**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)

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**From the Principal**

We extend our heartfelt condolences to Michael Howlin’s family and all of his friends following his tragic death. This has had a profound effect across the whole school and has been a significant challenge for all of us to come to terms with. Michael will be remembered by all of us as a kind and loving boy and will be sadly missed.

I would like to thank all those parents who have been so supportive by providing outstanding assistance to us as we have managed to look after those who were very close to Michael. Many thanks also to all of the support staff who so ably helped our staff and students to work through this dreadful event.

We will continue to work closely with all students who need support and will appreciate advice from any parents who believe their children require additional assistance.

**Guest Speaker – Sam Cawthorn**

Sam Cawthorn spoke to the whole school in our regular assembly last week. This was a timely event as Sam provided a message of hope and recovery for the school.
Sam was seriously injured in a car accident in 2006 and lost his right arm above the elbow; he also had major injuries to his right leg. Since this accident, he has used his experience to speak to students across Australia and internationally about the journey of life and about taking a positive stand on what we may have to confront at some stage in our lives.

Sam was recognised for his achievements as Tasmanian Young Australian of the Year in 2009.

His presentation was outstanding and enjoyed by all those who were present.

End of Year Assessments

All students will receive their final reports at the end of the second last week of Term 3.

During this term, assignments and classroom tasks will continue to be set. In addition, students across the school will also be involved in testing and other final assessment opportunities. Grade 10’s will also complete a final round of major tests and examinations in November.

Grade 10’s should be aiming to significantly improve on the results they achieved in their mid year examinations. All parents and guardians are also encouraged to emphasise the seriousness of these final assessment opportunities and to encourage their children to make the most of the learning opportunities provided for them this term. Regular attendance will also be a key to success.

NAPLAN Results

By now all parents and guardians of students in Grades 7 and 9 should have received a copy of your child’s NAPLAN results.

The school’s overall results were very similar to those of 2008. In Grade 7, reading outcomes were consistent with those of 2008. Writing for his cohort, however, will need attention before they are tested again in 2011. Spelling and grammar were satisfactory; however, the average numeracy score for the 2009 cohort was marginally below that of the 2008 cohort. Variations from cohort to cohort will always occur as no group of students is exactly the same.

In Grade 9, overall results generally improved on those of 2008. The main improvements were in the number of students achieving at the upper range of results. Grammar and punctuation was an area of strong improvement.

The greatest disappointment with our results is the inclusion of our newly arrived refugees and other students who are exempt from the test, but are deemed to not have met the minimum standards. Given the use of these results to make comparisons between schools, this policy seems particularly harsh and certainly raises the question of the reliance on these test outcomes as a true measure of school effectiveness.

Frank McDonald Memorial Prize

It is with great pleasure that I announce that Jesse Hawtree of Grade 9G is one of six state-wide winners of the Frank McDonald Memorial Prize. Jesse submitted an essay entitled ‘Why did Tasmanians go to such lengths to volunteer for a war far away from home during World War I?’.

He was subsequently short-listed and his selection further considered at interview.

Jesse will travel to Turkey for the 2010 ANZAC service at ANZAC Cove.

Well done Jesse, this is an outstanding achievement.

Stephen Mannering
Principal
Stars of Sports
Congratulations to:

The Girls Grade 8 Rose Bay Tigers Netball Team for winning their Grand Final at Creek Road.

On Sunday OHA Hockey Club held its Junior presentation day and 5 Rose Bay High students received awards. They were:

- Melanie Horne – Most Consistent Player U14 Girls
- Rebecca Miller – Ken Clifford Perpetual Award for Encouragement of an underage player
- Aiden Arnold – Best and Fairest U15 Boys
- Jess Sault – Best and Fairest U16 Girls
- Ashleigh McLarin – Hockey World Team Award U16 Girls

And good luck to Jess Sault who is playing for Tasmania in the U16 State Hockey Championships in Brisbane next week.

Charlie Leek for competing in the Southern Athletics All Schools Carnival on Sunday 4th October. Charlie ran in the U18 100m and came 2nd place with a personal best time of 11.8 seconds, he then went onto the finals.

Charlie also ran in the U18 200m and came 2nd place again with a photo finish and a time of 24.8 seconds.

Nick Mearns (9A), who is currently representing Tasmania at the National Junior Soccer Championships at Coffs Harbour.

Sam Adams (9D), who recently represented the state at the National Trampolining Championships in Adelaide.

Daniel Devine (10A), Ben Carrick (10C), Tim Bird (10), Beau Scott (10E) and Jake Hyland (9D), who are currently in Sydney at The National Under 16 Rugby Championships. Congratulations, also, to Daniel, who is captain of the team.

High School Musical

Congratulations to the cast and crew of High School Musical, especially Mr Sangwell (Associate Producer), Oliver Reading and Sam Charlton (members of the cast) and Hettie Adams (Band).

Everyone who went to the show was highly impressed with the energy and professionalism of the production. It was great to see so many talented young Tasmanians on show. Well done to all involved.

Greg Sawyer
Assistant Principal

The University of New South Wales

Competition Results

Writing
James Campbell-Graham  Credit
Alison Hay    Distinction
Carly Hickman   Distinction

English
Joram Flynn    Credit
Alison Hay    Distinction
Carly Hickman   Distinction

Congratulations. Certificates will be presented at the next available spot in a week 2 whole school assembly.

Tracey Cameron
AST Head of English
Grade 7 Library Chess Competition

During second term, the RBHS Library ran a Chess Competition for all Grade 7 classes. Representatives from each of the classes were asked to come to the library at lunchtime on Tuesdays to compete against each other for the title of best Grade 7 chess player. The overall winner received a $35.00 voucher, split between a bookstore and a music store. All competing classes are to receive participation certificates, while the class of the winning competitor receives a special winner’s certificate celebrating the success of their class representative.

There were many worthy competitors who took part in the competition, but the final three competitors were Jesse Barwick 7D (third), Brendan Webb 7G (second), and the winner, Paiman Oriakhel 7B. I would like to say a big thank you to the following people - all of the students who participated, all of the Grade 7 class teachers who encouraged their students to get involved, our Principal, Mr Mannering, who suggested the competition and offered the $35.00 prize money and to Peter Sansom, our Chess coordinator from Grade 10, who assisted the students with their questions and arranged rosters.

Although the Chess Competition is over for 2009, students are still welcome to play chess and other games in the library during lunchtime, as well as read, borrow books, magazines and other resources, access the computers, complete school work, help out in the library, or get help from library monitors and library staff.

Ailsa Hill

School Production
Incorrect dates were printed in previous newsletter. Correct dates are:
- Thursday 12 November
- Friday 13 November

PERFORMANCES

On the 15th of October our Stage and Jazz Bands along with Burning Ernie (rock band) will be performing at the Baraki Wine and Tapas Bar, 217 Elizabeth Street, Hobart. This performance space has been made available to young performers as part of the “Industrylink” Training School. We are taking up this opportunity to showcase our very own talented musicians and look forward to seeing you there for a night of great music.

STOP PRESS – Successful Performances

On Monday night (5th of October) our Stage Band won their section at the Clarence Eisteddfod. They presented an exhilarating performance of “House of the Rising sun” and “Sway” with great solos by Jonno Ainslie, Michael Pears and Zac Hardaker. Our Junior Concert Band gave their debut performance at the eisteddfod and played with care and thoughtfulness. Later the same night “Burning Ernie” (Grade 10 rock band) gave a confident performance at the Rock Challenge and had everyone moshing to their beat.

Jan Dawes
Music
2009 Rose Bay High House Athletics Carnival is looming. It will be held at the **Domain Athletics Centre** on Thursday 29th and Friday 30th of October. All students are expected to attend and participate in either 2 events each day or to help out as officials.

Parents are welcome to attend. Any parents who would also like to help as officials will be warmly welcomed.

Students are encouraged to come dressed in their house colours and to participate to the best of their abilities.

Some events are being conducted as Pre-events at lunchtimes at school.

The theme this year is ‘having a go’, and supporting each other.

Students should come to school for attendance purposes, but may be picked up after the carnival from the domain. Students will be bringing home a letter with further details closer to the carnival.

**Rose Bay High School Signing Choir**

During Term 2, 20 enthusiastic students from Grades 7 -10 joined together to form the RBHS signing choir. They have been practising songs during their lunch time and occasional class times so that they can be ready to perform in public. Anika Goninon, Sharlai Watson and Kereise Lush have all volunteered to lead the choir. Mrs Mason and Mrs Leonard have both been impressed with their progress at each practice session. The signing choir performed their first song in the talent quest at the end of Term 2. They performed the song “Proud” and it was led by Anika Goninon.

**Lindisfarne Masonic Centre**

**Indoor/Outdoor Market**

Sunday 11th October – 9am start

**South Hobart Primary School Carpark Fair**

Saturday 3rd October

10.30 – 2.00pm

59 Anglesea Street

**A Great Family Day Out!**

**YOU COULD LEARN**

**A LOT FROM AN INTERNATIONAL BROTHER OR SISTER !**


Carefully selected students will arrive February 2010 for 5 months from Europe, Japan and the U.S.A. They will attend local secondary school, are fully insured and have their own spending money.

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Are you ready to meet the challenge?

Girl guides is for girls and women of all ages, cultures, faiths and abilities. There are many different ways of being involved no matter how old you are, whether it be as a Guide (age 5-18) or working in a Leadership role as a Helper Assistant or Leader.

_Girl Guides – 100 years old and still going strong!_ Won’t you join us?
Phone 1300 447 548 or email us at office@guidestas.org.au and we will put you in touch with your local Unit.

Tasmanian Association for the Gifted
Presents
A parent evening
With Dr Jason Betts
Success with Asperger’s Syndrome
Understanding the learning disabilities that impact on giftedness
at
7.30pm, Friday 16th October 2009
Venue: Goulburn Street Primary School
All Welcome – gold coin donation
RSVP tasgifted@gmail.com or 0488291497