Chinese Immersion Day

The Confucius Institute arranged for a day of activities promoting language and culture. 20 Mandarin speakers from Randwick Public School visited the school to take part in the activities.

Lunch was held at a local Chinese restaurant for over 50 students. In addition the Institute presented awards to Tengjun, Quinrin, Alex and Han for making short films explaining what the Confucius Classroom means to them. Go to the NEWS section of our website and look for the links to view these films.

Thanks to Miss Wang and Mrs Krivosic for giving so much time in making these films.

Alternatively go to our 

You Tube Channel

to see all five films.

Next Tuesday 21 October 1.00pm-2.30pm a cultural tour celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Confucius Institute will be held at school with many special guests.
ICAS English Results

YEAR 2  
High Distinction Xin Yi  
Credit Lachlan, Ebrel, Savya, Kai, Curtis, Ethan, Eleni, Elizabeth, Danny, Alva, Isabella, Maddie

YEAR 3  
Distinction Aiden, Georgia, Bess
Credit Shafin, Samuel, Tri, Timothy, Samuel, Elise, Jason, Amelia, Lauren, Jack, James, Connor, William, Wilson, Jeremiah

YEAR 4  
High Distinction Peter, Audrey
Distinction Alex X, Sarfaraz, Sumi, Aaron, Heidi
Credit Max, Nicholas, Amy, Sophie, Kevin C, Andy, Florence, Maithreyi, Alex P, Daniel, Kevin P, Rowen

YEAR 5  
Distinction Eugenia
Credit Sasha, Edward, Zi Yi, Natalie

YEAR 6  
Distinction Nirooshan, Akul
Credit Pia

Library News

Term 4 Book Club has arrived! Just in time for Christmas gift ordering.
Order forms have now been sent home with your children for this term’s Scholastic Book Club. Please ensure that all orders are returned to school by Monday, 20 October.

Book Club Ordering Procedures

- The order, together with the payment, needs to be put in an envelope with the child’s name and class on the outside.
- Online payments to Scholastic - the order form needs to be returned to school by the due date so that the parent ordering the books knows which ones to order for your child.
- Any payments made after 20th October will be held over to next year’s Book Club.
- All orders are handed in at the Library.
- No orders can be accepted after the due date.

Young Scientist Award 2014

This is an annual competition for children currently enrolled in school in years 3-6. The competition is based around a theme, with children completing a project that explores that topic. The theme is alternative energies or energy efficiency. Projects can be a model, poster, drawing, diorama, collage or written report. Entries are judged not on scientific accuracy but on creativity, process and presentation. They should show imagination and working knowledge of scientific methods. Entries close Friday 24th October 2014. If your child would like to enter, they must include the following three items:
# entry form completed  
# worksheet completed  
# final project Please go to the website for more information.  www.randwick.nsw.gov.au/library

SRC NEWS

On Friday 31st of October, the SRC students will be supporting Bandanna Day by selling bandannas and pens. Items for sale will be $3.00 and $4.00 and will be sold outside the library from 8.30am-9am. All proceeds will go to helping find a cure for cancer. Thank you for your support.  Emma Fredman

Student Merit Awards

Knowledge, Honour and Community

3B Trisha, Keanu  Bronze Ethan  Silver Lara, Charlotte
4/3C Max, Frankie  Bronze Peter
4R Amina, Rowen
5/4 OC Joel, Amy, Estefany
6/5 E Charlotte, Ismail, Aleksandr
Congratulations
As a part of earning their scouts badge both Annie and Aiden were invited to a recent Botany citizenship ceremony greeting guests as they became citizens. This was a great honour for our students.

KM News
Last term KM investigated the different types of materials objects are made out of. They created garden sculptures using recyclable and waterproof materials.

Uniform Shop Video
Have a look at our video about the full school uniform at Kensington Public School. Thanks to Mrs Vlahos for a terrific film. See it at http://youtu.be/HEldmbYJoO4 or on our website.
Randwick Boys HS

HSC underway

The 2014 HSC is underway, with the first English paper commencing on October 13. It’s amazing how quickly the young boys who join us in Year 7, become the men of Year 12 who are sitting this important final examination.

Once again, Randwick Boys’ High School is offering students at the highest levels for the HSC, with candidates in Extension 2 English, Mathematics and History. It is a testament to our school’s truly comprehensive nature that students are sitting for examinations in a great range of courses. It’s also testament to the hard work of these students that we expect to achieve Band 6 results in all courses as well, from Industrial Technology, Wood, to Software Design and Development, Legal Studies to Mathematics, Economics and English.

To the past students of KPS who are sitting for this exam we wish you all the best with your studies.

Year 7 Selective High School Placement in 2016

Information for parents can be found at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement

There have been changes made to this process from previous years.

- All applications must be made online
- Late applications will not be accepted
- Parents can only make three choices, not four
- Family placement claims are not considered

Application Website Closes 17 November 2014.

All applicants are required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test to be held on 12 March 2015.

Kindergarten Orientation

We met most of the 90 students and families of our 2015 Kindergarten at the first of the Orientation sessions yesterday Tuesday 14 October.

Our next Orientation session will be on Tuesday 21 October, 2015 from 9.30am.
Final 2 Weeks

Our Alumni Project where past (and present students) can buy a brick to have their name placed in the school grounds (put the year you were here too!)

Click on the link to select the order form and pay via our website using the Parent Online Payment (POP) system.

Canteen Survey
An online survey is open until 20 October.
46 responses so far
www.surveymonkey.com/s/KPSCanteenSurvey

Notes Home
1. Kindergarten Concert
2. Years 3 and 4 Gibberagong Environmental Education Centre
3. Year 5 – 2016 Selective High School Applications
4. Maroubra Fun Run Permission Note
More from the Chinese Immersion Day

On the 13th October, students from Kensington and Randwick Public School attended a Chinese Immersion Day. We all gathered in the library and were split into groups. The group that I was in did paper cutting first. Everyone got a piece of paper that we folded in half and then drew only half a picture on one side. Then we used scissors to cut the shape to make the full picture. It was really enjoyable. My two favourite things were lunch and Mahjong games in the library. The lunch was delicious. We ate at the Kensington Peking restaurant. There was shredded beef with oyster sauce, sweet and sour pork, duck and more. The last and most exciting activity I think we did was playing Mahjong. There are many different types of games. My group didn't have that much time so we played in teams. I really relished my experience at the Chinese Immersion Day.

Chinese Immersion Day was a day full of Chinese activities. These activities included origami, paper cutting, Mahjong and calligraphy. We also had a delicious lunch at the Kensington Peking restaurant. Out of everything, my favourite activity was calligraphy.

Calligraphy is the writing of Chinese characters with ink and a brush with bristles made out of a horse's tail. We wrote the Chinese characters for the monkey, chicken, goat and horse. We learnt how to write calligraphy the proper way. We also studied the Zodiac. I like calligraphy because it helps to clear the mind.

Alex 4R

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6.30pm Parents are invited to share ideas about the 2015-2017 school strategic directions in the library.

No Assembly
Just a note to let you know that with Apple’s latest iOS 8 update they have managed to break various functions in the Skoolbag app. We are aware of these issues including push notifications not working, and to rectify this the company are currently updating the apps with a new version. Please note that the issue does not effect users who are still running iOS 7.

For current Skoolbag customers your app will be upgraded to 2.6.0 version. Updates are being submitted daily to Apple who then take around 5 - 7 days to approve them. You can expect the update will be ready for download within the next 2 - 4 weeks.

**Chinese Culture Day**

As well as special guests, next Tuesday the free concert will be around the theme of Harmony. The notes for this event state that harmony is at the core of the Chinese culture which expresses the idea, in Confucianism, that ‘harmony is precious’. This is steeped in Chinese tradition. All songs, dances and drama are guided by the Confucius ideas aiming to promote exchanges and fusion of Chinese and Western cultures.

**Public Speaking Day**

Next Monday the school will be hosting students from across the Botany Bay network for the Public Speaking finals. Winners from this series will go onto the Grand Final for the Greater Sydney Public Finals. Our finalists are:

- Early Stage 1: Calvin
- Stage 1: Luke
- Stage 2: Karla
- Stage 3: Pia

Eventually all these fine speakers will have their speeches available on our website. In the meantime listen to Luke’s excellent speech.

Monday 27 October 2014 - 10.30am - 12.30pm

Information Session:

- Supported Accommodation;
- Ability Links;
- Information Resources;
- South East Sydney Commonwealth;
- Emergency Respite;
- Gordon and Slater;
- Estate Planning.

All welcome. Morning tea - Please bring a plate to share?

A LOCAL NETWORK FOR Bahasa Indonesian speaking PARENTS

Would you be interested to have contact with other parents who have children with special needs?

It would be an opportunity for sharing information, with discussion in Bahasa Indonesian on what you’d like to know more about to help support your child and family. There is a Bilingual Bahasa Indonesian Facilitator for the group.

Discussion about services, different agencies, choices on what interests you, like parenting, support behaviours, development stages, supporting children with development, respite.

Meet with representatives from Autism Spectrum Australia, South Sydney Community Aid and Multicultural Neighborhood Centre, Eastern Sydney Multicultural Access Project and ADHC Community Access for tips on ways to develop a support network that’s good for you.

Come along to let us know your views. There’ll also be assistance from a Bahasa Indonesian Interpreter. It'll also be an opportunity to become familiar with local Bahasa Indonesian speaking Community Workers available at local agencies.

If you are interested, please contact Mariany Permadi or Santo Tanuhardjio on 02 9 344 5669 or santipermadi@yahoo.com.au or Rosetta Sung, Senior Case Manager CALD Rosebery on 02 8 344 2700 or Rosetta. Sung@facs.nsw.gov.au?