Rose Bay High School

Newsletter – I  13 February 2009

**Some Key Dates**

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**Other important dates:**

Term 2 Commences – Monday, June 15
End of Term 2 – Friday, September 4
Term 3 Commences – Monday, September 21
Show Day – October 22
End of Term 3 (Grades 7-10) – Thursday, December 17

**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 175 Grade 7’s and 10 new students into Grade 8, 9 and 10. Some of our new students have come from interstate, including Victoria, Western Australia and Queensland.

For the second year in a row Rose Bay will once again host an exchange student from Japan. Chikako Suzuki will join our Grade 10 year group. I’m sure her presence at school will continue to greatly enhance our students understanding of Japanese culture as equally, Chikako will benefit greatly from her experiences here in Tasmania.

A full year school calendar is available on the school website: [www.rosebay.tased.edu.au](http://www.rosebay.tased.edu.au)
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 Tuesday. 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 7, 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.

**New Staff**

We welcome to Rose Bay:

Mrs Leigh Bradley - Maths and Society and History

Mrs Pam Morse - Maths and Science

Mr Damien Bradburn – Maths, Science and ICT

Ms Janey Charleston – English and Society and History

Mr Shaun Fullarton – Materials Design and Technology

We also welcome back Mrs Kim Kay – Health and Physical Education and Maths

In addition, Alayne Bonney will join us as our new Sports Administration Trainee. Mel Barrett, Phil Haines also join us, along with Ms Emily Newton, as Pathway Planning Officers.

**School Improvements**

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 addition of a vinyl protection strip to the walls in Music and Humanities classrooms
- The re-varnishing of the Gym floor
- Internal painting has been completed in the gymnasium change rooms and the library.
- New shelving has been purchased for the library
- A second ‘smartboard’ has been ordered for Room C12.
- 72 additional computers will come into the school at some stage during the year following our successful submission to the Federal Government. The installation of these machines will occur following the completion of building work in Stage 2 of the school redevelopment.
- The western car park has had an additional sealed area provided.
- Work is currently underway on repairs to the downpipes and fascias prior to the external painting of B Block.
- The stairs at the eastern end of the terraces have been re-rendered to improve safety

**Class Teacher Groups for 2009 are:**

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<td>Stuart Hadrill and Janey Charleston</td>
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It is extremely important that the school works in partnership with parents and guardians. We hope that 2009 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.

**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 or Mr Russell Finster 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 Alayne Bonney.

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 organised through our office.

**School Reports**

Progress Reports for all students will be issued on Monday, April 6 with a Parent/Teacher evening after Easter on Wednesday, April 22.

A detailed mid-year report will follow in Term 2 and will distributed on July 24 with a Parent/Teacher evening on Wednesday, August 5.

In December, a summary report will be provided to all students in the second last week of Term 3.

**Student Behaviour Outside of the School Grounds**

I would like to once again mention an issue I raised with all students in our first assembly yesterday and also in our first newsletter last year.

As Principal, I am often contacted by members of the public and security staff from Eastlands, regarding the sometimes poor behaviour of a minority of students from Rose Bay when they are unsupervised before and after school at Eastlands.

Whilst we are not the only school on the Eastern Shore, as we continue to be the largest high school, just by sheer numbers, however, 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 of being part of a group, their exuberant behaviour, ‘over the top’
conduct 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 to their homes but remind them that there are now security cameras in this area.

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 or members of the public is the more likely response.

I would greatly appreciate it if all parents and guardians could discuss this issue with their children and ensure that such behaviour does not occur this year.

It would be very disappointing if some members of the community made their judgments about this school simply based on the behaviours of this small group of students.

End of Day Parking and Collection of Students

As many parents will be aware there has been an increase in the number of students who are being collected in cars at the end of the school day.

To enable the safe departure of students from the school grounds, it would be appreciated if all parents could refrain from driving their cars into the upper school car park. The only exception to this would be those students who may be on crutches or have some temporary mobility issues.

This measure will ensure that students can exit the school buildings without having to stop as cars exit the car park. Cars exiting the upper car park also interfere with cars entering the school roundabout and often turn across traffic turning right into the school.

It would be appreciated if parents could continue to collect their children from the lower grassed area or if there is room, by parking on the left hand side of the turning circle. Alternative pick up points such as the upper Clarence Pool car park over the Tasman Highway or over the Lindisfarne overpass in Yolla St. could also be an alternative.

Parents should note that the left hand side of Kaoota Road on approach to the school and opposite the school buses is a No Standing Zone. Any car standing on this corner forces cars entering the school onto the wrong side of the road and into the path of departing school buses.

Your assistance with these measures will hopefully ensure our student’s safety can be maintained at the end of the school day.

Uniform Shop

I would like to pass on my sincere thanks to Mrs Jane Menzies for her outstanding work as our School Uniform Shop Co-ordinator. She has done a fantastic job in managing this key role within the school, she will be greatly missed. We wish her all the best for the future. Without this outstanding commitment, the parent community couldn’t benefit from the economies that are achieved by a ‘school based’, ‘non profit’ operation.

Jane and Jillian, our new Uniform Shop Co-ordinator were also ably assisted by a number of other parents and community members. Special thanks goes to: Maxine Terry, Sonya Glover, Fiona Hay, Janet Palfrey, Louise Graham, Robyn Toigo

Congratulations

On behalf of the school community I would like to congratulate Mr Dean Hunt who received an Order of Australia in the New Year’s Honours. Mr Hunt received his award for his outstanding contribution to brass band music in Tasmania. Mr Hunt has been conductor of the Glenorchy Brass Band since 1989 and plays an active role in promoting brass band music throughout the state. This is an outstanding achievement and I’m sure all members of the school community would acknowledge the great contribution Mr Hunt makes to the area of Music and also to our school bands here at Rose Bay. Well done Dean!
Finally, I hope 2009 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

Stars of Sport

Congratulations to Trent McLaughlin on his successes at the inaugural Australian multi-disability age swimming championships which were held at the AIS in Canberra during the holidays.
Trent won a gold medal in the 13-15 year old 400m freestyle, a silver medal in the 200m individual medley and bronze medals in the 50m butterfly, 50m backstroke and the 100m freestyle.
A great effort, Trent – well done!
We wish him the very best at the Australian open championships in Sydney next month.

Congratulations to Danton Evans who won back-to-back McDonald Young Guns Karting titles during the holidays.

Youth Advisory Group on Cyber-safety
This year Rose Bay High School will be one of 15 schools in Australia who have been invited to participate in the Australian Government’s Youth Advisory Group on Cyber-safety.

In the next few weeks we will be selecting 25 students from all grades who will participate in this YAG.

Students will be providing advice on cyber-safety issues, from a young person’s perspective, to the Australian Government and the Government’s Consultative Working Group on Cyber-safety. They will be required to participate in up to two face-to-face meetings during the year and an on-going online forum. For this, it is important that interested students have access to the internet at home.

YAG members will need to exhibit a high level of participation and familiarity with the internet and a willingness to engage and contribute online and at the meeting(s).

When students have been selected for the YAG a letter, brochure, fact sheet, consent form and acceptable use document will be sent home to parents/primary carers. We hope to be able to finalise the group of students by the second week in March.

This is an interesting and exciting way for young people to be able to contribute to government decision-making and to have their say at a time when cyber-safety issues are of great concern to the entire community.

Expressions of interest will be sought from students but should you wish your son/daughter to be considered for the YAG, please contact me at the school.

Greg Sawyer
Assistant Principal

BUS INFORMATION

Dunnally Redline bus
Apologies for the confusion with the Dunnally bus on Wednesday. This bus now leaves from the school on the Cornwall St/Kaoota Road corner at 3.10pm.
Our thanks to Redline for providing an extra bus for those who missed the regular service on Wednesday.

Uniform Shop Newsletter Report
Firstly I would like to thank the volunteers who did a wonderful job helping during the levy payment times. So thank you Maxine Terry, Sonya Glover, Fiona Hay, Janet Palfrey, Louise Graham and Robyn Toigo. A special thankyou goes to Jos Pullen who helped for 2 days. Jillian Goninion New Co-ordinator. My family Charlotte, Connor, Josh and Vic. Without all these volunteers there would not be a uniform shop.

I must apologise for the few items that we did sell out of, or did not arrive. Orders have been taken and as soon as these items arrive they will be packaged up for those who ordered them.
For those who do not know the Tiger tops did arrive but had to be sent back due to the wrong colour screen print, hopefully these will be back in a couple of weeks, including a new size of 14c (being a child). Even though I will still be around to help, it is now time for me to hand over the uniform shop to Jillian and I wish her every success, and hope that the school community supports her the same as they have me. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as the Co-ordinator of the uniform shop for the past 4 years and will miss all staff and school association who have been so friendly and helpful.

Jane Menzies
Re-tiring Co-ordinator

Our school support students with asthma and their families. The Term 1 Tasmanian Asthma Friendly Schools newsletter can be found online at [www.asthmafriendlyschools.org.au](http://www.asthmafriendlyschools.org.au). Go to top right corner, click home/latest news/Tasmania or contact the Asthma Foundation of Tasmania on 1800 645 130 for a copy.

**Bring home a brother or a sister**

In July 2009, students aged 15-18 years from over 15 countries will be arriving in Australia to study at local schools for 5 to 10 months. Opportunities exist to act as a host family in a volunteer/unpaid capacity. Hosting can be on a temporary, short or long term basis.

Host families help provide our students with the chance to study and experience life in Australia. This is a great way to learn about another country and culture, establish a lifelong link to a family in another country and contribute to international goodwill. If your family can offer a friendly, supportive and caring home environment, contact us today.

To learn more about this opportunity call Student Exchange Australia on 1300 135 331 or visit our website: [www.studentexchange.org.au](http://www.studentexchange.org.au)

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- After School Art Classes for students 6 to 18
- Daytime Adult Art Classes
- Van GOGOs Infant Art Class

or call 6244 6785 or M 0438 446785

Email [betty.nolan@foreshoreartschool.com.au](mailto:betty.nolan@foreshoreartschool.com.au)

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