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

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

A Message from the Chairperson of the School Association

As the new chairperson of the Rose Bay High School Association I’d like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to parents, and to encourage you to get more involved in our school. One way of getting more involved is to attend an open School Association meeting, which are held each month in the staffroom, starting at 7:30pm (see the School Newsletter, or School Calendar online at [www.rosebay.tased.edu.au](http://www.rosebay.tased.edu.au), for dates).

All members of our school community are welcome. You may be surprised what you learn about our school. These meetings are an opportunity to meet other parents, hear about what’s going on at school, and perhaps assist with projects to help the school. I’ve been associated with the school since 2005, my youngest daughter is now in Grade 9. Any queries, please contact me at home in the evening. I look forward to meeting you. Mike McLarin (ph. 6272-1193).

Inter-High Swimming Carnival

As many parents will be aware, on Tuesday, April 28, for the first time in many years, Rose Bay won the Inter-High Swimming Carnival held at the Hobart Aquatic Centre.

In 2008, Rose Bay came second to Taroona High by 4 points. On this occasion we won by a margin of 14 points. Our performance was an outstanding team effort. Special mention, however, must go to Joshua McDermott (7D) who broke two longstanding records in both the 50mm and 100mm freestyle events.

Well done everyone!

Winter Clothing

On a number of occasions I have written to members of the school community about the need to wear the correct uniform items to and from school.
The school’s requirements for no hooded tops, has been longstanding and is adhered to by the great majority of our students. It is disappointing that a minority of students, particularly in Grade 10, don’t understand the effect that an appearance of ‘no uniform’ creates for this school in the wider community.

As many parents are aware, the media and the general public make judgements about schools on a range of issues. Whilst uniform isn’t one the measures used by the Government to monitor schools, I know many prospective parents believe uniform is indication of the ethos of the school and the level of discipline within it.

I would really appreciate it if all parents and guardians could ensure that their child knows the requirements for items of uniform to be worn here at school and ensures that these are adhered to every day, unless there is good reason for this not to be possible.

Copies of our uniform requirements are in every Student Planner.

Earrings

In recent days, there have been a small number of male students who have presented at school wearing an earring shaped like a pointed spear tip which is usually around 25mm to 30mm in length. These are extremely dangerous due to the fact that they are being worn in proximity to major blood vessels. These items pose a real risk to students should they be involved in any form of a scuffle, engaged in physical education or playing games at recess or lunch. This type of earring must not be worn to school.

The only approved type of earrings for school are sleepers or studs.

New Japanese Student

We would like to welcome to Rose Bay Keisuke Mishina from Japan. Keisuke joins Grade 10A. Having arrived just after Easter, our students have made him feel very welcome and he is enjoying his quite challenging period away from his home life.

Keisuke joins Chikako Suzuki from Japan who has been with us since the commencement of the school year.

School Life Publication

This publication has information about:

- Tasmanian Government Schools Overview
- Where Your Child Can Go To School
- What Your Child Will Be Taught
- Costs and Financial Assistance
- Parent and Cares Rights and Responsibilities
- Health and Wellbeing
- Getting Involved in Your Community
- Contacts

You can access this on line at [www.education.tas.gov.au](http://www.education.tas.gov.au) If you would like a hard copy of this publication, please contact Jordyan Coombe on 62337497

Open Night

Our 2009 Open Night will be held on Wednesday, May 20 commencing at 7.00pm. All parents and guardians are welcome to attend. This evening is an opportunity to have a look through the school and to also hear and see some of the excellent work students have been engaged in so far this year.

The evening is also an ideal opportunity for any prospective Rose Bay parents to come along and to speak with staff about their teaching programs and to see the facilities that are available here.

I look forward to seeing you.

NAPLAN

By the time this newsletter is published, all students in Grade 7 and 9 will have completed the second national round of literacy and numeracy testing.

As many parents will have observed, these tests are given significant currency within the community, who may use these ‘one off tests’ to gather information about the teaching standards within our schools. I know that all of our
teachers have done their very best to ensure that our students can perform as well as possible in these tests and look forward to receiving the results later in the year. I also know that our students will have given their best throughout this quite gruelling process.

I would particularly like to thank Mr Thorpe and Mrs Cameron who have coordinated the testing of over 300 students during this week.

**Flu and Whooping Cough**

The current worldwide concerns regarding the possible spread of Swine-Flu have required all of us to think carefully about ways to minimise our exposure to the spread of viruses and other diseases. Enclosed in this newsletter is an article the Department of Education has requested we make available to all members of the school community. Teacher at school have also spoken to their classes about these issues and a number of posters have been placed around the school. Other measures will be taken on the advice of the Department of Health should this be deemed to be necessary.

We are also aware that a couple of students have been isolated at home due to exposure to Whooping Cough infection.

The following information is provided in regard to this illness.

**Symptoms**

A respiratory infection which can be very serious in infants. The cough usually persists for weeks. It is prevented through immunisation with 'triple antigen'.

**Treatment**

See your doctor for immediate treatment.

**Notify School**

You should advise the school. It is very contagious and all contacts should be informed. Advice should be sought from the Department of Health and Human Services 1800 671 738, Public and Environmental Health Service.

**Keep Child at Home**

Your child will be excluded from school for at least 5 days after antibiotic treatment has started and until well. Un-immunised family members under 7 years may also be excluded from school until they have received a course of antibiotics.

**Other Comments**

Immunisation is available and recommended in accordance with the current Immunisation Schedule. Close contacts (eg family members) should receive a course of antibiotics.

Stephen Mannering
Principal

**STARS OF SPORTS**

Apologies to Joel Bowling – Joel finished in 2nd place NOT 3rd place, Division 2 at the Tasmanian School Surf Competition

**Inter-High Swimming 2009**

On Tuesday 28th of April, Mrs Kay and Ms Blackborrow took a group of students to the Hobart Aquatic Centre for the Division A Inter-High Swimming Carnival. It was a successful day for Rose Bay in the pool, coming second in the boys section and third in the girls aggregate to finish in first place overall and take out the Schools Shield.

Congratulations to all who competed for the school and to Emily Freerk, Caylee Tierney and Alison Hay who accompanied the team as officials.

It was a great day and everyone represented our school really well.

Special congratulations go to Joshua McDermott who was successful in breaking long standing records in the 50m Freestyle (held since 1968) and the 100m Freestyle (held since 1992). This is a fantastic achievement.

Trent McLaughlin
Team Captain
Upcoming School Social

Students will receive invitations to the School Social early next week.

**Date:** Thursday 28 May  
**Time:** 7pm – 10pm  
**Cost:** $4.00  
**Theme:** Australian

Students are encouraged to dress up and get into the spirit of being “Australian”.

**Animal Studies Update:**

Animal Studies have had a visit from the Guide Dogs and students found it most informative. Stacey brought along two public relations Labradors to visit and students discovered it was Ok to give attention once the dogs were ‘out of uniform’. Students also were surprised to learn that it costs around $25,000 to fully train each dog and no government funding is provided so all funds have to be raised by the organisation.

A permission form is coming home this week for an excursion to ZooDoo in Richmond on Tuesday May 26th. Students will have the opportunity to involve themselves in such activities as the safari bus tour and native animal park. The knowledge gained will be helpful for work to be undertaken in Term Two.

We ended up with two surviving chicks from our incubation and subsequent brooding. Incubation took 21 days and then the chicks spent the week before Easter in the brooder at school before spending the remainder of the time in the brooder at my home. This week the chicks are being adopted by an Animal Studies student, Megan Piesse.

Unfortunately, we are unable to keep our pair of guinea pigs on site and they have been living at my home after visiting us at school. Jaffa is male and Ruby is female. They are a delightful pair of guinea pigs and are now up for adoption. Please let me know if you are interested.

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The Education Department has provided an information booklet called “Engage” for each family. The **eldest** child in each family has been given a booklet to bring home.

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Tasmanian Association for the Gifted

**Presents**

**A parent evening**  
**with**  
**Jenny Tayler**  
**about**

**Accelerated Progression for Gifted Students**

**Incorporating**

- Models of Accelerated Progression  
- Guidelines & Requirements for Grade Acceleration  
- Exploring Popular Conceptions about Grade Acceleration  
- Pros and Cons of Accelerated Progression

**on**  
Thursday 28th May 2009 at 7.30 pm.

**at**  
25 Oakleigh Avenue, Taroona.

All welcome. A gold coin donation for supper would be appreciated.

RSVP to **tasgifted@gmail.com** Or 62279003
University of New South Wales Competitions and Assessments
In 2009 interested students will be given the opportunity to participate in the UNSW competitions in English, Mathematics, Writing, Spelling, Science and Computer Skills.

The information below is provided for those who may want to take part.

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It is important that interested students see the relevant contact teacher as soon as possible to let them know of their interest.

ROSE BAY HIGH SCHOOL

OPEN NIGHT

Wednesday 20 May 2009

commencing at 7pm in the School Gymnasium.

On behalf of the students and staff of Rose Bay High I extend an invitation to all members of the school community to visit the school to view displays of student work and to talk with staff about our educational programs.

We look forward to seeing you.

Stephen Mannering
Principal
AUSTRALIAN ARMY CADETS
is open to anyone between the ages of 12 ½ and 18 years.
Wednesday nights from 6.30 – 9.00pm.
Cnr Quarry Road and Mornington Road
WARRANE
Phone 6244 2723 (Wednesday Evenings)
or
Cathy Parr 0417 158 116

SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

Bead Bracelets - Ages 11-14yrs
Thursday 11th June 10am – 1pm
$10 per child
School House Gallery

Bugs Alive!!! - Ages 8– 14 yrs
Create wacky bug sculptures from recycled materials.
Wednesday 10th June 10am – 12pm
$6 per child

Acting Workshops 8 – 15 yrs
Monday 1st June and Thursday 11th June 10am – 3pm
1 day workshop $25
Bellerive Community Arts Centre, 17 Cambridge Road, Bellerive
Bookings essential. Ph 62655438 or email
lynnmccarroll@aapt.net.au

Bookings essential – for the workshops above
call Tracey or Sarah on 6245 8740
Email: schoolhouse@acc.tas.gov.au
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