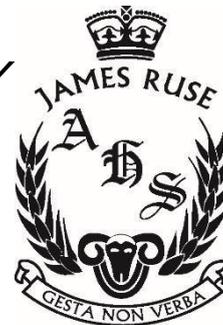


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Principal's report

Congratulations to Mrs Heather Weber, Mrs Natalie Novotni and Mrs Gillian Haselhurst-Smith who last Thursday received awards for excellence in leadership, student wellbeing and school administration. The awards were presented by the SPC Western Sydney and were celebrated the 15 high schools in our area.



An exceptional teacher, member of our leadership team and leader of the Mathematics community, Heather Weber prioritises both student and staff wellbeing. Innovative and always thinking of the big picture and whole school needs, Heather has led timetable changes to improve school performance. A successful mentor, Heather consistently builds leadership capacity in her Mathematics faculty and encourages staff to pursue opportunities both within the school and in the wider education community. A leader in the Mathematics community and former President of MANSW, Heather's guidance is sought at all levels in the introduction of new syllabuses and future directions of the mathematics curriculum. A fabulous colleague, Heather is a valued member of our team.

The ultimate professional, Gillian Haselhurst-Smith has been an integral member of our administration team for the past 25 years. Gillian has led the event organisation at our school, incorporating tradition and style into each event. Our students, particularly Prefect bodies, have relied on her support and superior organisational skills. A friend and colleague to all staff, both teachers and administrative staff, Gillian is a constant support to us all. Her service to our students and the Department of Education is commendable. Thank you Gillian.

A compassionate and caring leader, Natalie Novotni is our Head Teacher of Wellbeing. Natalie has led the development and growth of an effective wellbeing team and proactive student wellbeing curriculum and program. Passionate about students and supporting our students, Natalie continues to educate and develop herself as an expert in wellbeing. Supporting students that are at risk, underachieving and disengaged, Natalie never gives up and enables her team and teachers across the school to share her passion. An integral part of our leadership team, Natalie ensures student wellbeing is our first priority and that every teacher is a teacher of wellbeing.

Thank you to Ms Jenns and Ms Ramsay who supervised our students in a challenging, "wet and stormy" Silver Duke of Edinburgh hike on the weekend.

Congratulations to Parade Commander CUO Audrey Wang and the entire parade for a wonderful display of precision and teamwork. Congratulations also to CAPT (AAC) Alan Best, LT (AAC) Bruce McFadyen and 2LT (AAC) Peter Low for today's success and the enormous hard work that is needed to make such a large unit run efficiently. Thank you to Mr Michael Quinlan, our ex-Principal (1992-2007) for presenting the Guest of Honour's address.

Passing Out 2018

RANK	NAME	YEARS IN UNIT
CUO	Toby Ou	5 years
CUO	Joseph Jeong	5 years
CUO	Michael Kim	5 years
CUO	Audrey Wang	5 years
CUO	Anthony Mai	5 years
CDTWO1	Roger Li	4 years
CDTSGT	Joshua Heckenberg	5 years
CDTCPL	Wayne Wong	3 years
CDTCPL	James Jun	4 years
CDTCPL	Leona Jiao	5 years
CDTCPL	Julia Tran	4 years
CDTCPL	Bill Chen	5 years
CDTCPL	Samuel Chen	5 years
CDTCPL	Jacob Ou	4 years
CDT	Angela Huang	3 years

Congratulations to Yon Su, Yichen Zhang, Elton Yang of Year 12 who came 2nd in the NSW Titration Competition. Phillip Liang, Raymond Li, Anthony Mai came in 6th and Alexander Lu, Brian Su, Aniruddh Chennapragada achieved 14th place. Outstanding success to our teams.



Congratulations to our students who achieved spectacular success in the 57th Annual School Mathematics Competition 2018. In the junior division, Yasiru Jayasooriya achieved 2nd Prize, Chris Ahn, Eva Ge and Kevin Zheng 3rd Prize with other students achieving High Distinctions and Distinctions. In the Senior Division, David Lee achieved 3rd Prize and 8 students a High Distinction.

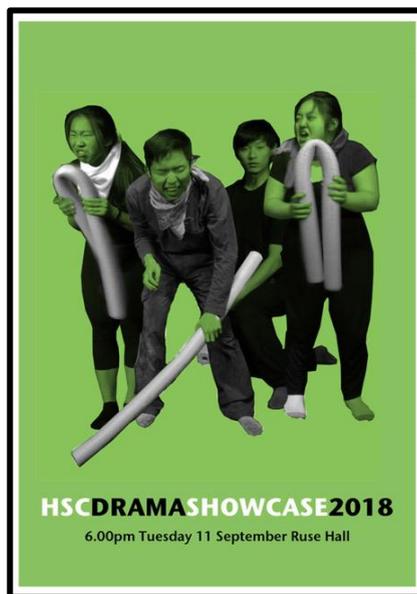
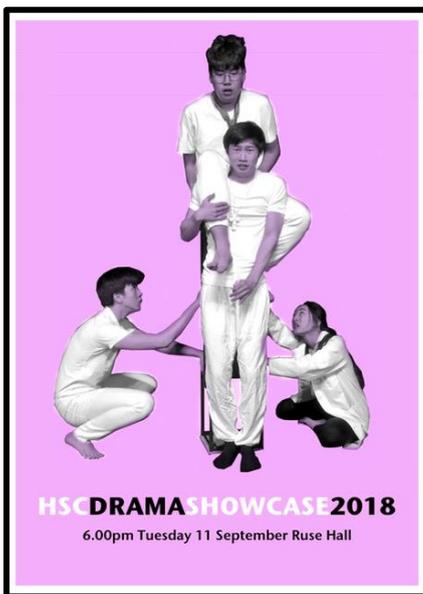


In Week 9, Year 8 are completing their Cross Curriculum Project; this year the focus is on sustainability. We are hoping to provide our student groups with expertise in a number of areas. If any parents have expertise in engineering or town planning and could spare some time please contact the school email jamesruse-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au. We would need parent involvement on Friday September 21st and Monday 22nd. Any help would be appreciated.

We are so proud of the fabulous collection that occurred for drought relief - due to the difficulty of buying hay we sought a not for profit organisation where 100% of funds went to our farmers to donate to. We have just heard that our \$4474.85 was able to fill a double-bogie truck of hay plus grain feed.



Congratulations again to our amazing HSC Drama class. We had the pleasure on Tuesday night of witnessing their imaginative pieces, commanding performances and superb collaboration.



Congratulations to our artists -

Aniruddh Chennapragada
 Nicholas Chong
 Tudi Huang
 Amanda Lee
 Yvonne Lin
 Dragon Liu
 George Lu
 Christy Ma
 Eric Roh
 Angela Wang
 Aletheia Yosaviera
 Katharine Zhao

Thank you to our talented teachers Ms Murphy, Mr Travers and Ms Killey, who always model exemplary practice and fabulous collaboration.

1. THE FOUR HORSEMEN OF THE APOCALYPSE
2. A SERIES OF UNFORTUNATE EVENTS
3. DADDY FLY
4. WHEN THE RAIN STOPS FALLING: COSTUME DESIGN
5. THE BARD'S WILL
6. THE FINAL CUT
7. RECESSION
8. HEY SIRI
9. WHEN THE RAIN STOPS FALLING: DIRECTOR'S FOLIO
10. A FASCINATING WOMAN
11. UNINTELLIGENT DESIGN
12. OPEN WITH CAUTION
13. WORK LOVE BALANCE
14. SCRIPT: THE KEY, THE TOWER, THE DOOR
15. KING OF COMEDY



Wednesday 26th September

Official Opening of the Gymnasium 4pm

Illuminate 5.30pm

Wednesday 26th September is a very special day for the Ruse Community. Everyone is invited to our official Opening of the JRAHS Gymnasium at 4pm followed by **Illuminate** at 5.30pm.

Coming Events

Week 9B

Monday September 17th Year 10 and Year 11 Visual Arts Excursion

Tuesday September 18th 6.30pm Classical Concert

Thursday September 20th Year 10 Bathurst Excursion
6.30pm Year 11 Information Night
Year 9 Visual Arts Excursion

Friday September 21st Year 10 Bathurst Excursion
Year 8-11 New Student Orientation
Year 8 Cross Curriculum program begins

Saturday and Sunday September 22nd and 23rd Cadet Bivouac

Week 10A

Monday September 24th Year Cross Curriculum Program
Year 12 Graduation Ceremony and Luncheon

Tuesday September 25th Year 12 Final Assembly

Wednesday September 26th Year 12 Beach Day
Gymnasium Opening 4pm
Illuminate 5.30pm

Thursday September 27th Year 7 Taronga Zoo Science Excursion

Friday September 28th Gold Hike begins

Have a wonderful week.

Megan Connors

Science Update

International Science Olympiad



Ms Megan Connors Principal
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Dear Ms Connors

I write to congratulate you on James Ruse Agricultural High School's wonderful achievement at the 2018 International Science Olympiads.

To be awarded five medals in the International Science Olympiad is an outstanding result when competing against 1,200 of the world's best in rigorous theory and practical examinations.

The silver medal winning achievements of Richard Huang, Raymond Li, Wayne Wong, Kim Zheng and bronze medal winner Phillip Liang are recognition for the wonderful work of James Ruse Agricultural High School.

I would like to thank you for the outstanding leadership you provide for the school and your support in nurturing Australia's top science talent.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Scott'.

Mark Scott AO
SECRETARY
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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10 C – Modelling Natural Selection

Students from 10 C spent some time on the school farm modelling Natural Selection. Clans of students with different genes went hunting for food seeds in the lawns equipped with different tools (e.g. hand, spoon, fork, knife etc.). The hunting went for three rounds (generations), with extinctions and reproduction occurring between rounds.

Sheila Pooviah
Head Teacher - Science



Agriculture Update - Millie the Lamb

7 Weeks old and Millie still VERY keen to be fed by Ethan and Bhavya of year 10.



Millie is growing up very fast

Jet and I say goodbye to Millie on her last morning at home. How **BIG** has she grown! A surprise sheepy kiss!

She is now out with flock in the paddocks.



CoJR P&C

Illuminate Festival Stall Food Volunteers

Thank you to all the wonderful parents who responded to the call out for stall volunteers for the **Illuminate Festival on Wednesday September 26 5:30-7:30pm**. We now have enough parent helpers for the night. Any names submitted at this stage will now be placed on a waiting list.

Ms Connors and CoJR P&C look forward to seeing you all at this inaugural event.

2018 NSW Curriculum Review - Have Your Say

The NSW school curriculum is under review. This is the first comprehensive review of the whole curriculum since 1989. The review aims to equip students to continue to contribute to Australian society in the 21st century.

Any feedback from the general public from teachers, students, parents and carers, community groups, employers, teacher unions and academics is **valuable** to make the NSW Curriculum the best it can be. The more feedback received the more effective it will be.

Here are some questions found in the **quick feedback** (max 500 words) and **online submission** (max 5000 words) links, found on the flyer that might be helpful to get you started. They are aimed to keep the conversation as broad as possible so don't be limited by these suggestions.

- What should the purpose of schooling be in the 21st century?
- What knowledge, skills and attributes should every student develop at school?
- How could the curriculum better support every student's learning?
- What else needs to change?

Quick feedback link: <https://bit.ly/2Q5S0g6>

Online Submission link: <https://bit.ly/2M61Dbj>

For further details please refer to the flyer at the end of the newsletter and also by visiting www.nswcurriculumreview.nesa.nsw.edu.au.

Consultation period is Sept 3 - Nov 30.

For further explanation, please view this short YouTube video <https://youtu.be/4mFbKI57mvU> which features NESA CEO David de Carvalho introducing the NSW Curriculum Review. He discusses the aim of the review and explains the public consultation process the review will include and how you can contribute.

Yvonne Lo
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Community News

Parramatta Light Rail

For the full newsletter please visit parramattalightrail.nsw.gov.au



Parramatta Light Rail
News Update





Welcome to the September 2018 Parramatta Light Rail quarterly newsletter, keeping you updated and informed.
In this edition, you can find the following stories and more:

- Construction certainty for Parramatta's 'Eat St': NSW Government agrees that major light rail construction on 'Eat Street' will not commence until 2020.
- Residents have their say on the Parramatta Light Rail Stage 2 route.
- A new Parramatta Light Rail Business Reference Group gives businesses a voice.
- Upcoming road and traffic changes in Parramatta ahead of light rail construction.

Read the full newsletter [here](#).

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Get your P&C involved by submitting your feedback online or by attending one of the roadshows lead by Professor Geoff Masters.

Consultation is open from the 3rd of September to the 30th of November



Federation of Parents & Citizens Associations NSW



HAVE YOUR SAY

Quick Feedback

<https://bit.ly/2Q5S0g8>

Online Submission

<https://bit.ly/2M61Dbj>

Roadshows

<https://bit.ly/2Cu1eT8>

See below for locations

For more information
[click here](#)



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Proposed roadshow locations

Coffs Harbour - Tamworth - Wollongong - Sydney, Dee Why - Sydney, CBD - Sydney, Penrith - Dubbo - Sydney, Parramatta - Campbelltown - Wagga Wagga - Queanbeyan - Newcastle - Gosford