FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The past fortnight has been a busy one with numerous activities supplementing the teaching and learning program.

Mrs Tozer’s Creative Writing class was visited by Rod Boucher and Peter Carey from The Mercury newspaper to help them with their preparation of the School page and the school magazine. Thanks to our visitors for sharing their knowledge and expertise, and to Mrs Tozer for organising this experience.

Mr Hardwick and Mr Doig did an excellent job in organising and hosting the N2O Car Challenge at Rose Bay and, on the same day a Meehan Range Cluster Student Leadership Forum was held at the Lindisfarne Rowing Club. There are reports on these events elsewhere in this Newsletter.

Mr Armstrong and the Science staff have been busy preparing for and participating in the Solar Car and Boat Challenge. Success was achieved in the boat section with Josh Nugent and Bradley Goodwin placing second, Josh Andrews and Adam Rosen placing third and Jason McGinn coming fourth. The Solar Car group (Chris Hughes, Chris Allie, Pat Johnson, Martin Gray and Blair Carter) gained fourth place with a very fast car and would have done better but for one mishap and a slight design fault, and they narrowly missed out on a trip to Melbourne for the national challenge. Congratulations to all concerned.

Last week the HPE staff arranged for some excellent weather for the two-day athletics carnival at the Domain. The participation, enthusiasm and behaviour of the school were exemplary and we witnessed some outstanding performances. Well done everyone and special thanks to the HPE staff for their organisation and hard work that enabled the carnival to run like clockwork.

Earlier this week the Concert Band toured some of our feeder Primary Schools; their performances were very well received and reflected the excellent musical talent that we enjoy at the school. Thanks to Mr Hunt, Ms Dawes and the music staff for their work and for organising the tour.

End of year Assessments

The staff have been working very hard to ensure that all students and parents receive a report that is easily understood and that reflects the work and ability of each student.

An Information Evening will be held in the school Library at 7.30pm on Wednesday 16th November for any parent/carer who would like to find out more about the Assessment of the Essential Learnings and the report format that will be used at the end of this year.

Should you wish to attend, please complete the reply slip in this newsletter and return it to the school.

School Association Elections

The Constitution of the School Association stipulates that there will be four positions available to Parents (2 positions) or Community Members (2 positions) on the School Association for 2006.
We encourage parents/carers and community members to involve themselves in the School Association and, should you wish to apply, or to reapply, for any of these positions please complete the application form in this newsletter.

Greg Sawyer
Assistant Principal

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NATIONAL SCHOOL COUNSELLING WEEK

As part of National School Counselling Week, October 31st to November 4th 2005, you might like to know more about the way Guidance Officers work in school communities around the state.

What ways do Guidance Officers support school communities?
Guidance Officers provide a range of services aimed at promoting intellectual, social and emotional wellbeing of all students in the school community. These include:

- Counselling for individuals and groups
- Assessment of children's capabilities to assist learning, development and emotional wellbeing
- Developing and implementing programs for individual, small groups, classes and schools
- Consultation in learning strategies, improving self-control, social interactions and behaviour, friendship and social skills, prevention and management of developmental and mental health disorders, including anxiety and depression, as well as parenting skills
- Professional development and information sessions
- Referral to other professionals, services and community supports
- Case management
- Therapeutic interventions, including stress management and coping strategies for a variety of adjustment and emotional issues.

Who are Guidance Officers?
Guidance Officers
- Are registered psychologists and qualified teachers
- Have a broad range of experience in dealing with child and adolescent issues
- Have a background in education and psychology
- Understand school and class environments

- Understand developmental and learning difficulties as well as mental health and family relationship issues
- Are accessible to students from diverse backgrounds.

Who can refer students?
- Parents, students, teachers and other professionals can request assistance from the Guidance Officer through the school principal or assistant principals, teaching staff, or they can approach the Guidance Officer directly.

Produced by the Australian Guidance and Counselling Association, Tasmania, as part of the National School Counselling Week.

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Meehan Range Student Leadership Forum

On Friday 14th October students from nearly all of the Meehan Range Cluster schools met at the Lindisfarne Rowing Club for a Student Leadership Forum as part of the activities for Celebrating Democracy Week.

Six students from seven of the nine cluster schools attended the forum: two students from Grades 4, 5 and 6 in the primary schools and two students from Grades 7, 8 and 9 in the two high schools - a total of 42 students. Rose Bay was represented by Casey Pagano and Lewis Van Bommel (Grade 7s), Phillip Newbold and Jane Salisbury (Grade 8s) and Prue Webster and Ryan Butterworth (Grade 9s).

The schools represented at the forum were: Geilston Bay High School, Lindisfarne Primary School, Montagu Bay Primary School, North Lindisfarne Primary School, Richmond Primary School, Rose Bay High School and Warrane Primary School.

Five teachers from four of the schools attended and a number of parents attended for parts of the morning. The Co-ordinating Principal of the Meehan Range Cluster, Mr Stephen Mannering, attended and opened the forum and Michael Smith, a former student from Rose Bay High School, Vice President of the Elizabeth College Student Representative Council and Jobnet VET Student of 2005, addressed the forum, outlining his leadership experiences. Ms Angela Goldsmith, Clarence Council Youth Network Advisory Council co-ordinator, also attended the forum. Helen Hartle, Karen Reid,
Martin Hawes, Arizo Iris and a work experience student from the Tasmanian Centre for Global Learning attended to facilitate the ruMAD workshops.

Activities

The forum began with a welcome from Prue Webster and Ryan Butterworth, Grade 9 students from Rose Bay High School, and they introduced the guest speakers, Mr Stephen Mannering and Mr Michael Smith.

The Leadership Forum then proceeded with three workshop sessions. For sessions one and two students were able to choose two out of three workshops to participate in. The workshops offered were What is a leader? - The Leadership Challenge, run by Mr Greg Sawyer, Leadership opportunities in our schools - what are we doing well?, run by Mrs Kim Kay, and ruMAD? (Are you making a difference), run by representatives from the Tasmanian Centre for Global Learning.

The third session was run in four groups and was facilitated by the four Grade 9 students from the two high schools. The session focussed on What activities can we do together as students in the Meehan Range Cluster? and What activities/ideas/focus could we include in a forum in 2006? Students from each group then shared their ideas with the whole group. Prue, Ryan, Fern Trethowan (Geilston Bay) and Zak Burnett (Geilston Bay) did a great job of facilitating the final session and the groups came up with some excellent ideas for future collaboration between students from the Meehan Range Schools - most important of all, all students enjoyed themselves and found the experience worthwhile.

Their ideas/suggestions are listed below, and these will be tabled at a meeting of the Meehan Range Principals:
1. Student Cluster Events/Activities and
2. Ideas/suggestions for future Cluster Forums.

1. Cluster Ideas

- Sports day/Triathlon/Olympics
- Invent a-a-sport day
- E-mail buddies
- Fair
- Fundraiser (charity - 40 hour famine; poverty; environment; animals; tsunami/earthquake victims; mental health; etc)
- Combined schools campaign (community help; plastic bags; environment)
- Talent quest
- Production
- Variety performance
- Quiz
- Battle of the bands
- Social
- Jump rope for heart
- Craft day

2. Forum Ideas for 2006

- Free Dress
- More activities, ice breakers & getting to know you activities, games, prizes
- Outdoors opportunities
- Public speaking
- Culminating performance
- Special guest speaker(s)
- All day
- Longer ruMAD session
- Separate grade session
- Topics/Issues eg. Homework
- Debate
- Family & friends involved
- One forum per term to give more people a chance to be involved
- More lollies!
- Fruit

All students completed a simple evaluation form prior to lunch and were presented with a Certificate of Participation prior to leaving.

Our thanks to all of the speakers and presenters for their contribution to the program, and to the Curriculum Corporation for providing a grant of $900 for the Cluster Celebrating Democracy Week activity.

Greg Sawyer
Students working on a SWOT analysis of the leadership opportunities available in their schools: Georgina Kennedy (Montagu Bay); Ned Standen (Warrane PS); Fern Trethowan (Geilston Bay High); Mitch Spong (Lindisfarne PS); Ryan Butterworth (Rose Bay); Dylan Giffard (Richmond PS); Gavinn Shirley (North Lindisfarne PS); Sophie Kerr (Richmond PS).

Westpac Mathematics Competition

Earlier this year 62 of our students participated in the Westpac Mathematics Competition. This is the highest number of participants in many years and particularly encouraging was the fact that 28 of these entries were from Grade 7. The competition is Australian wide and this year attracted some 430,000 entrants. The results from the competition arrived at school last week. Every one who participated performed creditably but in particular the students listed below.

I would particularly like to commend the four students who gained a distinction, Ella Francis (10), Brendan Barber (9), Callum Cusick and Ben Knight (7).

Also congratulations to Matthew Todd who gained a Higher Distinction, was ranked in the 99th percentile for the state and received the Prudence Award for having the highest number of consecutive correct answers.

Well done to all those who participated.

Credit

Grade 7
Joshua Andrews
Oliver Reading
Emma Barnett
Justin Dodge
Edward Webber
Lauren Tilley
Timothy McGuire
Renee McGuinness
Madalyn Riley
Tom Palfrey
James Bills
Aaron Mason
Eesa Habib
Steven Mclarin

Grade 8
Phillip Newbold
Robert Gourlay
Stacey Crossingham
Brent Loring
Callum Morris
Ethan Westland
Jane Salisbury
Pailin Munyard

Grade 9
Steffi Koppelmann
Prue Webster
Tess Joiner-Stewart
Sarah Blackwood
Emily Ainslie

Distinction
Ella Francis
Brendan Barber
Callum Cusick
Ben Knight

Higher Distinction
Matthew Todd

Avoca Primary School Show & Shine
AND
School Fair

5 November 2005
Starting 11am

Show & Shine Categories:
Best Classic Car-pre ’85
Best Trail Bike
Best Push Bike
Best Modern Car-post ’85
Best Road Bike
Dirtiest Vehicle

Entry Fees:
Vehicles & motorbikes $5.00 each
Push Bike $2.00 each

FREE ADMISSION

Market type stalls available $5.00

For further information please contact Avoca Primary School 6384 2117.

After hours: Nick Finlay 0418 346 180
Council of Single Mothers and their Children
Tasmania

Warmly invites you to a picnic on Sunday 20th November 2005 from 12 - 2 pm at Parliament House Lawns Hobart.

We are also celebrating International children’s Day.

For further information please contact Linda Seabourne on 6223 5079.

Woodbridge School and Marine Discovery Centre
50 Year Anniversary

Saturday 29 October 2005
10am - 4.00pm

Former students, teachers, workers, parents and members of the school community, this reunion is for you.

Annual Brighton Show
Sunday 6th November 2005
Pontville Grounds, Brighton

Admission:
$10.00 adults
$2.00 children
$6.00 pensioners (on producing card)

Lots of free activities for all the family
Animal Nursery  Cat Display
Chopping Programme  Chainsaw Carving
Water Buffalo  Mutley Crew Dog Display
Free Donkey Rides  Dog High Jump
Brighton Primary School Senior Art Display (in Main Hall)
Hall of Industries  Vintage Machinery
Alpacas  Reptile Education and Display

**NEW** Market Area Farm Dress Competition
Photography Competition  School Competitions
More snakes and reptiles—plus lots lots more!

Baby Quest and Show Ambassador including Boys Section
Ambassador Quest (entries on day)
Pet Parade and Dog Competition

Plus full Agricultural Programme including:
Draught Horse  NEW Angora Goats
Show Jumping  Western Riding Events
Cattle  Dairy Goats
Pigeons  Poultry
Hall of Industries  Fleece
Horse Events (Saturday and Sunday)
Stud Sheep  Trade Lambs

ULTRA 106FIVE WILL BE ‘LIVE’ FROM SHOW GROUND

Ground space and Family Tickets available—great saving on normal gate prices.

Phone:  Secretary on 6268 1640 a.h. for more information

Call for Old Wuppies!

The Lifestyle and Fashion classes are putting out a plea for any wuppies no longer being loved or wanted. Please!!! We need as many as we can get. The cause is a Christmas Tree Decorating competition and we want to dress the wuppies or other tiny teddies in Christmas outfits!

Other items desperately wanted: felts, bells, ribbons, satins, buttons (yes, your old button jar contents!) shiny foils and wraps, jute string, beads. Items can be dropped in to the Office or the Home Ec area.

We’re hoping to recycle as much as possible, and your trash could be our treasure.

Have a clean out now!!!!

Students not in Lifestyle and Fashion classes can also make some of these items, so see Miss Ryan if interested.
Rose Bay High’s The Mercury School Page will be published on Friday 18 November 2005. We would appreciate support from parents who are involved in business who would be willing to advertise on our page.

What does your business get out of this? Your advertisement will be in The Mercury, you will receive recognition in our school newsletter and the page will be archived on The Mercury’s Newspapers in Education web site after publication.

The web site is: http://ink.news.com.au/mercury/services.htm

You will also be contributing to a worthwhile student-focused project. You may wish to visit the website to see the format for the advertising.

For advertising rates and other queries contact:

Email: debra.tozer@education.tas.gov.au

Phone: 6243 8511 and leave a message for Debra Tozer to contact you.

Fax: 6243 9516 for attention of Debra Tozer.
Saturday 29 October 2005
10.00am – 4.00pm

Former students, teachers, workers, parents
and members of the school community,
this reunion is for you.

Photographs and Memorabilia on display

Full assembly for previous and
current students at 12.00 noon

Food and entertainment

See redevelopment areas

Photographer on site
Parental involvement in school affairs makes for quality student outcomes.

In accord with the Education Act.
Rose Bay High School calls for nomination of parent and community members to

THE SCHOOL ASSOCIATION Inc.
(this body is being formed to replace the School Council and the Parents and Friends Association)

Nominations are called for parent, staff and community members of the new School Association Committee.
• Would you like to know more about how the school runs?
• Have a say in the development of school policy?
• Hear the reports from the principal on school activities?
• Run events that enhance the quality of the education your children receive?
• Raise funds for the school?
• Meet other parents and friends of the school?

ACTION PUT YOUR NAME FORWARD NOW

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Seconded by a fellow member
Of the school community
Tick representative area

Parent of Student | Community Member | Teacher |
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Drop this form into the school office, Kaoota Road, Rose Bay addressed to attention of the returning officer School Association by the 30th November 2005.

For Further information contact School Association Chairman Robert Tilley on Ph 6233 5894 or School Principal Stephen Mannering Ph 6243 8511