**Some Important Dates**

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**From the Principal**

**Gumshoe**

Last night was the opening show of this year’s school production, “Gumshoe”.

As I sat in the audience I was extremely impressed with the execution, commitment, enthusiasm and enjoyment of the whole cast, as they entertained a very appreciative audience.

The show ran very smoothly, with outstanding costumes, slick scene changes and excellent individual and chorus performances. As Principal, I couldn’t have been more proud of all their efforts.

Once again, Ms Friswell and Ms Dawes have provided an outstanding learning experience for the whole cast and crew. I thank them for their commitment, enthusiasm, expertise and the many, many hours of ‘out of school’ time they have committed to the show. Thanks also to Ms Ryan, Ms Hudson, Mrs Cash, Mrs Gardiner, Mrs Jodie Grueber, Mr Brian West and Jeff Michel from Rosny College and Globe Lighting for their support.

A copy of the cast is included in this newsletter.

**Mito High School**

Last Thursday, we once again welcomed a visiting party of students and staff from Mito High School in Japan. Members of the Japanese options class entertained our guests, providing lunch and accompanying them to classes during the afternoon.

Rose Bay has established a video-link using the Internet to allow our students to communicate ‘live’ with Mito High School’s English classes in Japan.

Learning programs and experiences such as this, add much to the cultural awareness and understanding of our students. Thanks to Mrs Gardiner and the Senior Japanese class for all their efforts.

**School Reports**

Today, school reports for all grades have been distributed. It is very important that all students make every effort to book appointments with their teachers for next Wednesday’s Parent Teacher Evening (3.30 -7.00) on Monday and Tuesday of next week. To assist parents, all staff have been requested to stay on site until 7pm and will endeavour to ‘fit-in’ any parents/guardians who have not been able to make an appointment. Our preference is however, that appointments are made.

These reports hopefully provide a detailed picture of your child’s learning opportunities and their performance within each of their learning programs.
I hope they provide an opportunity for you to celebrate their successes and to identify, if any, areas for further improvement.

Please don’t hesitate to contact the school should you have any concerns about your child’s report. We look forward to seeing parents and guardians next Wednesday.

Stephen Mannering
Principal

Congratulations to former student, Ling San Lau, who was awarded a place on the Dean’s Roll of Excellence in the Faculty of Health Science for her outstanding academic performance in 2005. San is studying for her Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery. Well done, San!

Congratulations to Lyarna Graham (8E) who competed last weekend at Tasmanian Swimming’s Southern Regional Short Course Medal meet. Lyarna competed in her age group (13-14 year olds) and Open, winning 10 medals, including 9 Gold. Lyarna swam Open qualifying times which will see her compete in the 50 metre and 100 metre backstroke and 50 metre freestyle events at the Australian Short Course Swimming Championships to be held in Hobart later in the month. This means that she will be sharing the pool with many of the megastars of Australian swimming!! We wish Lyarna the very best of luck at the Championships; it should be a fabulous experience for a star of the future.

Congratulations to Trystan Lyness (8D), on his selection in the Under 15 Emerging Tigers Cricket Squad.

THANK YOU to staff and students who wore jeans on Friday, 4 August. Your Jeans for Genes Day donations raised $314.85.

The Clarence YMCA pool very kindly donated bathers to our African students so that they could all participate in a learn-to-swim program. The students had never been in a pool before, so they are really enjoying the experience!

SCIENCE WEEK ACTIVITIES

National Science Week begins officially on the 12th August and runs to the 20th August.

A great number of activities have been arranged for both school students and the general community.

Around Rose Bay has been posted the program of events throughout the Southern Region for students to view. The local press, radio and television will also have many of these events advertised.

This is a good time to learn about science and scientists and see some of the significant scientific research being carried out in Australia.

Science Week activities actually take place for longer than 7 days!

On Monday a group of 30 students with Mr Primrose and Mr Armstrong attended the annual Chemistry Youth Lecture at Tas. Uni. at Sandy Bay. This was thoroughly enjoyed by all. There were many demonstrations of chemical reactions, with lots of colour, lights and flames.
Two Scottish researchers from Monash University were the presenters whose demonstrations were both informative and entertaining. This was followed by a pizza guzzling session at New Town!

This Saturday, teams of students for Grades 9 and 10 will compete in the annual state-wide titration competition at the university. This year we have had an excellent response with more than 30 students involved. Titrating is a very skilful chemical analytical procedure and we thank Mr Armstrong for his dedication in preparing students for this competition.

In the coming two weeks we are having our own Science Week challenges with a water rocket competition between Grade 7 classes and a compressed air powered rocket car competition between Grade 8 classes. These are designed and constructed by students from very basic materials. We will advertise the finals when we have carried out the eliminations over the next two weeks.

Parents and friends are welcome to come to school and see some of these activities. We are always seeking willing helpers.

A tour of the Mt Canopus observatory will also be offered to students. One of the major projects at the Radio Telescope facility is in discovering new planets.

With Antarctic studies being such a focus for scientific research in Tasmania some Grade 9 classes will visit the Antarctic Centre at Kingston in future weeks.

A well known science broadcaster and author Carl Kruszelnicki is giving talks to students and the community on August 25th. (day and evening). We are intending taking a group of students to the daytime lecture on the 25th.

A number of young Tasmanian scientists are offering to visit schools during Science Week. We are inviting a few of them to talk to various classes at Rose Bay about their lives and projects.

If you wish information on Science Week or would like to visit our school and see what our students are doing in Science classes please feel free to come along at any time.

Alistair Primrose (Head of Science).

**NATIONAL TREE DAY ACTIVITY**

Last Friday, 4th August, our S.R.C. environment representatives, plus a few of their friends, took part in a combined tree/shrub/grasses planting behind the foreshore and in front of the Rosny Park Bowls Club. In time, the 200 plants should enhance the area and replace the old she-oaks which are on their 'last legs'.

This project was a combined effort with students from Rosny College and was supported by Clarence Council and the bowls club. A private environmental rehabilitation company helped prepare the site and will follow up the care of the planted area.

Our students did an excellent job and showed enthusiasm for the work involved. Congratulations to them and Mr Primrose for coordinating the activity.

**KIDZ-ed**

The 2006 KIDZ-ed Spring Learning Program will be held during the September school holidays. Booklets have been distributed to Grade 7 and 8 classes, however, there were insufficient booklets for all students. For interested parents, here is the link to the programme:


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**Tasmanian State School Parents & Friends Annual Conference**

Ogilvie High School
Saturday, 19th August, 2006

**Who is going from your school?**

Attendance is free for affiliates. ALL parents are welcome.

For more information or to register call 6223 7937 or go to: www.parentsandfriendstasmania.asn.au
Marine Discovery Centre

September School Holiday Program

Discovery Afternoons

Tues 12th & Wed 13th Sept 1-3pm

Come and delight in the underwater world of the D’Entrecasteaux Channel! The Marine Discovery Centre will be open at the above times for families to wander through at leisure and enjoy exploring our touch tanks, marine pond and aquaria.

BOOKINGS AND PARENTS ESSENTIAL

Entry by Gold Coin Donation

For more information or to book, please contact Ros or Gail at the Marine Discovery Centre
Ph 6267 4649

Gumshoe

Cast: Alex Hardaker, Olivia Cathro, Brianna Denning, Kate Southorn, Sarah Grueber, Melinda Barnett, Nicki Burns, Megan Hughes, Estella Walker, Niyama Kay, Ashleigh Boxhall, Melanie Sutcliffe, Grace Watson, Emma Taylor, Stevée Standen, Evie Hindrume, Prue Webster, Tayla Davies, Blair Carter, Reyne Boxhall, Jake Grace, Brad Mason, Elizabeth Griggs, Isobel Cusick, Kodee Voss, Emily Giffard, Tianna Springer, Ryan Chappell, Ash Cairns

Ensemble: Reyne Boxhall, Ash Cairns, Blair Carter, Isobel Cusick, Ryan Chappell, Tayla Davies, Bianca Farnell, Chloe Fisher, Jake Grace, Emily Giffard, Elizabeth Griggs, Karyn Grimmond, Jarran Harris, Chloe Mansfield, Brad Mason, Alice Oakley, Jessie Page, Emma Perry, Briana Stevens, Tianna Springer, Kodee Voss, Prue Webster

Director: Ms Friswell
Musical Director: Ms Dawes
Choreography: Ms Friswell
Stage Manager: Catherine Terry
Set Design: Ms Friswell
Set/Props Construction: Ms Friswell, Mr Hadrill and Craig Murray
Lighting Engineers: Emily Coxhell, Marron Andersen and Luke Reynolds
Sound Engineers: Simon Butler, Hannah Rothbauer
Costumes: Ms Dawes and Ms Friswell
Publicity: Ms Dawes
Back Stage Crew: Allan Tarbath and David Walsh

FOR SALE

• Two solid wood working benches. $50 each
• Welding Bay Extraction Unit with two adjustable elephant trunks. $500 ono

Contact Stuart Hadrill, AST/3 Head of Arts ☏ 6243 5811

A Learning Community!

Twentieth Year Anniversary
Risdon Vale Primary Mediator Program

Our anniversary celebration for the Risdon Vale Mediator Program will be held at the school on the 22nd of August at 11.00. At that time the Minister for Education will be opening the new Multi Purpose room that was completed at the beginning of this year. After the Minister's opening and the acknowledgement of the Mediator Program there will be a morning tea.

We would particularly like to invite any teachers or students involved with the Mediators Program to attend the anniversary and the opening.

We would appreciate if you would r.s.v.p. by the 18th of August to jill.klye@education.tas.gov.au

With thanks

Mark Koppelmann
Principal

Kate Slater
AST3

Elizabeth Griggs, Karyn Grimmond, Jarran Harris,