From the Principal

Grade 10 Exams
This week all Grade 10 students sat exams in all basic subjects and in Music. The exams provided practice at preparing for exams as well as the experience of working in exam conditions similar to those they will be likely to encounter in future years. It also enabled students to improve their results by demonstrating what they have learnt throughout this year.

It was both pleasing and encouraging to see the positive and sensible approach adopted by most students to the exam process.

The final week for Grade 10s
Next week will be a busy but exciting one for our Grade 10 students. On Monday staff from Rosny College will visit to counsel students in their subject choices for 2007 and Leavers’ Clearance forms will have to be signed. On Wednesday the lunch and photograph will take place, along with the excitement and beautification for the Grade 10 Formal Dinner later in the evening. On Thursday Grade 10s will be at Clifton Beach for their picnic and on Friday, from 11.00am to 12.00pm they will have their final Assembly at Rose Bay High School.

Our thanks go to Mr Thorpe, Mrs Tozer and the Grade 10 Class Teachers for the hard work and planning that they have put in to making the last week one that will be memorable for all. Special thanks to Mrs Kingshott, Miss Ryan and the Leavers’ Dinner Committee for their organisation of this important event at the Mercure Hotel, and to Miss McKay for organising the Leavers’ T-shirts.

On behalf of the school community, I urge the Grade 10s to adopt a sensible approach to their final week and wish them all the very best in their future endeavours. To those who have made a significant contribution during their four years at Rose Bay (and there are many), I thank you and I am confident that in the coming years you will continue to build on the knowledge and skills that you have acquired at Rose Bay.

We look forward to seeing those students who are receiving Achievement Afternoon awards on Thursday 14th December, and look forward to hearing of your successes in the future. Good luck and have a happy and safe Christmas.

Inter-High Athletics
On Monday 20th November our Athletics team will participate in the Inter-High B Division Carnival. We are sending the biggest team for a long while and wish them luck and success. I have no doubt that they will represent the school with the same enthusiasm, pride and skill that last year’s team demonstrated. Our thanks to Mr Ruddock and Mrs Kay for their work in organising and preparing the team.

ruMAD Youth Ambassadors Conference
Last week ten Grade 10 students represented the school at the ruMAD Youth Ambassadors Conference at Parliament House. The students went on a tour of
Parliament House and then participated in workshops on sustainability, youth mental health and poverty in the morning. After lunch they set up stalls that demonstrated their MAD (Making a Difference) projects. They were able to see the projects that had been undertaken in other schools and could ask the students about their work.

Martin Gray, Victoria May, John Plaister and Sam Denning showcased their work to help save the Tasmanian Devil, Nicki Burns displayed her work - 'I guess that's why they call it the blues' - on youth anxiety and depression and Megan Hughes, Ruth Barnett, Tess Joiner-Stewart, Kate Southorn and Brianna Denning shared their outstanding efforts to Make Poverty History through their support of the Oaktree Foundation.

The students were all excellent ambassadors for the school and will no doubt be as impressive as MAD Ambassadors. I think the Mayor of Hobart, Rob Valentine, was a bit worried at one stage that Brianna might be after his job!! Maybe in a few years, Brianna?

Congratulations to all of the Ambassadors on their work and their contribution to an excellent day. Thanks to Mrs Newstead and Miss Kate Wilson for supporting the students.

The Rose Bay Oaktree Foundation MAD project also featured in The Examiner newspaper’s 'Taking a Stand' (Newspaper in Education) on November 7th.

CrimeStoppers Youth Challenge
Last Tuesday, Mr Mannering, Mrs Glass and I attended the CrimeStoppers Youth Challenge award presentations at Wrest Point. This year Rose Bay had two entries - 8D in the lower secondary section and a group from 10A (with a couple of ring-ins from 10F) in the upper secondary section.

The quality of the entries from the 26 schools that participated was excellent and the creativity and inquiry skills of our own students were recognised with both groups receiving Silver Awards for their entries.

The students were required to investigate aspects of Cyber-crime and undertook the work in their SOSE classes.

Steffi Koppelmann, Prue Webster and Reyne Boxhall shared their experiences and recommendations with a packed audience which included Federal and Government Ministers. Their speech was very well received and a number of people later commented on the quality of their presentation and what outstanding ambassadors the girls were for Rose Bay High School. Well done, girls, and congratulations to both CrimeStopper groups and Mrs Glass for their excellent achievement.
Remembrance Day Service
On Saturday 11th November, Prue Webster, Steffi Koppelmann, Isobel Cusick and Jack Webster represented the school community at the Clarence and Lindisfarne RSL Combined Commemoration Service. The students placed a wreath at ANZAC Park in Lindisfarne.

Requests by parents
Parents who do not want to receive an A – E Report Card for their child or children at the end of the year must request this in writing to the Secretary of the Department of Education by December 1st, 2006. Parents who have already requested this in 2005 or earlier in 2006 do not need to send another request.

Primary School visits
Over the past few weeks Mrs Cameron and Mr Stops have been visiting our feeder Primary Schools to talk to the Grade 6s who are coming to Rose Bay next year and to prepare them for the Orientation Day on Wednesday 29th November. In addition, the Warrane Primary School Grade 6s have been visiting Rose Bay to participate in practical activities in MDT with Mr Hadrill, in HPE with Mrs Kay and in Art with Ms Miller.

We look forward to meeting all of the 175 Grade 6s who are joining us and thank all the teachers who have been involved in the liaison programs, especially Mrs Cameron for coordinating and organising the orientation program.

Staffing
Welcome to Mr Darren Sangwell who joined the staff to replace Gail Friswell in the Drama/Dance area for the remainder of the year. We wish Darren well and have no doubt that his skills and talents will be well accepted by his classes.

Greg Sawyer
Co-Principal

CONGRATULATIONS:
Maddie Seyfried (9B) who recently competed in the State All Schools Athletics Championships. Maddie was the only Rose Bay student to compete, and won a gold medal in the Under 16 100 metres and a silver medal in the 200 metres. Maddie also came 4th in the 400 metres and Shot Putt. Well done, Maddie.

KICKBOXING - Kicking Success
Staff and students are having fun kicking into the weekend by sweating, grunting, kicking and punching under the instruction of Anna Xepapas. The sessions are challenging and we are learning heaps of new kicks and punches each week as well as getting stronger and fitter.

UNIFORM SHOP

Opening Hours
Wednesday and Friday, 8.15am – 9.30am
On Wednesday, 29th November, the Uniform Shop will be open from 8.15am until 12.00 noon.

Grade 10 Leavers’
The Uniform Shop is in need of pre-used items. Consignment forms can be collected from either the Uniform Shop or the School Office.

Stock Shortages
We are very low on summer dresses, winter skirts and rugby jumpers. These items are all on order.
Unfortunately rugby jumpers will not be available until February 2007. Check for the size and if it is not in stock please leave your name with Uniform Shop staff. Dresses will be arriving in small quantities every two weeks. Once again check for your size and place an order if your size is not in stock.

All other items are in stock.

Volunteers
As it is coming to the end of another year some volunteers will be leaving. If you can spare an hour a month to help out please contact me by leaving a message at the office or phoning 0414 841 189

Jane Menzies
Shop Co-ordinator

STUDENT ASSISTANCE SCHEME (STAS)

This week the Education Department’s Financial Assistance Unit will begin forwarding letters regarding STAS 2007 to those who have received STAS in 2006. If current 2006 recipients of STAS have not received a letter from the Department by mid November contact should be made directly to the Financial Assistance Unit on free call 1800 005 636.

If you did not apply for STAS in 2006, but wish to apply in 2007, (refer to table below) you will need to complete a STAS application form and provide documentation giving proof of the family’s combined taxable income in 2005/06. Application forms are available from the school office, Service Tasmania and Centrelink offices.

YOUTH MUSIC TASMANIA INC.

MIDSUMMER MUSIC MADNESS
15-19th January 2007 Port Sorell

5 day music camp (tutorials, electives, bands)
fully residential or day attendance

Players of woodwind, brass, drumkit/tuned percussion
advanced keyboard & guitarists
For Junior, Senior & young Adult musicians

Professional music tutors led by Mr. Carl Bulow
A limited number of scholarships are available

Finale Concert at Latrobe Performing Arts Centre
Friday 19th January 7.30pm

For further information or application forms contact 6424 1117 (day times) or 6437 1162 (evenings)
email: youthmusictasmania@gmail.com

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