashes, within various crash scenarios.




Free workshop Anxiety and Depression in Children and Adolescents

This workshop explores the symptoms displayed by children and adolescents with depression and/or anxiety. It examines treatment, diagnosis, causes and related risk factors.

Overview of topics covered

- How anxiety presents in childhood
- How depression presents in childhood
- Prevalence and factors that contribute to anxiety and depression
- Identifying anxiety and depression in childhood
- Strategies to manage anxiety and depression in childhood
- Raising concerns with children's childcare, preschool or school
- Intervention – prevention and treatment

The workshop focuses on what parents can do to support children including strategies to manage anxiety and depression.

All attendees will receive helpful resources and references as a participant handbook.

Date: Thursday 20 November 2014

Time: 6:00pm–8:30pm

Venue: Penhurst RSL

58a Penhurst Street, Penhurst NSW 2222

Cost: FREE for parents and carers

To Register:

www.learninglinks.org.au

Ph: 02 8568 8200

* Funded by Department of Education and Communities

Your Presenter

Lisa Boland is a Registered Psychologist who has worked with children from birth to 18 years since 2001.

She has worked in Private Practice and provided counselling in schools across Sydney. Lisa supports her clients and their families with issues including anxiety, depression, behaviour management and bullying.

In addition to this, Lisa is a Presenter with Learning Links delivering programs to parents and professionals in the areas of Bullying, Resilience Building and other topics.

Learning Links is a not-for-profit charitable organisation helping children with disabilities and learning support needs and their families and communities to achieve their potential.

Year 12 Conference

The first day of Year 12 is a special day at Oatley it is an important day to set the students on the right path to success in the HSC. At Oatley we held our Year 12 Conference on the 9th of October. Where lots of important information was handed out in a survival pack.

In the Survival pack we included – school support, term and daily planner, ALARM, commitment to learning, useful websites, list of prefecture examples, careers resources, glossary of key terms, assessment policy, PBL matrix, BOS assessment brochure, and tips on how to be organised.

We also gave two sessions on What's Online session and HSC ATAR/Assessment

The day finished with the students signing a Commitment to Learning agreement and then a light fun quiz show ended the day

It's now up to the students to put in the hard work to achieve a worthwhile result in the HSC.

<http://vimeo.com/110827372>

James Munroe warms up the crowd with a chanting session.

Alex Gardiner
HSIE Teacher



PARENTING SEMINAR SAFE CELEBRATING for teens

FREE

On Wednesday 19 November 2014, Council in partnership with the Community Drug Action Team (CDAT) will hold a free parenting seminar focusing on safe celebrating for teenagers.

The seminar will feature the following three presentations:



Ngaio Chandler - Project Officer for the READY Project at St George Youth Services; Providing practical information about alcohol and other drug use and the effects



John Dangas - Team Leader / Youth and Family Worker for Reconnect Youth and Family Service at St George Youth Services; On establishing a dialogue and negotiating with your young person.



Senior Constable Peter Hughes - Youth Case Manager, St George PCYC - Youth Command; On navigating social media and on how teens use it.

Following the presentations, there will be a Q&A session.

Wednesday 19 November

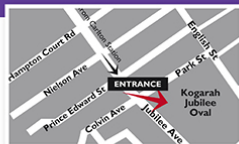
6:00pm - 8:00pm

Jubilee Community Rooms,

Level 2, Jubilee Oval,

entrance off Jubilee Ave, Carlton

Light dinner will be provided. This is a free event, **bookings are essential** and can be made by emailing youth@kogarah.nsw.gov.au or calling **9330 9455**.



Graduation 2014 GRC Sydney Town Hall



A highly successful Graduation was held at Sydney Town Hall on Friday 19th September 2014.

The special award recipients were:

Federal MP Award – Bethany Pankhurst
Terry O'Brien Award – Mahan Ghobadi
Principal Award – Nouredine Moghrabi
Principal Award – Michael Tolevski



GRC Citizenship & Leadership Award – Steven Prasad
State MP Award – Jenny Du
Leo Zheng & Mohammed Saeed – Dimitrios-Emmanouil Karanikolas
Reuben F Scarf – Danielle Villamonte
P&C Award – Elizabeth Florance
P&C Award – Ali Jebeile
P&C Award – Stephen Redmond
P&C Award – Jiajun Zhang
Premiers Sporting Challenge Medallion – Molly Towell
University of Wollongong – Joanne Yu Yao Wu
Vocational Student of the Year – Jacelyn Moenting
Caltex All Rounder Award – Jordan Henry
Long Tan – Jacelyn Moenting
Dux of School – Spiros Kalavritinos
Honour Blue (Sporting) – Ella Arifaki
Honour Blue (Sporting) – Monica Denton
Honour Blue (Sporting) – Jordan Henry
Honour Blue (Sporting) – Michael Kanis-Parker
Honour Blue (Sporting) – Tristan King
Honour Blue (Sporting) – Montana Mackie
Honour Blue (Sporting) – Grace Puckett
Honour Blue (Sporting) – Michael Roche
Honour Blue (Sporting) – Houssam Sharafdin

The following students received an Award for Outstanding School Attendance:

Jana Borovskis	Kaitlyn Ng
Tiffany Ya Ting Cheng	Aidan Ouma-Machio
Tsz Ching Vicky Cheung	Steven Prasad
Terry Fan	Grace Puckett
Lauren Hart	Felicia Fei Fan Que
Jordan Henry	Charles Rong
James Hill	Raelene Sebastian
Ping-Hung Jerry Hsieh	Julia Spyrou
Rebecca Huang	Trevor Tan
Seong Hye Heidi Jang	Maung Min Thant
Yasmin Jones	Michael Tolevski
Chun-Wei Kay	Chris Tran
Shivani Kumar	Kevin Tran
Anson Lee	Henry Wang
Kwo Wing Gloria Lee	Jessica Xian
Karen Liong	Calvin Zi Yong Zhang
Glenn McGrath	Jiajun Zhang
Jarrold Natoli	



Year 12 – 2014 Graduates:

Moamen Abaid	Liam Burns	Cameron Du
Hussein Abdallah	Matthew Burt	Jenny Du
Mohamad Abdallah	Renee Button	Caitlin Dulgarno
James Adam	Samantha Button	Dillon Dupont
Chevelle Adams-Vari	Jiayi Emily Cai	Andish Ebrahim
Lucinda Aguiar	Lisa Cai	Kaitlin Ede
Ali Al Barak	Natasha Camilleri	Ana Eftimova
Mostafa Al Hassan	Marleigh Camuglia	Khaled El-Magzoub
Mustafa Al Kahi	Michelle Carpio	Jessica Elchaar

Hussein Alsafi	Matthew Casamento	Hashem Elhossaini
Ella Arifaki	Rodolfo Casimiro	Alexandria Emmerson
Maria Arvanitakis	Mehak Chagani	Alexis Eryigit
Amne Assaad	Aveline Chan	Imran Ronni Esh
Fatima Ayad	Kenneth Chan	Owen Eyles
Jehad Ayad	Angela Si Yu Chen	Hassan Fakih
Michael Baggow	Fei Yang Chen	Isabella Falciola
Steven Bailey	Han Zheng Alex Chen	Benjamin Falkiner
Lindsay Baillie	Tiffany Ya Ting Cheng	Terry Fan
Brazil Bakamis	Hiu Lam Erika Cheung	Katelyn Farmer
Hassan Barakat	Kwing Fung Cheung	Peter Faros
Veronica Barsoum	Tsz Ching Vicky Cheung	Lachlan Farrell
Justin Batten	Runhao Victar Chi	Abbas Fayad
Harmony Baxter	Joan Chian	Aidan Fenech
Kamilla Bayguzina	Damian Choi	Karina Filevska
Ali Bazzi	Adonis Christou	Coco Finemore
Mariam Bazzi	Ruby Clarke	Elizabeth Florance
Kaitlyn Beccaris	Brandon Clibbens	Milosh Gavrilovic
Rukija Bekric	Demmi-Lee Clifford	Wenxiao Vinson Geng
Keannu Belaza	James Cole	Flowrnce Gharami
Isabella Berlusconi	Kristy Coleman	Mahan Ghobadi
Hatije Besleme	Amy Crawford	Chloe Gill
Corey Black	Laura Cross	Hayley Givins
Samantha Black	Monika Culjak	Babak Gorgin
Megan Blake	Brendan Curry	Jay Griffiths
Joshua Booth	Katelin Curtis	Maria Gurung
Jana Borovskis	Emily Cuschieri	Jean-Luc Hafey
Ryan Borrow	Vianka Custodio	Jackson Hall
Michael Bowen	Eloy D'Rozario	Ismail Hamdy
Adam Bricknell	Demi Dafnakis	Jawad Hammoud
Loretta Briscoe-Hough	Teigan Davidson	Andrej Hamzic

Tahlia Brodie	Jamela Dela Cruz	Louis Hardy
Jarrold Brown	Jamima Dela Cruz	Harrison Hart
Steven Brown	Monica Denton	Lauren Hart
Olivia Browne	Ayden Dinclik	Hugo He
Joel Bruce-Clarke	Ruby Dollin	Wangzhan Jason He
Jessica Burnie	Peter Donevski	Karah Hemmett
Jordan Henry	Matthew Kolevski	Zhen Michael Liu
Jordan Hewett	Tobias Kongbrailatpam	Sheyla Ljubljana
Georgia Hilar	Taine Koopu	Kurtis Lomas
James Hill	Chamoniix Kotevski	Belinda Lombardo
Marcus Ho	Irene Koulianos	Weiying Rachel Lu
Calvin Hoang	Michael Kouta	Billion Marco Luk
Sarah Hoballah	Thomas Kramer	Fely Lumapac
Aimee Hoeberigs	Karishma Krishna	Montana Mackie
Gabriella Nicholson	Mohammed Sakr	Kevin Tran
Natasha Nikoloska	Mohammad Salame	Garry Trieu
Tiffani Nikolovski	George Salouvardos	Patrisha Tsintis
Amanda Nocon	Jasmine Schillert	Pamela Tsoukalas
Romy Nunes	Elisha Sebastian	Daniel Vasiljkovic
Declan O'Grady	Raelene Sebastian	Danielle Villamonte
Nesta O'Sullivan	Maria Jose Sebastiani Bardalez	Joseph Villavicencio
Camilo Ospina	Alison Seklevski	Erica Viloria
Jiancheng Ou	Houssam Sharafdin	Blake Walker
Aidan Ouma-Machio	Nicolas Shaw	Henry Wang
Justin Ser Hsien Ow	Connor Shea	Shihao Rocky Wang
Jackie Pan	Sam Shoemark	Yumeng Kristy Wang
Krishal Panchal	Sasha Simic	Yuyao Serena Wang
Bethany Pankhurst	Cecil Singh	James Watt-Smith
Pete Paradisis	John Sipolo	Marnie White

Cassandra Pasoski	Courtney Smith	Aidan Whitwell
Michael Passalis	Tayla Smith	Kate Williamson
Amanda Petrovski	Celine Soe	Jack Wilson
Kevin Pham	Giovanni Sparacino	Sheryce Wilson
Trung Hieu Pham	Julia Spyrou	Tsz Fung Anthony Wong
Darren Phan	Renee Stanley	Maylannie Wood
Jenjira Phanumart	Latiesha Stefanou	Jiahao Brian Wu
Chantelle Pike-Prosser	Dion Stergiopoulos	Jianxiong Kevin Wu
Malesiena Pohahau	Rayner Stevens	Joanne Yu Yao Wu
Olivia Polutele	Isabella Stojcevski	Xiao Ke Vicky Wu
Brinda Raj Poobathi	Ariani Sugiarta	Nathan Wylie
Ashleigh Franklin	Carolyn Tadros	Jessica Xian
Jayden Prasad	Christine Tadros	Wenyu Xu
Steven Prasad	Chi Him Henry Tam	Xungui Jason Xu
Taylor Preece	Jason Tamas	Jessica Yin
Grace Puckett	Trevor Tan	Evan Young
Felicia Fei Fan Que	Keyana Maria Tangiiti	Selwyn Young
Mohamed Rachid	George Tapatas	Tafiau Young
Angelique Raffo	Eranga Tebuwana	Weilin William Yu
Mohammad-Ali Rammal	Jesse Terry	Shi Yun Sharon Yuan
Emma Ramsey	Maung Min Thant	Salahelden Zayied
Cameron Redman	Nikko Thomas	Calvin Zi Yong Zhang
Stephen Redmond	Susannah Thompson	Hange Zhang
Heba Reslan	Natalie Tilia	Jiajun Zhang
Lachlan Richardson	Joyce Tokoiee	Jiale Neal Zhang
Michael Roche	Michael Tolevski	Jianchen Cyndi Zhao
Charles Rong	Molly Towell	Ming Ali Zhuo
George Ronsin	Chris Tran	Sophie Zielinski