**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)

**From the Principal**

**Congratulations**

Jacob Walker of 10F has been successful in gaining state runner-up in the Simpson Prize - 2010 writing competition. Many applications were submitted for the competition and Jacob should be congratulated for his outstanding effort.

Jacob travelled to Canberra last week to receive his award. Well done, Jacob! Many thanks to Ms Suzanne Pattinson who is Jacob’s Society & History teacher.

**Swimming Carnival**

I would like to thank all those parents and other family members who attended the Inter-House Swimming Carnival. All those students who took part demonstrated excellent sportsmanship by providing outstanding support for those team members who swam to gain points for their house.

A full report is included in this newsletter. Many thanks to all members of the staff and their student helpers for making this such a great success.

**Progress Reports - Reminder**

Staff commenced work on our first report for the year this week. Reports will be set home on Thursday, April 15. Parent/Teacher discussions will be held on Thursday, April 22 from 3.30pm – 7.00pm.

**Other important dates:**

Term 2 Commences – Tuesday, June 15  
End of Term 2 – Friday, September 3  
Term 3 Commences – Monday, September 20  
Show Day – October 21  
End of Term 3 (Grades 7 – 10) – Thursday, December 16

The School Association has also approved two professional learning days for this year. These are: Monday, July 19 and Friday, October 22.
The report will include performance indicators on Progress, Attitude, Organisation and Homework (where applicable).

Appointment sheets will be provided to enable your child to make appointments with teachers on your behalf.

**Ship Visit**
Mr Mogielnicki and some of our 9/10 Applied Science students had the opportunity to look over the scientific research ship JOIDES Resolution. This was an excellent opportunity for our students to see the extensive field work undertaken by environmental scientists as they investigate indicators of climate change around Antarctica and in the Southern Ocean. A full report is provided later in the newsletter.

**School Association**
I would like to thank the following members of the School Association who have been elected to positions on the executive.
Mr Mike McLarin - Chairperson
Mrs Jo Hickman - Deputy Chairperson
Mrs Jennifer Yates - Secretary
Mrs Christine Cash - Treasurer

Other positions include:

Mrs Jillian Goninon - Uniform Shop Coordinator
Mr Richard James - Auditor
Mr Stephen Mannering - Public Officer

Other executive members of the School Association are:

Mrs Jos Pullen, Mrs Julie Lindsay, Mrs Cynthia Direen, Mrs Fiona Hay and Mr Andrew Hudspeth.

Co – Presidents of the SRC, Adrian Hutchinson and Kellie Dean also join the Association for their monthly meetings which are held in the staff room on the third Tuesday of each month. Meetings commence at 7.30pm. All meetings are conducted as general meetings and all parents and guardians are very welcome to attend.

**Staff Professional Learning**
The following days (as previously advised) have now been approved by the Minister for staff professional learning in 2010

The days are:
- Moderation Day (all schools) Friday, May 28
- Staff Professional Learning (Day 1) – Monday, July 19 (All neighbouring schools)
- Staff Professional Learning (Day 2) – Friday, October 22 (All neighbouring schools)

**NAPLAN**
National testing is scheduled to be undertaken from Monday, May 10 until Wednesday, May 12. This will involve all students in Grade 7 and 9. These tests will require students to complete tests in Reading, Writing and Numeracy.

As you may be aware, the Australian Education Union has some serious concerns regarding the misuse of the data generated by these tests by some members of the media who have used accumulated data to build league tables based on school performance. These issues are currently under debate within the AEU and it is possible that testing may be disrupted as part of a national campaign around this issue.

More information about the AEU’s concerns can be accessed at: [www.aeufederal.org.au](http://www.aeufederal.org.au)

Stephen Mannering
Principal

**Stars of Sport**

**Congratulations to:**
Michael Pears (10E) who won the U18 Iron Man event at the Scout Regatta on the Sunday of the long weekend. A great effort and good practice for the school Triathlon.

Zoe Jenkins (7E) on her selection in the Tasmanian Little Athletics team which will compete in Brisbane at the end of April. Good luck, Zoe.

Congratulations and good luck to Errol McDougall (10B), who will be sailing in the State Sabre Championships at Dover over the Easter break.
Former Students in the News:
In February, Pailin Munyard attended a reception given by Mrs Bye, The Honorary Consul for France, at which Pailin received a cheque for third prize in the Concours D'Entrecasteaux, a State-wide French competition.

This was an outstanding achievement as Pailin had only been studying French for two years at Rosny College. She will be spending a year in Argentina on exchange and we congratulate her and wish her the very best on her exchange.

Congratulations to Rachael Blackwood, Steffi Koppelmann, Ingrid Holmes and Matthew Todd on achieving a TER (Tertiary Entrance Rank) of over 90, and wish them further success in the future.

Reminder that student’s who wish to leave the school during the day must bring either a signed note or an appointment card, and must sign the Leave Book in the general office before leaving, and when returning on the same day.

Student Planners can/should be used to communicate between home and school.

As the recently re-elected chairperson of the Rose Bay High School Association I’d like to take this opportunity to introduce/re-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, 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 10. Any queries, please contact me at home in the evening. I look forward to meeting you. Mike McLarin (ph. 6272-1193).

On Friday the 5\textsuperscript{th} of March the Environment Portfolio of the SRC organised Clean up Australia Day. It was a great success with 113 students participating from Grade 8 through to Grade 10. Altogether we picked up 47.3 kg of rubbish, which is a fantastic result. We also held a House competition with the most rubbish collected by a House colour winning a participation shield, presented at assembly.

Yellow 20.10kg
Green 17.25kg
Red 6.20kg
Blue 3.75 kg

We are very proud to have done such an amazing job for our school and community.

Nicola Ramm
Environment Portfolio

POSITION VACANT
MDT Technical Aide
The schools MDT Department is very keen to hear from someone with a trade background or strong interest and practical skills in wood and metal, to work one day per fortnight in the MDT subject area as a technical teacher aide.

The initial appointment will most likely commence with a full week of work followed by the one day per fortnight for six months. If you would like to find out more about the position or arrange an interview, please telephone Mr Stuart Hadrill during school hours on 62438511.

CAN YOU HELP?—Book Covering/Shelving Volunteers needed
We are currently looking for parents who are interested in volunteering some of their time, either a few hours weekly or fortnightly, to assist with book covering and/or shelving in the Rose Bay High Library. Some experience is preferred but is not essential, as training can be provided.

If you think you can volunteer some time on a regular or semi regular basis, could you please contact either Mrs Hill or Mrs Tuffin in the library on 62438511 and leave your details.

Thank you.
A. Hill (Teacher librarian)
**Chess Club Coordinator needed**

If you are reasonably familiar with the rules of chess and can play at a level where you are able to assist students interested in learning how to play and/or improving their existing skill level, then we could use your help.

For part of 2009, the library ran a Chess Club with the assistance of a Grade 10 student. We also ran a competition for the Grade 7 students. This year we are hoping to run regular fortnightly lunchtime sessions on a Thursday (Week 2) with the help of a parent volunteer. If there is enough interest we may also run an intraschool competition for students.

Please contact Mrs Hill on 62438511 if you are interested in volunteering as the Chess Club Coordinator at Rose Bay High School.

Thank you.
A. Hill (Teacher librarian)

**Visit to the good ship Resolution.**

Eighteen Science Plus students took the opportunity to visit the research vessel Resolution when it was in Hobart recently. The ship is engaged in exploration of the ocean floor all around the world for the JOIDES organisation. It has a derrick standing 62m above the water, allowing drilling of the sea floor at depth. Jacob Walker was most impressed with the scale of the undertaking.

On her last expedition, cores were drilled over one kilometre deep at an ocean depth of four kilometres off the Antarctic Coast. Scientists were interested in documenting the history of sediments, especially the information they can yield about climate change. Sadly, even moored off the Antarctic continent there were signs of rubbish on the ocean floor (a length of hose, discarded fishing net and plastic bottle.

Students were given a brief tour of the decks, bridge, and spacious cabin accommodation. The laboratories are where the kilometres of cores are analysed, a metre and a half at a time. Scientists are interested in the history of the sediments and the environment in which they have been formed over millions of years and study both physical features and evidence of life.

All students represented the school in an exemplary manner and deserve praise for their polite attentiveness.

**English-literacy Writing Project**

A plan for improving the quality of literacy instruction and student learning outcomes in Learning Service South East has been implemented this year. Pam Powell is working with English teachers to improve students’ writing at our school.

The initial focus is to improve students’ narrative writing in preparation for this year’s national testing. Teachers have shared resources and strategies to build a comprehensive and cumulative bank of materials for the teaching of writing. Students have taken pre-tests in writing and spelling so that gains can be measured as the project proceeds.

The first positive outcome has been a differentiated spelling program that involves students learning spelling through activities targeted to the areas in which they are experiencing difficulty. The system involves the use of spelling books enabling students to learn and be tested upon words they select themselves. Teachers from all subject areas are invited to select words so that students can add them to their learning lists. The spelling program is being trialled in all Grade Seven Humanities classes and also in two Grade Eight English classes.

Grade ten literacy peer tutors will support teachers to embed the spelling program into classroom practice. The initial team of six tutors, Connor Bellears, Madeline Cowley, Sarah Cullen, Makaila Higham and Sam Randall, is looking forward to working with Grade Seven students
and some members have already learnt new strategies to improve their own spelling.

The spelling program includes a homework component complementing the newly introduced grade seven homework grid and will begin in some classes next week. All trial classes will be using the program after Easter when current units of work have been completed.

Throughout the year teachers in all classes will focus on improving aspects of writing including the processes of planning, drafting, refining, proofreading and editing. They will build on students’ existing knowledge of text structures and language features including vocabulary, grammar and punctuation to improve their skills in writing for a variety of purposes and audiences.

Alternative Grade 10 End of Year Celebration Proposal

This year Grade 10 students were offered an alternative to the traditional dinner. The alternative came about to try and address a growing concern that the formal dinner is no longer the main event, the “dressing up” and the “after parties” had taken over.

An overnight stay at the Freycinet Lodge was the alternative offered to students, the focus being to spend quality time together, inclusion and to have fun in an alcohol free (stunning) environment.

The proposal was presented to the School Association on the 16th of February, a discussion then took place which explored the positives and negatives of both the proposal and the traditional dinner. A decision was made to present the proposal to the students so they could consider the new option.

At the beginning of March, students were presented with the alternative and Grade 10 parents received an outline of the proposal. Students were given a week to consider the proposal and then were required to vote during Grade Time. Prior to the vote a decision was made that for change to take place at least 75% of students needed to be in favour.

The outcome of the voting was that 58% of students were in favour of the “Freyceinet Experience”, not enough to implement such a significant change. Interestingly, it has been the boys who have expressed real disappointment in not going to Freycinet. They were keen to experience something different and “do stuff” rather than the traditional dinner. The proposal did lack opportunity for family involvement, including photo opportunities, which was a concern expressed by some families.

This process has identified that the traditional format needs to be looked at closely to make sure the needs of all students are being met and that the focus of the occasion is to celebrate the special times shared together at Rose Bay High School. As a school community, we need to encourage students to be appropriate when choosing their outfit, question the necessity of after parties and strongly discourage underage drinking.

Pieta McKay  
Co/Grade 10 Co-ordinator

OPEN DAY Saturday 27 March 3-5pm  
Beltana Park Lindisfarne  
Garden Get Together  
Take this opportunity to engage with others about the Community Garden Proposal  
See the Clarence City Council website for more details or call Suzanne on 6245 8664 or email sschulz@ccc.tas.gov.au

Clarence United Football [Soccer] Club  
Girls required for the U15 team  
Contact: Leigh Mayne ASAP for more information on 0419 369 394 or email leigh.mayne@bigpond.com
**Uniform Shop**
Thank you to the school community for their support and patience over this very busy period for school wear sales which exceeds $36,000.

Due to a price increase in new stock arriving from our suppliers, the following items will increase in price from 1 April 2010:

- Stocking $10.00
- Aprons $10.00
- Dresses 6-10 $50.00
- Dresses 12-18 $55.00
- Dresses 20-24 $60.00
- Blue Polo 10-16 $15.00
- Blue Polo S-XXL $18.00
- Shorts 8-16 $20.00
- Shorts S-XXL $22.00
- Shirts 8-26 $16.00

**A big thank you** to the volunteers who have assisted in meeting the needs of the school community. If you can assist by volunteering sometime, it certainly would be appreciated.

Jillian
Volunteer Co-ordinator
School wear Shop

**U15 PLAYERS REQUIRED FOR SORELL JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB**
COME ALONG & JOIN US FOR SOME FUN & FITNESS

- Games: Sundays, season commences 11 April 2010
- Training: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 5.00 – 6.30 pm

Enquiries to:
Mick Beven 0417 324 175  Coach
Tony Lang 0439 826 902  Vice President

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**ACTING**

**After-school classes**

Drama  Character  Comedy
Secondary  Students Grades 7 – 10
- Use your imagination take a risk
- Devise your own performance

Commencing week of 19th April
McNeil Performing Arts Centre
St Michaels' Collegiate School
Classes run for 5 weeks in Term 1, 10 weeks in Term 2 and 3 and culminate with a performance at the end of the year.

**Limited places available**
Tutor/Director Lynn McCarroll
Phone 6265 5438

**HORSE RIDING**

**TASMANIA PRESENTS**

4 DAY Easter Holiday
Horse Riding Camp

**STARTING TUESDAY**
6th April 2010
- Learn the basics of horse management and control
- Ride twice a day
- Beach ride
- Trail ride
- Easter games and egg painting
- DISCO
- BYO horse if you’d like to

**PRICE ONLY $300**
That includes: accommodation, horses and agistment

Bookings essential.
Ph: Sharon Phone (03) 62535541 or 0417 308 069
2526 Arthur H'way Copping 7174 Tasmania
Visit: [www.horseridingtasmania.com](http://www.horseridingtasmania.com)

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Inter-House Swimming Carnival

Rose Bay’s Inter-House Swimming Carnival was held on Friday 12th of March at Clarence Pool, the first in a series of Inter-House sporting competitions held throughout the year. Over 100 students participated in this year’s carnival, battling it out in a range of competitive events to secure valuable points for their respective houses.

We would like to thank all participants for their outstanding conduct, enthusiasm and house spirit which helped to make the carnival a success. Congratulations and thanks also to our newly appointed House Captains who performed very capably as officials, team managers and competitors. We would also like to thank all parents who were able to join us on the day. Our school greatly values your support.

Next year, the H.P.E team will be implementing some changes to extend and improve the current swimming carnival program with the aim of attracting greater participation in this event. This will include the re-introduction of some across pool, novelty events to add some fun and make the day more inclusive and accessible to students of all swimming abilities.

Overall Results

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Kim Kay / Sheridan Wakfield