**Some Important Dates**

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**From the Principal**

On Wednesday night July 5, as I watched the ABC 7 pm news service, I looked on in shock as the ABC used file footage of Rose Bay High School to ‘background’ a story based around Professor Brian Caldwell’s view, “that many Tasmanian high schools should be bulldozed and rebuilt in partnership with business”.

I usually ignore such media blunders, however on this occasion, given the blatant use of the school’s name in the footage I believe I should make some comment.

As most parents who have visited the school will acknowledge, Rose Bay High is in most regards in excellent condition given the age of the school and its portrayal in this story was totally unjustified. In 2004/5 over 1.4 million dollars was spent on Stage One of the redevelopment of this school. In addition, at least another $200,000 of school funds has been committed to repainting, recarpeting, new furniture, resurfacing of the gym floor and the refurbishment of the school sports ground. Rose Bay has outstanding facilities which in most parts exceed those of many private schools and is not a candidate for bulldozing.

Staff and students at Rose Bay High work incredibly hard to raise the profile both of the school and public education in the wider community and behaviour such as that of the ABC is unwarranted and disappointing in the extreme. I am sure all members of the school community will be concerned about the portrayal of the school in this context.

**Oaktree Foundation**

Last week the SRC raised over $2,000 to give to the Oaktree Foundation to address the issues of poverty and inadequate educational facilities in Africa. A video in the school assembly on Thursday set the scene with footage typical of conditions experienced by many communities across Africa. The Grade Time session that followed assembly also engaged students in activities to bring home to them in a very practical way, the number of children who unfortunately succumb to disease and malnutrition every second across the African continent. I would like to congratulate all those who took such an active part in this very worthwhile activity. Further fundraising efforts will continue in the latter half of the year.

**Art Exhibition**

It was my pleasure to attend the Clarence City Council Youth Network’s art exhibition launched by the Mayor, Alderman Jock Campbell, on Thursday evening last week.

Congratulations to our school representatives on the Youth Network planning committee and to the following students who had their work on display:

- Erin Blackburn  Andrew Butler
- Julia Blackwood  Brianna Denning
- Alex Brakey  Amelia Fazackerley
- Chloe Britton  Brayden Plummer
- Nicki Burns  Kyle Wallace

**Curriculum Development**

Over the last two and half years Rose Bay teachers have committed hundreds of hours to the development of our curriculum. The efforts have been designed to ensure that the programs we offer to students will prepare them for life and work in an ever changing world. Whilst as a school we have
maintained the traditional subject areas for delivery of our curriculum, the programs offered are constantly being reworked to ensure that they meet the needs of our students and to encapsulate the knowledge, skills and experience students need to become self-directed, life long learners. Central to this work is our strong commitment to ensure that our students achieve their potential and are prepared for what ever educational or career pathway they choose to follow at the conclusion of their secondary education.

The Essential Learnings whilst maligned by some, have brought into sharp focus the need for schools to bring their teaching and learning programs into the 21st Century. Unfortunately much of the benefit of the outstanding work done by the Department of Education has been lost in the assessment imperatives associated with the legitimate desire for increased accountability of public education and the view that curriculum reform can be ensured through ‘assessment driven’ change. The latter has certainly not been successful.

I am confident that the teaching and learning program at Rose Bay will continue to meet the needs of our students and the expectations of their families and the wider community.

Stephen Mannering
Principal

Congratulations Phillip Newbold, Callum Morris, Thomas Flassman and Dylan Sault who have been selected in the Tasmanian State Under 15 Men's Hockey team to travel to Melbourne in September/October.

Ethan Westland has been selected as a train-on.

Congratulations Stevie Standen who last Sunday competed in the Tasmanian Gymnastics Association competition and achieved the following results –

- Gold Medal for "Floor", Level 6
- Gold Medal for "Bars", Level 6
- Silver Medal for "Vault", Level 6
- Silver Medal for "Bars".
- Gold Medal for Overall Level 6 competition.

Following Ben Morgan’s participation in the City to Casino run, Ben received a personal spot prize and also a $500 voucher for the school. This will be used by the P.E. department to provide additional sports equipment. Congratulations to Ben and all the other students who took part in this event.

LIBRARY SECURITY SYSTEM

The Rose Bay High School Library is the fortunate recipient of a second hand security gate and other associated equipment which will be used to set up an integrated security system in the Library. Once installed, the system will enable staff to closely monitor the library's resources, thereby minimising unnecessary stock losses. This has been a problem in the past but the cost of purchasing a new security system has been too prohibitive. The donation from Elizabeth College would have cost the school around $15,000 if we were to buy the items new. We are extremely grateful to Elizabeth College for their donation to the RBHS Library.

Rose Bay High School has committed the additional funds needed to purchase the remaining equipment to get the system up and running. This includes: an entrance gate, an LCD screen, security tags for the books and the cost of installing the system. I would like to personally thank Stephen Mannering (Principal) and Annette Pearson (School Executive Officer) for supporting this project and ensuring that the funds were made available.
At present Library staff are ‘bugging’ the library books with security tags in preparation for installation of the security system. This is being made possible through the generous assistance of 3 dedicated parents - Christine Quelch, Robyn Webster and Shirley Tongue. Their time and effort is helping to speed up the ‘bugging’ process and is greatly appreciated.

Ailsa Hill
Librarian

**UNIFORM SHOP - IMPORTANT NOTICE**

The Uniform Shop WILL NOT OPEN on 19th July or 26th July. Any enquiries to office staff.

Jane Menzies
Uniform Shop Co-ordinator

**SCHOOL PERFORMANCE 2006**

**DONATIONS OF COSTUME**

Grade 9 and 10 Performance students have been frantically learning songs, scripts and dances for this year's show “Gumshoe”.

It is a 1940s musical with a private eye freelance journalist and vague but brilliant professor saving the world from the evil Svetlana, Carla and their band of deadly henchwomen. It goes to a variety of locations - Chicago, Istanbul, Rio and Macau, to name a few. We are calling for donations of costume, in particular anything would be appreciated - clothes, hats, fabric, haberdashery items, old sheets or curtains can all be adapted so that they can go from Retro to Rio!

Items to be donated can be left at the front office or given to Ms Dawes or Ms Friswell.

**WANTED**

Any unwanted jewellery, especially beads - any condition, age or style! These are for jewellery making and would be happily received by the Lifestyle and Fashion Department. Items can be dropped into the office or the Home Ec. Area.

Your trash might be someone else’s treasure!

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**Youth Pathways** can help young people who may be:

- struggling at school
- finding it "all too much"
- thinking about leaving but not sure what to do

Youth Pathways is an Australian Government funded Career Advice Australia programme run by Colony 47 which assists young people aged between 13 and 19 to make it through to the end of Year 12 (or its equivalent) where appropriate and/or to TAFE, apprenticeships/traineeships, University or employment and active participation in the community. Young people participating in Youth Pathways receive services which include:

- Personal one-on-one assistance to help identify strengths, goals and challenges;
- Individual support to achieve goals;
- Individual support and guidance to help overcome obstacles;
- Other services aimed at better equipping young people to successfully make the transition through school and from school to further education, training or employment

Youth Pathways is a “free” service that works with each young person on an individual basis. Visits are at school during term and at local centres during the holidays, or can be negotiated with young people who are not at present attending school.

A Youth Pathways Advisor has been allocated to each school in Southern Tasmania. The person who is working at your school is Janine.

To have a chat to someone about Youth Pathways, contact the Youth Pathways office at Colony 47 or speak to the Year Co-ordinator who can arrange an appointment for you with Janine.

The Youth Pathways team is keen to talk to young people, parents, teachers and youth service providers to explain the programme.

Youth Pathways
Level 3, 181 Collins St, Hobart
Ph: 6234 1331
Fax: 6234 1788
Email: yp@colony47.com.au
EVER HEARD OF TRIATHLON? ARE YOU INTERESTED IN TRIATHLON?
COME ALONG TO OUR MEETING AND FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION....

The Triathlon Tasmania Junior Development Program is seeking secondary school aged students (Grades 7 - 12) who are interested in participating in our sport.

Triathlon is comprised of three disciplines: swimming, cycling and running.

If you would like to find out more information about the sport, training sessions (delivered by specialist coaches), talent squads and training camps, etc please feel free to attend a meeting -

HOBART
Sunday 15th July 2006, 2:00pm
at
MacKillop College (Currajong St Mornington)
Hyper-media Centre

Please arrive on time. It is free and you are not required to bring anything along to the meeting.

If you have any queries please feel free to contact us.

Thank you

Wayne & Chelsea Gale
Triathlon Tasmanian - Junior Program Managers
phone: 64283736
mobile: 0437 700 376 or 0438 024 315
email: wayne.gale@ausport.gov.au or c.gale09@bigpond.net.au

Is your child aged between 5 and 18 years and still having a problem with bedwetting?
If yes, contact the Family, Child and Youth Health Service to hear about their WETAWAY PROGRAM
You don't need a referral.

Family, Child and Youth Health Service
Inga, St John's Park, New Town
☎ 6230 7899

UNIVERSITY OF TASMANIA
UNI INFO DAY

Sunday 13th August, 11.00am - 3.00pm

The Uni Info Day is specially designed to cater for future students and their families. It provides specific course information about undergraduate and postgraduate programs at UTAS. General course information sessions will be held throughout the day and visitors will have the opportunity to take guided tours of teaching facilities and accommodation options.
Additional information is available via the website www.utas.edu.au.