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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The school is an exceptionally quiet place at the moment and this will continue for another four weeks. While all the teachers are energised by a different methodology of teaching, we all miss the hustle and bustle of having students present. We look forward to having the Year 12 students back on 16th August. For everyone else, it's online learning for another four weeks at least, which has been mandated by NSW Health and Education authorities.

Really important aspects of this time for parents to reinforce with their children include:

Staying connected with friends and family albeit via an online platform.

Getting daily exercise.

Get outdoors for a period of time to enjoy our beautiful surroundings and current fantastic weather conditions.

Use the time between lessons to get away from the screen and have a stretch or a few star-jumps. At least do not continue staring at a screen.

Try and find the positives in each day and things for which to be grateful for and try not to dwell on the negatives of this situation. A positive attitude will make all the difference to how this time in our lives will affect us.

If your child is finding the going tough please get them to reach out to one of our school psychologists or a trusted teacher.

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Some of our teachers have been sharing what they are doing in class and that which has excited them. An example is from Science in Year 8 with Mrs Lowery on flower dissection.

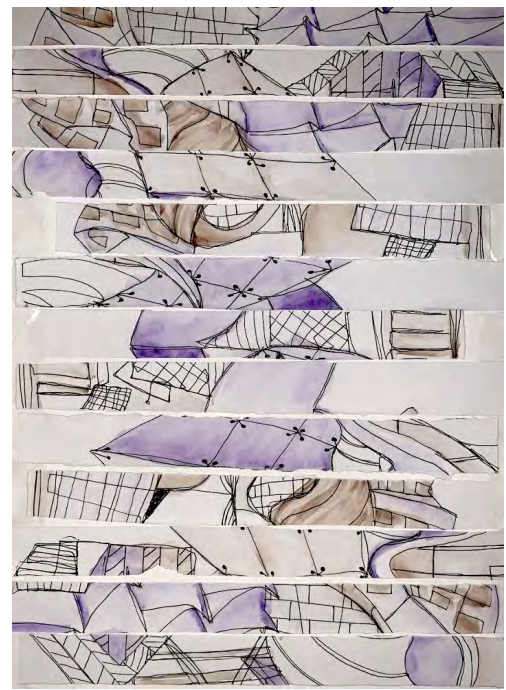
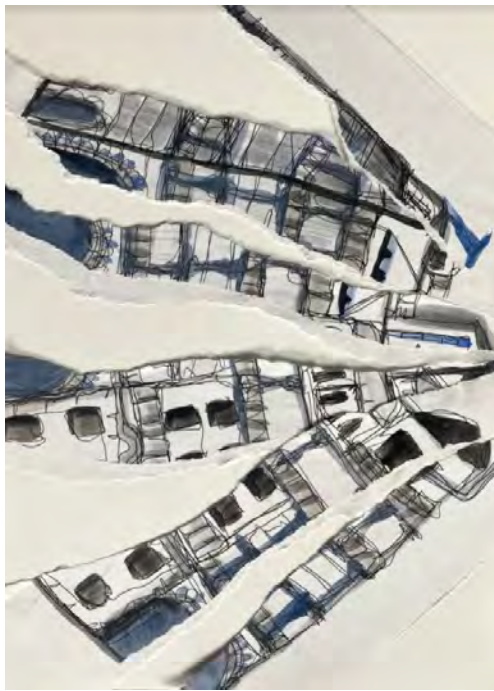
I watched this and found it fascinating and engaging. I'm sure her students did as well.

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The Art Department is loving the work that their students are producing and I include some of the work of which they are excited. Mrs Symonds shared a collection of the 'Year 11 Landscape Continuous Line Drawings' which blew her away.





Ms Bambach's Year 7 Visual Arts students are learning about portraits. They have been looking at portraits online from this year's Archibald Prize and completed some imaginative writing in response to these portraits. They described who they thought the person in the painting was using clues like their clothing, pose and setting.

Below is Olive Begg's (7R) beautiful interpretation of the painting "Apprentice - self-portrait with Papa K" (2021) by Mathew Lynn.

The loud fireworks make a booming crack every 4 seconds, igniting the inky black sky with a plethora of colours like a blank canvas, suddenly splashed with paints. The noise fills the ears of the huddled mass surrounding us.

Everyone else seems to be moving, like the bustling streets of New York, not like they are at an amusement park fair. But it's okay because I have my best friend next to me. My partner in crime. We have escaped our busy lives filled with work and corporate dinners and have decided to flee our demanding lives momentarily - just for a day to take a trip down memory lane and visit an amusement park. - Olive Begg



I loved the message that went out to all our Middle School students from their Judiciary this week:

"I hope the first week of online learning is going well and everyone is safe. I just wanted to inform everyone of the Judiciary's plan for this term. The Judiciary wants to make our time online as enjoyable and fun as possible, which is why we have organised for Wednesday's to have a different theme each week. This Wednesday's theme, in honour of the current Tokyo Olympics, is 'Olympic Day'. Students and teachers are encouraged to show support for their favourite Olympians and country, by wearing the appropriate colours or showing off flags and banners.

We will keep you all updated on the upcoming themes over the next few weeks. Have a great week and stay safe everyone,"

Most classes have been taking some time out to watch important Olympic Finals in swimming. The whole school watched Tia Hinds, HSC Class of 2020, playing in the Women's 7s Rugby Team against Japan on Thursday. They play again today against America and will compete in the Quarter-Finals this evening at 6:30 pm. As a school, we are extremely proud of Tia and are hoping the team goes all the way. Go for gold, Tia, you are a star.



Have a great weekend and week ahead, keep positive and try to find appreciation in all the wonderful things we do have and try not to dwell on what we currently don't have.

Dave Pitcairn

MUSIC NEWS

We would like to remind students about the **Composition Competition 2021**. More information and registration can be found at this link (<https://forms.gle/ZKebwCCSCBWhGGC16>), with entries closing on August 11.

All our students are encouraged to submit their original music, and their individual and classroom music teachers are available to assist in any way.

CAREERS NEWS

ATTENTION YEAR 12:

I am continuing to send you emails directly regarding necessary and informative details regarding application and the like. Please read these. UAC news today has the following information regarding Webinars:

UAC Digital

The next few weeks are packed with webinar topics such as Social Sciences and Arts, EAS, Scholarships, Law, Pathways and a replay of our Mental Health session.

[View webinar dates and register to attend](#)

Our Let's Chat series of webinars are also available to view via our YouTube channel.

[Catch up on the Let's Chat webinar series](#)

It could be useful to log on to these.

YEAR 12 FURTHER USYD EVENTS AND INFORMATION:

[Open Day | Saturday 28 August](#)

Students can immerse themselves in University life, meet experts in their field and learn about study and admission options. Hosted on the Camperdown / Darlington Campus and Online between 10am - 4pm.

Register your interest for Open Day

EVERYTHING IN AUGUST:

[Dentistry and the Bachelor of Oral Health](#)

[Online Wed 4 August 4-4.30pm AEST](#)

Hear about our dentistry and oral health degrees and your potential career path. Oral health therapists are an integral part of the dental health team of practitioners and a profession in their own right.

[Mega Maths Day](#)

[Fri 6 August, 9am-2.30pm, Year 9 – 10 students](#)

This day of hands-on STEM activities has been designed to inspire students and showcase a variety of disciplines and careers where maths can take them. \$22 per student, teachers free.

[Science student panel and Q&A](#)

[Online Wed 11 August 4-4.30pm AEST](#)

Join us to hear from our current Science students about what they are studying. Learn how studying science or mathematics may be different to studying other subjects and get some tips for the HSC.

[ARTiculate Talk Series: Agrippina the Younger](#)

[Online Tue 17 August, 12-12.45pm AEST](#)

How does an ancient historian approach the study of a personality in the past? This talk concentrates on different skills, methods and evidence used in understanding Ancient Rome's Agrippina the Younger.

[Join The Drop Bears Robotics Team | Information Session, Sat 21 August](#)

We are looking for high school students with a passion for engineering to join a team of like-minded peers dedicated to furthering their STEM skills in the First Robotics Competition.

YEAR 10:

A reminder that we have cancelled work experience for this year due to the latest covid outbreak. You and your parents should have received an email regarding this last week.



HOW PARENTS CAN BUILD A POSITIVE MENTAL HEALTH ENVIRONMENT AT HOME DURING LOCKDOWN



Role model positive behaviours and share with your family how you look after your physical and mental health



Build mental health into regular conversations. For example talking about feelings and checking in with each other



Support and encourage each other to engage in relaxation or self care activities. These can be done individually or as a family



Highlight and promote the importance of looking after physical health (Sleep, eating a well balanced diet and trying to be active)



Identify some coping skills that you can learn on a weekly basis. Learn them, practise them and reflect on how they made you feel



Be patient and respect each others space. Provide each other with a sense of autonomy over decisions.



Support each other to engage in activities that provide a sense of pleasure, achievement and connectedness



Problem solve together. If someone is worried work together as a team to find the solution to the problem



Support each other to limit the amount of time you check the news



Brought to you by Glynda Blomson & Jacinta Lynch



Years 7 - 12

Reddam House Art Competition

A postcard serves as a metaphor for visual communication that traverses time and space to connect people with each other.

Subject Matter: How are you experiencing isolation? What do you miss and long for? Has this situation changed your art?

Your postcard will express a hope, a wish, a view through your favourite window, a landscape or person you cherish or a state of being. It can be anywhere on the art spectrum from realism to pure abstraction.

**Materials and Size: You may use any materials available to you. Your work must be standard postcard size which is A6.
148 x 105mm.**

Submission: To submit your postcard you need to email it to

laurellen.symonds@reddamhouse.com.au

On the back of the postcard write your Name, Year Group, Title, and Brief Description. You need to photograph both sides of your postcard.

Entries Close: Friday 27th August - Week 6, Term 3.

Winning Entries: Students who enter will all receive cultural colours for each entry. You may enter up to 3 postcards. Winners will be announced in the newsletter and prizes will be delivered.

Postcards from home

UPCOMING EVENTS



JULY-AUGUST 2021 | 5782

29th July

*Cake
decorating*

5th Aug

Babka Bake

10th Aug

Jewpardy

16th Aug

Surprise

*All events will take
place on zoom at
8:30pm.
Ingredients will be
supplied*

30th Aug

*Honey
cake*

JEMS CTEEN OF SYDNEY

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Reddam Jewish club will be online for the next few weeks. Here are some of the zooms you can join. If it has any baking you sign up and do a contactless pick up and then join the zoom.
- Shabbat Shalom -



Middle School English

Write a poem and plant a tree!

With lockdown creating a little more time for reflection students are urged to consider the competition organised by Red Room Poetry.

The following link will offer students more information about this competition, learning resources and an entry form.

If students are in Year 7 or Year 8 their planning, research editing and indeed their final poem can also be included in their IIC Journal.

<https://redroompoetry.org/projects/poem-forest/>

Reddam House Middle School Drama Company 2021 presents



Scaredy-Cat

Written by Brendan Hogan

31 AUG - 2 SEPT. 2021

The debut Middle School Drama Company production of 'Scaredy-Cat' written by Brendan Hogan and directed by Chris Montgomery will be presented in Term 3 with shows running from 31st August to 2nd September 2021 held in the Middle School Drama Studio. Students from across Years 7-9 have been hard at work preparing to take their audience deep into the Australian bush as they band together to go on the hunt for an illusive panther believed to have escaped from the circus and seen prowling the bush land around the Little Trooper campsite.

Booking information to be announced closer to the event.





Art in Paradise 2022!

Hamilton Island Art Retreat

8th April – 12th April 2022

Limited Places Available

Hamilton Island Art Retreat is an exclusive Art Retreat which is open to Elective Art students or students who are passionate about art who may not currently study art as an elective subject. Hamilton Island is one of the most magnificent destinations in Australia and Reddam House students are fortunate to be able to have the opportunity to work with the artist in residence and attend a private art lesson in the studio space on the island. The students will be involved in a range of workshops daily at different vantage points around the island such as drawing, watercolour, environmental sculptural and photography. This is an unparalleled experience to be able to create artworks in such a tropical and lush environment. Students will receive their own extensive art kit, full of materials for the trip. Students will stay in beautiful accommodation with full access to the beach and water sports.

This is a must do experience for all artists!

For more information, Itinerary and to Sign-up for an experience of a lifetime.
 contact: laurellen.symonds@reddamhouse.com.au

FRI 8 - SAT 9 APRIL 2022 - Days 1 & 2

- Depart Sydney on the morning of Friday 3rd April and fly to Hamilton Island.
- Arrival Transfer: Airport - Reef View Hotel
- 'Art in Motion' - workshop: photography and sketching on location around the island.
- 'Tropical Discovery' - drawing workshop at marina
- 'Island Lines' drawing and collage workshop
- Workshop with artist in residence at the Hamilton Island Art Gallery
- Options for watersports and swimming during leisure times.

SUN 10 - TUES 12 APRIL 2022 - Days 3 - 5

- 'Framing the landscape' - photography workshop
- 'Micro and Macro' - mixed media workshop
- Passage Peak sunrise - mountain hike and photography session
- 'Environmental eco art' - sculptural workshop
- 'Marine and Architectural Explorations' - watercolour workshop
- Options for watersports and swimming during leisure time
- Depart Hamilton Island on the afternoon of Tuesday 7th April and arrive Sydney Kingsford Smith airport.

INCLUSIONS

- Airfare: Sydney/Hamilton Island return.
- Accommodation: 4 nights at 4-star Reef View Hotel. Multi-share rooms. All rooms with private facilities.
- Meals: Breakfast and dinner daily.
- 9 artmaking workshops and studio session at Hamilton Island gallery.
- Transfers: all transfers from airport and around Island.
- Art Kit bag containing all artmaking materials

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BUDGET FOR (NOT INCLUDED):

- Lunches, drinks and snacks as required outside inclusions.
- Spending money for small general purchases and souvenirs.

TOTAL COST: \$1985.00

REGISTER BY: by completing the registration form and completing payment

For registration form further details please email: laurellen.symonds@reddamhouse.com.au

