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 2011:
End of Term 3 [Grades 7-10] – Wednesday, December 21

From the Principal

Navy Band Visit
Last Friday, Grade 7 students and members of the school bands had the privilege of the being able to be entertained by members of the Australian Navy Band from both the Hobart and Sydney bases. This visit was particularly noteworthy as three of the band members are ex Rose Bay High School students who are currently studying full-time at the Tasmanian Conservatorium of Music as well as participating on part-time basis in the Navy Band. The boys involved are; Rit Coomber (drums), Tom Lowe (guitar) and Blair Carter (bass).

The local band members were joined by Commander Philip Anderson – Director of Music for the Australian Navy, Chief Morris – Commander, Ceremonial Chief and Chief Petty Officer Dan Hobson – Band Director, Hobart and other musicians from Sydney.

The band members performed a number of traditional drills using drums, bugles, cymbals and rifles. These were performed the following day at the official ceremony at Angelsea Barracks to celebrate its 200th Anniversary.

Prior to the presentation to Grade 7s, the navy musicians also conducted a workshop with our senior concert band members.
**Orientation Evening**
On Wednesday evening, we conducted our annual school orientation session for the 180 Grade 6 students enrolling at Rose Bay in 2012. I would like to thank all those parents who took the time to come into school for this important step in their child’s education as they move from primary school to secondary school.

I would also like to thank Mr Shannon Bavage and Mrs Chris Cherry, who will be Grade Supervisors for Grade 7, in 2012, for all their work in establishing the class groupings and for visiting the primary schools over the last few weeks to meet with our new students. Many thanks also to Mrs Pieta McKay for all her efforts in helping to facilitate this important event.

The school will also continue to conduct our Early Start Program for all new students in Grades 8-10 plus our Grade 7s. This half day program will be held on February 14 in readiness for the official start of the school year on Wednesday, February 15.

**Grade 10**
Recent weeks have been particularly busy for our Grade 10 students. Students have been involved in tests and exams to finalise their results for this year, they have also been able to participate in 1:1 course counselling with Rosny College teachers and, on Tuesday, had the day available to finalise their enrolment at Rosny College for next year.

Over recent days, the students have also been able to select a number of optional programs to finish of the school year. These have included; Save a Mate First Aid conducted by Red Cross, completion of a Responsible Serving of Alcohol Course to prepare them for work in the field of hospitality and also the opportunity to undertake a Barista Course through the Tasmanian Polytechnic provided by staff from Drysdale House.

All Grade 10 students have also completed their Pathway Plan which records their discussions with our school Pathway Planning Officer, Mr Tom Giblin, and a record of their intentions for further study beyond Grade 10. Mr Giblin has done an outstanding job in assisting our students to engage positively with Rosny College staff and to also complete a number of very valuable career and pathway planning sessions for our students throughout the year.

Grade 10s have three major events to come in the remainder of this term. The first is, the Grade 10 end of year celebration to be held at the Hobart Hockey Centre on Friday, December 16, the second is our annual Achievement Afternoon awards assembly on Tuesday, December 20 and the final event is their final school assembly to be held in the school gymnasium on Wednesday, December 21 commencing at 11.00am.

Parents are very welcome to attend both the Achievement Afternoon Assembly and the Farewell to Grade 10 Assembly.

**Reports – Reminder**
Parents and carers are reminded that final school reports will be placed in the post on Thursday, December 15 and any reports to be distributed directly to students on Friday, December 16.

If you have any concerns about your child’s report, please don’t hesitate to contact us at school prior to the conclusion of the school year on Thursday, December 22.

**Showcase of Musical Talent**
To provide a final opportunity for parents and carers to hear some of our outstanding musicians, we will once again present our Showcase of Talent concert in the school gymnasium on Wednesday, December 14 from 7.00pm until 9.00pm.

Admission will be by $2.00 donation which will go towards assisting those students undertaking the school’s World Challenge trip to Borneo in 2012. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Remainder of the School Year**
Classes will continue on as usual throughout the remainder of the school year. In the final week, however, we have a number of special assemblies which will commence on Tuesday, 20 with Achievement Afternoon. Parents are very welcome to attend any of these assemblies.
Achievement Afternoon – Tuesday, December 20 1.20pm – 3.00pm

Grade 10 Farewell Assembly – Wednesday, December 21 11.00am – 12.20pm

Final School Assembly – Wednesday, December 21 1.30pm – to 2.30pm (Grade 7-9 Certificate Presentations and Staff Farewells)

New Role
Finally, it is with very mixed emotions that I officially announce that this year will be my last as Principal of Rose Bay High School. As some parents and carers will be aware, I have been appointed to the newly created position of Principal Network Leader and will take up a senior leadership role with the Department of Education from January 30, 2012.

The Principal position at Rose Bay was advertised yesterday for expression of interest for the period January – June, 2012. Until this process has been completed, I am unable at this stage to let the school community know who will be Acting Principal for the start of the school year. Hopefully, this information will be available very soon after the closing date of December 12. I will say more about this and make my final farewell in the last newsletter for the year.

Stephen Mannering
Principal

Stars of Sport
Congratulations to:

Maggie Smith (8C) who successfully participated in the Tasmanian Schools Slalom Championships (Kayaking) in November. Maggie was first in the Down River Race and Rapid Sprints, second in the Slalom and was overall second in the high school girls. She was the only Rose Bay competitor, but her amazing efforts managed to get the school 6th place. Well done, Maggie, an outstanding achievement!

Artist of the Month
The last two artists of the month to be recognized for their awesome works for 2011 are Grade 8 student Liam Johnson for November and Grade 9 student, Nicola Ramm for December.

Both of these students have created exceptional quality artworks. Liam’s highly detailed lead pencil drawings of buildings and castles require time, patience and a steady hand. He also uses paint and mixed media very well. Nicola possesses outstanding technical ability and her works are conceptual, displaying creative ideas. This is particularly evident in her “altered book” project and “time” work. Congratulations to you both!

J. Whittington

YouthBuild 2011
This year our school has continued its involvement in the award winning building and construction course and industry “taster” for Grade 10 students entitled YouthBuild. The course is a partnership between The Tasmanian Department of Education and the HIA (Housing Industry of Australia), Claremont College and six Hobart High Schools.

The course commences shortly after students return to school in February and continues throughout the year as a one day per week program. Students are directly involved in building and constructing items such as outdoor furniture, garden gazebos that are sold throughout K & D stores statewide.

K & D Hardware as a major sponsor of the program donates premium grade materials, equipment and safety clothing for the students.
Next year will be our 4th year in the program and already we have seen the direct benefit to the students involved, including students gaining carpentry and joinery apprenticeships and the remaining students accepted into the VET Building & Construction course at Rosny College.

We have been particularly pleased with our YouthBuild students this year for receiving recognition for their efforts. In particular, Brad Vincent (pictured top right) who received a $500.00 cash prize courtesy of the Commonwealth Bank at the recent HIA YouthBuild Awards for the “Most Consistent Student of the Year”. Brad and all of our YouthBuild students (pictured L – R Mitch Pettit, Thomas Young, Christopher Dennison, Oliver Bird, Zach Collins, Kiarna Saulis, Joshua Reid, Bradley Vincent, Duncan Absolom, Reece Hay, Gavin Shirley, Taite Loring, Nathan Pickering) should be very proud of their efforts this year and the continual praise from members of the building industry and the YouthBuild staff for their strong work ethic.

Mr. Stuart Hadrill
RBHS YouthBuild Coordinator

**Wanted to buy:** Trumpet and Saxophone in good condition. Please leave your contact details at the office.

Maria Rushton
Teacher
Services to Deaf and Hearing Impaired
SCHOOL LEVY FOR 2012

Rose Bay High School recognises that all parents have high expectations for their children and believe such access to education opportunities is critical for their children's prospects. The school considers both the financial constraints on families and the impact of the cost of school items and activities on the family income. Therefore the school endeavours to maintain levies at both a reasonable level and a level which will continue to provide a quality education and associated activities for its students.

The composite levy for 2012 will be $500.00, plus $15 Locker levy plus a donation to the School Association of $15.00 which makes a total of $530.00

COMPOSITE LEVY PAYMENT, COLLECTION OF STUDENT STATIONERY KITS & UNIFORM SALES

The school will be open on

Monday 6 February to Friday 11 February
10.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m.

STUDENT ASSISTANCE SCHEME

The Education Department provides funding to schools, through a General Support Grant and the Student Assistance Scheme, for those students from families who are eligible. A greater number of parents and carers of full time students or independent students can now be assessed, and, if found eligible for the STAS scheme, you will be exempt from paying levies. The benefit is paid directly to the school by the department.

Applications are assessed on the basis of combined taxable income for couples for the 2010-2011 financial year (1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011). The following income table will assist parents with regard to their eligibility.

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* For more than 8 children, add $119 per week or $6,006 per annum for each additional dependent.

If you have not been contacted by the Education Department forms are available from the school office, just bring along proof of your earnings eg. Tax Assessment notice, Centrelink Card etc.

Parents of students assessed as eligible for the Student Assistance Scheme may be required to pay for other charges consistent with the school policy.

CONTACT DETAILS
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Website www.rosebay.tased.edu.au
Email Rose.Bay.High@education.tas.gov.au

Tasmania
Explore the possibilities
Parental involvement in school affairs makes for quality student outcomes. In accord with the Education Act - Rose Bay High School calls for the nomination of parent and community members to:

**THE SCHOOL ASSOCIATION Inc.**

Nominations are called for parent and community members of the School Association Committee.

- Would you like to know more about how the school runs?
- Have a say in the development of school policy?
- Hear the reports from the principal on school activities?
- Run events that enhance the quality of the education your children receive?
- Raise funds for the school?
- Meet other parents and friends of the school?

**PUT YOUR NAME FORWARD NOW**

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Seconded by a fellow member of the school community

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Return this form to the school office, Kaoota Road, Rose Bay addressed to attention of the Returning Officer School Association. By the Friday 16th of December 2011.

For further information contact current School Association Chairperson - Mrs Christine Mitchell 6227 7700 or School Principal - Stephen Mannering 62429299

*NB: There are two parent member vacancies and two community member vacancies All new positions take effect following the March 2012 AGM.*