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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Progress (tick) Reports
Progress reports go home with students today. The report is an indication of how a student is performing, progressing and applying him/herself so far this year.

A parent-teacher discussion afternoon/evening will be held on Wednesday 27th April, from 3.30pm to 7.00pm. A booking sheet is included in the report package and students will be required to make appointments with the teachers who parents/carers would like to see. Parents/carers are welcome to contact teachers by phone to make appointments or to arrange for a meeting at another time should this date be inconvenient for them.

Uniform
I would like to take this opportunity to thank students and parents/carers for maintaining such a high standard of uniform this year, and for bringing explanation notes or contacting the office on the few occasions that individuals are legitimately out of uniform. I am confident that this will continue throughout the year - well done and thanks again for your support.

As the weather is beginning to become cooler it is necessary to remind the school community that navy polar fleece jackets are available from the uniform shop and these are the only form of over-garment that should be worn to or at school. If a student needs to wear a t-shirt under his/her school shirt, the t-shirt must be plain blue or plain white please.

Building redevelopment
The redevelopment of the music area continues and the top floor of B Block has been vacated, ready for work to begin soon.

The relocation of classes has been disruptive to both students and staff and the manner in which this upheaval has been handled and accepted has been outstanding. Students have handled the change with a minimum of fuss and complaint, and the Humanities staff have modified their teaching programs and are carrying their teaching materials considerable distances from class to class.

Our thanks to you all for your cooperation and positive approach to a stressful situation - it is important that we continue to work together to help each other through a tough time.

Staffing
The thoughts and best wishes of the school community are extended to Mrs Ann Glass and her family as her son, Lachlan, recovers from a serious illness - we wish him a speedy recovery.

Ann will be absent for at least the remainder of this term and her classes will be taken by Miss Jenni Lane. We welcome Jenni to the school and wish her every success with her task this term.

Stephen Mannering
Principal

Tasman Highway Slip Road
The problem of students crossing the slip road leading from the Tasman Highway to the City Motel that we alerted you to in our last Newsletter was raised with the Department of Infrastructure and Resources early last week. A representative from the DIR monitored the situation on Wednesday and a decision was made last Thursday to erect a brightly coloured pedestrian warning sign on the slip road. This will be done as soon as possible. In
addition to this, the DIR will also address pedestrian signage in Kaoota Road.

This matter was quickly resolved following our phone call to the Department of Infrastructure and Resources and their support and prompt action in this matter has been greatly appreciated.

Note: no amount of signage removes the need for students to be very careful when crossing public roads. Please ensure that you stop and look both ways before crossing.

Congratulations to:
Mrs Helen Gardiner on her excellent performances at the Masters swimming Championships held recently at the Hobart Tattersalls Aquatic Centre. Helen won a silver medal in the 50m freestyle and was fourth in four other events. Well done Helen.

Congratulations to:
Claire Watson who will be playing for Tasmania in the U17 Women's Lacrosse Australian Championships in Adelaide from 18 - 22 April.

Important Safety Information for Parents
We have been aware of several parties being held by older students from Rosny College and other high schools as well as Rose Bay. It is important that parents are well informed in regard to these parties so we have included the following information from the Commonwealth Safe Party Pack which provides a check list to help ensure your child's safety.

Tips for Parents Whose Children are Attending Parties
As a parent or guardian you have the responsibility to ensure the safety of your children.

Will your child have access to a phone if they need to contact you?
Make sure that your child has change for the phone, a phone card or a mobile phone. If you are going out, make sure that they can contact you or another responsible adult should they need assistance.

Check the level of adult supervision available at the party!
Where possible contact the adult responsible for the party and check if there is going to be supervision. You may suggest that they check out this information if they have not already.

Is alcohol going to be served or permitted at the party?
Remember that it is an offence to supply alcohol to a minor.

Would your child be able to get home if he/she needs to?
Make sure that your child is able to get home should he/she need to. Consider giving your child enough money to catch a taxi home in an urgent situation or leave enough money in an agreed place at home.

Identification
Ensure that your child carries identification on them at all times. This can be vital in the event of an emergency. A card indicating blood type and information on any allergies should also be kept by the young person in case of an emergency.

Make sure you know exactly where the party is going to be held
Having the address, phone number and details of a party's location is helpful in the event that you need to get into contact with your child. It will also enable you to find the party should your child need help.

Negotiate times
It is important that you know when to expect your child. Negotiate a reasonable time for them to return home from the party.

Designated Drivers
If your child is going to be travelling to a party in a car, make sure that there is a designated driver. Ensure your child has some options to fall back on if the designated driver does drink during the night e.g. they should tell a responsible adult or call for a taxi or travel with someone else who hasn't been drinking.

What can I do if I think that someone is supplying my child or other young people with drugs or alcohol?
If you suspect that someone is supplying drugs and/or alcohol to your child or to other young people in the community, you should advise the police.

A Career Information Pack for Parents
All grade 10 students have been provided with a "Job Guide 2005" which contains "A Career Information Pack for Parents."

This has been designed to help parents talk to their teenagers about how to build their career.
Please ask your son/daughter to show you this information so that you can discuss it with them.

Alistair Primrose
Grade 10 Careers Coordinator

Flightcamp
Interested in aviation as a career or recreation? Why not try a flightcamp!

Flightcamp is a residential camp for young adults aged 15 to 20 years. Depending on the camp chosen, they run for 5 to 28 days, in which students experience hands on flying training, helicopters, guest speakers, airport tours, air displays and much more. Experienced staff, including ex-Defence Force and Airline personnel can answer all your questions on life as a pilot. All hours accrued on flightcamp count towards year 11 aviation, year 12 aviation and an advanced diploma in aviation.

Sound good?
Contact TVSA Phone: (03) 5369 5162 Email: flytvsa.com.au or visit the websites: www.flightcamp.com.au or www.tvsa.com.au
See Mr Primrose for details.

Would you like to be a AAA*-rated school employee?!

Many schools throughout the south are short of people who are capable of relieving in short-term (paid) positions as Teacher Aides, Office Administrators or School Attendants.

If you are interested in being considered for employment in one of these categories, please contact your local school office in the first instance. You will then be given or sent the necessary forms to complete, including one which will enable the Education Department to check and release your Tasmanian and national police records.

The following personal attributes - while not essential - would be well regarded by schools seeking to employ Aides, Administrators and Attendants in a relief or temporary capacity:

AIDES
- Experience in working with, or bringing up, children - and a keen interest in helping them learn
- A willingness to work with children with special needs (whether these be physical, intellectual or behavioural)

Basic computer skills (such as would enable you to type up a children's story or assist a student to do so)
- A first aid certificate

ADMINISTRATORS
- Previous general clerical experience
Good keyboarding/word processing skills (such as would enable you to enter data onto a spreadsheet, produce a school newsletter using a template, etc.)
- Some additional training, specific to the work of a school office, may be able to be provided.
- An ability to cope in a busy and sometimes pressured environment
- Excellent interpersonal skills

ATTENDANTS
- Previous industrial or commercial cleaning experience and/or experience in grounds maintenance or as a gardener
- Pride in your ability to contribute to the cleanliness, maintenance and improvement of the school environment, both internally and externally
- Good physical health, together with a cheerful, 'can do' approach
- A willingness to work shift hours if necessary

The hours of employment available in any of the above categories may vary from two or three a week up to forty (for School Attendants). The duration of employment may vary from one day to a whole school year.

*Teacher AIDE, School ATTENDANT, Office ADMINISTRATOR

UNIFORM SHOP
Opening Times Term 1
Wednesday and Friday, 8.15 am - 9.30 am

Now In Stock
All sizes of Rugby tops and Winter skirts

Price Adjustment
Effective from beginning second term
Rugby Tops $63.00

Volunteers
Can you spare an hour of your time a month or fortnight, and would like to lend a hand. Please contact me on mobile 0414 841 189 or leave a message at the school office.

Jane Menzies
Shop Coordinator
Support Bruny Island Children  
Learn to Swim

On Saturday 30 April 2005 Bruny Island Charters is running 1.5 hour Eco-Cruises departing Adventure Bay jetty at 8am, 10am, 12noon and 2pm

Cost: $30 per adult  
      $15 per child  
      $80 per family (2 adults & 2 or 3 children)

All proceeds are being donated to Bruny Island District School to fund Learn to Swim programs.

Bookings essential - phone 6293 1465

Hover within reach of towering unique sea cliffs,  
Thrill to the ride through 'The Monument';  
Witness the mysterious breathing rock,  
Drift into massive secret caves  
View beautiful remote bays and sculptured rocky islands.

Guitar Lessons available

Contact
Geoff Rayner - Guitar Teacher  
Phone 6243 9778 / 0428 307 112

Acoustic/Electric guitar, theory, improvisation.

Call Geoff Rayner (BMus. Hons.)