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Other important dates:
- 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

STAFF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING DAY

I would like to thank all parents and guardians for supporting the staff professional learning day last Friday by making alternative arrangements for their children during the normal school day.

The day involved all members of the staff in a series of professional development activities. We began the day with a morning session organised by Assistant Principal Kristina Brown, which addressed the explicit teaching of Thinking. In particular, staff discussed Costa's 16 Habits of Mind.

Staff then divided into groups to prepare new school policy statements for Literacy, Numeracy, Information Communication Technology and Maintaining a Safe School. This work is ongoing and the draft policy statements and plans when complete will be discussed with both the School Association and the Student Representative Council.

Staff in the afternoon met in subject groups and a session on utilising smart-boards for classroom instruction closed out the day.

The day was highly productive and enabled us to get a number of things done in a very short time. Your support for this day is greatly appreciated.

EXCHANGE STUDENT

We recently welcomed to school into Grade 10 Lovissa Strom from Sweden. Lovissa is being hosted by Fiona Bolton and her family. Lovissa will be with us until the end of the Grade 10 year on November 30. I'm sure all those students who come in contact will Lovissa will learn a lot about life in Sweden and what it's like to live in Europe.

CROSS COUNTRY

Yesterday approximately a third of our students took part in the annual inter house cross country. The day was an outstanding success with all participants making a great effort to run to the best of their ability. Many students ran excellent times, in fact most completed the run well ahead of the scheduled finishing time for the event. Mr McKay and other members of staff who supervised the afternoon, spoke very highly of the conduct of all those students who took part.

The Inter-High Cross Country Team will be selected after reviewing the results in each grade group.
SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

The preparation of a school production is huge undertaking. This year for the third year in a row, students will present a musical entitled ‘Alison’ at Rosny College on Thursday, August 2 and Friday, August 3. This presentation will be the world premiere of this show.

There is a saying in show business - ‘break a leg’. As you will know from our previous newsletter, Ms Dawes took this one step further and very unfortunately broke her ankle. She will not be returning to school now for at least another three weeks, consequently a number of staff have had to step into the breach to help out at short notice. I would like to thank Miss Brown for taking on responsibility for stage management and props, Mr Doig, Miss Miller and Mr Dean and a number of very talented art students for the construction and design of the sets.

Tickets are available from the school office or can be purchased on the night at the venue. The show commences at 7.30pm.

UP2MEforkids

Many parents will be aware that the state launch for the UP2meforkids Environmental Challenge was held here at school on Tuesday. I would like to congratulate Mr Primrose and all members of the Environment Group from the SRC, for the role they played in this event.

The challenge includes identifying ways to: reduce waste, reduce energy use, increase biodiversity, reduce car travel, increase gardening and reduce water use.

In a changing world, all of these issues are certainly ones that our children will be faced with in their adult lives. Building an awareness of these issues and engaging in discussions about ways to address them is certainly one of our key educational responsibilities.

STUDENT TEACHERS

Welcome to our four Pre-service teachers, Andrew Castles (Music), Hayley Noonan (English/SOSE), Kate O’Reilly (SOSE/Japanese) and Katrina Munting (Maths/Science).

They are with us on their Internship from UTAS until the end of August. We wish them the very best with their classes.

Vanessa Franklin (Art) has also been with us from Avondale College and is performing well with her classes.

Our thanks to all of the colleague teachers who are working with the Pre-service teachers.

STAFF TRAVEL

Mrs Oates who teaches in the Humanities and Computing Areas left yesterday to travel overseas during a period of leave. We wish her a happy holiday and a safe journey and look forward to seeing her when she returns in Term 3.

SCHOOL REPORTS

Mid-year reports are currently being finalised ready for distribution on Friday, August 3. Parent/Teacher interviews will be held on Wednesday, August 15 from 3.00pm until 7.00pm.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Alexander Nolan, who graduated from Rose Bay in 2004. Alex has been awarded the Temco Scholarship. Alex, who is in Second Year Engineering at Tas Uni. On top of Engineering studies such as thermodynamics, electronics, calculus etc, he is doing a degree in English. Well done Alex!

Congratulations to the following students who were successful in the recent Hobart Eisteddfod:

Melissa Barnett (10E) - 1st Place in Restricted Tap Solo & Jazz Group, 15 years and under; 2nd Place in Tap Group, 15 years and under; 3rd Place in Song and Dance Group, 15 years and under and in Neo Group.

Ashleigh Boxhall (10A) - 3rd Place in Restricted Jazz Solo and in Open Jazz Group; Highly Commended in Restricted Tap Solo.
Well done girls – we look forward to seeing some of your many talents on the stage.

Congratulations to Elliott Flasman who has been selected in the State Under 13 Hockey team and will be traveling to Melbourne in October for the Championships. Well done Elliott.

“A familiarity with Asian cultures allows you to step outside the culture in which you live and see it from a fresh, new perspective.” Alex Howell

“...employers are looking for people with cross-cultural knowledge and international understanding.” Sharna Wright

“Learning a LOTE will teach us things we need to know about countries, cultures and their traditions. So learning a LOTE will teach us more about ourselves and make us think more about what we are doing!” Madeline Leighton

“Exploring another culture is a very exciting experience and you learn so many new things. Because Asia is our closest neighbour we must get along with each other. Japanese culture [and language] is so different to ours that what you learn is so amazing that even I can’t put it into words.” Samantha Charlton

Well done everyone.

Mrs Helen Gardiner

SCHOOLWEAR SHOP
Term 2 Opening Hours Wednesdays only
8:15am – 9:30am

In Stock
Winter skirts - all sizes
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Rugby jumpers – all sizes

Many of these items have been returned to stock from orders that have not been picked up. If you have had a uniform item on order and have not received notification please contact us. Phone calls will not be made to customers for items that have been on order since April, due to the volume of calls already made with no response.

Volunteers
At the end of this year we will be losing nearly all of our current volunteers and will be in desperate need of help, if you could spare an hour please come in and see me. I too will be leaving at the end of next year and a new co-ordinator will be needed, so if you are interested come and learn the ropes now.

Grade 7 Japanese

During Term One, Grade 7 students spent a good deal of time discovering WHY they are learning Japanese at school. In recognition of achievement, here are some extracts from 7B.

HELP!!!!
Host a visiting Japanese student
We need another 11 families!!!!
This year we are lucky enough to have a group of 12 Junior High School students coming to stay for a week (30th September- 7th October). This is a wonderful opportunity for your son/daughter to experience Japanese culture and language first hand, establish a new friendship and develop further motivation to study hard in class! Please consider being a host family.

YES, our family might be able to host a Japanese student for a week.

Name: .................................................................
Class: ....................
Contact Details: .................................................................
(Please return to Mrs Gardiner or the front office)
**Donations**

Thank you for clothing that has been donated to the uniform shop, it is greatly appreciated. We are also in need of skirt hangers, if you have any unwanted skirt hangers please leave them at the office. I am contactable on my mobile 0400 801 144 or alternatively a message could be left at the school office for me.

Jane Menzies  
Shop Co-ordinator

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**Montagu Bay School Fair**  
12 August 2007

It will be bigger and better than ever as it is the school's 75th Anniversary

If you have any computer or accessories (including games) that you no longer need, please consider dropping them into the Montagu Bay School Office and I will sell them at the fair.  
Thanking you, Patrick Yates

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