From the Principal

In our final newsletter for the term I would like to make reference to the wide range of learning opportunities and activities in which teachers and students have engaged in during a very busy Term 2.

The scope of these activities is testament to the willingness of our students to get involved in school life and to the efforts of staff to provide an interesting and engaging school experience.

Some of the events and activities of Term 2 have included:

- Mid Year Reports
- UTAS Chemistry Lecture
- Titration Competition
- Cheryl Paten Lecture – Young Engineer of the Year
- Jesse Headlam Presentation
- Oaktree Fundraising
- Tasmanian Devils Facial Tumour Research Fundraising
- Jeans for Genes Day
- Air powered rockets and cars in Science
- Novelty Cakes in Foods
- Hot air balloons in MDT
- Animation projects in Design Graphics
- Installation of the Library Security System
- PISA Testing
- Literacy and Numeracy Testing in Grades 7 and 9
- School Production – Gumshoe
- Band Tour
- The Mercury Page
- Hobart and Devonport Eisteddfods
- HMAS Sydney Visit
- Whirlpool Challenge

School and Inter-High Cross Country
Science Excursions
Winter Sports Roster
Talent Show

All of these, plus the usual teaching and learning program have been delivered in the last 12 school weeks!

Mercury Page

I would like to congratulate Mrs Tozer and her students from the Creative Writing Class for their efforts in preparing the school's Mercury Page published in today's Mercury. I would also like to thank all those members of the school community who supported us by purchasing advertising space on our page. Your support of the school in our educational endeavours is greatly appreciated.

Devonport Eisteddfod

I am very pleased to congratulate both the School Stage Band and Concert Band for their outstanding efforts in winning their sections at the Devonport Eisteddfod during the annual Band Tour. This comes on top of the Concert Band's recent win in the Hobart Eisteddfod just a few weeks ago.

Staff on Leave

During Term 3 a number of staff will be on leave.

Mr McKay will take LSL whilst Mrs McKay returns to work from maternity leave. We wish Mr McKay all the best as he takes on the role of 'house husband' and cares for their three boys in Term 3.

Mrs Cole will be on LSL during Term 3. We wish her a well earned break and safe travelling. She will be replaced by Ms Michelle Oates.

We also wish Ms Boxall all the best as she takes maternity leave. We look forward to the impending birth of her second child.

This week we also farewelled Mr Todd Page. Todd has worked as a Teacher Aide here at Rose Bay for 5 years. Mr Page has provided invaluable support to a number of students and will be greatly missed here at school. He leaves us to return to his position in the Royal Australian Navy. Thanks Todd!
We also wish Miss Smith all the best for her wedding in the September holidays.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the excellent efforts of our three University of Tasmania education faculty interns; Adrian Dorrington (Humanities), Matthew Rosevear (MDT) and Terry Pinfold (Science). We wish them all the best for the future.

Term 3

All parents and guardians are reminded that school recommences on Tuesday, September 26. Staff will participate in moderation meetings on Monday, September 25.

Planning for 2007

Planning for the 2007 school year has commenced. Grade 8 and 9 students have been provided with course information to enable them to choose their Optional Subjects for next year. This will enable work to begin on the preparation of next year’s timetable and staffing processes.

Enrolments for Grade 7 are currently being processed, with demand for places exceeding the number available, despite the addition of another class for next year. Grade 10 for next year is virtually at capacity and there is only limited space in Grades 8 and 9.

In this context, it would be greatly appreciated if parents could advise us if their child or children will be leaving Rose Bay at the end of this year. This will enable us to give appropriate advice to any parents seeking an enrolment for 2007.

Important Dates - Term 3

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Stephen Mannering
Principal

Congratulations to –

Luke Faulkner (9F) on winning the Glenorchy Football Club Under 14 Coach’s Award.

Good Luck to –

Lyarna Graham (8E) who is participating in nine events in the State Swimming Championships this weekend.

Rose Bay’s 2006 Green Ambassador

The School is very proud to announce that Reyne Boxall (10A) has recently been selected by The Commonwealth Bank and Conservation Volunteers Australia as one of 20 National Commonwealth Bank Green Ambassadors for 2006, and one of only two young Tasmanians selected.

The program recognises, rewards and supports young people between the ages of 16 and 23 who actively assist or protect their local environment.

Reyne has been actively involved in environment conservation and preservation projects in her school Science program and is the driving force behind projects undertaken by the SRC Environment Committee. Most recently, Reyne and her committee have been working with a number of community...
organisations to examine the possibility of beautifying the environment surrounding the sports centre across the highway from the school by planting and maintaining native flora.

The program is in its second year and organisers received over 90 applications all of which, they said, where of a high quality.

Reyne will receive a Commonwealth Bank Green Ambassadors pack which includes a digital camera, a polo shirt and the opportunity to partake in a volunteer conservation experience, as well as a Certificate 1 in Active Volunteering. This will be presented to Reyne in Term 3.

Congratulations, Reyne, and thank you for the passion that you have shown for the conservation, preservation and protection of the local environment. Keep up your invaluable work, this year and beyond.

Grade 7 Rocket Challenge Results

Last week the Grade 7 Rocket 'shoot off' was held on the oval with some outstanding results in spite of the windy weather.

The time and effort taken to design and fine tune the rockets was evident and our thanks go to Mr Armstrong and the Grade 7 Science staff for providing the opportunity and for their aeronautical expertise.

Congratulations to all rocketeers and to the following top 10 place-getters:

1st Felix Nolan & Alex Quinn (7E) 193.4 metres
2nd Amy Taylor & Louisa Daly Whittington (7A) 180.5m
3rd Eddie Millar, Shane Howard & Rhys Byard (7F) 168.5 metres
4th Pat Brown & Jady Higham (7E) 165.4 metres
5th Tom Butler & Jeff Turner (7F) 161.4 metres
6th Jonno Ainslie & Sam Cronk (7A) 160.8 metres
7th Kylie Connelly & Skye Dennison (7D) 156.5 metres
8th Josh Housten & Kevin Heteby (7B) 147.2 metres
9th Zac Hardaker & Sam Cowie (7B) 144.6 metres
10th Jordan Headlam & Alex Stainer (7E) 138.9 metres

PEER SUPPORT

At the beginning of Term 3, Grade 9’s will be attending a 3 day Peer Support training camp at Mission Afloat.

The program involves training Year 9 students as Peer Leaders who will then work with a small group of Year 7 students next year. Each group works through a set of structured sessions for 8 weeks.

The Peer Support Program teaches students a range of skills to deal positively and proactively with life experiences, develop a sense of self worth and belonging and encourages taking responsibility for decisions and actions. Students in Year 7 are allocated into groups of 8 - 10 and work through a series of activities covering a range of skills and concepts. These are led by two Year 10 Peer Leaders.

Sue Newstead

UNIFORM SHOP

Opening Hours for Term 3 will be
Wednesdays, 8.15am - 9.30am
Fridays (after Show Week only) 8.15am - 9.30am

We are out of stock of a few items:

Rugby Tops, sizes 10, 14, 18, 20
Woollen jumpers, size 14
Winter skirts, sizes 10 and 12

Some other stock levels are getting very low. Orders are being placed for all stock ready for next year. This is because it is a busy time for suppliers and we can expect that there may be some lengthy delays before delivery.

Pre-Used Clothing: With Term 3 approaching now is the time to get those unwanted pieces of school clothing in to the Uniform Shop to sell as pre-used. November and February are the best selling times for pre-used clothing - don't miss your chance of them being sold quickly. Pre-Used forms can be collected from the office or Uniform Shop.

Price Lists: As there has not been a price increase in the Uniform Shop for approximately two years there may be some items increasing in price in 2007. This will be kept to a minimal amount as far as we can. New price lists will be issued in November.

Jane Menzies
Uniform Shop Co-ordinator (0414 841 189)
CO-PILOTS 2006

Rose Bay Co-Pilots have begun their 10 week program. On Friday 11th August our students were teamed up with their mentors and enjoyed a pizza lunch and a fun time playing Putt Putt at Barilla. The students are now meeting with their mentors every week and are engrossed in many activities.

Students in the program are Sascha Wojcicki, Claire Wallace, Emma Bygraves, Ezekiel Mateso, Stacey Crossingham, Nicola Holliday, Cameron Maunder and Adam Latham.

Watch this space for more up-dates as the program develops.

Enjoying pizza and Putt Putt at the start of the Co Pilots Program.

WHY DO WE TEACH JAPANESE AT ROSE BAY HIGH SCHOOL?

The question is often asked "Why are we learning Japanese?" This is part of a bigger question "Why learn a language other than English?"

The following is an article by Kate Sproule (7E) that explains some of the answers to these questions.

Learning another country's language and culture helps you to understand the differences in countries all across the world.

English is probably the hardest language to learn. It may only have 26 letters but they can all make a number of different sounds. I think we are lucky to have learned English as our first language otherwise it is hard to learn unless you are born into it.

Learning a language other than English (LOTE) makes it easier to communicate with people if you ever want to travel to countries where English isn't the first language, or want to get a job in another country, or where you speak to people from other countries. You would also feel more secure when travelling to a non English speaking country if you were lost and needed help to find where you were going.

English may seem like the most commonly spoken language in the world but Chinese is spoken by the most number of people. If we were told that we could only speak Chinese, how would you feel? All of our words like Barbie, G'day and snag would be lost because they are common only to Australia. So would it be fair to make everyone speak Chinese? No, so we can't ask everyone to speak English either.

Learning Japanese as a LOTE has made me more aware of the differences in other countries cultures. It's also made me realise how hard it is to learn another language; it's really not that easy!

I think it's good we are learning Japanese because Japan and other countries of Asia are Australia's neighbouring countries so I think it's important that we understand each other so we can communicate a little more.

Kate Sproule (7E)

BOOK WEEK

At the previous assembly several presentations were made to staff and students with winning entries in the RBHS Library's Book Week competitions.

Congratulations go to Ms Lane (winner) and Ms Tozer (runner-up) in the staff competition "Guess the winners of the Children's Book Council of Australia shortlisted Book of the Year Awards".

Congratulations are also extended to Andrew Wall and Tim Donnelly in Grade 7 and Peter Tongue and Oliver Reading in Grade 8 who won an assortment of prizes, many of which were donated by the Sandy Bay Newsagency and the Hobart Bookshop.

A special award for their "Design a Book Cover" entry was made to Jordan Watson (7A).

Thank you to all the staff who supported the competitions by either taking part or encouraging their classes to get involved.

Ailsa Hill (Teacher-Librarian)
LIBRARY SECURITY SYSTEM
A security system was recently installed in the library. This has been made possible through the generous donation of a secondhand security system from Elizabeth College and the contributions of Rose Bay High School towards the entry gate, book security tags, new LCD screen and other ancillary equipment.

The security system will make the Library a more efficient and user friendly environment. Staff and students can now be confident that they will find what they are looking for and instead of money being spent on replacing books, new resources can be purchased to expand the size and range of the collection.

Over the past couple of months we have had the assistance of three parents who have helped bug well over 10,000 books. To thank Christine Quelch, Robyn Webster and Shirley Tongue for their efforts, the school funded a special luncheon at the Botanical Gardens for those parent helpers and library staff.

Our thanks also go to TOPS Business Systems, Sandy Bay, for their advice and assistance in the lead up to and in the installation of the security system.

Girls Southern Schools Basketball Championships

Rose Bay’s Grade 7/8 Girls Basketball team competed in the Southern Schools Basketball Championships at Kingston over the Fathers Day weekend. The championship was a Round Robin draw between Geeveston, Kingston and Rose Bay. The girls first game was a very narrow victory against Geeveston and a true nail biter. After being several points down for the majority of the game, the girls clawed their way back in the final quarter. Then, with only a few seconds left on the clock and scores level, Amy Taylor was awarded two free throws. Amy’s first shot missed, but she nailed her second shot to seal the game for her team. It was a fantastic team performance.

Rose Bay then defeated Kingston to go through to the Division Grand Final against Geeveston on Sunday in first position. The girls won the Grand Final match convincingly to become the Division Two Southern School Champions.

On behalf of the school I would like to congratulate the girls both for their achievement and for their outstanding conduct throughout the tournament. It was a pleasure to coach them.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks also to Denise Taylor who assisted with the organisation of the team prior to each match and to Sharon Young for her contribution as team scorer. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Kim Kay

Parents - your comments please!

Tasmanian State School Parents & Friends is delighted to announce that our new online message board is now up and running.

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Either way you will be prompted to sign up for a Yahoo identity before you can access the group. It will take a few minutes, but it’s worth it!

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If you have any problems accessing this new feature, please give our office a call on 03 - 62349488.

We look forward to hearing from you!

TASSP&F

KICKBOXING

Kickboxing classes will be offered in Term 3 and will be taken by leading instructor, Anna Xepapas.

Classes will be held in the School Gymnasium on Fridays, 3.15 - 4.15, commencing October 20th. Cost will be $3.00 per class.
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SOUTHERN touch

A two week “AusTouch” Program will be held during the September School Holidays to introduce kids to the basics of Touch Footy. This is a great opportunity for beginning and continuing players to develop their skills in readiness for the School Touch Footy Rosters which starts early in Term 3.

When:
September Holidays
Monday 11th and 18th
Wednesday 13th and 20th
Friday 15th and 22nd

Where:
Wentworth Park Sports Fields

Time:
Primary 10 – 11am
Secondary 11 – 12 noon

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