**Some Key Dates**

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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**

**Congratulations**
I would like to congratulate our former students who gained Tertiary Entrance Scores in excess of 90 in last year’s Year 12 program at Rosny College.

It is great to see this excellent performance from our former students. I am sure their families are very proud of their efforts along with their teachers from both Rosny College and here at Rose Bay. Well done!

- Prue Webster
- Ebony Artis
- Ruth Barnett
- Thaleia Nizamis
- Megan Hughes
- Isobel Cusick
- Alexander Hardaker
- Guinevere Quelch
- Brianna Denning
- Reyne Boxhall

**Deans’ Roll Of Excellent – Faculty of Arts**
I would like to acknowledge the outstanding efforts of past students Stephanie Manning and Selina Bryan who were admitted to the Dean’s Roll of Excellence in the Faculty of Arts for achieving excellent results in 2008.
**Student Attendance**

For the last three years we have seen an annual increase in student absenteeism. Data provided to the school reveals that this issue is predominant in Grade 9 and 10 and generally isolated to a sector of female students.

Boy’s attendance in all grades is, however, generally quite pleasing.

As of the 17th of March there are currently 70 unexplained absences in Grade 7, 130 in Grade 8, 258 in Grade 9 and 200 in Grade 10. Absence rates data for Grades 8, 9 and 10 are currently above those of the same period last year. This is of considerable concern as recurrent student absences have a very serious impact on the coherence and continuity of the teaching and learning program. This is to the detriment of both those students who are at school, who have to sit through repeats of material already covered when absent students return to school. It also severely impacts on those who are absent as they lose the thread of the teaching program and fail to make the connections in their learning that regular attendance will deliver.

I would remind all parents and guardians that explanations must be given for all student absences. A phone call, written note or email will be appreciated.

Although Rose Bay’s annual attendance in 2007 and 2008 was above the secondary sector average, this consistent trend, particularly for some senior female students must be addressed.

I am currently reviewing the attendance of all students and will be working with our Social Worker – Mel Langford to contact parents where a detrimental record of attendance is currently evident.

**Punctuality**

A significant number of senior students are regularly arriving at school late. In many cases the explanation for these is: “I slept in”, or “I missed the bus” etc. I am sure all parents and guardians are aware of the need for students to develop good work habits at school. Once these routines of getting up on time each morning and getting to the bus stop in time are mastered, they are well on their way to having developed one of the key workplace skills required by employers.

It is disappointing that we find ourselves considering detentions for those students who regularly arrive late at school.

**Parking**

I would like to remind all parents and guardians that the area directly outside the school gate next to the school gymnasium should not be used as a pickup point for students. It is particularly dangerous for departing students where parents are parked in the area, as students are often confronted by cars manoeuvring as they are leave the school grounds. I would also remind parents and guardians that the area on the opposite side of Kaoota Road from the school buses is a no standing zone. Please do not park in this area as parked cars force other vehicles onto the other side of the road and into the path of departing buses.

**School Association**

I would like to thank all those parents and guardians who attended last week’s Annual General Meeting for the School Association. Elected members of the School Association are:

Chairperson – Mike McLarin  
Deputy Chairperson – Ken Hardaker  
Secretary – Jennifer Yates  
Treasurer – Christine Cash (Staff)  
Public Officer – Stephen Mannering (Staff)

Other members of the Executive are:  
Mr Greg Sawyer (Staff)  
Lucy Wilkins (SRC – Co President)  
Alex Quinn (SRC – Co President)  
Jos Pullen - Parent  
Julie Lindsay - Parent  
Maxine Terry - Parent  
Cynthia Direen - Parent  
Jo Hickman - Parent

The School Association plays a key role in the life of the school and I would like to thank all existing and new members for giving up their time to take on this responsibility.
**Alternative Programs**

The school recognises that for many students the regular routines of classroom-based learning is not what they are looking for at all times in their education, particularly as they progress towards the time when they are able to undertake paid employment.

In 2008, a number of students participated in INVEST courses. These will be offered again in 2009 for students would like to have first hand experience in possible Polytechnic course pathway programs. Mr Hadrill has provided information about these programs in this newsletter. Mr Hadrill also provides information about the Youth Build Project involving a group of 8 boys from Grade 10.

Grade 9’s will have the opportunity to attend a ‘Try a Trade’ day to be conducted at the Royal Hobart Show Grounds on Tuesday the 21st of April. They will also be able to attend a Career Specialist Investigation Expo on April 3rd. The CSI’09 is a national event, which provides careers, employment and training advice to people of all ages.

A small number of students in Grade 10 have also been given an opportunity to work with talented ‘air brushing’ artist, Robbie Adams. This program is offered through The House Options Program. Hair and Beauty courses along with a landscaping project are also available to students at The House.

We also have a small number of students engaged in School Based Traineeships/Apprenticeships through a variety of employers.

I am sure the students involved in these programs value the opportunities provided to them.

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**Congratulations to Catherine Foster** for competing in the Tour de Femme [ladies bike event] on Monday 9th March 2009.

**Congratulations to James Southern (10B)** on his selection in the Tasmanian Boxing team to compete at the Australian World Boxing Trials in Adelaide next week. James will box in the 52 Kilogram Division and with success at the trials, James could gain selection for the World Junior Championships. Good luck, James!

**GRADE 7 FUTSAL CHAMPIONS**

L-r: Cassie Tye, Jessica Downham, Maddison Calendar, Eloise Murdoch, Emilie Lewis, Stacie Hutchinson; Coach: Mr Murdoch

On Wednesday 18th March Rose Bay participated in a Girls and Boys Futsal competition organized by the Vikings Futsal Club at the Hockey Centre.

The two boys’ and one girls’ team all fared well with the Grade 7 Girls (above) having an unbeaten tournament and defeating Ogilvie High School in the final by 4 goals to nil. Scorers were, Cassie Tye (2), Maddison Calendar and Emilie Lewis.

It was a great team effort and an excellent day of Futsal. Our thanks go to the Vikings Futsal Club for organising the day and to Mr Murdoch and the other coaches for their effort and support.
SENIOR CONCERT BAND WORKSHOPS

This year our band programme has commenced with exceptionally worthwhile workshops conducted at the Glenorchy Band Rooms.

We had forty-six students attend the workshops and, at most times, six tutors. The workshops occurred on the 3rd and 4th of March and during this time the students played through and worked on six pieces of music which was a great feat.

We can already see that this year’s band members are shaping up to be a committed group of people and we look forward to taking them to the Melbourne Bands’ Festival in August. Although not all band members may be able to attend this inter-state excursion, in most instances, they will still be able to take part in our 2009 band programme.

ANIMAL STUDIES

For the first time at Rose Bay High School, all Grade 9 and 10 students have been offered a new subject called Animal Studies. Animal Studies aims at teaching students the responsibilities and issues concerning animals. We are given the chance to learn about different types of animals and the problems surrounding them.

So far this year, we have had visits from Ms Emma Haswell from Brightside Sanctuary. Brightside Sanctuary is a refuge for animals rescues from inhumane environments. When Ms Haswell visited she showed us a video, explaining the issues surrounding factory farmed animals. She also brought along two pigs and her pet greyhound. We have also been fortunate enough to have a visit from Mrs Maree Hamming, who bought along her two Angora Rabbits which she breeds for extremely soft fleece. This is used for craft purposes.

Some students have also done presentations about animals they have an interest in. Kayla Heggie of 9B brought along five of her best friends pet Guinea Pigs. Two of the five are now living with Mrs Oates. We hope that Ruby, the female Guinea Pig, becomes pregnant. We plan to study and learn about their life cycle. James Southern and Luke Johnston also brought along three Blue Tongue Lizards. They explained to us to have pet lizards, you need a Herpetology Licence.

Recently, Mrs Oates purchased a rat named Irish. He is three months old and very clean, friendly and intelligent. Mrs Oates settled Irish in at her place whilst he got to meet students each day. On Wednesday he went home with his first student ‘responsible pet carer’, Kimberley Howard from Grade 9. Each carer will keep a diary for Irish whilst he is in their care. Thank you to those who have offered and provided a written note from home to confirm the offer. At this stage more offers are required, if possible. Can’t have Irish but would like to help? Donations of items like cat litter, paper towels, apples [also for guinea pigs] etc would be very much appreciated.

Also, we currently have some eggs incubating. Thank you to Mrs Doyle in B7 and John Hay, a Grade 9 Animal Studies student for keeping an eye on them for us. The eggs are of mixed colour, Silkie and Rhode Island White birds.

Any parent who has an interest/expertise in a particular animal, whether that be domestic, livestock, wildlife etc and would be willing to share their knowledge with our three classes of Animal Studies, please don’t hesitate to contact Mrs Michelle Oates at Rose Bay High.

Thank you to Mrs Oates who has let us experience such a fantastic subject.

Written by Sam Charlton and Iris Carthy, 9B.
CHAPLAINCY PROGRAM

Whatever the activity or occasion at school, one member of the school community can be found in the thick of it and, you can be sure, she will be smiling. Over the past twelve months, Chrystal Potter, our school Chaplain, has really made an impact on our school community. She has connected with many students, helping them in class, greeting them in the yard and organising activities for them to enjoy. Many will seek Chrystal out for a chat, enjoying having an adult in the school who is “on their side.” In her two days a week at school this year, Chrystal has big plans for the chaplaincy program.

If you would like to support this important program in the school, the Local Chaplaincy Committee which oversees this work needs new members. Meetings are held every 5-6 weeks, the next one being on Thursday April 9th at 3.15pm in the meeting room.

Feel free to contact either Chrystal Potter or Kristina Brown for more information or just turn up to the meeting on April 9th.

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

On Friday February 27, Rose Bay High School students cleaned up the school grounds and surrounding parklands. Fifty seven students volunteered for the task. They picked up a large quantity of rubbish including hub caps and an aluminium chair.

The clean-up day also involves a survey of rubbish to attempt to prevent some items being discarded. We found a lot of plastic wrapping of various types and a number of drink containers. A National deposit scheme is being considered for these containers, so our input into the National Survey will be useful in making a decision.

UNIFORM SHOP

Please note that the uniform shop will be closed on Wednesday 1 April 2009. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

All items ordered that have been packaged and placed on hold in the Uniform Shop need to be picked up and paid for by Easter [8 April] as they will go back on shelves into stock after the Easter Break.

Both Summer and Winter Rugby Jumpers have been ordered but will still be some weeks away. We still have a good supply of size 10, 14, 16, 20, 22 and 24 Winter Rugby’s and size 16 [xs], 18 [s], 20 [m], 24 [xl] in the Summer Rugby.

Due to the unprecedented volume of orders for Summer Dresses and Skirts we are gradually filling these orders as they arrive from the supplier. I thank you for your patience and will notify you as soon as your order arrives.

Jillian
Uniform Shop Co-ordinator

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS are now due back at school. Thank you to those parents who have supported this fundraiser. Any parent that hasn’t received one but would like one please contact the office on 62438511.

Rose Bay High School
VAL (Vocational & Applied Learning) – Futures Programs

Youth Build

Eight of our Grade 10 students are currently enrolled in a Certificate 1 in Manufacturing course entitled Youth Build. The course is conducted each Friday for the full year at a purpose built facility at the Royal Hobart Showground. The Youth Build program is an initiative of the HIA (Housing Industry of Australia) in conjunction with the Department of Education. The course provides the students with “real Life” projects to make for a number of businesses around Hobart
including K & D Hardware. For those students seeking a career in the trade area, this course will provide excellent pre-employment skills and knowledge and give these students the “edge” in seeking future employment.

**INVEST Programs**
Following the success of Rose Bay High School students involvement in a number of INVEST in TAFE (now known as Skills Tasmania & the Tasmanian Polytechnic) courses last year, our Grade 10 students are currently being offered the opportunity to once again apply for a number of courses this year.

The INVEST Programs will take many forms. They could involve a 3-5 day taster course or attending 1 – 2 days per week for 15 weeks. Grade 10 students were given the opportunity last week to collect an information pack and enrolment form from Mr Mark Dickenson (Grade 10 Co-ordinator). I would encourage parents to check with their son or daughter to see if they are interested in any of the following course on offer:

- Metal Fabrications
- Fitting & Turning
- Carpentry & Joinery
- Wood Turning
- Textile Fabrication
- Fashion
- Hospitality
- Commercial Cookery
- Hairdressing
- Beauty Services
- Electro technology
- Business*
- Automotive*
- Horticulture
- Refrigeration and Air Conditioning
- Community Services (Children’s Services)
- Community Services (Disability & Aged Care)*

(* yet to be confirmed)

If any parents would like more information regarding the INVEST programs, they can either contact Ms Emily Newton (RBHS Pathway Planning Officer), Mr Dickenson (AST3, Grade 10 Co-ordinator) or Mr Stuart Hadrill (AST 3 Vocational & Applied Learning).

Mr Stuart Hadrill
AST3 VAL (Vocational & Applied Learning)

**The Tasmanian Association for the Gifted**
are holding an information evening for parents and teachers on Wednesday 25th February at 25 Oakleigh Avenue, Taroona at 7.30pm

Brendan Kelly, General Manager, Learning Services South will discuss the Education Department Initiatives for Gifted and Talented Students. There will also be opportunities for questions and suggestions.

The evening will be hosted by Kate Tucker who can be contacted on 6227 9003. RSVP’s can also be sent to tasgifted@gmail.com. Gold coin donation for supper would be appreciated.

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**Placement and Support Program [PASS]**

The Placement and Support Program [PASS] is a state-wide service for young people aged between 13-18 years who are at risk of homelessness or homeless. PASS can offer accommodation options for young people needing a safe and secure place to stay, including emergency, respite, short term and long term placements with volunteers.

PASS aims to support young people to reconcile with their parents or family where appropriate. Sometimes young people who are homeless find themselves staying with friends and other family members. The PASS team can offer some support to both the young person and the person they are staying with.

Volunteers are an essential part of the support Anglicare can offer to people.

To find out more about PASS or about becoming a volunteer call 1800 243 232

**Grade 7 Soccer**

Girls interested in playing soccer this year for Nelson-Eastern Suburbs. Training is Tuesdays 6.15pm - 7.30pm at MacKillop College. There will also be a meeting at recess time in room A16 on Friday 27th for further information.
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