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From the Principal

Open Night

Open Night held last Wednesday night was once again an outstanding success.

I would like to thank all those parents, guardians and other family members who attended. I’m sure all those students who participated in the performance program, assisted in a classroom or had work on display, enjoyed the opportunity to share their work here at school with their families.

I would particularly like to thank all members of the school staff who ensured the school was prepared for the evening and facilitated the evening’s displays and performances.

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

Staffing

Ms Cilla Blanchard has concluded her temporary contract with us and will be replaced in Term 2 by Ms Donna Humphries. We thank Ms Blanchard in stepping in to assist us at short notice at the beginning of the year and wish her well as she moves on to further her career in education. Mrs Glass is currently on extended sick leave and will now return in Term 3. Mr Adrian Dorrington will continue to look after her classes until her return.

A full year school calendar is available on the school website: www.rosebay.tased.edu.au

Rose Bay High School
**Term 2**

Term 2 is 12 weeks’ duration and, during that time there are number of important activities which I would like to draw to your attention.

A professional learning day for all staff will be conducted on Monday, July 20.

Mid Year reports will be distributed to parents and guardians on July 28. These will be followed by parent/teacher interviews on August 5.

Students will compete in the Inter House Cross Country on July 8 and successful participants will go on to represent the school in the Inter High Cross Country on July 30.

Grade 7’s will participate in a water safety program in mid August.

Grade 10’s will complete mid year exams in the week August 17 – August 21 and the following week, most Grade 10s will undertake work experience.

Finally, I would like to thank all parents and guardians for their support throughout this term and wish all of our students a restful and safe two week break.

Term 2 will commence on June 15

Stephen Mannering
Principal

**School Report - 2008**

Today, all students were provided with a copy of the School Improvement Report, recently published on the Education Department Website. These were sent to us by the Education Department in sealed envelopes and include a note from the Minister for Education – Mr David Bartlett.


These notes underpin this data set and provide background information to data trends. Virtually all of this information has already been provided through newsletters; however, I have re printed this so it can be read in conjunction with the reports provided to you.

Tasmania is the first state to provide this type of information to the wider community. It is believed that the publishing of this data in the public domain will lead to improvement in our schools. It is also believed that this data provides an opportunity for parents to make informed choices as to which school they should consider to enrol their children.

As Principal of Rose Bay High School, I would assure parents that our teachers are all doing their very best to ensure that your children have the very best educational experiences we can provide. You will also notice from the information provided to you in this report, that learning outcomes fluctuate from year to year. As all of our children are different, have different innate levels of ability and have different life experiences, it is consequently unrealistic to think that results will consistently, year after year, remain at the same level. There will always be variation from cohort to cohort. As a school, we do, however, aim to ensure that our results consistently remain above the State and National average and work to very best of our ability to achieve this end. It should also be remembered that these results, whilst very important, relate to ‘one off’ tests where student performance on any particular day may vary from their overall academic performance throughout the total school year.

**Literacy Gain**

In 2008 Grade 7, 96% of students achieved the National Minimum Standard in reading. This was 2% above the National and State Average.

In 2008 Grade 9, 94% of students achieved the National Minimum Standards in reading. This was 1% above the National and State Average. As a group, Grade 9’s in 2008 did not perform as highly as previous grades have over the last two years. It is anticipated that results for the 2009 cohort will demonstrate significant improvement.
Given the school’s higher performance in the previous year, this contributed to the ‘trend down’ indicator.

**Numeracy Gain**

In 2008 Grade 7, 96% of students achieved the National Minimum Standard in Numeracy. This was 1% above the National and State Average.

In 2008 Grade 9, 94% of students achieved the National Minimum Standard in Numeracy. This was 2% above the State Average and equal to the National Average.

Given the school’s higher performance in the previous year, this contributed to the ‘trend down’ indicator.

**Student Attendance**

This issue has been regularly covered in other newsletters and remains a significant concern. It should, however, be noted that our attendance, although not improving, still remains better than the Tasmanian high school sector average.

**Retention**

In 2008, virtually all Grade 10 leavers left Rose Bay to continue their studies in Grade 11. In Grade 11, having left Rose Bay, a number of students were successful in gaining traineeships and apprenticeships or moved into fulltime work.

*In should be noted that students commencing traineeships and apprenticeships are not included in this data.*

**Staff Attendance**

In 2008, staff attendance increased following the previous year when a number of staff were ill or needed to take carer’s leave to look after young children or elderly parents.

**Parent Satisfaction with Reporting**

Rose Bay’s reporting schedule conforms to the State Assessment and Reporting Policy and uses Departmental software and report forms.

If you have any concerns regarding this information, please don’t hesitate to contact me at school.

**School Bus Route changes**

Metro has informed us of changes to the Eastern Shore bus timetables from 7th June.

The main changes include the introduction of new routes, new route numbers and new timetables. The routes affecting Rose Bay High School are included in this newsletter or can be accessed from the Metro website: [http://www.metrotas.com.au](http://www.metrotas.com.au) and clicking the ‘Eastern Shore Services’ Hot-Link on the Home Page.

New timetables are available from the Metro Shop (GPO, Elizabeth St, Hobart), at Metro’s Head Office (212 Main Road, Moonah), or by phoning the Hotline on 13 22 01.

Copies of the routes and maps will also be available from the School Office.

**Greg Sawyer**  
**Assistant Principal**

**BOOTCAMP at Rose Bay**

This week Grade 9 and 10 Physical Education (and PE Teachers!) students have beengrunting and sweating their little hearts out participating in bootcamp sessions lead by Russel Kapper from Bootcamp Tasmania. Congratulations to all those who took part and survived!
TRY A TRADE

On Thursday 21st May, 35 Grade 9 students attended the Try a Trade Workshops at the Wrest Point.

Feedback from students was extremely positive and the day was a worthwhile experience.

A busy week in Drama

We have had a busy week in the Drama area. On Monday and Wednesday morning we were lucky enough to host two Dance workshops by professional dancers from Tasdance, Tasmania’s only professional dance company. These workshops gave Grade 9 and 10 Dance students the opportunity to develop their technique, muscle memory, coordination and creative skills. Selected students were invited to audition for the Tasdance Education Company and if successful will tour the state in June as a dancer in their show based on Reconciliation.

On Wednesday we hosted Cambridge Primary School in the school’s Open Day program. The Grade 5 & 6 students enjoyed working with two of our Grade 10 Drama students, Lucy Wilkins and Eddie Millar, playing games and developing an entertaining mime sequence based upon fairy tales.

On Wednesday night Drama, Dance and Performance students from Grade 7 to 10 performed a successful variety show including song, dance, melodrama and poetry performances. These performances were presented to full houses, and each performer should be proud of their accomplishments.
On Friday morning, as part of the Drama, Media and Production classes unit on stand-up comedy Rose Bay hosted a comedy workshop by well known Tasmanian comedians Mick Lowenstein and Gavin Baskerville. Students learnt skills on comic timing and delivery. The workshop will assist students with presenting their stand-up routines, and some students will enter the Class Clowns competition next term.

Darren Sangwell
Drama, Dance and Performance Teacher

Science excursion to Woodbridge Marine Discovery Centre

From the 18th till the 21st of May a group of 19 students from Grade 9 and 10 along with one teacher and a teacher aide, attended a four day course at the Marine Discovery Centre. Each morning we drove down to the centre and drove back to school after our day down there.

On Monday we met Pam the teacher and Richard the captain of the boat. Pam works there helping with the animals and also teaching people like us about marine life. We spent a while around the centre before going out on the boat. On the boat we went to 3 different sites, one each day. We collected data such as the salinity levels, the oxygen levels, the temperature, the PH level, and the turbidity. We also put a scallop dredge in to the water and we looked at all the things that we caught in the dredge on the bottom of the sea.

On Tuesday we chose either a species to study or to do an experiment on an animal. Two university students came and talked to us about marine science. We then went on the boat and put out a long line. After visiting the second site we went and got the long line but we didn’t catch any fish.

On Wednesday we went out on the boat in the morning and collected the data but before we went on the boat. Then we had another University student come and talk to us about seals. After that we went hand line fishing. We then went back to the centre and worked on our assignments.

On Thursday we went out on the boat in the morning and we went fishing. When we got back to the centre we talked about writing up the results from the data we had collected on the boat, we then finished our assignments and handed everything in.

Many thanks to the teachers and teacher aides that made this a good learning experience.

Katy Todd
Anita McKenzie
Message to parents from the Acting Director of Public Health

Re: H1N1 Influenza 09 (Human Swine Flu), 22 May, 2009

Dear Parents,

I have advised school principals that, for the time being, any student who travels to Mexico, USA, Canada, Japan or Panama should be excluded from school for seven days after arriving home.

I have done this because of H1N1 Influenza 09 (Human Swine Flu). This is a new strain of flu that has recently been confirmed in 41 countries around the world. So far there have been over 11,000 cases (including multiple cases on mainland Australia) and 85 deaths.

This flu virus is a concern because:

• It is new, so there is no vaccine.
• It seems to spread more easily than normal, seasonal flu.
• While many people who get sick with this virus have a mild illness, some people get very sick and need hospital care, and some have died.
• It is affecting mostly young people under the age of 30, which is unusual for flu.

A lot of effort is going into delaying arrival of this virus to Tasmania, and making sure that, if the virus does arrive here, it is not given the chance to spread. This is important while we wait for vaccine to be available. This will be some months.

At this stage (and this is likely to change over coming weeks) there are five countries where the virus is spreading within the community to an extent that warrants extra precautions. These countries are Mexico, USA, Canada, Japan or Panama.

There are no grounds for recommending against travel to these counties, and neither the World Health Organisation or the Australian Government have done so. However there are grounds for extra precautions to help stop the virus spreading from returned travellers.

This is why I have advised school principals that, for the time being, any student who travels to Mexico, USA, Canada, Japan or Panama should be excluded from school for seven days after arriving home. During these seven days, the student should stay home whether or not they have flu symptoms. This is because a person infected with flu can spread the virus a whole day before they start to feel unwell.
During the seven days that a student is excluded from school, they should not attend after-school activities, community events, sporting events or training, public entertainment facilities, or go to shopping malls/centres. Students should remain at home as much as possible, and away from other people.

I realise this will be difficult for some families, especially where parents are working. However this strategy is important and will help protect the whole community.

At this stage the exclusion does not affect children at child care. This decision is based on information available so far about how this virus spreads.

For more information about these arrangements, please contact your school. During school holidays, call the Department of Education’s Service Centre on 1800 816 057.

For more information about HINI Influenza 09 or the risk of an influenza pandemic, go to www.pandemic.tas.gov.au or phone the national information line, 180 2007.

Phone 1800 358 362 (199 FLU DOC) without delay if you think you might have HINI Influenza 09 either

- Because you have flu symptoms (fever, cough, sore throat, runny/blacked nose) and you have been to Mexico, USA, Canada, Japan or Panama in the last 7 days; or
- Because you have flu symptoms and have had contact in the last 7 days with someone suspected of having HINI Influenza 09.

Thank you for your assistance in this important community health issue.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Chrissie Pickin, Acting Director of Public Health.

National Thanksgiving Day
In my role as the school Chaplain at Rose Bay High School, I get to see acts of generosity, kindness and care from both students and staff every week. On May 30th Australia will celebrate “National Thanksgiving Day” and I thought that this would be a wonderful opportunity to extend my thanks to all the staff at Rose Bay High School for the wonderful work they do across the school, work that can sometimes go unnoticed.

I invited all staff to a unique “Thank you munch” (that’s a cross between morning tea and lunch) with the intention of providing food and thanking the staff in person. I asked our local businesses to partner with me, and partner with me they did. It is not often (as many staff and students would testify) that I am lost for words, but on this one occasion the generosity of our local businesses was overwhelming.

Gloria Jeans Coffee Eastlands, Lindisfarne village garden centre and florist, Clarence Street Bakehouse, Cabbages Flower Shop Rosny, Donut King Eastlands, Banjo’s Rosny, Woolworths Eastlands, McDonalds Rosny, Pizza Hut Howrah, Bakers Delight Eastlands, K.F.C Rosny, Coles Eastlands, and PURA milk are business led by people who have big hearts and are willing to show that they support our local school community. These businesses gave donations above and beyond what I would ever have expected them to give. We had an abundance of food and flowers making this event a great success.
Just as I thanked all staff at Rose Bay High School, I would also like to extend my sincere thanks to the local businesses, the School Representative Council who helped to hand write over 100 thank you cards addressed to individual staff members, and Samantha Thompson who donated flowers and volunteered to serve on the day. On May 31st and into the rest of the year can I encourage you to think about the people in your life to be thankful for and tell them, unlike the man whose wife asked him if he still loved her, to which he replied “I told you on our wedding day that I loved you and if I change my mind I’ll let you know. Let’s also think locally and support the businesses that support us.

Chrystial Thompson
School Chaplain

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Send entries to:
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