SOME IMPORTANT DATES:

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Other important dates:
- Term 2 Commences - June 18
- Staff Professional Learning Day - Friday, July 20
- End of Term 2 - Thursday, September, 6
- Moderation Day Number 2 - September 7
- Term 3 Commences - September 24
- Show Day - October 25
- Moderation Day Number 3 - Friday, October 26
- End of Term 3 - Thursday, December 20

From The Principal

WELCOME CARNIVAL

Last Friday, Grade 7’s participated in the annual Welcome Carnival. The event was managed with great success by Peer Support leaders. Students participated in events such as; ‘chuck the chook’, wooden horse races, 3 legged races, egg and spoon and the ‘mat race’. I’m sure all the students who took part on the day had a great time.

CONCERT BAND WORKSHOP

On Tuesday and Wednesday of this week I spent a few hours playing trombone with members of the School Concert Band as they worked at the Huon Quays on the Domain, familiarising themselves with the pieces that will make up a significant part of their repertoire for this year.

The program was organised by Ms Dawes and Mr Hunt with itinerant teachers, Mr Lawler (guitar) and Miss Renee Badcock (woodwind) assisting on Wednesday.

It was particularly pleasing to see the large number of Grade 7 students who have joined the band. The Concert Band will once again travel to Melbourne in August for the School Bands Festival and a visit to Ballarat to perform in some primary schools.

A list of participating students is included in this newsletter.

7A Ashleigh McLarin; Georgia Mullen
7B Georgia Charlton; Yasmin Quelch
7D Caitlin Doherty; Patrick Yates
7E Michael Pears
7G Kathryn Gourlay; Alisha Smith
8A Jono Ainslie; Alex Barnett; Callum Johnston; Matthew O’Garey
8B Amelia Fazackerley; Zac Haraker
8C Sammy Fisher; Filipa Woods; Trent McLaughlin
8E Felix Nolan
8F Jeff Turner;
9A Steven McClarin;
9C Callum Cusick; Ben Knight
9D Rit Coomber; Samantha Gardiner
9F Lyle Norton; Rhys Koppelmann
At this early stage in the year, I believe it would be remiss of me not to mention my concern about student attendance patterns, which I am observing as the term unfolds. There is no doubt that student absences have an impact on our capacity to deliver a coherent and continuous teaching program. Since the commencement of the year (22 school days) the school data management system provides the following information:

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Given this information, it is hoped parents and guardians can do all they can to encourage their children to attend school on daily basis. We understand that children get sick and this is unavoidable, unnecessary absences however should be avoided whenever possible.

**SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**

Next Tuesday the Annual General Meeting for the School Association will be held in the General Staffroom commencing at 7.30pm. All parents and guardians are welcome to attend.

At the moment we have two vacant positions available on the Executive for the Association. Any parent who is interested in joining the Association as an elected member is asked to contact me at school.

**Stephen Manerring**
Principal

**CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

**Matt Young** (7F) and **Kyeden Grafton** (7F) on their selection in the Southern Under 14 Basketball team. Good luck in your intrastate competitions boys.

**Rhys Koppelmann** (9F) participated in the Tasmanian J24 Championships. The boat *Poop Seas*, skippered by the famous French Antarctic navigator Jean-Pierre Ravanat, came first. At the TS16 National Championships over the holidays he sailed aboard *Suzie J* and came second on handicap.

**Samantha Gardiner** (9D) on achieving National Qualifying scores for springboard diving. Sam has been selected to join the Tasmanian squad competing in the Australian Age Championships in Perth in April. Well done, Sam, and good luck.

**Lewis van Bommel** (9D) is one of 12 Junior Fire Fighters statewide to be chosen to tour Victoria from 29 March. The five day development tour includes training with Victorian Rural Fire Fighting Brigades and visiting the Melbourne Fire Brigade headquarters.

**Ben Knight** (9C) on making the Merc Hit Grand Final at Bellerive Oval last weekend. Ben came 6th out of 10 finalists.
Congratulations to the following students completed in the Carlton Beach Swim a fortnight ago.

1km Event
Callum Morris - 10th place - time 19:08:10
Niki Griggs (past student) - 14th place - time 21:08:14

2km Event
Joseph Watson - 4th place - time 30:29:00

LUNCHTIME AND AFTER SCHOOL USE OF THE ROSE BAY HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

The RBHS Library is available for students to catch up on their school work on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday lunchtimes from 12.55 to 1.15pm and also after school on Thursday and Friday from 3.00 to 4.00pm. Some Tuesdays are also available for after school use by students when there isn’t already a staff meeting or professional development planned. Students wishing to use the Library after school on a Tuesday will need to check with the Librarian, Mrs Hill, to determine the Library’s availability.

PARENT TUTORS
VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY REQUIRED

If you think you can spare an hour or two of your time to help our students who require support with literacy and numeracy with a variety of tasks, then please let us know.

If you are able to help as a Parent tutor you are welcome to come at a time that suits you and our friendly support staff will assist you and have work prepared in folders for you.

Please contact Mrs. Sue Newstead (Special Programs Co-ordinator) on 62438511 if you think you can help.

Staff and students would really appreciate your support.

Sue Newstead.

Knitting Needles Needed! (Say it twice!!)
Raid your cupboards! Look in your sheds! Check your linen press! Examine your attics! What do we want? – your dusty old knitting needles that have been sitting in the backs of your drawers for years unused. Preferably size 4.00 (metric) or size 8 (old measure). They can be dropped at the Office, the Home Ec dept or Miss Ryan. Many thanks.

Lindisfarne Junior Football Club

Training for all teams has begun at Geilston Bay High! Under 14 - Wednesdays and Fridays From 5:30pm Under 13 - Thursdays 4:00pm - 5:00pm Under 12 - Fridays 4:00pm - 5:00pm Under 11 - Thursdays and every second Tuesday 4:00pm - 5:00pm Under 10, 9, 8 - Fridays 4:00pm - 5:00pm

All players welcome. For further details ring Mark Spong 0437 078 001.
The Foreshore Art School is taking school student and adult enrolments for our new studio in Bellerive.

Areas covered are drawing and painting, sculpture, printing and pottery in small and friendly groups

If you think your child or yourself would benefit, contact Betty Nolan at the phone numbers below.

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