From the Principal

We welcome to school for this term, Miss Bridget Leary who is replacing Ms Cassie Boxall who is on maternity leave, Mrs Michelle Oates who replaces Mrs Di Cole who is on Long Service Leave and Ms Pieta McKay who replaces her husband Dale who is taking a turn looking after the children and I believe painting the house during his Long Service Leave.

Term 3 is very much the business end of the year and as I write, the great majority of Grade 10 students are on work experience thanks to the excellent efforts of Mr Primrose as Work Experience coordinator. Thanks also to all those parents and guardians who were able assist us in placing students with businesses and work places around the city.

This week 53 Grade 9’s also went to camp at Conningham, training to be selected as Peer Support Leaders to work with our new Grade 7’s in 2007. The camp was a great success.

This term is also the culmination of the academic program at school. Grade 10’s will complete examinations in English, Maths, SOSE and Science in November from the 13th until 17th. Teachers of other subjects will also require students to participate in a range of other assessment tasks throughout the term.

It will be important for all students to actively engage in all assessment tasks over the next two months and to ensure that they complete any additional tasks set as homework. Teachers will commence the process of finalising student assessments in mid November and reports for Grades 7-9 will be sent home on the final day for students, Wednesday December 20.

Grade 10 students will receive their results on December 15.

School Grounds

During the holiday break the school was fitted with new smoke doors to meet new building standards. The school terraces were also improved through the pouring of new slabs to replace those that have been cracked and uneven for many years.

I am also pleased to report that all the required building approvals have been met to begin the construction of a 10m x 6M shade area to be erected near the netball courts. Whilst we weren’t able to afford to build the proposed timber structure, the new steel shelter will be a great asset during the approaching warmer months.

Stephen Mannering

Congratulations to –

Lyarna Graham (8E) who has been selected in the Fisher and Paykel State Youth Development Squad for swimming. Lyarna recently travelled to Ballarat to
participate in a training camp with swimmers from other Australian States. Well done Lyarna!

**Ryan Devine (10A)** who has been in Sydney this week representing the State at the national Under 16 Rugby championships. Ryan is the vice-Captain of the Tasmanian team. Well done, Ryan, and we hope you played well.

**Kodee Voss (10F)** who recently competed in the State Gymnastics Championships. Competing at Level 3, Kodee was placed 1st Parallel Bars, 1st High Bars, 2nd Floor Routine, which resulted in Kodee finishing in 2nd place overall. Kodee's team finished in 3rd position.

**Sam Harvey** and **Ryan Penney** recently competed in the Australian Under 14 Boys Basketball Championships. Both boys played extremely well, with Sam scoring 3 three-pointers in the game against last year's champions. Sam and Ryan enjoyed the experience of playing two games per day against much taller and stronger opposition.

**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.

**2006 Rose Bay High House Athletics Carnival** is looming.

It will be held at the Domain Athletics Centre on Thursday 19th and Friday 20th of October. All students are expected to participate in either 2 events each day or to help out as officials. Parents are welcome to attend and are parents who would like to help as officials will be warmly welcomed. Students are encouraged to come dressed in their house colours and to participate to the best of their abilities.

The theme this year is have a go, and support each other.

Students should come to school for attendance purposes, but may be picked up after the carnival from the domain.
Crime Stoppers: Cybercrime

Each grade has entered at least one team in the 2006 Crimestoppers Youth Challenge. This year's topic is Cybercrime.

What is Cybercrime?

Cybercrime is crime involving the use of computers or networks. Viruses, hacking, stalking, mailware, phisking, credit card fraud, identity fraud, CD/DVD piracy, bullying and harassment are all forms of cybercrime.

The Crimestoppers Youth Challenge aims at promoting awareness about and preventing crimes that occur within the community. If you are aware of any crimes taking place please ring Crimestoppers on 1800 005 555 (Toll Free). You may be eligible for a reward up to $2000.

Apex Teen Fashion Awards

Last Sunday Jane Dakowah, Josie Bray, and Lucy Wilkins travelled up to Launceston for the State final of the Apex Teen Fashion Awards. They were helped by professionals with their modelling, hairdressing and makeup, to prepare them for the catwalk.

Jane entered in the eveningwear section and she looked stunning in the dress that she’d made.

There was another section called Fantasy and this allowed students to create any unusual or fancy dress style outfit.

Josie was in this section and she created an outfit that was a devil/angel which was really striking with huge red wings with black swirls on them.

Lucy’s outfit was based on a 1950’s film called The Attack of the 50 Foot Woman. The dress was 1950’s style, and showed a city’s destruction on the handpainted skirt.

The competition was incredibly tough and Lucy did brilliantly well to get second place. Part of her prize includes the travel to go to the Australian final in Melbourne on October 29th.

Congratulations to all three girls for their phenomenal work and for their fantastic performance on Sunday. Well done.
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.

Student exchange
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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.

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