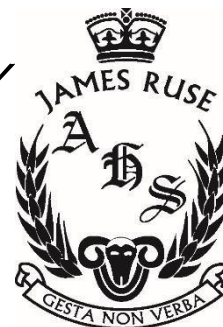


# James Ruse Agricultural High School

# NEWSLETTER

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## Principal's report

As a school we wish Sabrina Fu of Year 10 *Good Luckas* she represents NSW in the Finals of the 2018 Australian and New Zealand Brain Bee Challenge on Dec 3 and 4 in Brisbane. Please visit the Australian Neuroscience Society's website <https://www.ans.org.au/abbc> to find out more information. You will also see beautiful photos of our now ex-students who have succeeded in past competitions.

Round 3 is the National Finals where seven Australian students (one from each state/territory) compete against each other to become the Australian Brain Bee Champion. Round 3 has been held annually since 2007 at the Australasian Neuroscience Society (ANS) conference.

Students compete in 4 challenges, held over 2 days including an anatomy challenge, a written short answer challenge, a patient diagnosis challenge and a live question and answer challenge. Students also have the opportunity to attend ANS scientific sessions and meet with scientists, researchers and students involved in neuroscience. We wish Sabrina a fabulous experience in Brisbane.

Please make sure you attend our End of Year Concert on Monday night at The Concourse Chatswood.

Watching our band and ensemble program grow and flourish has been a true highlight of my time at James Ruse Agricultural High School. Increasing performance opportunities and the quality of our performances has been the goal of our team for the past five years.

Our end of year concert truly showcases the exceptional talents of our Music and Ensemble students and is a fitting culmination of the year's dedication and practice. I would like to acknowledge and thank our incredible team who ensure our students' superior learning - Mr Richard Brus, Dr Anthony Clark, Mr Patrick Wong, Mr Richard Sandham and Ms Holly Connor.

I would also like to thank the incredible support team who ensure the logistics and flair of our many concerts and events throughout the year - Ms Amy Murphy, Mr Ian Goggin, Ms Ashleigh Englefield, Mr Sean Travers and our very dedicated administrator, Ms Cathy Elton.

Thank you to the many parents, grandparents, former parents and friends of James Ruse who support us constantly throughout the year. Without our parent support and fundraising we would not be able to provide the education we offer to our students.



Parent Helpers Morning Tea

Thank you to our:

Uniform Shop Helpers  
Book Coverers  
Qi Gong enthusiasts  
Food Day coordinators and teams  
Cooks and Bakers  
Raffle Donors  
Money counters  
Drivers  
Raffle collectors  
Mothers Club committee  
CoJR P&C Executive

Our parents and friends model the values of our school in their own life and by consistently serving our school in whatever way is needed, our students see

these values in action. The commitment the James Ruse community has to developing our students into balanced, creative, well-rounded individuals ensures our success.



**One last big task for our parents and friends this year ... please BAKE, BAKE, BAKE** for our Orientation day and Bake Sale next Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December. Not only will this raise funds for our science labs but welcomes our new families with warm hospitality.

On Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December in the Drama Room we will witness our Year 11 Drama production - please come along.

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December is our Presentation Day - this is a very special day where we celebrate the achievements of many of our students. We will also be holding Year Assemblies to celebrate more successes.

The advertisement for our next Principal was published yesterday. Please see the link below:

<https://iworkfor.nsw.gov.au/job/principal-level-p3-james-ruse-agricultural-high-school-135384>

## Week 8A

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

Year 8 Thinkers Ed (Science)  
6.30pm End of Year Concert **The Concourse Chatswood**

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December

Orientation Day - Year 7 2019  
Bake Day  
Year 8 Thinkers Ed (Science)  
7A and 7K Beach Day

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December

Year 7 Thinkers Ed (Science)  
Year 10 Urban Challenge Winners Presentation  
6.30pm Year 11/12 Drama Twilight Performance in Drama Room

Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Presentation Day
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 9 Thinkers Ed (Science)
	Year 10 SDD and IPT Excursion
	RAP-P Workshop for parents

### **Week 9B**

Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 10 Formal
	Prefects Chrusemas Assembly
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 8 Gala Day
	After School SRC Trivia
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	7L&T Beach Day
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Cadet Annual Bivouac
	HSC Results released
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 12 2018 HSC BBQ

<b>Week 10A</b>	Cadet Annual
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Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Last Day for students
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**Have a wonderful week.**

**Megan Connors**

### **HSIE News**

#### **James Ruse- History Mastermind 2018**

On Friday November 23, four Year 7 History students- Mitchell Li, Edward Li, Aaroh Tewani and Kavan Mehta came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Year 7 Division in the History Teachers' Association of NSW History Mastermind Competition.

The students were awarded a medal and the school received a book for our school library.

The students performed admirably and showed an amazing depth of historical and general knowledge. The questions asked covered

aspects of Ancient, Medieval and Modern History. The students did James Ruse proud.

It was a wonderful day, which allowed the students to mingle with other like-minded students and show that Ruse students can excel over many disciplines.

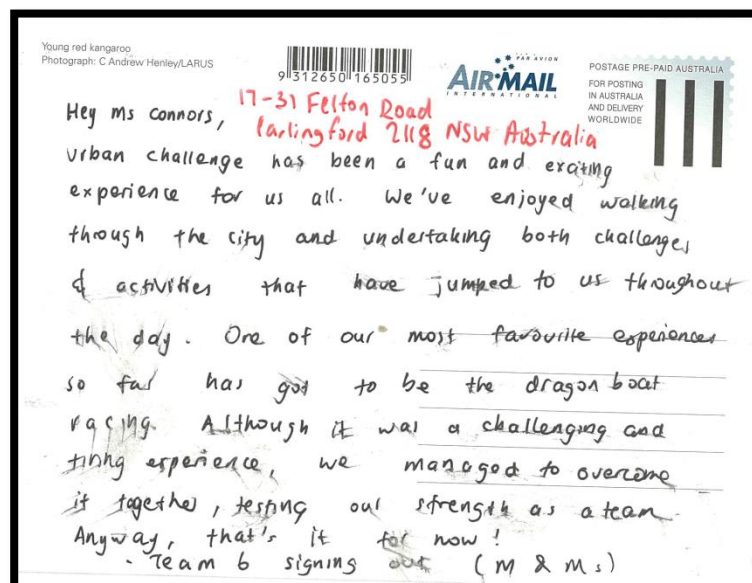
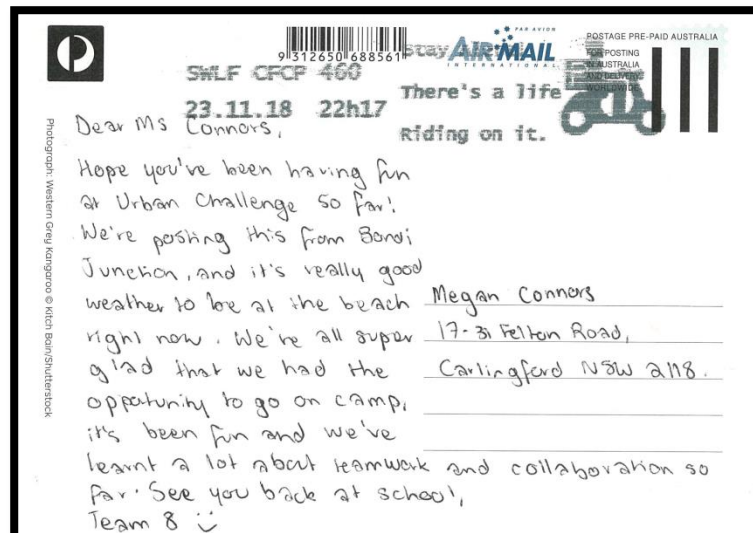
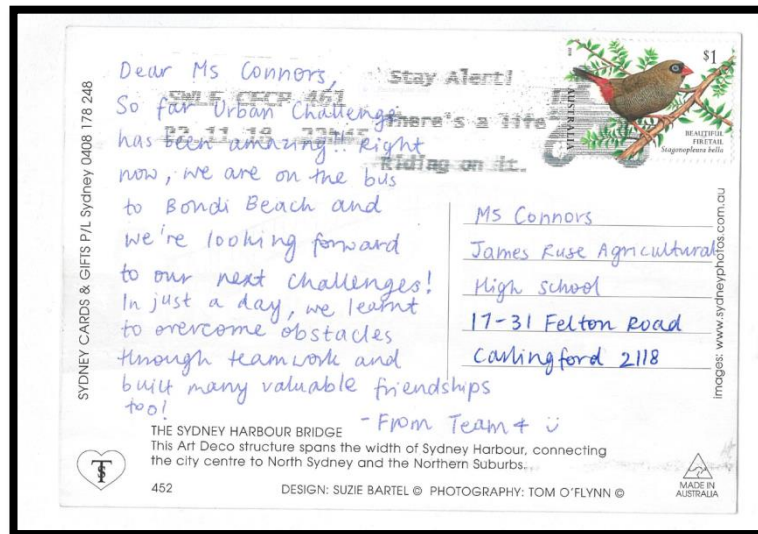


**Mr Tim Flood**  
**Teacher HSIE**



## Urban Challenge 2018

### Some Urban Challenge experiences -



## PE Update

### James Ruse U/14 Sydney West Futsal Team



**Back Row:** Andrew Liu, Ethan Touchard, Kevin Yu, Isaac Lawrence, Samuel Huang, Dilan Suriyarachchi

**Front Row:** Patrick Mariadasan, Harshan Someshwar, Ragav Prabhu, Vishnu Pradeep, Jonathan Gnanaseelan

On Friday, the 23<sup>rd</sup> of November, I, along with 10 other boys from Year 7 and 8, competed in the Sydney West Futsal Competition. Our team consisted of Andrew Liu, Ethan Touchard, Vishnu Pradeep, Ragav Prabhu, Harshan Someshwar, Jonathan Gnanaseelan and Patrick Mariadasan from Year 7 and Samuel Huang, Dilan Suriyarachchi, Kevin Yu and me from Year 8.

After a number of weeks of dedicated training sessions as a team with Mr Driscoll as our coach, we were finally ready to compete. Another 15 teams entered into the competition - all 16 teams were split up into 4 groups of 4 in which each team play the others once (the team with the most points moves onto the semi-finals and then the finals).

We beat Windsor High School 2-1 and Blacktown Boys High School 5-2, but lost to Crestwood High School 1-6. However, everyone in our team worked extremely well together and the experience was enriching and much fun even if it wasn't the result we were hoping for.

Many thanks to Mr Driscoll for being our supportive coach for countless early mornings and for training us to improve our skills.

**Isaac Lawrence 8L**

## Library & Finger Scanning

All students are reminded that they should bring their student ID cards every day.

These cards are used in the Library for borrowing.

Please do not lend your card to another student for borrowing books.

Your ID card can also be used to scan for attendance if you cannot use the finger scanner.

## Library Mrs Kunz

**Attendance Mrs Threlfo/ Mrs Chan/Mrs Whiteman**

## CoJR P& C News



### Inaugural Ruse Bake Day - Baked Goods & Volunteers Needed

**When:** Tuesday December 4, Recess & Lunch

**Where:** Quad

On Year 7 Orientation Days, P&C knows a Food Day Event is a great way for the whole school to welcome incoming Year 7 students and their families with the Ruse generous hospitality and strong community spirit. That day is almost upon us -it is next Tuesday!

In 2017, we introduced Ruse's first Cake Day, where the James Ruse Community - parents, staff & students - showcased their creative baking skills with wonderful cakes and sweets being sold whilst also raising funds for the refurbishment of 4 Science Laboratories.

For 2018, P&C has decided to include both sweet AND savoury yummy goodies to sell - so this time around we will hold our first **Ruse Bake Day.**

**Drop them off on the mornings of DEC 3 & 4 - staff common room.**

These are the types of items we are looking to sell:

Quiches, cookies, cupcakes, cake pops, Macarons, Mochi, fairy bread, spring rolls, curry puffs, egg tarts, fruit cups, jelly cups and anything else that you might think is fun, festive and summery.

We also welcome any "bakers" out there who would like to take up the challenge of making egg-free or gluten free items.

All contributions are appreciated & welcome and will ensure another successful Ruse event!

We would love any parent volunteers to:

- help take delivery of goodies on Monday Dec 3 8:15am-9am
- help prepare a few simple items eg jelly cups on Monday Dec 3
- help set up and pack up stalls Tuesday Dec 4 8am-2:30pm
- help sell all these goodies on Tuesday Dec 4 8am-2:30pm

If this is of interest to you, email us your name and availability.

Even a few hours of your help would be appreciated. It's also a great opportunity to make new friends with fellow parents whilst helping the school!

Cake boxes can be collected from Mrs Mayers if required.

Please do try to use tin foil/plastic disposable containers when transporting the goodies but if you want to use your own plates and boxes, please make sure they are labelled clearly with name and roll class.

All ingredients must be listed with the goodies. And remember **NO NUTS!**

### **2018 Annual Combined CoJR P&C and Mothers' Club Meeting**

On Thursday November 22, P&C held its combined meeting with its subcommittee, Mothers' Club, where Head Teacher of English, Ms Schultz and Head Teacher of Mathematics, Ms Weber provided parents an overview of the new Syllabi in both these important core subjects. It was very reassuring to hear that staff are fully prepared for these changes by attending multiple workshops and consulting and collaboratively working with other schools to formulate the best teaching approach for our students. Some of the changes include change in the content of subjects, type and weighting of each assessment task.

We thank Mothers' Club committee members for securing the speakers and the fantastic offering of a delicious and filling morning tea at the end of the meeting. It was also wonderful to see a Mothers' Club new fundraising initiative where a very talented Year 7 Ruse parent donated prettily wrapped home-made mango mousse desserts and cute Macarons displayed in a Macaron Tower to sell.

### **Annual School's Parent Volunteers' Morning Tea**

On a wet Wednesday November 28, the School held its annual morning tea for parent volunteers. It was pleasing to see all parent bodies of the community attend representing everyone who could not make it. Ex-CoJR P&C and Mothers Club committee members were our special surprise guests attending this last Morning Tea with Ms Connors as the host.

Thank you to the School and School Executive for always appreciating the community's efforts in helping the school.

### **2018 NSW Curriculum Review - Have Your Say /Consultation period is between Sept 3 - Nov 30**

[www.nswcurriculumreview.nesa.nsw.edu.au](http://www.nswcurriculumreview.nesa.nsw.edu.au) Online Submission link: <https://bit.ly/2M61Dbj>

The NSW school curriculum review is about to close.

As a united front, we ask the Community of James Ruse to actively take this opportunity to voice your views to NESA, with many specific and personal examples experienced by our students, which will support the benefits of being in a co-educational selective school environment. This will help NESA understand how much a selective school education is still a valuable and relevant educational pathway for future gifted and talented children which needs to continue in the NSW Curriculum & National Curriculum!

Yvonne Lo

President, CoJR P&C

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## Mothers' Club News

This Thursday, Mothers Club and the Community of James Ruse held its combined annual meeting in the Lecture Theatre.

Head teacher Maths, Mrs Weber and Head teacher English, Ms Schultz updated and informed parents of the changes in subject content, assessment and weighting in the New English & Mathematics Syllabi in 2019, which will be implemented next year. They reassured us that the staff are well prepared for the implementation of these changes.

We thank them for their time and a great presentation.

Principal Ms Connors also presented a detailed report of school events throughout the year.

Since this meeting was the last which Ms Connor would be attending, we took the opportunity to farewell our beloved Ms Connors and wish her once again every success and happiness in her new role for 2019.

The meeting concluded with a delicious morning tea and a lot of catching up and socialising!

A few "Thank Yous" are in order -

A big thank you to Amy who prepared these platters of delicious food for the parents to enjoy!



In addition, a big thank you too to the very talented Year 7 Ruse parent Tracy for donating the stunning homemade goodies of which the Mousse cups and Macarons (**LOOK AT THE MACARON TOWER**) were a hit and were sold on the day - another great opportunity for a new fund raising initiative!







Donations are always very welcome, and if you have any hidden cooking and baking skills, let us know by emailing us at [cojrmothersclub@gmail.com](mailto:cojrmothersclub@gmail.com)

On behalf of the Mothers' Club, we would like to thank all the parents for attending the meeting and for your generous donations on the day.

Thank you!

**Marissa Li**  
**President, COJR Mothers Club**





Community News

The Rotary Club of Carlingford

All proceed from this market  
go to registered charities.

For more information, please  
go to [www.RotaryCarlingford.org.au](http://www.RotaryCarlingford.org.au)



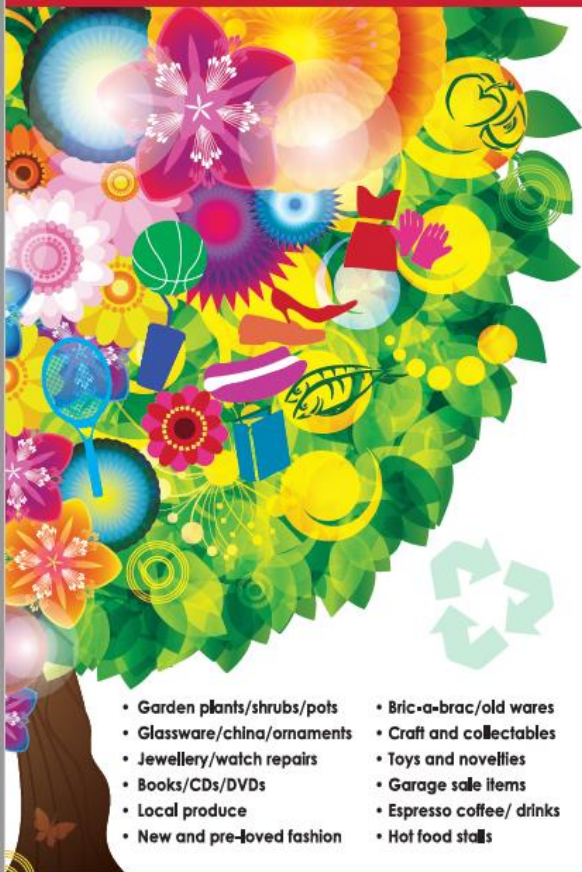
The North Rocks Markets is managed  
by volunteers from the Rotary Club of  
Carlingford Inc.



North Rocks Markets

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MARKETS

**361-365 North Rocks Road,  
North Rocks**



- Garden plants/shrubs/pots
- Glassware/china/ornaments
- Jewellery/watch repairs
- Books/CDs/DVDs
- Local produce
- New and pre-loved fashion
- Bric-a-brac/old wares
- Craft and collectables
- Toys and novelties
- Garage sale items
- Espresso coffee/ drinks
- Hot food stalls

**Every Sunday – 7.00am to 1.00pm**  
Donation entry – All proceeds to registered charities