



4 September 2023

Week 6, Semester 2

Welcome to Week 6! This edition covers current scams, cyber security and the importance of academic integrity. We also share tips, resources and activities happening on campus in support of R U OK? Day 2023, including the exciting collaboration with Ther-A-Paws, the paw-fect place to meet furry friends and take a mindful break.

What you need to know this week

I'm here to hear: Supporting R U OK? Day 2023

R U OK? Day is on Thursday 14 September, reminding us that [we all have what it takes to have regular, meaningful conversations](#) to connect with and support those we care about who might be struggling.



The importance of academic integrity

Academic integrity is integral to performing well in your studies. We've put together [your guide for success](#), including tips to help you make sure your work is well referenced and credible come submission time.



Explore postgraduate study this Research Week 11–15 September

Are you considering upskilling or changing careers? [Join us at Research Week 11–15 September](#) and explore your postgraduate



study options with webinars, drop-in sessions and one-on-one course advice.

Recent data breach

The University of Sydney is aware of a data breach involving one third-party provider which has resulted in a limited number of recently applied and enrolled international applicants' personal data being accessed. We took immediate steps to secure our systems and contain the incident. At this stage our provisional findings indicate that no domestic students, staff, alumni or donors' data has been affected. We have emailed our international students and more information is available on our website.

Stay alert to scams

International students are currently being targeted by a scam email that is requesting large sums of money be deposited into a domestic bank account as part of an Australian Government personal asset certificate for international students. This is a scam known as email phishing. If you receive this email, do not open it or click on any links in the email. You can report a scam to the National Anti-Scam Centre through the ACCC. Learn more about how to protect yourself and keep your information safe.

Notices

- Voting for student elections opens Monday 11 September for a range of student positions on Academic Board, Faculty Board, University School Board, Faculty and University School. Students eligible to vote will receive an automatically generated email from BigPulse (third-party preferential voting software) to their student email account. For a list of candidates, key dates and for enquiries please see the [Student Elections webpage](#).
 - If you have a disability, medical condition, or carer responsibilities (temporary or ongoing) which may disadvantage you in your formal examinations, you may be eligible for reasonable adjustments. To be approved for adjustments in your Semester 2 formal exams, you will need to book a consultation appointment and be registered with Inclusion and Disability Services by Wednesday 4 October. Please see the Inclusion and Disability Services webpage for [further information about the registration process](#).
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4 September | Breaking down disinformation

Get a handle on post-truth

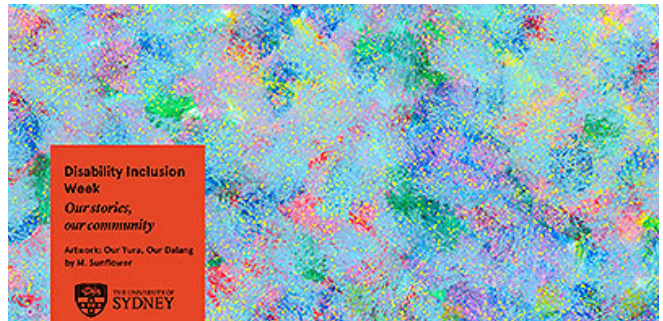
The Chancellor's Committee Book Fair starts this Saturday 9 September and will run for five days from 10 am– 4 pm. Don't miss out on your chance to [find your next special read and save a book from landfill.](#)

Celebrate National Biodiversity Month with an enlightening talk from Koori Kinnections. [Learn about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander knowledges,](#) connection to Country and our role in advocating for the future of biodiversity.

Join the DVC-ISS portfolio and the ABC to celebrate the life and work of one of our most impactful alumni, Dr Charles Perkins on 19 September. This year marks the 23rd anniversary, with keynote speaker Rachel Perkins. [Learn more and register now.](#)



It's Disability Inclusion Week! [Celebrate our stories and our community at our pop-up on Eastern Avenue](#) this Tuesday. Speak to staff about support for students with disabilities, order a free coffee using Auslan, play some para-sports and more.



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Bands are going head-to-head on 5–6 September from 6–10 pm at Manning Bar. Bring your mates, enjoy live music and see who will make the finals! [Registration is free](#), and the first 50 people through the door will also score free food from Manning Cantina.



Ther-A-Paws x R U OK? Day: Join us for a pat and a chat!

Join our FASS Student Leaders and meet our friendly pack of trained therapy dogs and their owners at the Ther-A-Paws x R U OK? Day event on 14 September, 12–1: 30 pm on Eastern Avenue. [For more information please visit the FASS website](#).



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Study and career development opportunities

Apply for a SUPRA Postgraduate Student Social Impact Grant

The SUPRA Postgraduate Student Social Impact Grant is a new grant available for postgraduate students to develop projects that foster a sense of community within the University. Groups can apply for developmental assistance and funding up to \$1000. The grant is open for food issues, diverse communities, student wellness and physical health initiatives, and sustainability. [Find out more on the SUPRA website](#).

Accelerate your idea or research with a Student Innovation Award

Are you a current student building the next successful start-up or commercialising your research? The Student Innovation Awards recognise the University of Sydney's most innovative, student-founded projects and start-ups with real-world solutions and positive impact. Applications open 11 September – [submit your expression of interest](#) to receive updates on this exciting opportunity.

Submit your abstract for the South Asia Symposium by 15 September

The South Asia Symposium on 12–13 October at the University of Sydney aims to provide a forum for students and early career researchers of South Asia to present their work in progress, and to promote respect and understanding across regional and disciplinary lines in a collegiate

atmosphere. Eight-minute panel sessions will discuss the topics of language and culture, politics and conflict, and working lives and livelihoods. To submit a paper for consideration, please email your 250-word abstract by Friday 15 September to meherose.borthwick@sydney.edu.au.

Final reminder to apply for a Westpac Future Leaders Scholarship

Looking for a life-changing experience? The Westpac Future Leaders Scholarship is about supporting everyday people with big ideas to become leaders in their field and drive positive change. Applications close this Wednesday 6 September. [Read through our guide for application tips](#) from 2021 scholar Ben Griffiths, and [head to the Westpac Scholars website to apply](#).

Social shoutout

[@jcthefluteman](#) captured a stunning reflection of the quadrangle spires during a beautiful Sydney sunset through the windows of the New Law School building at our Camperdown Campus.

We love to see what you get up to during semester, so tag [@sydney_uni](#) or [#usyd](#) for your chance to be featured.

Don't forget to join us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [TikTok](#) and [WeChat](#) to stay up to date on the latest news and events.



Student resources

[Student website](#) | [Canvas](#) | [myUni](#) | [Sydney Student](#) | [Key dates](#) | [Student life, wellbeing and support](#)

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