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Other important dates:

- Term 2 Commences – Monday, June 16
- End of Term 2 – Friday, September 5
- Term 3 Commences – Monday, September 22
- Show Day – 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](http://www.rosebay.tased.edu.au)

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

#### CAR PARKING

I would like to thank all those parents and guardians who have assisted by not parking at the student exit on the northern side of the school. This measure has made the departure from the school grounds to the buses much safer. You assistance has been greatly appreciated.

We have also accepted a quote to construct a new path on the school side of the turning circle to enable students to move to the bottom car park area without having to walk through cars departing the car park or parked in the turning circle. This will be undertaken as soon as the contractor is available to commence work.

#### PROGRESS REPORTS

Progress Reports are due to be distributed to parents and guardians on Friday, April the 4th.

This year, we have decided to use the new ‘reporting to parents’ software provided online by the Education Department. As this software has yet to be rolled out to all schools, we hope that we will be able to meet our distribution deadline. Should we experience any problems, this may need to be extended to enable staff to complete the entry of the required data.

Parent/Teacher interviews will be held on Wednesday, April 16 from 3.30 to 7.00.
**Easter Raffle**

I would like to thank Mrs Leanne Knight for her organisation of the Easter Raffle prizes on behalf of the School Association. There is an outstanding array of chocolates and Easter eggs and I sure whoever wins one of these prizes will be very popular with their family and friends. These are currently on display in the school foyer.

To all those parents, guardians, students and other member of the school community who support the school, thank you very much for assisting this worth while fundraising activity.

The School Association at its last meeting committed $3,800 to subsidise the water safety program to be conducted in August during Health and Physical Education classes for students in Grade 7 and 8. Fundraising through this raffle will help the School Association to continue to support our students.

**Mobile Phones, Chat Rooms and Social Networks**

Staff at school are frequently confronted with relationship issues between students that have their origins in communications using computers and mobile phones outside school hours. These come about as a consequence of their ‘always on’ interconnection, through the variety of communication technologies provided for them.

At school, students are not permitted to use their email accounts to harass, intimidate or annoy other students. Senior staff can where necessary gain access to student files and appropriate measures can be taken at a school level to address any problems. Students are equally denied access to chat rooms and other social networking sites at school. These measures are imposed because using computers and mobile phones for this purpose is a significant distraction from the teaching and learning program.

When issues created in cyber space outside the school are brought into the school yard or the classroom, they create a significant problem for those who have to try to sort out the issues, despite having no real means to affect these activities outside the school.

Chat rooms where students can include or exclude others in conversations or social networking sites where conversations believed by some to be private become available to a wider group can be very destructive and upsetting for those on the end of this type of commentary or ridicule. Some young people also regularly use abusive and foul language in text messages, language they hopefully would never use in front of other adults.

I would strongly urge parents and guardians to take an active role in supervising their children’s on-line activities. Placing computers in open spaces within the house where on-line activity can be viewed should be considered, using filtering software for Internet access, becoming familiar with the technology so that you are familiar with the type of sites and activities your children are engaged with are all worthwhile measures to consider. Mobile phone technology poses greater difficulties for parent supervision; however, I would encourage all parents and guardians to discuss the effect the misuse of this technology can have on others. Cyber-bullying and harassment using communication technologies is just the same as bullying in the workplace or at school.

More information regarding Internet safety can be obtained at the following site:


Stephen Mannering

**Congratulations to:**

Brendon Watson (7F) and Michael Pears (8E) who represented Tasmania in the Southern States Surf Lifesaving Challenge at Ocean Grove, Victoria, in January.

Joseph Watson (10F) who competed at a recent State-wide Surf Lifesaving competition in Ulverstone and was named Under 17 Champion Surf Lifesaver for 2008.
9/10 Dance News

Last week Rose Bay hosted two workshops with professional choreographers from Tasmania’s only professional dance company Tasdance.

These workshops gave Grade 9 and 10 Dance students the opportunity to develop their technique, muscle memory, coordination and creative skills. Selected students were invited to audition for the Tasdance Education Company and if successful will tour the state in April as a dancer in their show Planet Earth. Last year Jarran Harris (now studying pre-tertiary Dance at Rosny College) was successful and learnt a great deal while working with the company.

We wish students luck with their audition this Monday!

Nakamura Maiko and Hanatsuka Reina are on student exchange from Japan. They are talented musicians and are a great asset to our Senior Concert Band. Our Music Camp, which will be held 17 – 19 March, will give them and other new band members the opportunity to get to know other band members in a more sociable setting. The camp will also introduce members to the majority of this year’s repertoire.
Talent Search

At the beginning of Grade 7 last year Erin Robottom (8B) completed her TIS Talent Search Testing as did all students at Rose Bay High School. All results were sent to the TIS for processing. The TIS identified 14 students for more comprehensive testing. Erin participated in the entire testing process. Due to this Erin was identified as a promising Field Athlete due to her height and power. Erin has been on an intensive training program with her coach Mr Evan Peacock which involves 5 sessions a week including: Weight Training, Fitness and Throws. On the weekend Erin competed in the State Championships held at the Domain she entered the following events:

U/15 Hammer - Silver
U/18 Hammer - Bronze
U/20 Hammer - Silver
U/15 Shot Put – Silver

Well done Erin!!!

Swimming Stars

Congratulations to Lyarna Graham (10E), Samantha Dobby (8G) and Morgan Saward (9A) for their outstanding performances in the Swimming Tasmania State Age Championships held at the Aquatic Centre last weekend.

Important Upcoming Dates

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Smashing Start to the Year!!

Rose Bay High School has entered two Grade 7 boy teams in the TCA 20/20 Cricket Mini-Series. A big thank you to Mr Mark Spong (Red) and Mrs Julie Shirley (Blue) for Coaching/Supervising our teams.

Recent results:

Red 5/131 vs Hutchins 9/122
Blue 10/61 vs Sacred Heart 5/76
**Trendy or Dangerous?**

Serious concerns regarding trends in student footwear have been identified by our Health and Physical Education Team. Popular “volley’s” and “skater shoes” are not providing adequate support and cushioning which is leading to minor and serious injuries during active lessons.

It is crucial that students wear correctly fitted shoes that provide adequate support for the arch of the foot and stability for the ankle. This will help minimise the risk of injury and long term damage.

**Ready……Set ……Go…….**

As a part of the new Sport and Recreation Course which is offered to senior students, Rose Bay has been assisting at local Primary Schools Athletic Carnivals. Students are encouraged to take on leadership roles, experience basic sport administration jobs and contribute positively within the local community.

**Inter-House Swimming Carnival 2008**

Rose Bay High School’s Inter-House Sports Calendar commences on Thursday 20 March with the running of the annual Swimming Carnival. This event will be held at the Clarence Aquatic Centre YMCA with competitive swimming events commencing at around 9.30am and concluding at approximately 12.30pm. The Inter-House Swimming Carnival is an important part of the school’s educational program and we strongly encourage all students to attend and actively participate in events. It also forms the basis for selection of our Inter-High Swimming Team that will compete in the Southern High Schools Swimming Carnival later in the term. Participants do not necessarily need to be outstanding swimmers, however, they do need to be able to swim 50 metres or more comfortably. The normal school day will operate for students who choose not to take part. Canteen facilities are available at the pool for snack food and refreshments during the morning. Participants will return to school in time for a normal lunch break and regular classes in the afternoon. Students need to be suitably dressed for this event preferably showing their house colours.

We urgently seek parent helpers to assist as timekeepers. If you are available on the 20th between 9.30am and 12.30pm and are able to assist, please forward the return-slip on the next page by Tuesday 18 March.

We extend a warm invitation to parents and carers to join us to make this a successful and rewarding carnival. Thank you for supporting your child in Inter-House School Sport.

Sheridan Wakefield / Amy Mourant / Pieta McKay Organisers
Inter-House Swimming Carnival 2008

Parent Help

I am available to assist as an official at the swimming carnival on Thursday 20 March

Name: ____________________________
Signed: __________________________
Phone: __________________________

Please return this form to Mrs Wakefield by Tuesday 18 March 2008

UNIFORM SHOP

On Friday 29 February a list of names was put up on the door of the uniform shop. These people have items on hold, which were ordered December last year or at the school levy payment days. There are a number of families waiting for the same items, so if these people haven’t collected their orders by Friday 21 March the items will be returned to stock so other families can be supplied. Holds are usually only kept for 2 weeks.

The following items will be rising in price as of Term 2,

Trackpants – smaller sizes from $20 to $21
Larger sizes from $23 to $25

Tiger Tops
Child sizes $25
Adult sizes $27

I would like to thank all volunteers for their support through the school levy payment times. The uniform shop had its largest ever turnover during this time. Thank you also to all families for your patience.

Volunteers are always needed to help with the running of the uniform shop. By the end of the year I hope that there are a few new volunteers who will be able to help run the shop, as I will not be here next year. The shop can be run by more than one person on a share basis, if you are interested please come and see me. Without volunteers the uniform shop will not function.

Stock on Order

Winter Rugby jumpers – approximately 6 weeks
Tiger tops – approximate 6 weeks
Summer dresses – approximately 2 weeks.

Stock now in

Trackpants and winter skirts

Uniform Shop Coordinator
Jane Menzies

Kip McGrath
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Eastern Shore, Hobart

Kerry Cox  BSc DipEd TTC

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