FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The success of any school is determined by the relationship the school has with its community. As Principal I have greatly appreciated the support many parents and other members of the community provide to Rose Bay High.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank one of these people. Mr Jimmy Hobden, parent of Anita and Lauren very generously painted the lines in our car park last year and this year has just completed remarking all the lines in the tennis court area of the grounds. This very generous donation will be welcomed by all those students and staff who use this area. Thanks very much Jimmy!

Back To School Day

Yesterday two past students attended our school assembly as guest speakers for Back to School Day. Karen Brown who attended Rose Bay from 1968 until 1971 and Robert Harman who attended from 1991 - 1993 spoke about their memories of life here at school and what they had achieved and experienced since leaving high school.

Karen spoke of her classes of 44 students and a school of 1200 students. She also told the assembly of the trouble she found herself in when she was caught by a prefect in town, eating chips outside Coles in Elizabeth Street without her school hat. Many of the girls were impressed by her stories of having her skirt length measured by kneeling on the ground and the trouble she was in for wearing 'witches britches'.

Karen spoke of her fond memories of the friendships she made here at Rose Bay which she told students have continued to today.

She recalled her strong interest in English and SOSE and her desire when she was at school to do something to help others when she left. Karen subsequently attended the University of Tasmania and trained to be a teacher. Her first appointment was at Deloraine High School.

Following this appointment, she travelled to India and worked as a teacher in the Himalayas. She has also worked in England and back-packed through the Middle East.

Karen on her return to Australia worked in Arnhem Land and worked as State Coordinator for Oxfam in Tasmania. Today she is married with three children and works as media and publicity officer with the Greens.

Karen encouraged all students to follow their dreams, to work hard and do something for other people, particularly those less fortunate than us.

Robert was able to identify four teachers that were still at Rose Bay from the time when he attended as a student; this included me! He said his time at Rose Bay were the best four years of his life.

Robert left Rose Bay, attended Rosny College and went on to study surveying at the University of Tasmania. Whilst at Rose Bay he had no idea as to what he intended to do when he left school. He did
however give most of his attention to his basic subjects.

When he attended Rosny College he studied flying and impressed all the students with the fact that he could fly a plane alone before he had his car license.

As the most successful surveying student in his final year at the University he was selected to travel to Antarctica to undertake surveying work for two months. He presented a number of slides from this trip and explained to students what his work involved as a member of the Australian team to which he was attached.

Robert assured all students that his studies here at school had set him up for life and that with hard work and a commitment to always doing your best you can achieve your personal goals.

Students at school greatly enjoyed the presentations and appreciated the insights Karen and Robert provided into life after high school and the challenges and rewards that this involves.

Open Night - Reminder

All members of the school community are reminded that they are invited to our annual open night to be held on Wednesday, May 18. The evening will commence in the gymnasium at 7.00pm.

We hope that you will take this opportunity to come into the school to see the redeveloped teaching facilities and to see the work undertaken by students. This evening also provides another opportunity to talk with staff about our educational programs and our plans for the remainder of the year.

Stephen Mannering
Term 1 Social
Theme: Hawaiian
Date: May 25th
Time: 7-10pm
Cost: $4.00
Tickets on sale at lunchtimes starting Wednesday 18th May. Signed permission forms need to be handed in when purchasing a ticket.
Sarah Vercoe

WANTED: Fertilised Eggs
A group of Applied Science students are seeking fertilized poultry or game bird eggs for incubating at school. Please contact Thaleia Nizamis or Nikki Burns of Grade 9.

Martial Arts Demonstration Evening
Friday 13th May from 7-9pm. Following with an opportunity to talk with club organizers.

Weaving Words
By Alyssa Brugman!

On Thursday the 5th of May 2005 Rose Bay’s 9/10 Creative Writing class and a few select students from the Grade 9 English classes travelled to Friends School to attend a presentation by ALYSSA BRUGMAN about her book Walking Naked. This book is one of the books that the Grade 9’s will be studying in English if they have not already done so. Alyssa also talked about some of her other books and her experience from writing them; she gave us lots of tricks to use whilst writing that could help us heaps if we choose to use them. She gave us an insight into many things such as inspiration can not be timed, you can’t set yourself a time to write and think of ideas but they could creep up on you unexpectedly at any moment and they are usually the best ideas.

One of the things that she said was that when she quit her day job to become a full time writer she would set herself times to write. She said that the two books that she wrote during that time were total garble. Then she realised that she was having to do things and keep herself busy to get true inspiration. She would do things like clean every window in the whole house and things like that. I enjoyed this experience and I am glad I had the chance to attend it. I am sure that everyone who attended it would join with me in thanking Friends School and Alyssa Brugman for allowing us to participate in this event.

Niyama Kay 9c
Creative Writing

Rosny Park Tennis Club
Holiday Junior Tennis Clinic
6, 7 & 8 June (6-16 years)
9am - 12 noon
The clinic comprises all basic strokes, footwork, balance, drills for matches, court etiquette, sportsmanship and more.
ADULT SUPERVISION AT ALL TIMES
Cost: $55 (one day $20)
Phone the club on 62445650 to enrol or for more info. (Leave message if no answer).

Holiday Craft Program
Over the June School Break, Scrapbooks & More will be running Craft sessions for children aged 6 - 16. Card making, scrap booking, HAMA beads, shrink jewellery, beaded jewellery, t-shirt painting & more.....
Sessions will run 10-12 & 12:30-2:30, Mondays to Thursdays through the September School Holiday Fortnight. Each session costs just $12.50. If attending both sessions, BYO lunch. Call Scrapbooks & More on 62313266 or Christine on 040 226 4499. We are located at 24 Feltham Street, North Hobart (near Euphoria Furniture & the Black Buffalo Hotel).
2 week program Mon 30/5-Fri 3/6 and Mon 6/6-Fri 10/6.