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From the Principal

Athletics Carnival

I would like to thank all those parents, guardians and other family members who made time to come along and support the students who took part in our annual athletics carnival. The two days of events were a great success. Many new staff to Rose Bay were extremely impressed by the excellent participation rate of our students.

The two days, despite a few hiccups beyond our control, ran smoothly with some outstanding personal efforts from students. At this stage the final points are being finalised and will be announced to the school late today or tomorrow.

From this event we will select our team to represent us in the Inter High to be held in late November.

I would personally like to thank Mr Ruddock for his organisation of the carnival, all of our staff for their work over both days and all our participating students, who did such a great job.

Titration Competition

Rose Bay provided 10 teams for the state Titration Competition run by the Chemistry Institute of Tasmania. Under Mr Armstrong’s tutelage, two teams from Rose Bay qualified for the national finals to be held on 1 November at the University of Tasmania.

Students to represent Rose Bay are:

**Team 1:** Chris Allie, Martin Gray and Ebony Fahey

**Team 2:** Thaleia Nizamis, Guinevere Quelch and Niyama Kay

Solar Powered Vehicle Competition.

It is also very pleasing to report that Rose Bay achieved first and fourth place in the State Solar Car competition conducted on 15 October. We also took out second and third place, as well as best new entry, in the solar boat competition.

Consequently, Rose Bay has been invited to send a representative team to the national finals to be held in Sydney in early December.

Students to represent the school are:

Tom Herbert, Pat Johnson, Blair Carter, Matthew Todd, Tim Nissink, James Bills and Dane Plaister

Congratulations again to Mr Armstrong for his assistance provided to our teams and for the many, many hours of personal time he gives to our students.
Moderation Day

This Friday, October 27 is the final moderation day across the state for this year. As all staff will be involved in school based meetings to discuss standards and assessment practices across the school, students are not required to attend. If this arrangement provides any insurmountable supervision issues for you, please don’t hesitate to contact the school.

Stephen Mannering

The Wilderness Project

Last week Jessica Oakford, Lee Spencer, Lizzy Woodorth, Adam Latham, Alecia Blanch, Matt Eaton, Caitlyn Drury, Cam Maunder and Ms Friswell went on a camp with the Wilderness Project (ex Project Hahn) to Cape Pillar. The camp fosters goal setting, team work and applying what you learn on the camp to what you get from life. It was great fun – we were lulled into a false sense of security with fun kayaking on Monday. On Thursday the kayaks were a distant memory as we tackled Mt Fortescue with 18 - 20 kg back packs in the blazing sun. The cliff top views were worth it though.

Congratulations to –

Oliver Reading (8A), who played a lost boy in the recent season of Peter Pan, at the Playhouse Theatre. Oliver will also be performing at the Playhouse in this year’s Christmas Pantomime, Puss in Boots. Break a leg, Oliver!

Martin Allison (7B) and Jake Jenkins (7D) who have made it through to the final 30 players for the Southern Swans junior football squad. They join Mrs Edmonds’ son, Ben, in the squad. Well done, boys!

Sam McIntyre (7B) who was a member of an Under 13 soccer team who last week competed in Newcastle against other coastal regional teams.

STUDENT ASSISTANCE SCHEME (STAS)

The Student Assistance Scheme (STAS) provides assistance for low income families towards the cost of school levies and is available for full-time students attending a Tasmanian government school or registered non-government school. Eligibility is determined by an income test which all applicants must satisfy. Independent students are required to meet the income test and also provide proof of independent status.

If you are applying for STAS for the first time:

You will need to complete a STAS Application Form and provide documentation giving proof of the family’s combined taxable income.

Application forms for 2007 are available from the school office, Service Tasmania and Centrelink
offices. Regardless of how many children you have, you only need to fill in one form. When you have completed the form you can lodge it at a school that is attended by any one of your children.

To make sure that your application is processed and approved before school book sales day you should lodge your completed form at the school office by no later than Friday, 3 November, 2006.

If you have any general enquiries about applying for STAS for 2007, or if you need assistance completing the application form, please contact staff in the school office.

**If you applied for STAS in 2006:**

If you applied for STAS for 2006 and you intend to apply again for 2007, there is a new process which means you won’t have to complete a new STAS Application Form.

Instead, you should expect to receive a letter from the Department of Education that will ask you to complete a declaration confirming information about your children and confirming that you still meet the Taxable Income Means Test for the STAS 2007 Scheme. You will need to complete and sign the declaration and return it promptly to the Department of Education - to make it easy you will receive a Reply Paid Envelope.

You should expect to receive the letter before the end of November. If you have not received a letter by then please contact the school.

### WORK EXPERIENCE

Following are excerpts from reports completed by some of our 10D students following their week on Work Experience.

I think that work experience is a good idea for grade 10 students to learn about the work place that they will be entering in the next few years. It gives them a good idea of the future so they can plan the subjects they will need to do in order to get the job they want. It also gives them the idea of the job they want and the job that they don’t want. If they decide to do a job that they know nothing about they may end up not wanting the job after the first few days or weeks.

I chose to go to the Eastern Shore Vet. Hospital in Rosny Park. I went there because in the future I want to be a Vet and to help animals that are sick and can’t get by without any help from people. I also want to do that because of the rewards you get when you see the animal recover and return to their owner. I also want to be a Vet because of my love for animals. On work experience you gain a lot of respect for the job itself and for the people that do that job day in, day out.

**Mel Joseph**

I ended up down at United Service Station as a mechanic and I really enjoyed it. I thought I would have been cleaning the floors and doing little things. When I got there on the Wednesday Mick showed me what to do on the first car which was a service. Then on the second car he left me to do the service. That is, you check oil, water, power steering fluid, battery and radiator. Then I put it on the hoist and changed the oil filter and drained the sump, then put it back down and refilled with oil and engine flush.

**Allana Smith**

I think that work experience was a good learning experience for year 10s because it gives them a good feeling about work and shows them what a work place is like.

I went to the Pines Tavern and resort. You work with the public so you have to show respect to everybody and keep the customers happy all the time so you get more people coming in and make more money. So respect is very important I think.

**Brodie Radcliffe**

The Technology/MDT Department is in desperate need of any unused coloured bathroom or kitchen tiles that students can break up to create mosaic designs on craft wood in our Creative Enterprise & Design classes. Please telephone Stuart Hadrill (Head of Department) on 62438511 if you able to make a donation of old tiles.
I think work experience is good because it gives you the chance to see what it is like to be in the workplace and it gives you the chance to get a taste of what you might want to do in the future. I got a lot out of it. There were many things I didn’t like but plenty of things I liked so that made it more worthwhile.

A good thing was that I worked with a person that I knew but also two other people I didn’t know but they made me feel welcome. They didn’t treat me like a work experience student, they treated me like an apprentice which made it by far a lot easier. I found out that being an electrician can be a real challenge because there are so many things that can go wrong so easily. A fair bit of it was common sense but there is fiddly stuff, like wiring up a power box.

Jeremy Howe

I think work experience is good for students because you get to learn and understand how to work in a big company and to get a feel of how it works.

I went to the Mornington Inn for chef work. I learned how to manage time, how to present everything well, how to cut things to suit the meal, how to cook the steaks to the right detail like medium rare and well done.

There weren’t any bad things I didn’t like. There were so many laughs, but no tears - it was a great experience.

Damien Sheppard

Deaf Centre News

National Week of Deaf People

October 14 -20 was National Week of Deaf People, which is run by AAD (Australian Association for the Deaf). That week was an opportunity for deaf people to
1. value and celebrate their community, unique sign language, culture and history
2. make the public aware of their local, state and national communities and
3. recognise their achievements

There was also an award ceremony where they presented prizes to people in the deaf community including Deaf Australian of the Year, Deaf Australian Youth of the Year, Fair Go Award and Dorothy Shaw Young Writer’s Competition Award. In 2005, this last prize was won by one of our deaf students in the north of the state.

At ROSE BAY HIGH SCHOOL, to celebrate National Week of Deaf People, the following things happened.

- All deaf students, their parents and siblings and CODA’s (Children Of Deaf Adults) to attend an afternoon tea at Tasdeaf with members of the Deaf Community on Monday Oct 16, 2.00 to 3.30pm.
- A special display was placed in the corridor near the deaf centre
- The Rose Bay Bay High School signing choir performed Advance Australia Fair at the athletic carnival on Thursday Oct 19

Parents were invited to come into the school and have a look at the display if they had the opportunity during that week.

NABS Visit

On Thursday October 12, Peter Davies from Sydney, an employee of AAD, flew in to visit the senior deaf students on behalf of NABS (National Auslan Booking Service). He talked to deaf students from Rose Bay High School and Rosny College about the new system for booking interpreters for appointments. He also discussed their rights in terms of access and the responsibilities of service providers in the community to organise for an interpreting service if needed.

Drama

One of Rose Bay High School’s ex students, Amy Blake performed in the Rosny College performance “Brother Jero” from October 23 -25 at the Rosny Auditorium. The Tuesday night performance was interpreted for the older students and members of the deaf community and the students were assessed by examiners on Wednesday night.

School Visit

Jarran Harris, one of our deaf students in grade 9, recently visited Princes St Primary School to help run a session there for a class with a student who has recently become profoundly deaf. He assisted the teacher of the deaf with teaching some signs and showing the students how he is able to communicate and operate in a hearing world. The class found this to be a very successful session.
**School Canteen**

We are in the process of reviewing our school canteen we hope to form a small committee and are keen to have a parent/carer representative. If you are interested or would like to contribute please contact Pieta McKay (HPE teacher) on 62438511.

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**STUDENT BUS PASSES**

Is yours about to expire?

- Check your bus pass!
- What is the expiry year? (the coloured numbers in the background)
- If it is 2006 and you need a pass next year you will need to apply online at [www.transport.tas.gov.au](http://www.transport.tas.gov.au) or obtain an application at any Service Tasmania shop.
- If it is 2007, 2008 or 2009 keep your bus pass. Simply hold on to your card and use it until it expires.

For further information please call 6233 5201, email passenger.transport@dier.tas.gov.au or visit [www.transport.tas.gov.au](http://www.transport.tas.gov.au)

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**GO CARD BUS TRIAL**

The Department of Infrastructure, Energy and Resources (DIER) is running a bus card trial between Sorell and Hobart to help improve transport services in the area.

The trial, which will be run on *Smith's Surf to City* coaches, has been designed to give you, the passenger, access to the latest technology making bus travel easier and more efficient.

From October to December (School Term 3 2006) students, pensioners and concession card holders will have a chance to win one of two return trips to Melbourne or one of two iPod Photos – not bad just for catching a bus!

To enter, fill out an entry form from the bus driver or the DIER representative on the bus.

For more information call the Go Card enquiry line ☎ 6216 4372 or email gocard@dier.tas.gov.au

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**FOR SALE**

Two (2) black dinner suits, sizes 92 S and 38 R. Ideal for Leavers' Dinner.

$50 each

Contact Tracey Cameron ☎ 6243 8511

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**Student exchange**

AUSTRALIA

**BRING HOME A BROTHER OR SISTER**

In February 2007 students aged 15 – 18 years from over 15 countries will be arriving in Australia to study at local schools for 5 or 11 months. Opportunities exist to act as a host family in a volunteer/unpaid capacity. Hosting can be on a temporary, short or long term basis.

Host families help provide our students with the chance to study and experience life in Australia. This is a great way to learn about another country and culture, establish a lifelong link to a family in another country and contribute to international goodwill. If you family can offer a friendly, supportive and caring home environment, contact us today.

To learn more about this opportunity call Student Exchange Australia on 1300 135 331 or visit our website: [www.studentexchange.org.au](http://www.studentexchange.org.au)