Rose Bay High School

Newsletter – 5  13 May 2011

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

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

ANZAC Assembly
An excellent assembly was held on Thursday prior to Easter to acknowledge those who have lost their lives in service for their country. Our guest speaker, Gunner Chris Brown provided an excellent presentation which covered both the history of Australia’s engagement at Gallipoli and from first-hand experience he also shared information about his deployment as a soldier in Afghanistan.

The Performance Class’ rendition of ‘Lean on Me’ with assistance from teachers Ms Dawes and Ms Fielding, was also a highlight.

Many thanks to Assistant Principal Ms Brown for organising this assembly.

NAPLAN Testing
During his week, Grade 7 and 9 students participated in the National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). It was pleasing to observe that all students took the program seriously and hopefully, have achieved the very best results they can.

Building Redevelopment - Update
We were hopeful that the last major stage of the redevelopment program, involving the completion of the Science and Maths area on the top floor of C Block, would be available after Easter. Unfortunately, due to some hold ups with subcontractors and fit out suppliers, it is now likely that we will not take over these classrooms until the commencement of Term 2.

Other important dates 2011:
Term 2 Commences – Monday, June 20
Staff Professional Learning Day [SFD] – Friday, July 15
End of Term 2 – Friday, September 2
Australian Curriculum Day [SFD] – Number 2 – Monday, September 19
Term 3 Commences – Tuesday, September 20
Show Day – Thursday, October 20
Student Free Day – Friday, October 21
End of Term 3 [Grades 7-10] – Wednesday, December 21
Work on the addition to the gymnasium is now well underway, with the concrete slab poured yesterday.

**Student Attendance**
Student attendance at school prior to Easter has been pleasing with attendance data for all grades showing an improvement on last year’s results at the same time of the year. Since returning to school after the Easter break, daily attendance has decreased. Whilst we are now experiencing some colder weather and the number students succumbing to colds and flu will increase, I encourage all parents to impress upon their children the need to be at school every day that they are feeling well enough to do so. Constant absenteeism has an effect on both the students who are absent but also on those students who continue to attend school and sometimes need to wait whilst staff bring absentees up to speed.

**School Uniform**
The great majority of our students are always in uniform and appropriately dressed for school. In the last few weeks, a small minority of students have begun to regularly present at school in non-uniform items. These items have included jeans, black track pants, black tights and hoodies.

These items detract from the public persona of the school and also act as a discouragement to all other students who do the right thing. It would be appreciated if all parents and guardians could please refer to their copy of the school enrolment pack, the school planner or the school website for information about uniform requirements.

**Parent/Teacher Interviews**
I would like to thank all those parents and guardians who took the opportunity to come into school last week to meet with members of the teaching staff.

This was the first of two parent/teacher evenings for the year.

The next report will be provided to you on August 1 or 2, depending on how you have chosen to receive your child’s report, with a second round of parent/teacher interviews on Tuesday, August 9 from 3.15 until 4.30 and Wednesday August 10 from 3.30 until 7.00pm. It is hoped that by providing an additional opportunity for parents and guardians to come into school, access to teaching staff for appointments will be improved.

Mid-year reports will include assessments using the Tasmanian Curriculum Standards for all subjects accompanied by teacher comments, including suggestions for areas of future focus. This report will cover learning since the commencement of the year.

In the period between this first Progress Report and the end of July, should you have any concerns about your child’s progress, please don’t hesitate to contact your child’s relevant subject teacher or class teacher.

Stephen Mannering
Principal

**Stars of Sport**

**Congratulations to:**

**Brayton Allan (7G)** who participated successfully at the State Athletics Championships, gaining Gold Medals in the 4 x 100m and 4 x 200m (State record) relays and Bronze Medals in the individual 100m, 200m and 400m. A great effort, Brayton, and we look forward to seeing you run at the Inter-House Athletics Carnival in Term 3.

**Joshua McDermott (9G)** qualified for and attended the Age National Long Course Swimming Championships in Adelaide leading up to Easter. He qualified for four events. The 100m butterfly, 100m backstroke, 50m freestyle and 200 butterfly. He swam personal best times in all events. Well done Josh.

**Inter-high Swimming Carnival**
On the 13th April, Rose Bay took a 35 member swimming team over to the Hobart Aquatic Centre to compete in the Division A Inter-high Swimming carnival. Competitors had already proven their ability by winning and placing in events at our school inter-club carnival and now had the opportunity to challenge themselves against other top swimmers from Southern High Schools.
Everyone competed exceptionally well and did Rose Bay proud. The overall competition lead changed many times throughout the day with Rose Bay finally coming second to Taroona by a mere 11 points.

Special mention goes to Tom Franks, Zoe Sellers, Josh McDermott, Nick Shadbolt, Alex Cronk, Georgia Stone and Michaela Melville for winning individual events and Josh McDermott for breaking two Inter-High records.

A big thank you goes out to all the House Captains and SRC members who assisted with running the carnival, as well as the students who volunteered to participate in events above their age group and all the friends and family who came along for encouragement and support. Well done Rose Bay and let’s go one better next year!

Kate French
HWB Teacher

Senior Health and Wellbeing Classes
The Health and Wellbeing Team are currently trialling a new program “TRUST: Fitness” in our Senior Health and Wellbeing classes. The aim of the program is to encourage students to devise and participate in a personalised fitness plan. As part of their plan, students are required to research facilities within the community, write a risk assessment and obtain written parental permission to leave school grounds. Students are encouraged to use technology as part of their activity and/or provide evidence for their fitness diary which is required for assessment in the last week of Term 1.

Students who struggle to work independently will be participating in fitness based activities lead by their Health and Wellbeing Teacher.

To enable students to reach stage 15, they need to provide evidence of planning, implementation and reflection. This learning opportunity is designed allow for this.

Pieta McKay on behalf of the Health & Wellbeing Team

Talk to a Champ
On Thursday 5th of May, Mikayla Wedge, Jess Downham, Trey Westbury and Josh McDermott attended an inaugural event organised by the Australian Olympic Committee, Talk to a Champ, which was held at St Michael’s Collegiate School.

The program featured two outstanding Australian Olympians, Kerry Hore (Rowing) and Marieke Guehrer (Swimming) talking about the highs and lows of their sporting careers while stressing the positive impact sport has had on their lives.

Congratulations Georgia Stone (7G) winner of the Tasmanian National Youth Week Photography Competition – her photo “Lazy Days” was taken at South Port.

STUDY SKILLS TIP FOR MAY: CARING FOR YOUR NOTEBOOK COMPUTER
Have you been working on improving your study skills this year? Working through the units on
Study Skills Handbook site www.studyskillshandbook.com.au will help you learn techniques to complete your work for school more effectively and improve your academic results, helping you move towards your personal best at school and beyond. There are also a number of additional units on the site looking at technology: how you can use technology to help you study, useful iPhone Apps, and ways to manage and organize your files. There is also a section on physical care of your computer, and how to make it last as long as possible. Following are some of the tips from this section.

FOOD AND DRINK: Food and drink don’t go well with computer screens and keyboards. Keep drinks especially well clear.

CASES: Notebooks don’t bounce, so keep them in their protective cases/cover and don’t use them on unstable surfaces.

BAGS: If you have your notebook in a bag or backpack be conscious of their fragility and breakability. Don’t throw your bag around, drop it or place things on top of it if your notebook is inside.

HEAT: Don’t leave a notebook in a car for too long, especially on a hot day. Notebooks don’t like extremes of weather temperature.

PETS: Be aware that pets may like to chew through power supply cables.

TRIPPING: When you are using your power supply, be aware of trip hazards. The cables inside the power supply are also easily broken so even though it may look as though it is OK, it could stop working.

DUST: Avoid dusty or smoky environments. Don’t store the laptop somewhere dusty (like under your bed) as the air filters can get blocked.

AIR VENTS: Work out where the air vents are on your computer. Make sure you don’t block the vents when the computer is on or it may overheat.

STORMS: You should always unplug the computer from the power outlet during a lightning storm. Otherwise your data may get fried!

Our school’s subscription details to www.studyskillshandbook.com.au are -
User name: Available from the school office
Password: Available from the school office

Animal Studies Update
Animal studies classes were very lucky to have a visit from Mr Bryan Denny from commercial fishing last week and we can’t wait until his further visits in the future as part of our partnership with the seafood industry and ocean watch.

Mr Bryan Denny is a commercial fisherman and has been for the last 25 years. He has had lots of experience in lots of different departments including in shark fishing. He has worked all over Australia and has been at sea for more than 2 months at a time. He is a very experienced and capable Fisherman.

Anthony Gray
Grade 9 Animal Studies Student

Artist of the Month
Artist of the month is a new initiative at Rose Bay which is aimed to show case student artists and their artwork.

Criteria for this prestigious award includes personal best in technical capacity & creativity along with commitment, perseverance and positive attitude displayed in this learning area. This award is open to students in all grades who practise Art.

Acknowledgement is attained through the newsletter and presentation of certificate in the whole school assembly.
The Artist of the Month for May is Grade 10 student Janaya Leed.

She is highly motivated and displays a flexible approach in exploring different mediums in her artworks.

Janaya has produced a consistently high quality of artwork since the start of the year. Well done Janaya!

J. Whittington
Art Teacher

Public Education Day 2011
Celebrate how important public education is to you by entering the 2011 Public Education Day school calendar competition! Take a photograph, draw a picture — or create a collage — which showcases what your school, teacher or class means to you!

Twelve finalists will have their images turned into a state-wide school calendar and be in the running for some cool prizes!

The top entry from every Tasmanian school will also have their image turned into a school calendar as a memento of their fine achievements.

The four winners and four runners-up will be announced at a special celebration at Parliament House on Thursday 26 May. You can either enter as an individual or you might decide to buddy up with a friend or even a whole class! So grab your camera, pick up your art pencil and get creative!

Send in your artwork, together with the completed photograph permission forms, to: ATT: Hayley, Australian Education Union, Reply Paid 117, NORTH HOBART TAS 7000 OR email your photographs to: hayleyp@aeutas.org.au

Entries close COB Thursday 12 May 2011. For more information contact: Hayley Pepper, Australian Education Union on hayleyp@aeutas.org.au or 62349500.

Parenting Children With Eczema
ARE YOU CHALLENGED BY YOUR CHILD’S ECZEMA?

The University of Queensland is conducting research into parenting children with eczema. Parenting a child with eczema presents many challenges (everything from the daily application of creams and avoiding eczema triggers, to more general parenting tasks). The aim of this study is to understand the factors that make the management of childhood eczema particularly difficult, and to use this information to develop strategies that might assist parents in managing their child’s eczema.

If you are a parent of a 3 to 10-year-old child with eczema, we would love to hear from you!

By sharing your experiences (confidentially), you will be making a valuable contribution to the development of much-needed childhood eczema management strategies for parents. Results of this study will be made available to all participants.

To complete the online survey, please log on to: http://exp psy.uq.edu.au/eczema

For further information about the project or to request a survey to be posted to you, please email Katie Sillar (katie.sillar@uqconnect.edu.au) or phone Amy Mitchell (07 3365 7305) at the Parenting and Family Support Centre in the School of Psychology at the University of Queensland, St Lucia QLD 4072 (Fax: 07 3365 6724).

Thank you for your time and participation.
Alina Morawska, Amy Mitchell and Katie Sillar
UQ Parenting and Family Support Centre

The Science Experience
An invitation for Years 9 and 10 students in 2011
• Enjoy 3 days in which you will be introduced to some of the wonders of science and technology.
• Perform interesting experiments in university laboratories.
• Hear leaders in science, technology and engineering.
• Learn about careers in science and technology.
• Cost is $1140 [incl GST] for 3 days.
• Sponsorship is available through Rotary.
For further information contact Mr Mark Dickenson [AST3 Science].
Well done Rose Bay High School for raising $199.05 for the PUPPY BANK MUSTER 2011 [Royal Guide Dogs].

Act, create, communicate!

The acclaimed “Helen O’Grady Drama Academy” offers weekly classes covering speech, improvisation, script work, character analysis and production technique.

Youth Theatre classes at: Sandy Bay, New Town, Bellerive and West Hobart.

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Cigarettes are eating you and your kids alive.

The aim of Quit Tasmania’s latest health campaign is to encourage all parents who smoke to think about how cigarettes are not only affecting themselves, but also those around them.

The “Cigarettes are eating you and your kids alive” campaign was originally developed by the New York City Department of Health and uses computer generated imagery of inside the body, along with real images to drive home the message about the damage smoking can do.

When you smoke around kids, you expose them to thousands of chemicals. Cigarette smoke contains poisonous chemicals such as cyanide and carbon monoxide that can trigger severe health problems like ear infections, asthma and pneumonia. Cigarette smoke has also been linked to low birth-weight and doubles the risk of SIDS.

The key message of the campaign is that if you do smoke, it is not only harming yourself, but your children too and to quit smoking today.

To order a free quit smoking kit or receive information and advice on quitting smoking call the Quitline or visit www.quittas.org.au

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Website www.rosebay.tased.edu.au
Email Rose.Bay.High@education.tas.gov.au
As part of a publication to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of Rose Bay, we are seeking to obtain details of as many previous students as possible.

We would like to know your full name (and maiden name if applicable), years of enrolment at Rose Bay, interesting activities/achievements at school and interesting activities/achievements since leaving school. A recent picture would be also appreciated. It is intended that we will publish as many of these as possible. If you would like to be mentioned please email details to:

rbhs50anniversary@hotmail.com.

If you wish to let us know the whereabouts of someone who might wish to be included, please pass on their email address as well.
ROSE BAY HIGH SCHOOL

Grade 7 2012 Information Evening

Wednesday 18 May 2011

Commencing at 7pm in the School Gymnasium.

Rose Bay High School has outstanding educational facilities and offers a comprehensive and innovative educational program in a highly supportive school environment.

Parents and carers of prospective students for Grade 7 in 2012 are invited to meet with key staff and to tour the school’s facilities.

The school’s annual open day will be held this year on Saturday, October 15 from 11am until 3pm as part of the school’s 50th year celebrations.

For more information please contact the school on 6242 9299.