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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

INTER HIGH ATHLETICS

Rose Bay, for first time in a number of years competed in Division 1 of the Inter High Athletics Carnival. Mr Ruddock, Mrs Kay and Miss Mourant accompanied the team and all commented on how willing all members of the team were to participate and how their conduct at the event was exemplary. To top this off with a very creditable 4th place, was a great effort. Well done everyone!

The place winners were: Clarence High 1st, Taroona High 2nd and Kingston High 3rd.

MOBILE PHONES AND PERSONAL STEREOS

Rose Bay High has a very reasonable policy in relation student’s having their mobile phones at school. This policy enables students to bring their phone to school, to leave it in their locker for safe keeping and to access it at their locker at the beginning or end of recess and lunch to check for any messages. In extraordinary circumstances, such as a family medical emergency, students can have their phone in class, provided a written note is provided on the day to explain the reason for this.

Despite these very fair arrangements, staff are regularly having to ask some students to hand over their phones because they choose to ignore this policy. Unfortunately, a minority of these students have then further exacerbated this breach of school rules by lying to their teacher about the possession of their phone and on some occasions have defied their teachers when they have asked for the phone.

Given current technologies, I can’t think of any educational reason for students have a mobile phone in class. Digital cameras are provided for appropriate student use at school and USB jump drives are also approved for student to use in class. In fact, it is highly likely that those students who have their phones in class are not focussed on their education at all and their social arrangements are of greater interest than their class work.
As a school, we really appreciate the support we receive from parents who come into school to collect phones when they have been confiscated from students for a second time in a school term. It would also be appreciated if parents could reinforce the need for students to adhere to the schools’ policy and to also respond appropriately when they have done the wrong thing.

ACHIEVEMENT AFTERNOON

Our annual prize giving assembling will be held on Tuesday, December 18. The program will commence at 1.40 pm and conclude at 2.55.

We look forward to the attendance of those parents, guardians and other family members who will be able to attend.

Stephen Mannering
Principal

THE NATIONAL COALITION AGAINST BULLYING CONFERENCE, 2007, ‘PROMOTING POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS FOR SAFER SCHOOL COMMUNITIES’

I was lucky enough to have been able to attend The National Coalition Against Bullying Conference which was held in Melbourne on November 3rd and 4th.

This Conference is held every two years and is the initiative of the Alannah and Madeline Foundation which was founded in 1997 to keep children free from violence and to care for children who have experienced or witnessed violence. Alannah and Madeline (Mikac), along with their mother and 32 others, were victims of the Port Arthur massacre, and the foundation was set up in their memory.

The focus of the Conference was ‘Promoting positive relationships for safer school communities’ and included addresses and workshops from international and national authorities. Topics ranged from Anti-bullying programs in Finland, Cyber bullying, Bully Bystanders, the role of teachers in Anti-Bullying Programs, to Positive Peer Relationships. Some local schools also made some impressive singing and role play presentations on the topic.

It was very reassuring to discover that Rose Bay is up there with the best in terms of the procedures and programs run by the school and staff to prevent and combat bullying. The surveys (‘Name the Bully, Harrasser, Disrupter’ and ‘Safe School’), and actions taken as a result of these surveys, the Bullying/Harrassment Report Forms, the Grade Time and Peer Support Programs, the Early Start Program for Grade 7s, specific Girls Group and Boys Group programs and Anti-Bullying productions, are all aimed at making Rose Bay High School a safer place for students and staff. What became very evident throughout the conference was that classroom teachers have a very important role to play by including cooperative learning opportunities within their classroom to enable students to interact with and work with a range of other students and to develop their social skills.

The staff and groups of students have recently participated in the development of a number of school policies including a ‘Bullying Policy’ and an ‘ICT Policy’, which have recently been approved by the School Association. It is planned to develop a ‘Cyber Bullying’ document to supplement and compliment these policies and the Computer Usage and Mobile phone usage information documents. These will be promoted to students, staff and parents next year in an effort to educate the school community in responsible use of technology and to increase awareness of the dangers of irresponsible usage.

At the conference a panel – which included Elida Brereton (Summer Heights High and Principal of Camberwell High School), Rod Nockles (National Director Safety & Security Fox Interactive Media - MySpace.com), Sarah Oates (Editor of Girlfriend Magazine) and other ‘experts’ - participated in a Hypothetical which explored some of the moral, ethical and legal dilemmas surrounding the issue of cyber bullying. This made me even more aware of the seriousness of this form of bullying and the need to further develop and publicise Rose Bay
High School's approaches to these problems in our school community.

The conference also enabled the school to access a wide range of resources to help with our existing programs and endeavours to prevent and reduce bullying and harassment in the school.

The school has also purchased a copy of a Ryebuck Media production kit called ‘Don’t be a Bully Bystander’. It is intended to share this with staff early next year so that they can use it in classes to increase student awareness of what constitutes different types of bullying, the effects that they can have on individuals and groups and the actions that bystanders can take to prevent anti-social behaviour.

Should there be sufficient interest, it is hoped to run some evening awareness sessions for parents/care-givers who might like to know more about school programs and policies in this area.

It is also hoped to interest the SRC in raising funds to help to support and contribute to the outstanding work being carried out by the Alannah and Madeline Foundation to help young people.

The conference was truly inspirational and I would like to thank the Alannah and Madeline Foundation, Learning Services and the School for enabling me to attend. Please contact me should you wish to know more about the conference.

Greg Sawyer
Assistant Principal

**Crimestoppers Youth Challenge**

This year five groups of Grade 7 students from 7A and 7E entered the Crimestoppers Youth Challenge; this year the topic was ‘Stealing (including Identity Theft)’.

The students undertook this Inquiry-based challenge in their Humanities classes in Term 2 and were required to find out about ‘Stealing (including Identity Theft)’ and to make recommendations to the Crimestoppers Board about what could or should be done to prevent this crime.

All of the students did well and on Wednesday 7th November, two representatives from each group travelled to Launceston to the Awards Ceremony.

The students kept up Rose Bay’s proud tradition of success in this community Challenge. Congratulations to Grade 7 Cops & Robbers (7E) – Matthew Sinclair, Michael Pears, Brayden Kershaw-Donkers, Kirk Cameron, Steven Fitzpatrick and Calem Garity – on being awarded a ‘Highly Commended’ Award and to Grade 7A Red – Ashleigh McLarin, Jess Sault, Olivia Winch and Bianca Cathro – on gaining a ‘Bronze Award’, including $200 for the school.

The students who went to Launceston were exemplary ambassadors for the school and were able to see some of the outstanding work produced by all of the schools and students who entered the Challenge.

Well done to all those students who participated and well done to those who were successful. Later in the Term a lunch will be held to celebrate their participation and success.

Ashleigh McLarin and Jess Sault accept their Bronze Award
Michael Pears and Matt Sinclair with their Highly Commended Award

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING FORMER RBHS STUDENTS FOR THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS AT ROSNY COLLEGE:

Hannah Rothbauer was one of 6 Rosny students to reach the finals of the “Storm the Stage” Rotary Performing Arts Competition. Hannah ‘brought the house down with “Be good to Mamma” from Chicago’.

Samantha Connelly was the best Rosny entrant in the Tasmanian Maths Problem Solving Competition; Will Hagell was awarded a Distinction in the Australian Informatics Competitions and Nick Nolan gained a Credit in the same competition.

INTER-HIGH ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The annual Inter-High division one Athletics Carnival was held on Tuesday the 13th of November. Rose Bay High School entered a team of approximately 90 students. The school performed exceptionally well to finish in 4th position in the combined aggregate on 2,425.50 points. This was a great effort as Rose Bay was promoted after winning the division B carnival for the last two years. In the girls aggregate Rose Bay finished 4th and in the boys aggregate we finished 5th. Outstanding individual performances included Maddie Seyfried who won the girls Grade 10 division one 100m, 200m and 400m; Stevee Standen who won the girls Grade 10 division two 100m and 200m; Kara Wilson who won the girls Grade 10 division four 100m; Teegan Roy who won the girls Grade 7 division four 100m; and Reyne Westbury who won the boys Grade 7 division two High Jump. A special thank you to all team members who participated well and also to the student helpers who worked throughout the day on Long Jump and Triple Jump. Well done to all!

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Barr, Kimberly
Carthy, Iris
Dakowah, Catherine
Flassman, Elliott
Fry, Candice
Grafton, Kyeden
Hawkins, Nick
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Randall, Sam
Roy, Teegan
Rust, Jack
Sinclair, Matt
Westbury, Reyne
Williams, Monique

GRADE 8
Allison, Martyn
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Briggs, Ashlyn
Burgess, Emily
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Byrd, Gavin
Cowie, Sam
Grueber, Hayley
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Jenkins, Jake
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Students are able to access the results from the day on www.tasathletics.org.au

Annual Tasmanian Volunteer Fire Fighters Competition

The Dunalley Junior Fire Bridgate competed in the Annual Tasmanian Volunteer Fire Fighters Competition on Saturday 10 November at New Norfolk. The team of seven competed in three events, one of which they won. The team members consisted of Phillip Newbold, Lewis van Bommel, Sarah & Kelly Skromanis, Ruby & Nathan Daly and Ben Fahey.

KARANA NETBALL CLUB
SELECTIONS FOR 2008
MONDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2007
and
MONDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2007

Selection trials for all underage players 11 & Under, 13 & Under, 15 & Under & 17 & Under At Aurora Sports Stadium, Creek Road, New Town
From 5.30 pm - 7.00 pm

Selection trials for Bartercard, Grade & 19 & Under At Aurora Sports Stadium, Creek Road, New Town
From 7.00 pm – 8.30 pm

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**Selections for 2008**

**Sunday 18th November 2007**  
JUNIORS  
STNA U13 & U11s 10.00am – 11.15am  
STNA U17, U15, 11.30am – 1.15am

**Sunday 18th November**  
Bartercard Seniors, Bartercard U19’s  
& Senior STNA Grades  
1.30pm – 4pm

**All Junior, Senior & Bartercard**  
**Selections at**  
Aurora Stadium, STNA Netball Centre  
Creek Road, Newtown

Please note you MUST ATTEND TRIALS to be eligible for selection  
All Senior enquiries to Linda Bennett 6247 8733 (home)  
and  
All Junior enquiries to Leanne Stanford 6249 4811 (home)

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**Clarence Council Youth Service**  
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