FROM THE PRINCIPAL

NEW GYM CURTAINS

In recent weeks, we have had new curtains installed in the school gym. These curtains have been funded by the School Association and the Student Representative Council. The funding from the School Association came from the donation parents and guardians made at the commencement of the school year. Without this outstanding contribution, the school could not have afforded the $9,000 cost for this very welcome refurbishment of the gym stage. Many thanks to all members of the school community for this great effort!

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Over the last two years I have expressed my concern at the deteriorating levels of attendance of some students at this school. This concern continues to grow and as a consequence, we will now be forwarding ‘chaser notes’ for unexplained absences on a weekly basis, rather than at the end of each month. This should enable parents and guardians to have their son or daughter’s movements more clearly in their minds and to allow a more prompt response to this issue.

Whilst I understand there has been a lot of illness during Term 2, the patterns of attendance I am seeing are continuous and do not reflect a sudden outbreak of ill health.
ROYAL AUSTRALIAN CHEMICAL INSTITUTE – TITRATION COMPETITION

In the recent state competition, Rose Bay was represented by 10 teams. Of these 10 teams, 2 have been selected to participate in the national final to be held on October 31st at the University of Tasmania.

We wish Rose Bay Team 6 (Felix Nolan, Aliya Tierney, Caylee Tierney) and Rose Bay 2 (Gavin Byrd, Madalyn Riley, Jeff Turner) all the best for next week.

Rose Bay (2 teams) along with New Town High (2 teams), Elizabeth College, Launceston College, Marist College, The Don College and St Michael’s Collegiate make up the top 10% of school and college performers from the state competition.

Our school’s performance in this prestigious competition would not be possible without the outstanding efforts of Mr Armstrong, who give up many after-school hours to ensure that our teams can achieve these outstanding results.

Variety Night

I would like to thank all those parents and family members who came along to support the students who performed at Rosny College on October 3 in our 2008 Variety Night. The evening was a great success and provided some fantastic insights into the skills and talents of our students. Mrs Cash and her Business Studies class did a fantastic job in their organisation and execution of the event. Well done!

Mobile Phones

I would like to reiterate to the school community that students are not permitted to have their mobile phones in class here at Rose Bay. For a minority of students it appears that they believe it is their right to carry their phone into class and to use it at will. This is simply not possible. Students who fail to comply with a teacher’s direction regarding the possession or use of a phone in class or in the grounds at recess and lunch, will be dealt with under the provisions of the Education Act 1994 regarding defiance and disobedience and place themselves at risk of suspension from school. Any student found to use a mobile phone as a camera to record photos of students will also face very serious penalties.

As a staff, we are very concerned about these issues and if necessary, may have to require some students to hand their phones into the school office until the end of the school day or in extreme cases, a student may be prohibited from bringing a phone to school.

The school’s policy on mobile phones is:

Mobile Phones & Personal Stereos

Students must leave mobile phones and personal stereos in their lockers or at the office. Should these items be found in class they will be confiscated for collection at the end of the day and a lunchtime detention given. A second instance will result in an after school detention and the phone/stereo will need to be collected by a parent.

The school cannot accept responsibility for the safety of mobile phones and personal stereos when brought to school.

MODERATION DAY(S) 2009

The Premier and Minister for Education, the Honourable David Bartlett, has confirmed that the first Moderation Day for 2009 will be Monday, the 20th of April.

I am hopeful that a coordinated response across all secondary schools will also see each school make application to their school communities for approval for a second Moderation Day on October 23 (the day after Show Day). This will provide us with an opportunity to set work requirements in Term 1 and then check our assessments against other schools in Term 3.

Correspondence regarding this application and the possibility of a another professional learning
day for staff in Term 2 will be forwarded to the school community after discussion at the next School Association Meeting on October 20.

Stephen Mannering
Principal

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Tom Palfreyman (10A) who won the Australian Long Distance Orienteering Championship (boys 16 years). He was also selected in the Development Squad for junior boys. Well done, Tom, and all the best with your training.

Madeleine Doust of 7C is a member of the Cheersport Tasmania – “Tassie Devils” team who competed in the World Cup Cheer – Australia and Asia Pacific Finals in Brisbane on the 20th – 22nd September, 2008.

This was taken just after their gold medal performance in the Combination Section. Maddy is kneeling on left side of back row.

The team performed in the Cheer and Combination Sections which encompass skills in Gymnastics, Dance, Stunt, Drills and Aerobics. They worked extremely hard to achieve the standard which enabled them to win 1 Gold, 2 Silver and 1 Bronze in these competitions.

Well done Maddy!

GRADE 10 MID YEAR EXAMINATIONS

The following students received certificates in our end of term assembly in recognition of their outstanding performance in last term’s examinations.

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SPORTS UPDATE

BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS - The Southern Secondary School Boys’ Basketball Championships was held on Friday 3 Oct – Sunday 5 Oct at the Kingborough Sports Stadium. Rose Bay High School entered a junior team and a senior team into the event. The senior boys were placed into one of the hardest pools but fought hard in all their matches only to lose each game by at least 10 points. This year was the first time the Grade 10 boys didn’t make the finals in four years.

The junior boys had a great tournament starting the weekend off with a draw. The boys played so well, it came down to percentage points to work out finals teams. Well done to both teams and a special thank you to coaches Phil Harvey and Edward Stanley; your assistance has been greatly appreciated.
The Girls’ Southern Secondary Schools Basketball Championships will be held over Show weekend (Friday 24 - Sunday 26 Oct) at the same venue. Rose Bay High School has entered a team of girls from Grade 7-9 into this year’s event. We wish the girls the best of luck and look forward to hearing of their results.

CRICKET – No teams entered due to insufficient numbers.

TOUCH FOOTBALL – The Touch Football season began on Monday 29 September at the Royal Hobart Show Grounds. Rose Bay High School has entered a Girls Grade 7/8 team and a Girls Grade 9 team into this year’s roster. Good luck to both teams for the season.

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop hours are Wednesday mornings 8.15-9.30am and as from 17 October it will also be open Friday mornings from 8.15-9.30am.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The 2008 Rose Bay High School Inter-House Athletics Carnival is looming. It will be held at the Domain Athletics Centre on Tuesday 21 and Wednesday 22 of October from 9:30am-2:00pm. All students are expected to participate in a minimum of 2 individual events per day. Students unable to participate due to medical reasons can assist as officials and earn points for their house team. Parents are welcome to attend and parents who would like to help as officials will be warmly welcomed. Please complete and forward the return slip below if you are able to assist. Students are encouraged to come dressed in their house colours, have a go, support each other and participate to the best of their ability. Written permission from home is required if students wish to be collected from the domain after the event. Detailed information about the Inter-House Athletics Carnival can be found at the back of this newsletter.

SIEMENS SCIENCE EXPERIENCE 2009

Three days of hands-on science activities for students in Year 9 in 2008 who will be entering Year 10 in 2009.

Each Siemens Science Experience program is designed to provide those who have an interest in science with an opportunity to engage in a wide range of fascinating science activities under the guidance of researchers who love their work. The program also provides information about further studies in science, technology and engineering and highlights the wide range of careers that allow students to pursue their interest and abilities in the sciences.

The University of Tasmania programs will be held from:13 - 15 January 2009 on the Hobart campus 20 - 22 January 2009 on the Launceston campus.

The cost is $105 per student to cover the cost of the program. Students may seek financial sponsorship from a local Rotary Club or other sponsor to meet this cost. While each program is non-residential, discounted accommodation packages for participants and their families from regional areas will be made available at UTAS.

Places are still available in both the Hobart and Launceston programs. Students can enrol online directly at www.scienceexperience.com.au or send applications to Siemens Science Experience PO Box 514, BAYSWATER Vic 3135. If you would like more details about the UTAS programs, please email set.enquiries@utas.edu.au.
Fluoro and Flannies

Term 3 Social

When: Thursday 30th October 2008
Time: 7.00 – 10.00 pm
Cost: $4.00

The tickets will be on sale from "Early Bird Monday" on 20th of October and Monday to Wednesday the week of the social outside the PE Office. There will be NO DOOR SALES. Cordials, chips, confectionery and glow sticks will be for sale during the social. Early Bird Tickets will receive a free drink voucher.

Rose Bay High School 1989 reunion

A 20-year school reunion is being planned for 1989 leavers of Rose Bay High School. If you were a student or teacher of this year, or know of anyone that was, please contact Tanya Harman (nee Richardson) on 62 652384, 0419562326, or email tdharman@bigpond.net.au

INTER-HOUSE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

I _______________________ am available to assist as an official at the Rose Bay High School Inter-House Athletics Carnival on:

Tuesday 21 October
Wednesday 22 October

Contact Phone No.

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Signed:

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Kerry Cox  BSc DipEd TTC

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