



# TEMPE HIGH SCHOOL

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## Newsletter 3

Term 3 Week 10

August—  
September

### From the Principal



Another busy Term at Tempe ends with Year 12 graduating and Year 11 are completing the final Preliminary Assessment period. We wish both year groups all the best. I am giving advanced warning of another uniform blitz at the beginning of term 4. In particular we will be focussing on appropriate footwear. If any student does not have a uniform due to financial reasons, please contact the school and ask to speak to me directly.

Any student who will not be attending Tempe High School in 2015 is asked to bring a letter from a parent to me. This information is required for the organisation of the next twelve months.

Year 12 have been well prepared for the HSC and practical subjects have produced some excellent Major works and performances which have already been examined. I would like to thank the teachers and other staff for preparing them so soundly for their HSC. Additionally Year 12 have benefitted for the support of their parents and carers. Mr Newton has relayed to me how proud he is of his year group and I thank him for all his hard work over the last 6 years which has helped these students develop and grow into fine citizens. As proof of the wonderful potential we are now seeing realised, the final Honour Roll for exceptional results in Report Cards is published in this newsletter.



### Year 12 School Leaders for 2015

After an exhaustive three day process I am pleased to announce the Year 12 leaders for 2015. A strong field of candidates impressed the selection panel through their written applications, forum discussions and interviews. Six candidates were selected as the office bearers as follows:



Damien Ho  
**Captain**



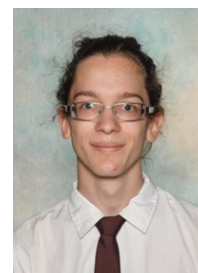
Beryl Li  
**Captain**



Dominic Causley Todd  
**Vice-Captain**



Caitlyn Sinclair  
**Vice-Captain**



Abe Potten  
**Prefect**



Elena Garoufalis  
**Prefect**

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

## OCTOBER

- 7 First day of Term 4
- 20—24 Yr 8 Assessment Week
- 27—31 Yr 9 Assessment Week

## NOVEMBER

- 3—7 Yr 7 & 10 Assessment Wk
- 5 Year 12 Clearance (10am—12noon)
- 10—14 Year 8 ESSA Test
- 18 Year 12 Formal
- 17—19 Yr 10 Crossroads Camp

## DECEMBER

- 1—5 Yr 10 Work Experience
- 1—12 Yr 12 Assessment Week
- 2 Silver Award Excursion
- 11 Yr 10 Silver award excursion
- 16 Presentation Day
- 17 Last day of Term 4 Reports handed out



### P & C Tempe Spring Fest

Thanks must go to the P & C for organising Tempe Spring Fest. This was a wonderful community event which saw many students stay back after school to participate in events and perform for each other. Parents joined them in the afternoon and witnessed everything from stand up comedy in the common room to King Lear in the playground. In addition students participated in chess, table tennis and handball competitions. The Art Displays, Video competition and musical performances all added to the festive nature of the evening.

The night was catered by our hospitality teacher and students, as well as parent volunteers who manned, coffee, cake, BBQ, Ice cream and popcorn stations.

Thanks to all the staff, parents and students that worked together to make the evening a success, in particular Thanks to our Captains William and Zoe who worked tirelessly. I am already looking forward to next year's event.

**Mr Dassaklis—Principal**





## ENGLISH

### Writer-in-Residence Program

Author Pamela Cook of the NSW Writers' Centre is currently holding workshops at Tempe High aimed at assisting our students deepen their engagement with creative writing. Pamela is running an enrichment program targeting gifted student writers in Years 8 and 9, and has also run workshops for all our Year 12 English Standard and English Advanced students targeting writing for the HSC Area of Study exam. Pamela also ran a specialist workshop for Year 11 and 12 English Extension students. In Week 1 of Term 4, Pamela will run a lecture-style workshop for all Year 11 students, to help them develop their creative writing as they begin their HSC Area of Study.



### Debating

Our Year 7 and Year 8 debating teams competed against Randwick Boys High in the last couple of weeks. Our Year 7 team remain undefeated. Our next debate is Tempe vs Tempe, with Year 8 pitched against Year 7 in an epic clash of the minds. Congratulations to Bella Lengyelfalussy, Ruby Martin, Lucy Junor, Aleksandar Ristevski, Roisin Murphy, Julia Cassis, Martina Bai and Marcus Garvey.



**Shakespeare, Shakespeare, Shakespeare**

All the world's a stage, and our incredible Shakespeare Performance Group brought the Globe Theatre to Tempe's Spring Event last month, performing soliloquies and scenes from *King Lear*. It was great to see this talented, dedicated group of young actors bring Shakespeare to life, and crowds of parents, students and staff cheering them on.

Year 7 enjoyed the Experience Shakespeare event, seeing a performance of Macbeth at the Opera House followed by an afternoon engaged in the Seeking Shakespeare program at the State Library of NSW, touring the Shakespeare Room and videoing an excerpt from *As You Like It*.

Years 9 and 10 also got their Shakespeare on through a visit by The Bell Shakespeare Company to Tempe High, who performed condensed versions of *Hamlet* and *Romeo and Juliet*.

To finish, a couple of Shakespeare quotes for our brilliant Year 12s as they head into their STUDY breaks...

There is a tide in the affairs of men,  
Which taken at the flood, leads on to fortune.  
Omitted, all the voyage of their life is bound in shallows and  
in miseries.  
On such a full sea are we now afloat.  
And we must take the current when it serves, or lose our  
ventures.

Brutus, *Julius Caesar*

"Nothing will come of Nothing..."

*King Lear*





### Aboriginal Secondary Students Great Debate

Four of our students sat on the government benches in the Legislative Assembly of NSW Parliament House this month, and rose to the dispatch box to deliver a rousing debate on indigenous issues. After dedicating many hours of their weekends to prepare, Makayla Elliott, Haedon House, Kaelen Isaia-Hardy and Brooklyn Pulevaka brought great credit to themselves and Tempe High School with the strength of their debating.



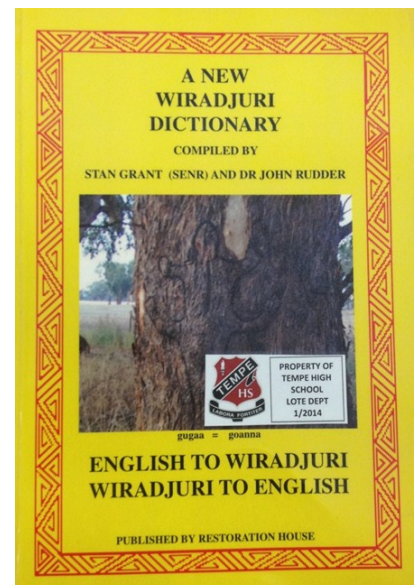
### Aboriginal Languages at Tempe High School

I am not sure if you are aware of the fact that Tempe High School is one of the very few high schools in Sydney that teach the BOSTES-approved Aboriginal Languages course. THS was a pilot school in providing this course and we have been teaching it for more than 12 years.

The language we focus on is Wiradjuri – the largest language group in New South Wales. As a recent article on the ABC news website pointed out, the number of spoken Aboriginal languages in Australia has dropped from an estimated 600 to 20. THS should be proud of the part it is playing in trying to arrest this deplorable rate of extinction.

Increasingly these days, employers are looking for people who have a demonstrated knowledge of Aboriginal culture and issues. And what better way of gaining insight into a people and culture than studying their language? Studying Aboriginal Languages at High School would be a unique stand-out feature on any resume.

**Ms K Salisbury —Teacher Librarian**



## HSIE

This is a very sad week for teachers who over the last six years have watched the current Year 12 grow into fine, mature adults. They have had their final lessons with us and have enjoyed their last few school days roaming in and out of class, trying to get final tips for the looming HSC, as well as painting their mural to the beat of loud music and taking photos with teachers and friends. We wish them all the best in their exams and future endeavours.

However, life moves on, and the new crop of Year 12s is ready to move in and take their place.

We have an action-packed Term 4 in the HSIE faculty. An exciting collaboration between Geography and Science is in the works with regard to fieldwork. Stay tuned for more information as it comes to hand.

Every year we play host to the wonderful presenters from StartSmart, sponsored by the Commonwealth Bank Foundation. For the last couple of years, it has been Bryan and Charles who have visited us, teaching the students about financial literacy. This year, two new presenters will be coming: Caroline and Jannalee. We look forward to meeting them. Topics Year 10 will learn about include earning, saving, spending and investing. This is a fantastic opportunity for all of Year 10, not just those studying Commerce. The sessions will be taking place in November and December. We have been booked in for 12 months in order to get these spots, so popular are the workshops.

Earlier in Term 3, Year 10 sat for the NSW Geography Competition. It was not possible to acknowledge all the high performers at the recognition assembly owing to their sheer numbers, so I have included a list below of the students who achieved High Distinction, Distinction and Credit certificates.

**Mrs Plioplis—Head Teacher HSIE**



## YEAR 10 – GEOGRAPHY COMPETITION RESULTS

<b>HIGH DISTINCTION</b>	Brian	Chan	10A
	Michael	Vavayis	10A
	Elton	Huynh	10A
	Johnny	Le Nguyen	10A
<b>DISTINCTION</b>	Rika	Kobayashi	10A
	James	Li	10V
	Deirdre	Truong	10A
	Ruby	Watt	10A
	Emma	Zhang	10V
	Thomas	Lymn	10A
	Bilal	Mokdad	10A
	Ryan	Parker	10A
	Theophilos	Ginis	10V
	Debbie	Ngo	10V
	Bradley	Deacon	10Y
	Christian	Mojsovski	10Y
	Johnny	Tran	10A
	Alfred	Yeh	10A
	Po Yee	Lam	10Y
	Aisya	Rahayu	10Y
	Brandon	Nguyen	10A
	Jackie	Leong	10V
	Kathy	Wei	10V
	Hassan	Chehab	10Y
	Zahraa	Jaber	10Y
	Anthony	Ngo	10Y
	Nicholas	Parmeter	10Y
	Jesse	Bate	10M



## HSIE (cont.)

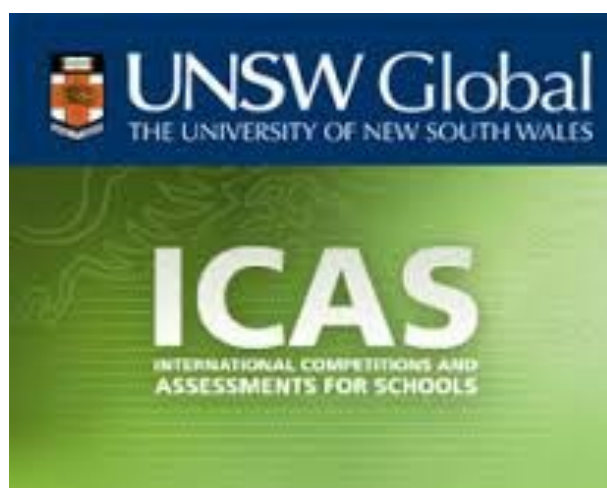
CREDIT	Matthew	Ha	10A
	Sophie	Hu	10V
	Jacky	Lu	10V
	Kevin	Tran	10V
	Julalak	Laokittichai	10Y
	Raidyn	Murley-Sputore	10Y
	Christopher	Read	10Y
	Serina	Lam	10A
	Henry	Chen	10V
	Tamara	Francis	10V
	Matthew	Kurnianwan	10Y
	Jasmine	Ng	10A
	Lily	Wong Gaints	10A
	Belinda	Zhang	10A
	Mike	Wang	10V
	Matthew	Deacon	10Y
	Shayla	Hoang	10Y
	Kamran	Jusufovic	10Y
	Emmanuel	Vardakis	10Y
	Lynn	Chen	10A
	Jonathan	Cheng	10A
	Wendy	Cheung	10A
	Rex	Gu	10V
	Daniel	Sun	10V
	Amani	Elhusseini	10Y
	Ricky	Ibrahim	10Y
	Emelie	Marques	10Y
	Suna	Kaya	10R
	Jenny	Pham	10R
	Kevin	Pham	10R
	Ben	Anwar	10M
	Kade	Jordan	10J
	Aziza	Malik	10A
	Emily	Pham	10A
	Winson	Quan	10A
	Donna	Win	10A
	Pawandeep	Bedi	10V
	Cindy	Jiang	10V
	Adam	Lu	10V
	Matthew	Zhou	10V
	Lisa	Do Nguyen	10Y
	Vihan	Ramanayake	10Y
	Harry	Rubinic	10Y
	Courtney	O'Connor	10M
	Sammy	Wong	10V
	Jaya	Tomlin-Neil	10Y
	Julia	Tooker	10Y
	Darwin	Chow	10R
	Tim	Nguyen	10R
	Quynh	Vu	10R

Well done Year 10 – we are very proud of you. Keep up the good work.

Just a reminder that in mid Term 4, assessment time is coming round again. Students are reminded to take note of the dates of tasks and exams and not to leave everything until the last minute – in particular, technology can let you down. A corrupted file or a printer not working could cost you marks. Save everything in a couple of places and get it done in plenty of time!

Have a great holiday and a productive Term 4.

**Mrs Plioplis—Head Teacher HSIE**





**SCIENCE****Engineering Challenge**

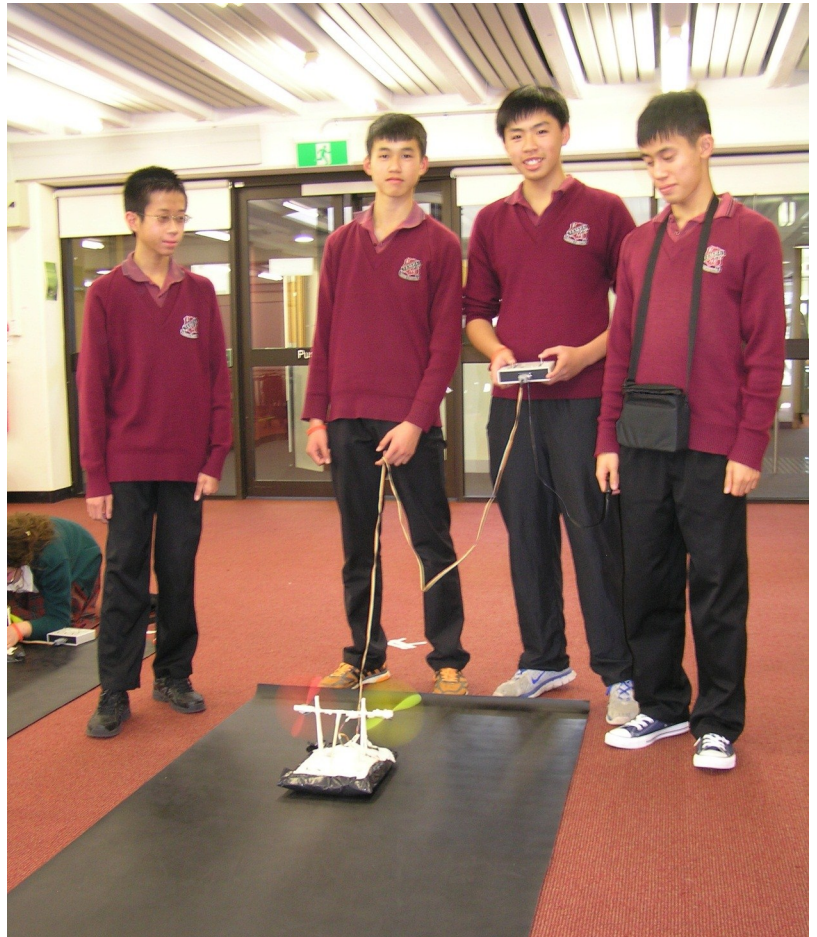
Early this term students went to the Macquarie University to take part in the Engineering Challenge. They competed against students from both independent and public schools. Activities included having to design a hovercraft, an electricity grid, bridges, a tower that could withstand an earthquake and an environmentally sustainable house.

Our best performing team were:

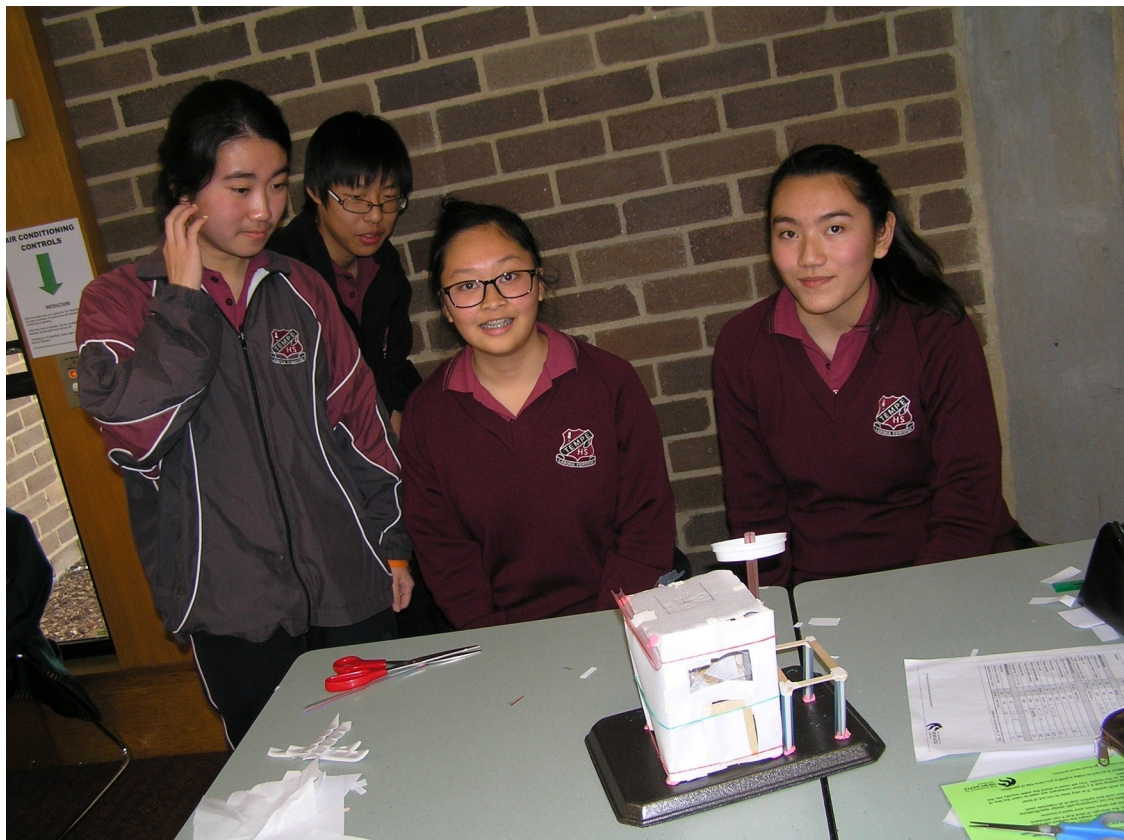
Debbie Ngo, Lisa Nguyen, Sammy Wong and Cindy Jiang whose house was able to withstand a windy storm while collecting most of the water off the roof.

All participants enjoyed the day, the opportunity to visit the University campus and solve such a diverse range of problems, giving them an idea how important engineers are to our society.

**Mr Murphy—Head Teacher Science**

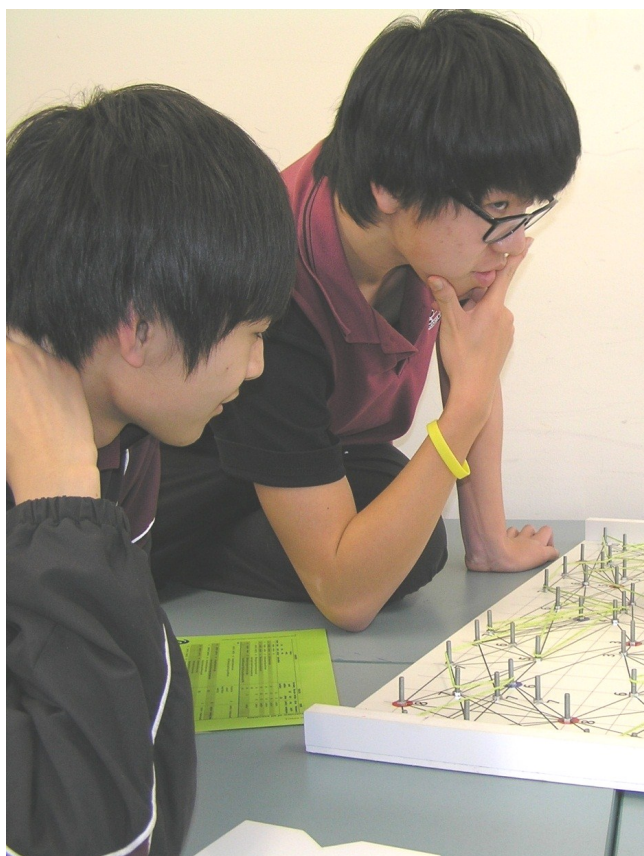


Engineering Challenge—The Hover Craft

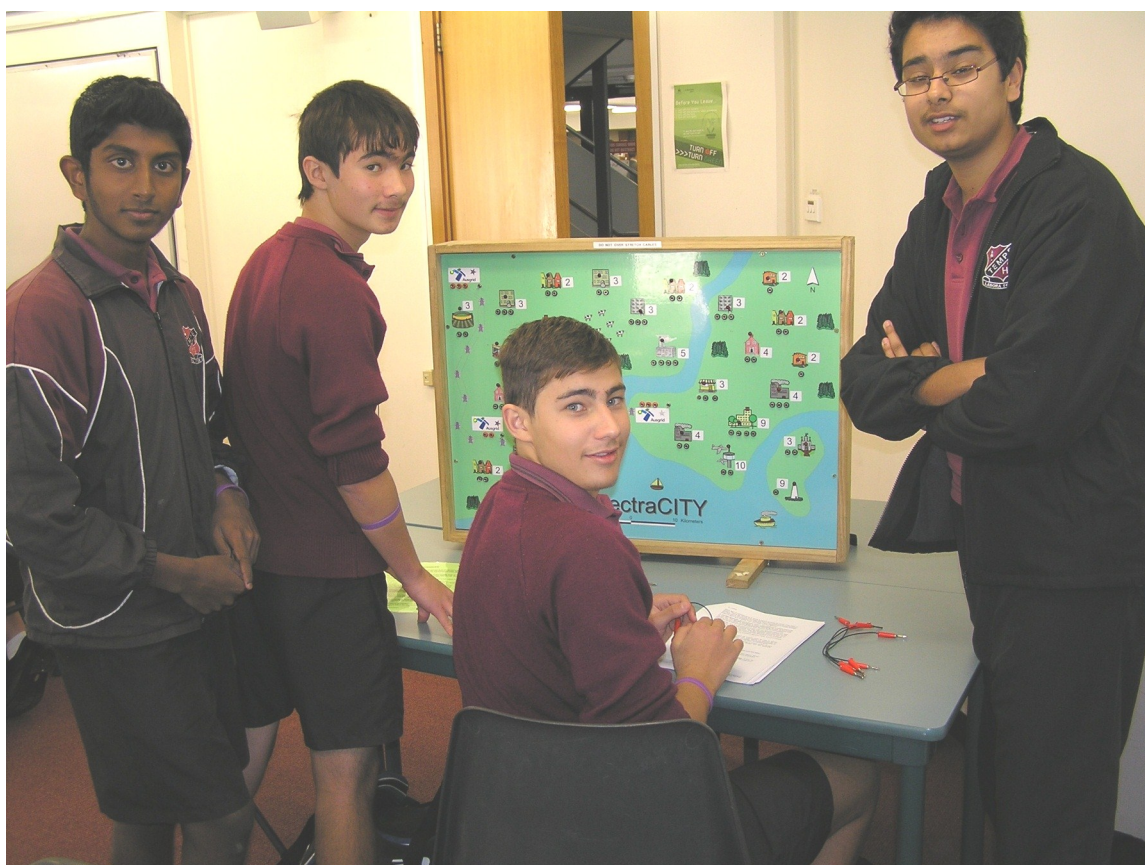


Engineering Challenge—Eco House





Engineering Challenge—Designing a Rail Network



Engineering Challenge—Building an Electricity Grid

**Academic Honour Roll—Year 12 2014**

These students have received the Academic Honour Roll award for excellent report cards. They had superb results and both their learning profiles and teachers' comments were excellent.

Well done, Year 12!



First Name	Last Name
Julius	Adamson
Lachlan	Adamson
Jesica	Bui
Jessica	Cai
Michael	Canh
Peter	Cao
Yeung	Cheng
Jerin	Chowdhury
Joshua	Citraloren
Joseph	Duong
Hagaar	El Jurf
Yussie	Feng
Carmen	Huang
Ying Li Angel	Huang
Taiesha	Isaia-Hardy
Lyman	Juli
Charlene	Kalauni
Jamie	Kha
Tony	Lai
Nomiki	Lau
Bao Ngoc	Le
Khien	Le
Jonathan	Ma
Andy	Nguyen
Brandon	Nguyen
Eric	Nguyen
Gina	Nurzakyah
Katherine	O'Chee
Peter	Papapostolou
Bonnie	Poon
Miguel	Puno
Normandy	Ramos Maghacut
Yi Fan	Shen
Petrina	Singh
Will	Tran
Simon	Tran
Ha Linh	Vu
Kelvin	Wang
Michael	Wang
Miranda	Wang
Zoe	Yalouris
Shi Long	Zhu





## THE BEST HOLIDAYS HAPPEN AT CAMP

Choose from over 30 exhilarating camps at 10 locations across NSW these school holidays.

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## Introducing Rosemount's parenting program, *ParentWise*.

**ParentWise** is a **FREE** program for parents of adolescents aged 12- 18 years.

Parents facing the new school year will be preparing to face new challenges as their children traverse the highs and lows of their next stage of adolescence. For the most well adjusted, supportive families, adolescence can still be a turbulent time. Many parents can feel isolated and alone and come to question their abilities as a parent. **ParentWise** will empower parents to feel confident they're making the right decisions for their family.

**ParentWise** seeks to share the knowledge, tips and tools that 30 years of working with young people and families have proven work best for dealing with the challenges of raising adolescents. They are designed for all parents, not just those facing great difficulty with their teen.

Following this workshop parents will be able to:

- Understand the stages of adolescence
- Use new strategies to resolve conflict
- Gain skills to support their adolescent in developing responsibility

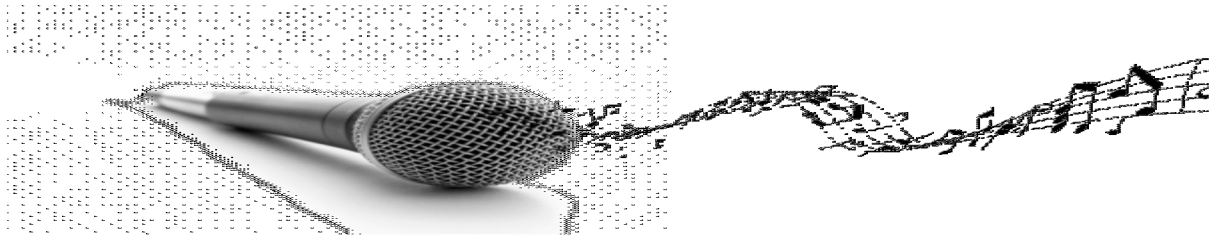
Let your friends and family know! Flyers for our upcoming **ParentWise** program, to be held over six weeks in Marrickville and **beginning Tuesday 6 March, 6-8pm**, are enclosed. An electronic version is also available from [afc2@rosemountgs.org.au](mailto:afc2@rosemountgs.org.au) or [amandaboyd@rosemountgs.org.au](mailto:amandaboyd@rosemountgs.org.au).

For further information please contact us on 8571 7800 and ask to speak to Maya Floyd or Amanda Boyd.

With warm regards,

Lauren Stracey and Maya Floyd  
Adolescent and Family Counsellors  
Rosemount Good Shepherd Youth and Family Services





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