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**From The Principal**

**Parent Teacher Interviews**

I would like to thank all those parents and guardians who took advantage of the opportunity to meet with teachers on Wednesday evening, following the distribution of the Term 1 Progress Report.

It is hoped that the Progress Report and the meetings provided for you have enabled you as parents and guardians to get an accurate picture of how your child’s learning is progressing, the things that are working well and any aspects of their education that need to be addressed.

The next report will be distributed in Term 2 and will also be followed by another Parent Teacher evening. This report will provide more detail about their achievement and will be accompanied by assessments prepared in relation to the standards encapsulated in the new Tasmanian Curriculum.

In the interim period should you have any concerns about your child’s progress, behaviour or performance at school, please don’t hesitate to contact us.

**Professional Learning/Student Free Days**

I would like to thank all those parents who supported the provision of a professional learning day for staff on October 24 in Term 3. We equally appreciate the support provided by the school community for the student free day on
December 19. This will enable us in October to address assessment and reporting issues prior to the issuing of December reports and to begin our planning for 2009. The provision of a student free day on December 19 will enable us to pack up the school and get the buildings ready for cleaning and maintenance over the holiday period.

For the record, there were only 5 objections received regarding these arrangements.

I will advise the school community once these have been officially approved by the Minister for Education.

**GRADE 10 EXTENDED YEAR**

As most parents will be aware it is our understanding that Grade 10s will remain at school until the end of December. As a school, we have planned for this to take place and will provide more details about arrangements for Grade 10s once these have been finalised by the Education Department.

**ROTARY – DRIVER EDUCATION PROGRAM**

On Tuesday of this week, it was my pleasure to accompany Mrs Cash and 41 Grade 10 students to a program provided by Tasmanian Rotary to raise student awareness of driver education issues for our young people.

The program included 6 sessions. These were:

- Stopping distances – Rotary practical demonstration
- Defensive driving techniques – Institute of Advanced Driving
- Road trauma – Tasmania Police
- The cost of buying and maintaining a car – MyState Financial
- Brain Injury – Brain Injury Association
- Safe Partying and the Effects of Alcohol on Driving – Drug Education Network

This was an outstanding opportunity for students to gain an understanding of the risks associated with driving, the responsibilities held by drivers and the possible consequences of driver error and the effects of alcohol on driver competence.

A particularly poignant moment was the presentation made by two young men who had experienced brain injuries as a result of a vehicle crash. The impact of their injuries was profound and was brought home to our students by the stories these brave men presented to us.

The program cost of $15.00 provided outstanding value and I hope that parents in the future will support their child’s participation in this event when it is next conducted.

**Stephen Mannering**  
Principal

**CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

**Ash Boxall** (Rosny College) on her selection for the Tas Dance performance of *Planet Earth*. Drama and Dance students attended a performance and were extremely impressed with the production and the high level achieved by the cast. Well done, and good luck with future endeavours.

**Jared De Haan** who represented the school in the “Race the Spirit of Tasmania” challenge held on Friday, 4 April at the Tasmanian Aquatic Centre. Jared swam 5 kms!!! It took him approximately 4 hours! WOW!!! Congratulations to all students who participated!

‘Exciting overseas study for girls’

Many of you who read *The Mercury* last Tuesday, 15th April, would have seen that one of our former students, **Isobel Cusick**, is one of 26 students (out of the 250 who attended the National Science Youth Forum) chosen to attend a training camp for staff members for next year’s National Youth Forum in Pretoria, South Africa.

Isobel will complete leadership, negotiation and communication training programs in Kununurra, West Australia prior to her departure for South
Africa in June. As well as attending the Forum, Isobel will spend some time on safari in the Kruger National Park.

This is a great opportunity for Isobel and is deserved recognition for her hard work in the science area, and we have no doubt that she will be an outstanding ambassador for Rosny College, Tasmania and Australia.

Isobel gains some valuable support from Rotary Clubs for her trip, but her trip is going to cost her about $6000. If there are any businesses or individuals out there who are willing and able to sponsor Isobel on this wonderful educational expedition, you can leave your details at the school office (Ph: 62438511).

The school looks forward to hearing about Isobel’s experiences on her return.

Well done, Isobel, and have a great time.

Rosny College Achievers
At the Rosny College 2008 Achievers’ Ceremony on Tuesday 8th April, former Rose Bay High School students received the following awards:

Exceptional Achievement Awards
Art Production – Steffi Koppelmann
Chemistry – Nick Nolan
English Studies – Ebony Artis & Ruth Barnett
English Writing – Thaleia Nizamis
Japanese - Thaleia Nizamis
Psychology – Emily Ainslie

Academic Excellence
Samantha Connelly (TE Score 101.5)
Sarah Blackwood (TE Score 95.5)
Emily Ainslie (TE Score 94.8)
Caitlin Barnett (TE Score 91.9)

Special Award Winners
Howrah Rotary Award for Achievement in Languages – Caitlin Barnett
WIN TV Award – Ellie Meagher
Service to the Student Union – Kate Bolton
The Minister’s Learning Together Award – Prue Webster
Bellerive Rotary Optimum Award – Megan Warren

Woodbridge Marine Studies Module

Our annual trip to the Marine Discovery Centre this year will be over 4 days from the 19-22 May (Monday – Thursday). We will be travelling by bus daily between Woodbridge and Rose Bay High.

Students will be eligible to complete a course of study in Marine Ecology linked to the Tasmanian Curriculum outcomes and will receive an achievement certificate.

A small number of students will be able to complete their Motor Boat Licence Course. These students will need to already have attended a Marine Discovery Centre course in the past 2 years.
Twenty students from Grades 9 to 10 will be selected from applicants to attend the Marine Ecology Course. Interested students should write a short letter describing their reasons for wishing to attend the course, to Mr Dickenson by May 5.

Further details will be provided to the successful applicants.

**STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM OPPORTUNITIES FOR 15+ YEAR OLDS**

This year we currently have a Grade 10 student on an AIIU exchange in Japan for 3 months. Opportunities for 2009 are available now.

- AIIU offers partially funded programs for 3, 6, 10 and 12 month periods. Applications close 31st July 2008.

- AFS has 13 full and partial scholarships for Australian students. Register before 30th May 2008.

Mrs Muller has flyers and contact details if you are interested in being an exchange student.

**SCHOOL SURFING CHAMPIONSHIPS**

On Monday 7 April, 10 students from Rose Bay High School participated in the annual School Surfing titles at Clifton Beach. The weather was perfect with light off shore winds and a small swell. All surfers performed exceptionally well on the day with an outstanding effort from Grade 8 student Kyden Grafton, who won the Division Two High School Boys section. Well done! A special thanks to team manager John Watson, for looking after the team for the day.

**UNIFORM SHOP**

**OPEN WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS**

8:30 am – 9:30 am

**THE UNIFORM SHOP IS HAVING A SALE!**

Discontinued Stock Needs to be SOLD!

- **HATS** were $7.00 now $5.00
- **NAVY WINDCHEATERS** were $20.00 now $15.00
- **RED/NAVY POLAR FLEECE** were $70.00 then $30.00 now $20.00

**OLD STOCK**

We have some TRACKPANTS, CARGO TROUSERS, TIGER TOPS, RUGBY JUMPERS that are from previous suppliers and are slightly different from current stock. These items are selling at a reduced price. Come and see the uniform staff to purchase these items.

**WINTER**

Don’t forget we sell SCARVES for winter only $6.00 each.

- **POLAR FLEECE JACKETS** $25.00 small sizes, $30.00 larger sizes.

**IN STOCK NOW**

After much anticipation TIGER TOPS $25.00 are NOW IN STOCK. Don’t forget to purchase your Tiger Top before Term 2 as they will be increasing in price as soon as we come back from holidays.

**RUGBY JUMPERS** $70.00 are due any day, listen for announcements.

**THE UNIFORM SHOP WILL BE OPEN**

**FRIDAY, 18 APRIL AND WEDNESDAY, 23 APRIL DURING RECESS. THIS IS SO YOU CAN PICK UP YOUR TIGER TOPS AND RUGBY JUMPERS.**

**ALL PRE-ORDERS ARE PACKAGED AND WAITING FOR COLLECTION.**

Please come and collect your orders during opening times.

Jane Menzies

Co-ordinator
An Open Evening
will be held on
Wednesday 21 May 2008
from
7.00pm - 9.00pm

For members of our school community and parents,
children and the families of prospective
students.

The evening will commence with an introduction
in the Gymnasium at 7.00pm.

Student exhibitions, displays
and practical activities will follow.
These will be arranged throughout the school.

Please feel free to drop in, walk around the school
and experience the wide range of programs
that Rose Bay has to offer.