FROM THE PRINCIPAL

THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Welcome to the new school year and a special welcome to those parents and guardians whose children are new to Rose Bay High School this year. Yesterday we welcomed 158 Grade 7’s and 23 new students into Grade 8, 9 and 10. Many of our new students have come from interstate with all mainland states represented. We especially welcome into Grade 7 Tawana Madzikandu from South Africa.

This year for the first time Rose Bay is hosting two students, Reina Hanatsuka and Maiko Nakamura, as part of the Tasmanian International Student Program. Both girls join our Grade 10 year group. We know that their presence at school will greatly enhance our students understanding of Japanese culture as equally, they will benefit greatly from their experiences here in Tasmania.

I would like to thank all parents for their efforts in ensuring that Grade 7 students and other new enrolments attended our Early Start Program on Wednesday. I would also like to thank all of our Peer Support Leaders from Grade 10 and SRC members who also came into school to work with our new Grade 8, 9 and 10’s during the morning.

It was also great to see that all of our students came to school in uniform on our first full school day. To ensure that uniform items if mislaid can be returned to their owner, it would be appreciated if parents and guardians could ensure that each item of uniform is appropriately named.

As the school reached its enrolment capacity in 2007, there has been no significant increase in student numbers.

NEW STAFF

We welcome to Rose Bay:
- Christine Cherry – Humanities and Drama
- Suzanne Paterson – Humanities
- Melissa Bernacki – Humanities (Term One)
- Michael Chambers – Maths/Science
- Eric Schwartz – Maths/Science
- Shannon Bavage – Health and Physical Education
- Alison Rickards – Pathway Planning
- Sally Duay – English as a Second Language

SCHOOL CHAPLAIN

Last year we were successful in gaining Federal funding to appoint a school chaplain. It is my pleasure to announce that Chrystal Thompson has been appointed to this position for 2008. Chrystal has worked with us in the past as an interpreter for our deaf students. Her knowledge of the school, our students and enthusiasm for her new role will I’m sure be a great asset to the student body.

Chrystal will work closely with our Sports Administration Trainee, Amy Mourant in the organisation of lunchtime activities and will also provide support to students (if required) in consultation with parents and our Guidance Officer, Darren Stops and Social Worker, Melissa Langford.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

During the holiday break contractors have been very busy undertaking a number of maintenance tasks throughout the school. Some of the major jobs that have been completed are:

- The external painting of C Block
- The addition of a vinyl protection strip to the walls in the MDT area
- The re- varnishing of the Gym floor
• An area under the school has been excavated and asphalted to provide improved storage
• Internal painting has been completed in the library, canteen, school stair wells, locker bays and the school meeting room.
• New tables have been purchased for the library
• New blinds will be added to the library
• Reverse-cycle heat pumps have also been added to the computer rooms in A Block
• Continued upgrading of the school’s computer facilities has also been undertaken.

The total cost of these improvements is in excess of $100,000

CLASS TEACHER GROUPS FOR 2008 ARE:

Grade Supervisors:
Tracey Cameron and Sheridan Wakefield
7A  E Schwarz
7B  P Cruttenden
7C  G Armstrong
7D  S Wakefield
7E  C Cherry
7F  G Doig

Grade Supervisors:
Mike Thorpe and Pieta McKay
8A  S Ryan
8B  J Neasey
8C  C Boxall / C Hudson
8D  D Coates / D Hunt
8E  J Dean
8F  J Miller
8G  S Bavage

Grade Supervisors:
Mark Dickenson and Ann Glass
9A  M Dickenson / A Glass
9B  J Dawes / D Tozer
9C  S Pattinson
9D  S Ruddock
9E  G Edmunds / K Hosken
9F  D Sangwell

Grade Supervisors:
Christine Cash and Stuart Hadrill
10A  D Cole
10B  M Chambers
10C  B Jeffrey
10D  C Cash / S Hadrill
10E  S Schofield / D McKay
10F  R Ash

It is extremely important that the school works in partnership with parents and guardians. We hope that 2008 will once again provide us with the opportunity to ensure that the students of Rose Bay High School work consistently throughout the year to achieve their academic potential.

If you have any concerns regarding your child’s progress at school, the best person to contact in the first instance, is your child’s class teacher. They will be able to advise you about their overall performance at school and any issues that they will be aware of from their various subject teachers. They will also be able to refer you to a subject teacher for further discussions, should that be necessary.

2007 LITERACY AND NUMERACY RESULTS

Student performance in literacy and numeracy testing in Tasmania is very topical and something which concerns all members of both the educational community and community as a whole.

In 2007, I am pleased to report that Rose Bay exceeded the state average in both Grade 7 and 9 testing in Reading, Writing and Numeracy. This has continued the excellent standard of performance achieved by our students in previous years. Although these results are commendable, within the school there remains a small group of students who require additional support to enable them to achieve the national benchmarks. Staff will be working closely with these students throughout the year to ensure that every effort is made to enable them to reach their potential.

Reports provided to parents and guardians in December 2007 for statewide testing for students in Grade 7 and 9, will indicate to you where your child is placed in regard to this testing program. Should you require more detailed information about this please don’t hesitate to contact me at school.

ADDITIONAL STUDENT SUPPORT

We would greatly appreciate your assistance if you are able to assist as a tutor, coach, team manager or helper in any area of the school’s wide ranging programs.

Parents, other family or community members interested in working as a volunteer literacy and/or numeracy tutor, are asked to contact Mrs Sue Newstead in the Learning Support Area here at school.
Parents and other family or community members interested in working with one of our school sports teams are asked to contact Head of Physical Education, Pieta Langham-McKay or Sports Administration Officer, Amy Mourant.

To assist in the library please contact Mrs Ailsa Hill, School Librarian.

It should be noted that school volunteers working with our students at school will need to complete a Good Character Check. This will be organised through our office.

SCHOOL REPORTS

Progress Reports for all students will be issued in early April, with a Parent/Teacher evening to follow soon after. As we are using a new reporting program provided by the Department of Education, exact publication dates are not yet finalised.

STATE PARENTS AND FRIENDS DOCUMENT

Attached to this newsletter is a brochure provided by the State Parents and Friends organisation in regard to pursuing any major concerns you may have with your school.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MRS SARAH LEONARD & MR RUSSEL FINSTER

We congratulate Teacher of the Deaf, Mrs Sarah Leonard on the birth of her first child, George. Mrs Leonard will return to school on a limited basis after Easter. We also congratulate Mr Finster on the birth of his child, Raban.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ERROL McDougALL

During the holiday break, Errol McDougall of Grade 8B competed in over 7 heats that were held at the Lindisfarne Sailing Club for the Australian Heron Championships from the 27th Dec 2007 to the 5th of Jan 2008.

It was a big achievement for Elise Clark-Skipper and Errol McDougall-Crew of ‘Family Tiers’ to come first overall.

WE ARE STILL THE CHAMPIONS OF HERON SAILING!!

After competing in this event, Errol also assisted his dad, Malcolm McDougall to deliver to Sydney, the Sydney-Hobart yacht race vessel, Spirit of Koomooloo, previously known as Margaret Rintoul. In addition to his competitive sailing success, this was another great highlight of his holidays. Congratulations Errol and thanks for preparing this article for the newsletter!

COACHING SUCCESS

Congratulations to Mrs Tracey Cameron for her selection as a Hockey Australia National Coaching Apprentice Scholarship holder. Mrs Cameron will attend elite coaching training at the Australian Institute of Sport and will play a major role working with National Coaches during the year.
**Some Key Dates**

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

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

**Student Behaviour Outside of the School Grounds**

Finally, I would like to mention an issue I raised with all students in our first assembly yesterday. As Principal, I am often contacted both by members of the public and management and security staff from Eastlands, regarding the behaviour of students from Rose Bay when they are unsupervised before and after school at Eastlands. This behaviour reflects very poorly on the school and although the actions of a small minority, it must be addressed.

Rose Bay students are not the only students who offend in this manner. As the largest high school on the Eastern Shore this year, just by sheer numbers, Rose Bay students will stand out.

I would strongly urge all parents to encourage their children not to fill in their time at Eastlands, rather than going home. With no adult supervision, and the excitement that being part of a group, their exuberant behaviour, ‘over the top’ conduct and sometimes offensive language, often frightens elderly members of the community and those parents with young children. I understand that some students must be in the bus mall in order to make transport connections. Unfortunately, it is usually not the actions of this group that are of concern but of those who use the shopping centre as a social hub.

Students from Rose Bay in school uniform who are brought to our attention and who bring the school into disrepute, will face disciplinary consequences for their behaviour by the school. It should however be noted that police or security staff intervention initiated by Eastland’s Management is the more likely response.

I would be greatly appreciated if all parents and guardians could discuss this issue with their children.

Finally, I hope 2008 will once again be a very productive and successful year for the school and wish everyone all the best for the ensuing year.

Stephen Mannering
Principal

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**School Sport 2008**

Rose Bay High School offers a wide range of EXTRA-CURRICULAR activities for students to participate in.

The following activities vary from term to term:
Badminton, Basketball Championships, Basketball, Coach Approach (coaching clinic run by elite athletes), Cricket, Diving Championships, Football Clinics, Girls Soccer, Indoor Cricket, Kickboxing, Netball, Rugby Gala Day, Softball, Hockey (Summer & Winter), Surf Life Saving, Surfing Championships, Touch Football, Water Polo.

Rose Bay High does not allow teams to represent the school without suitable adult supervision. Rose Bay
High's participation in school sport and the formation of teams is determined by the level of interest shown by students. It is totally dependent on support from parents and friends to act as coaches, team managers and officials. The school strongly supports, and recruits where possible, past students to assist in fulfilling these roles. Students also have a responsibility, with assistance from HPE staff, to actively engage in the organisation of teams.

All sports and activities will be advertised on the daily Bulletin with meeting times and in the fortnightly newsletter when applicable. Any questions or queries can be forwarded to the schools Sport & Recreation Officer, Miss Mourtan in room B14.

**CLARENCE CONCERT BAND**

**2008 Beginner Instrumentalist Program**

Want to learn to play a wind instrument (clarinet, flute, oboe, bassoon, saxophone, trumpet, French horn, trombone, euphonium, tuba) or percussion instrument and read music?

Are you 10 years of age or order? (No upper age limit)

Then come along to an Information Session at: 6:00pm on Tuesday 4 March 2008 at the Lindeyfarne Citizens’ Activity Centre, Lincoln Street, Lindesfarne.

To hear how the Clarence City Band’s Beginner Program can help you phone Tom Gionon on 6278 1092 or 0418 123 296 for more details.

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**TASSIE TENNIS FUN DAY**

Where:  Geilston Bay Tennis Club
        De Bomford Lane, Geilston Bay

When:  Sunday 24 February 2008
        10:30am – 3:00pm

Who:  Everyone is welcome – you don’t have to be a member

Cost:  No Charge

- Come along for a hit or **play sets**
- Join in the **activities and games**
- **Prizes and give-aways**
- **Radar Gun** – how fast is your serve?
- Pick up **playing tips** from our coaches
- **Food, drinks** and **BBQ sizzle** available
- **Check out** our great **club facilities**

**Have a go**
**Have some**
**Tennis Fun!**

Supported by patron Allison Ritchie MLC

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**Newsletter to be emailed**

Parent/Guardian Name: ..........................................................

Email Address: .................................................................

Students Name: ..............................................................

Grade: ..............................

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