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From the Principal

Parent Teacher Evening

I would like to thank all those parents who took the opportunity to come into school to discuss aspects of their child’s learning with members of staff last Wednesday. We greatly appreciate your support in our efforts to ensure all of our students are working at capacity and achieving their potential at school. These discussions will hopefully provide the impetus for our students, as they move towards their final assessments in December.

For those parents who were unable to come into school for interviews, I would encourage you to go through your child’s report with them. This process should attempt to identify all the positive comments they have received and then move on to a strategy to address any issues that may need attention. I’m sure this will be of benefit to them as they work out where to focus their efforts in the remainder of the year.

The final school report will be forwarded to parents and guardians in the second last week of Term 3 on Friday, December 11.

German Exchange Student

Philippa Theelen, Grade 10, has recently joined us as part of a Rotary Student Exchange Program. She will complete the remainder of the year with our Grade 10’s, before moving on to Rosny College until the middle of next year.

Welcome Philippa!
School Band to Melbourne

Next Wednesday, 38 members of the school concert band will travel to Melbourne for the annual Melbourne School Bands Festival. Members of the band will also perform at Frankston and Langwarrin primary schools.

Other activities members of the band have the opportunity to be involved with include, attending the show Chicago, visiting Science Works, a visit to the Melbourne Zoo and the opportunity to attend the Friday night AFL game or an IMAX movie. The band returns the following Saturday.

I would like to thank all those parents who have supported their children to take part in this excellent learning experience. I would also like to thank Ms Dawes, Mr Hunt and Ms Badcock for all their efforts in preparing the band for this trip.

Grade 7 Swimming

All Grade 7 students will take part in swimming lessons as part of their Health and Physical Education classes in the week beginning August 24.

I would like to thank Ms McKay for arranging this program. I would also like to thank the School Association for their ongoing support of this excellent addition to our Grade 7 curriculum. Without their financial support, this program would be a considerable cost for parents.

Work Experience

Around 60 Grade 10 students will be involved in work experience placements and INVEST programs courses commencing on Monday, August 24. Many thanks to Mrs Cash for all her efforts in arranging the work experience placements and to Ms Newton and Mr Hadrill for facilitating the INVEST program here at Rose Bay.

Jazz Band

The school jazz band has once again been invited to perform as part of the Hot August Jazz Festival. The band will perform a 30 minute bracket in the Queens Head Hotel at 2.30 on Sunday, August 30.

The band members are: Jonathon Ainslie – Guitar (10A), Alex Barnett – Bass Guitar (10A), Callum Johnston – Drums (10A), Matthew O’Garey – Trumpet (10A), Zac Hardaker – Alto Sax (10B), Jeff Turner – Tenor Sax (10F), Casey Todeschini – Baritone Sax – (9E) and Michael Pears – Trombone (9E).

Second Half of the Academic Year

We have now moved beyond the mid point in the school year. With mid-year reports completed we will now take the opportunity to regroup and to move forward with our focus clearly on the learning that students are expected to attain by December.

Grade 10s, during this week, have been completing their mid-year examinations. These examinations have provided students with an ‘exam experience’ and will also provide their teachers with an indication of their learning success under exam conditions.

The results from these examinations will contribute to their final results in December. Feedback from teachers on their performance in these assessment opportunities will enable them to set achievable and worthwhile targets for the end of the year.
A further round of exams and major tests will be held in November to help finalise each student’s results. For all other students, there will be final assessment tasks to complete throughout the latter part of Term 3.

I hope that all parents, armed with the information they have received both through school reports and discussions with teachers, will emphasise the importance of students attending school regularly, being prepared for work and being fully engaged in their school program in the remaining 16 weeks of this school year.

Stephen Mannering
Principal

The following students received certificates in recognition of their efforts in Mid Year Reports:

**Academic Achievement Award**

Nicola Ramm 7A  
Micky Hammer 7A  
Rebecca Miller 7A  
Stacie Hutchinson 7A  
Melanie Horne 7A  
Tyler Bakes 7B  
Tadiwanashe Madzikanda 7B  
Jessica Downham 7C  
Klaire Carrick 7C  
Cassandra Tye 7C  
Rebecca Pilgrim 7C  
Blair Fazackerley 7D  
James Warren 7D  
Imogen Hudspeth 7E  
Isaac Franks 7E  
Kelly Skromanis 7E  
Sharlai Watson 7E  
Lauretta Flack 7F  
Minda Collins 7F  
Benjamin Nelan 7F  
Megan Shadbolt 7G  
Matthew Hutchinson 8A  
Sarah Lindsay 8A  
Mitchell Spong 8A  
Sarah Cohen 8D  
Brendan Watson 8D  
Annika Lee 8E  
Elwyn Payne 8E  
Allison Hay 8F  
Laura Harle 8F  
Daniel Barrett 8F  
Carly Hickman 8F  
Jacob Foreman 9A  
Ashleigh McLarin 9A  
Nicholas Schade 9A  
Sam Randall 9A  
Yasmin Quelch 9B  
Hayden Arnett 9C  
Adriana Hutchinson 9C  
Harrison Reading 9D  
Kelly Deane 9D  
Patrick Yates 9D  
Isaac Williams 9G  
Jesse Hawtree 9G  
Colin Pettman 9G  
Alexander Barnett 10A  
Zachary Hardaker 10B  
Aliya Tierney 10B  
Nathaniel Martin 10C  
Caylee Tierney 10D  
Danielle Burridge 10E  
Lucy Wilkins 10E  
Thomas Butler 10F  
Rachel Kingston 10F  
Edward Millar 10F  
Alex Quinn 10F

**Conscientious Effort Award**

Sebastion Bridges 7A  
Anthony Gray 7A  
Brianna Nugent 7A  
Tahlya Loring 7A  
Emilie Lewis 7A  
Emma Henderson 7A  
Louise Connolly 7B  
Paiman Oriakhel 7B  
Kristy Oxley 7B  
Juanita Thors 7B  
Hannah Webb 7B  
Perrie Adcock-Hall 7C  
Hayden Jacobs 7C  
Samantha Sonners 7C  
Kayla Young 7C  
Luke Edwards 7D  
Alice Petrie 7D  
Jack Brennan 7D  
Tayla Burr 7D  
Blair Edmondson 7D
Adam Hutchinson 7D  
Joshua McDemott 7D  
Ella Bailey 7E  
Jacob Evans 7E  
Anika Goninon 7E  
Josh Lovell 7E  
Kerisse Lush 7E  
Amy McCarthy 7E  
Holly Hudson 7F  
Eloise Murdoch 7F  
Shaye Prouse-Bailey 7F  
Trey Westbury 7F  
Hugh Hellemann 7F  
Nelly Iduteyiteka 7G  
Phoebe Martin 7G  
Taylor Smith 7G  
James Nutting 7G  

Zoe Brooks 8A  
Murray Turner 8A  
Seraiah Harrold 8A  
Broianna McPherson 8A  
Lauren Booth 8B  
Kate Lindsay 8B  
Emily King 8B  
Robert Garland 8B  
Stephanie Hind 8C  
Taite Loring 8C  
Kimberley Nicholson 8C  
Samantha Oxley 8C  
Ashley Pearce 8C  
Hettie Adams 8D  
Kai Brooks 8D  
Jessica Melville 8D  
Jack Short 8D  
Tayla Smith 8D  
Kiarna Saulis 8E  
Lucy Smith 8E  
Maddison Williams 8E  
Meghan Drew 8E  
Samantha Owens 8E  
Sarah Barnett 8E  
James Stoward 8E  
Mikayla Wedge 8F  
Ashely Swan 8F  
Nosolatha Niyukuri 8F  

Louis Carbery 9B  
Samantha Charlton 9B  
Kayla Heggie 9B  
Sean Delany 9C  
Brooke Potter 9C  

Ashlea Schott 9C  
Courtney Spence 9C  
Alexander Walker 9C  
Roman Oriakhel 9D  
Sarah Cullen 9E  
Michael Pears 9E  
Matthew Sinclair 9E  
Calem Garity 9E  
Brayden Kershaw-Donkers 9E  
Kim Nicola 9F  
Daniel Joseph 9F  
Kiara Miniken-Smith 9F  
Elliott Flassman 9G  
Samuel Cronk 10A  
Mitchell Newell 10A  
Aleisha Howard 10A  
Frolis Ahayo 10B  
Allyssa Anning 10B  
Emily Burgess 10B  
Lenny Burgess 10B  
Amelia Fazackerley 10B  
Leveriano Habiymbere 10B  
Ram Khadka 10B  
Filipa Woods 10C  
Joel Doran 10C  
Ben Fahey 10C  
Samantha Fisher 10C  
Luke Johnston 10C  
Trent McLaughlin 10C  
Grace Steele 10C  
Matti Stramacchia 10C  
Gavin Byrd 10D  
James Campbell-Graham 10D  
Skye Dennison 10D  
Andrew Wall 10D  
Ashlyn Briggs 10D  
Anita McKenzie 10E  
Julian Edwards 10F  
Peter Sansom 10F  

Significant Improvement Award

Emmeline Cresswell 8B  
Jackson Sullivan 8D  
Mitchell Pettit 8E  
Brittany Hill 8F  
Errol McDougall 9B  
Saxon McCoy 9F  
Monique Williams 9F  
Megan Steeden 10D
Exceeding Expectation Special Treat

At Rose Bay High School students are encouraged to exceed expectations. Acts of kindness, leadership and exceptional work are examples of an “XX” award. A record of students “XX” awards are kept in their planners. Students nominated by their Home Group Teachers received an invitation to go to the movies in recognition of their positive contribution to the school community. The school allocated funds to the event to reduce the cost of attending.

On Friday the 31st of July 88, students along with Mrs Cole and Mr Dorrington thoroughly enjoyed the screening of Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince. As expected, the students who attended “exceeded expectation”. Congratulations and well done to those who were invited, and a big thank you to teachers who provided additional supervision to allow this special event to occur.

Certificates will be issued in the next assembly and another event is planned for Term 3.

Pieta McKay

Animal Studies Update

Classes were happy to welcome wildlife animal carer, Ms Kimbra Creswell to come and speak with students. Ms Creswell explained the value of wildlife and how she cares for those that have been injured. Students were able to practice by using soft toy animals. Ms Creswell does this on a voluntary basis. Should anyone be interested in learning more, she does offer courses through adult education. Ms Creswell is also a parent at the school and sharing of her expertise is much appreciated. Should any parent have an interest in, or passion on anything to do with Animal Studies and is willing to visit our classes, please contact the school. Animal Studies covers a broad range across Wildlife, Domestic, Livestock and Marine.

Also visiting, was Mr Tony Conlan who has a passion for wildlife, with his particular interest being reptiles. Students enjoyed his visit and the opportunity to talk about various aspects of wildlife. Thanks also to Animal Studies students James Southern and Luke Johnston who ably assisted Mr Conlan and also brought along their pets which include blue tongue lizards. Thanks also to Yianni Minnis, a Grade Ten student who helped with the presentation and brought along various lizards. Our visiting exchange student from Japan, Keisuke Mishina was especially pleased as he had never seen any of these animals before.

This week, students in Animal Studies classes will be doing an exam. This forms part of their assessment. Students have been working hard on their essay, which forms a major component of the exam.

R.S.P.C.A Cup Cake Day, Monday 17th August

Talitha Sharman and Brie Richards in 7E have organised for the school to participate in the R.S.P.C.A. Cup Cake Day next Monday as part of their ruMAD? (Are you Making a Difference) project.

It will be a Free Dress Day for a Gold Coin donation to help the R.S.P.C.A. raise funds for food and bedding for their animals. Cup Cakes will also be sold outside C11 at lunchtime for $1 each.
Anyone who can help by baking some Cup Cakes for this fund-raiser should bring them along to The Meeting Room on Monday morning. Please make sure that any containers are well marked with your name so that they can be returned to you.

Help support a good cause!

National Science Week
15 – 23 August

Great Moments in Science with Dr Karl

Sometimes described as an answer looking for a question, well-known science presenter Dr Karl Kruszelnicki explains science as you’ve never heard it before!
Friday 14 August, 7.00pm
Stanley Burbury Theatre, University Centre, UTAS Sandy Bay Campus

Science and Fame

What makes a scientist famous? Explore the impacts that modern heroes of science, technology and the environment have within society – including interviews with influential
individuals [Attenborough, Suzuki and more] representing different aspects of science.

Wednesday 19 August, 7.00pm
Centenary Lecture Theatre, UTAS Sandy Bay Campus

90 Seconds of Fame
90 seconds is all it takes to discover amazing science from the Young Tassie Scientists and others. Powerpoint is strictly banned – so how will they explain their work in just seconds? Expect some creative presentations!

Thursday 20 August, 5.30-6.45pm
University Staff Club, UTAS Sandy Bay Campus

Mathematical Comedy with Simon Pampena
Heart racing, fist pumping, action packed mathematical comedy from stand up mathematician Simon Pampena, direct from the Melbourne International Comedy Festival.

Thursday 20 August, 7.00pm
Stanley Burbury Theatre, University Centre, UTAS Sandy Bay Campus

Dinosaurs – Life, Death and Evolution on an Island Continent
Explore the latest ideas and controversies about the world of dinosaur with National Science Week guest speaker and leading palaeontologist, Scott Sampson.

Friday 21 August, 11.30am and 7.00pm
Stanley Burbury Theatre, University Centre, UTAS Sandy Bay Campus

Sharks, Devils and You: Up Close and Personal
Showcase the research and filming work on Great White Sharks and the management of injured and orphaned wildlife, including Tasmanian Devils.

Sunday 23 August, 12noon
Centenary Lecture Theatre, UTAS Sandy Bay Campus

DAVID HARRIS: ENCOUNTER WITH AN AUTHOR

What a fantastic experience! From the moment I picked up our shivering, partially frozen (but very excited) guest author from his accommodation, I knew there were some fortunate RBHS students (and staff) who were in for a real treat. On Wednesday 8th July, not only were we lucky enough to have an author coming to work with our Creative Writing classes, but we also had a journalist, historian, archaeologist, ex teacher and more, all bundled into one.

David Harris took three Creative Writing classes and a number of other interested students for a series of workshops, entertaining them with fascinating and often bizarre tales of his life experiences and that of his family, as well as sharing ideas and techniques which have helped shape his writing. The sessions were extremely practical, encouraging students to share their ideas both orally and in written form. I was extremely impressed by the quality and the quantity of the students’ ideas and their writing as they made the most of their time with David.

If you want to find out more about David Harris and his work, you can visit his website at—

In case you didn’t know, David is married to another well-known author, Christine Harris. Christine has written around fifty books, many of which are aimed at younger children, but she does have a selection of books suitable for years 7 and 8.

If you are interested, check out her website at the following addresses—

For any students wanting to read some of David’s books, we have a selection available in the RBHS library and will also be receiving two copies each of his latest novels in the ‘Time Raiders’ series—Blood of the Incas and Monsters in the Sand. If you are interested in reserving a copy to read you will need to be quick. We also have sixteen books by Christine Harris and are currently looking at purchasing some more books by this popular author.

Mrs Hill (Teacher librarian)
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Greencard is secure, simple and fast to use; Metro’s smartcard ticketing system is ‘tag on’. Passengers only need hold their Greencard close to a card reader when boarding a bus and the correct fare will automatically be deducted from the Greencard purse.

Metro believes students, parents and schools will benefit significantly from new information technology used in the design of Greencard to help manage their travel needs.

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- Use Greencard to pay for Metro travel in Launceston, Burnie or Hobart;
- Receive 25% additional travel credits when recharging a student Greencard with $10 or more in the same transaction; and
- Greencard travel credit can be charged online, at an agent or on the bus.

Students have the option to purchase cash fares on the bus ($1.20) if they don’t have a Greencard. Travel credits do not apply to single cash fare purchases.

Register for a student Greencard online at www.metrotas.com.au or apply for a student Greencard using a paper application, available from Greencard ticket agents, Metro offices in Launceston, 168 Wellington Street, Hobart 212 Main Road, Moonah and the Metro Shop located inside the GPO Hobart.

Detailed Greencard information explaining how to obtain, register and use a Greencard is available online at www.metrotas.com.au by following the Greencard links from the home page.

If you require further information about Greencard, please telephone 13 22 01 during business hours and select option 1 (Greencard enquiry) from the menu option to speak with an operator.