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Other important dates:

- End of Term 2 – Friday, September 5
- Term 3 Commences – Monday, September 22
- Show Day – Thursday, October 23
- End of Term 3 (Grades 7-10) – Thursday, December 18

A full year school calendar is available on the school website: www.rosebay.tased.edu.au

From The Principal

Crime Stoppers Youth Challenge

Every day we learn something – well at least that’s what we hope. As a school we have certainly learnt that you never speak to The Mercury about anything that you don’t want blown out of all proportion and have thrown back at you.

It was totally unexpected that the Mercury would take the issues that were mentioned as challenges for all schools and turn them back on Rose Bay, when we were asked to assist with the launch of the Crime Stoppers Youth Challenge. This is opportunistic and sensationalist journalism at its worst.

As a school we have one of the most stringent mobile phone policies of all high schools. Phones are banned from classrooms and must only be checked at major breaks at a student's locker. Punishments are in place for students who breach these rules and in general, the great majority of students respect these requirements and understand why they are imposed. Nevertheless, as is painfully obvious, students breach these rules and use their phones for purposes far beyond the reason they were given them by their parents.

I’m sure most parents are also aware that social networking sites such as My Space and ‘You Tube’ are also banned at this school. School computer systems monitor student files and breaches result in loss of access to the Internet and Email.

As a school we have worked tirelessly for over six years to build a school culture which addresses issues of bullying and harassment through the accumulation of data, educational
programs, mediation, and if required, the imposition of punitive measures. Our programs are highly regarded and I believe the great majority of our students and parents would attest to our efforts. Despite all of this, we are still confronted with the type of behaviour which received so much publicity over the weekend.

I am sure many parents will recall that I raised these issues through a number of newsletter items last term when these incidents occurred.

You may wonder how the Mercury got access to this material, as it is not on You Tube. From the phone call I received from the Mercury on Friday, the reporter indicated they received it by email from a student from this school. I really hope this is not the case.

I feel I also should inform the school community that since the commencement of the school year, we have dealt with only two major incidents of fighting. Unfortunately, both of these were filmed by a student or students unknown. Parents should be aware that all students are required to leave their phones in their lockers at all times.

As a result of the publicity this issue has received, I would implore parents to take a far more active role in checking the material recorded on their children’s phones and to seriously consider when either purchasing or replacing a mobile phone, whether a student needs or has the maturity to responsibly use a video camera, still camera and a blue tooth enabled device, should that be a feature of their new phone. Surely the main reason for providing the phone is for you as a parent or guardian to make contact with your child should you need to.

The issues raised in the Mercury for some parents will also raise the level of supervision for students at break times. Every day at school at least eight staff are on duty during recess and lunch. The grounds are covered by multiple CCTV cameras and a range of activities are available to students to occupy their time. Unfortunately tensions between individuals occur and despite all of our efforts, on rare occasions these result in physical confrontations. What makes the matters that were reported graphically in the Mercury so confronting is that these incidents were deliberately set up so they could be recorded. This is the worst type of cyber bullying and it disappoints me greatly that the Mercury took the opportunity to take their readers chapter and verse through one of these recordings. To me this is virtually just as bad as the perpetrators of this kind of abuse. I find this to be absolutely shameful.

It saddens me greatly that the media have used our school to exemplify the very complex issues associated with this new social phenomenon of cyber bullying and I can only hope that our educational programs and punitive measures when required, will get it across to the very small minority of our students how revolting and confronting this type of behaviour is.

Whilst the general public may not be able to recognise the students involved in these incidents, for our parents whose children were involved, this publication by the Mercury is totally confronting and I know they are disgusted by their actions.

Last term I spoke to all students at a school assembly about these issues and warned each and every one of them that, “Any student found to use their phone to either record or transmit offensive material which is connected with this school or is of an offensive nature, to any other person, will be suspended for up to 10 days for bringing this school into disrepute”. I am also currently seeking advice regarding the legal position of these acts in schools from both the Australian Education Union and the Education Department’s Legal Services Office. Hopefully, this will be of assistance to all schools, as Rose Bay is not alone in dealing with these issues.

I’m sure the great majority of our students are upset at the way this matter has been reported and know they have been affected by it. I encourage them to see through this and to celebrate in their contributions to all the fantastic achievements of their school.

Stephen Mannering
Principal
CONGRATULATIONS TO:

**Tom Palfrey** (10A) on his selection in the Tasmanian Orienteering team to participate in the National Championships later in the year.

**Jake Hyland** (8D) and **Zac Prouse-Bailey** (8F) on their selection in the Tasmanian U14 Rugby Team to play against Victorian School.

**Sarah Linday** (7A) and **Katie Lindsay** (7B) on their recent success at the Victorian Squash Championships. Sarah won her age group and Katie came third – a great effort.

Well done to you all.

JUNIOR TEXTILE COMPETITION

Students recently completed mini-quilts as a part of the Lifestyle and Fashion course. Possible techniques included fabric painting, machine stitching (including free machine embroidery), textile collage and embellishing. Nine students entered theirs in the Junior Textile Competition held recently at the Derwent Entertainment Centre. This was in conjunction with the Craft and Quilt Fair. Well done to the following students:

Stacey Blowfield, Emma Cowie, Sophie Hofto, Simone Horsey-Izbicki, Sarah Kerr-Burdon, Kate Manning, Cassandra March, Jaclyn Rogerson, Amy Taylor, Lucy Wilkins.

Stacey and Sophie received highly commended awards and special congratulations to Lucy (pictured) who won the Secondary Individual section. The mini-quilts are currently on display in the school’s front foyer.

Parents - Don’t miss this unique opportunity!

Students and Alcohol -
A presentation by Paul Dillon

Parents of Rose Bay High School students are invited to learn about and discuss important issues surrounding alcohol use by young people.

When: Tuesday 22 July 2008
Where: Rose Bay High School in Room C11
Time: 7pm until 9pm
Light refreshments will be provided

Paul Dillon has been working in the area of drug education for the past 25 years. For the past 13 years he has worked at the National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre, Sydney where his key role has been to disseminate research findings to policy makers, drug and alcohol workers and the general public. Through his own business, Drug and Alcohol Research and Training Australia (DARTA) he has been contracted by many agencies and organisations across the country to give regular updates on current drug trends within the community. He has also worked with...
many school communities to ensure that they have access to good quality information and best practice drug education. With a broad knowledge of a range of content areas, Paul regularly provides media comment and is regarded as a key social commentator in Australia, appearing on a wide range of television programs including Sunrise, TODAY and A Current Affair discussing topical issues. Paul also had a regular spot on a national radio program on Triple J for seven years where he dealt with current youth drug issues.

**RAISING TEENAGERS – TALK FOR PARENTS**

We are pleased to have Ranald Allan (B.A .Dip. Ed.), a Trustee and co-founder of the Pathways Foundation to give a presentation on Raising Teenagers at our school.

The focus is on solutions, and preventative models that empower young men to reach their full potential, as well as providing parents with valuable tools that they can implement to help their sons transition into adulthood. The talk is directed at parents of boys between the ages of 11 and 16, but information is provided that is relevant to the wider community. **Please note this talk is not for the students themselves to attend.**

The talk aims to raise community awareness and encourage open dialogue on issues affecting young men. The Pathways Foundation will also discuss their very popular Programs and provide parents with a question and answer time.

**Specific topics covered in the talk include**

- The changing needs of boys as they approach manhood
- Boundary setting
- How to keep them safe
- How to discipline teenagers
- Practical parenting tips
- Building boys’ capacity to succeed
- Avoiding communication breakdown
- Traps to avoid
- Rites of Passage in a contemporary society

**There is no cost to attend this talk.**

Date: Thursday 28th August 2008
Time: 7pm – 9pm
Venue: Home Economics Area (Room C11 Rose Bay High School)

**SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING CHALLENGE 2008**

This year Rose Bay High entered the challenge for the first time and on July 8, 31 students spent the day at Moonah competing against six other schools. There were eight different challenges which teams of students competed against other schools.

![Image](image1.png)

The challenges were;

**Crypto Cracking Cronies** - Code Breaking,

**ElectraCITY** – being put in charge of managing the electricity supply of a city from three generators to all the houses using a minimum number of wires and thus cost,

**Future Power** – Controlling the output from renewable energy sources to match ongoing demand over time,

**Leprechaun Cannon** – Creating and firing a balloon powered compressed air gun at a card with a leprechaun printed on it,
Mission to Mars – Creating a Martian roving vehicle to safely transport a load across rough terrain as fast as possible,

Escape from the Lost World - Manoeuvring a vehicle suspended from four helium filled balloons and powered with electrical motors,

The Engineering Game – Designing a chair to support a heavy doll with a minimum of resources,

Gold Fever – Designing and building a bridge to carry the maximum amount of gold from a mine before the bridge collapses.

We had mixed success with the events and finished 5th overall. All students enjoyed the day and the Grade 9’s are looking forward to competing again next year.

**All Schools Cross Country**

On Tuesday 1 July, 15 Rose Bay students participated in the 2008 All Schools Cross Country at Symmons Plains. All students who participated performed exceptionally well considering the poor weather conditions and the high level of competition. Each event consisted of over 100 participants. Overall it was a very rewarding day. Rose Bay individual results are as follows:

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Detailed results can be found on: [www.tasathletics.org.au](http://www.tasathletics.org.au)

**School Sport Update**

The following sports have been available for students to participate in so far this year.

- **BADMINTON** – no teams entered
- **CRICKET** – 1 junior team entered
- **ALL SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY** - 15 competitors
- **GIRLS SOCCER** - 1 junior team entered
- **INDOOR CRICKET** - 1 junior team entered
- **INDOOR SOCCER** - 1 junior team entered
• NETBALL - 2 junior and 2 senior teams entered
• GIRLS RUGBY GALA DAY - 1 junior and 2 senior teams
• SURF LIFE SAVING - 10 competitors
• SURFING CHAMPIONSHIPS - 11 competitors
• SQUASH - 1 team entered.
• WATER POLO - 1 junior combined schools and 1 senior combined schools teams entered.
• WINTER HOCKEY - 1 Grade 7-10 team entered.
• BOYS RUGBY GALA DAY - Currently being sought.

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**Student Exchange Australia – Free Information Evening**

- Come and meet our staff
- Hear comprehensive information on all aspects of exchange
- Ask questions
- Listen to questions asked by other students and parents, and
- Meet other students who are considering going on exchange!

**Scholarships available!**

7:30 pm

**Thursday, 17 July**

Mercure Hotel Hobart

156 Bathurst Street

Hobart

[www.studentexchange.org.au](http://www.studentexchange.org.au)

1300 135 331 (cost of a local call)