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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](http://www.rosebay.tased.edu.au)

From The Principal

Mid Year Reports

As this term commences, all teaching staff are finalising student assessments and beginning the process of completing mid-year reports.

This year we will be utilising the Education Department’s reporting system SARIS (School Assessment and Reporting Information System) to complete all of our student reports. In the past we have used a school based system utilising Word and mail merge to complete reports. Whilst this has some significant benefits in the areas of speed and flexibility, we have moved over to a web based system which will be common to all schools across the state. The speed of the processing of our reports is currently of concern to all of our teachers and we hope that we will meet the scheduled publication date of July 25. This may however need to be adjusted should we find that the input of the student data can’t be completed within our previously published timeline.

Mr Jeffrey

Mr Bruce Jeffrey has recently announced his intention to retire from the Education Department. Bruce has been responsible for school computing within the school since his transfer to us in 2004. Bruce also taught at Rose Bay for a number of years prior to transferring to Geilston Bay High in 1989.

Bruce has provided outstanding leadership in the development of student computer-based learning materials for our students. He has also completely overhauled both our school Intranet and school Internet sites to ensure that these meet the needs of both the students and staff here at school and of the general public.

Bruce is highly regarded for his professionalism and commitment to teaching and I know will be greatly missed by his students. He is an outstanding staff member and the Education Department will lose a wealth of knowledge and experience when Bruce ‘logs off’ on July the 4th.
We wish Bruce all the best in whatever he decides to turn his hand to in the future and know we will greatly miss him here at school. Thanks Bruce and all the best!

School Report

Included in this newsletter is a copy of the Annual Report required to be distributed as a requirement of the Federal Government’s funding arrangements with all state governments.

The report draws on a range of data from student monitoring programs, student, staff and parent satisfaction surveys and school data.

From this report, if I could identify one issue which I believe needs significant attention, I would nominate student attendance.

During 2007 student attendance has slipped in comparison to previous years. Whilst our school’s performance is 1.1% below the secondary sector average, I would hope that this trend will not continue in 2008.

The next report will be issued in July 2009.

If you would like any further information about this report or any other aspect of school performance, please don’t hesitate to contact me at school.

School Uniform

Finally, I would request all parents to check either their ‘parent information pack’ or the school’s website in the section Policies/Uniform (www.rosebay.tased.edu.au) to ensure that students are adhering to the school’s code of dress. As the winter months approach we frequently see students arrive at school in non uniform tops. The school has a blue polar fleece jacket to keep students warm. These are available from the school uniform shop for $30.00. Should students wish to purchase a plain navy blue, non-hooded top that matches the school’s product these will be approved during this term.

Whether we like it or not, many members of the wider community make judgements about our school and our students by the way they are dressed and how they behave in public.

Stephen Mannering
Principal

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Georgina Pangrazzi who will be travelling to Melbourne to represent Elizabeth College in the Waverley International Schools Netball Challenge. Georgina is a member of the EC Netball Athlete Development Program. Teams from Australia, New Zealand and Sri Lanka will be participating in the Challenge. Good luck, Georgina!

Congratulations to Teegan Roy who will be representing Tasmania in the State U/15 Soccer Championships in Coffs Harbour, in July. Good luck, Teegan!

Southern Tasmanian Dancing Eisteddfod Success

During the holidays students from Rose Bay High competed at the Southern Tasmanian Dancing Eisteddfods.

We had Laura Giffard, Danielle Hudson, Kate Manning, Kayla Heggie, Samantha Charlton, Felix Nolan, Bianka Saulis, Megan Piesse, Bianca Cathro
and Elliot Flasman all competing and there were some great achievements from Laura Giffard and Danielle Hudson from House of Dance, winning first place in their song and dance section 18 years. Also, Samantha Charlton from Jenina’s Dance Workshop was placed first in song and dance duo, song and dance group, tap group and champion group.

Well done to everyone.

AAEGT CONFERENCE

Parent Evening with Rosemary Cathcart - Wednesday July 9th.

"The school and your gifted child: How to cope!"

• How do you tell the school you think your child might be gifted without them thinking you’re a pushy parent?
• What can you do if they don’t seem to listen?
• What if you’re not sure whether your child’s gifted – how can you tell?
• How can you deal with a teacher who doesn’t give your child challenging work?
• How can you build a productive relationship with your child’s school?
• How can you help your child at home?
• Should you be worried if your child spends lots of time alone?

This workshop looks at some of those tricky questions that face the parent of a gifted child, with an opportunity for your own questions.

Parents should take this opportunity to come along and hear our Keynote Speaker from New Zealand, Rosemary Cathcart. Parents may attend this separately or as part of conference registration ie you do not have to be a conference delegate to qualify to attend.

Register online or turn up on the night and buy a ticket at the Registration Desk. Ticket cost is $25.

The evening starts at 7.30 and goes until 9.00 pm. The session will be held at the Hotel Grand Chancellor, Hobart - in the Ballroom.

Further information from:

Phil Holmes
Convention Wise
Gifted Conference Secretariat
Ph 6234 1424

LIBRARY REQUEST FOR OLD COPIES OF OUTLOOK

The RBHS Library has copies of the school magazine, Outlook, going back to the opening of the school in 1961. We are planning to digitise these magazines and make them available to staff and students via cd-roms and possibly also the school’s intranet. Unfortunately some of our copies have been damaged over the years and we need good copies without scribble, rips or tears in to ensure we get a decent digital copy.

This may be where you could help. If you have any of the issues of Outlook listed below, could we please BORROW them to make digital copies from. We will take good care of them and make sure you get them back in the same condition you loaned them to us.


If you are able to assist, please call Ailsa Hill or Susan Tuffin on 6243 8511.

SCHOOL GIRLS SOCCER

Rose Bay High School has entered a Grade 7/8 girl’s soccer team in the high school roster, with the first game commencing Friday, 4 July.
**Tasmanian Secondary All Schools Cross Country**

Rose Bay High School has entered a team of 17 members into the Tasmanian Secondary All Schools Cross Country to be held at Symmons Plains Motorway on Tuesday 1 July.

This is the first time Rose Bay has sent a team along to this event in a number of years.

The Tasmanian State Team will be selected from this event and will compete in the Australian All Schools Cross Country Championships in Geelong, Victoria later this year.

We wish all participants the best of luck and look forward to hearing of their results.

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**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.

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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.

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**When:** Tuesday 22nd July from 7pm until 9pm

**Where:** Rose Bay High School in Room C11

**Time:** 7pm til 9pm

Light refreshments will be provided
The trip to Japan was a great success. Students have returned with an enlightened view of their world. One of the highlights was our visit to our sister city, Akkeshi. It was here that students felt the strongest connection to Japan. Once again, sincere thanks are extended to the Clarence City Council for their sponsorship of our travel to Akkeshi. Ties with this community have been further strengthened by the exemplary conduct of our young ambassadors. We look forward to a reciprocal visit from them in the future.

The following report has been written by Lucy Wilkins.

We stayed at a Ryokan in Kyoto for our first three nights in Japan. A Ryokan is a traditional inn and we had to sleep on the floor on futon mattresses. We ate a traditional breakfast which some people, like myself, enjoyed and others found challenging. Many people found the breakfasts too ‘filling’ and they couldn’t eat it all!

We had guided tours of two temples. The tour guide told us all about the security system called Nightingale floorboards. They squeak when you walk on them and not even Ninjas could walk on them without making a noise.

We saw an exhibition of pictures made from torn paper. They looked like paintings! We watched a film about the traditional and modern methods of making silk for kimonos. A fashion parade outside the museum was well worth waiting for!

We travelled by bullet train to Himeji and Hiroshima. Himeji castle is beautiful. Hiroshima was very shocking. I cried and I didn’t want to talk for about 15 minutes afterwards.

While in Tokyo we went to Disneyland. It was very crowded.

For the last three days we stayed with our host families in Akkeshi. My host family took me to a place where you can make your own tasty buckwheat noodles. I discovered my host mother has great taste in music, not quite Bette Midler, but great still. Our school visits were really interesting. They made us feel so welcome. Everyone was very emotional when they had to leave their host family - most cried. We had a great time in Japan.
Inter-House Cross Country Carnival
Wednesday 9 July
1:15pm – 3:00pm
Rose Bay High School – Gordon’s Hill Reserve

Parents are welcome to join the carnival and run with their child. Parent’s participation will contribute to child’s house points.

If you would like to assist in our carnival please complete and return the slip below.

[Slip]

Inter–House Cross Country Carnival 2008

Parent Help

I am available to assist at the Cross Country Carnival on Wednesday 9 July.

Name: ________________________________
Signed: ______________________________
Ph: _________________________________

Please return to Mr Bavage or Miss Mourant by Friday 4 July