SOME KEY DATES

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Event</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Tues, Oct 23</td>
<td>7.30pm School Association Meeting – All Welcome</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wed – Fr, Oct 17 - 19</td>
<td>Band Tour</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tues – Wed, Oct 23 - 24</td>
<td>Athletics Carnival</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Thurs, Oct 25</td>
<td>SHOW DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fri, Oct 26</td>
<td>Student Free Day</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I would like to welcome back all of our students for the start of Term 3 and welcome the four new families that have started with us this term.

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) reports for students in Years 3, 5, 7 & 9 who sat the national tests in literacy and numeracy in May should have arrived home with your child. Reports were given to students to bring home at the end of last week.

Students in all government, Catholic and independent schools were tested and all parents across Australia will receive results in a common reporting form.

Your child’s report will show national information including how your child performed in relation to other students in their particular year group, and in comparison to the national average score for each of the Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy tests.

It is also possible to get a sense of your child’s achievement over time by looking at previous NAPLAN reports, however, caution should be exercised as the results refer to a single point in time only and may not reflect the full range of your child’s ability.

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

Student Term dates 2013

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>2013</th>
<th>Start</th>
<th>Finish</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Term 1</td>
<td>Monday 4 February (teachers commence)</td>
<td>Easter break: Friday 29 March - Tuesday 2 April -&gt; Friday 19 April</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Tuesday 5 February (students commence)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Term 2</td>
<td>Monday 6 May</td>
<td>Friday 5 July</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Term 3</td>
<td>Monday 22 July</td>
<td>Friday 27 September</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Term 4</td>
<td>Monday 14 October</td>
<td>Thursday 19 December (students finish)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Friday 20 December (teachers finish)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
For students in Years 7 & 9 the writing task in 2012 was in the persuasive genre and your child’s result in this assessment is not comparable with their 2010 writing result which was based on the narrative genre.

More information about NAPLAN results and reports is available from the National Assessment Program website www.nap.edu.au

Our overall results were once again outstanding with our students performing well in all aspects of the tasks. If you have any questions regarding the tests or your child’s results then please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Student attendance is an area on which the school will be focusing on in Term 3. At present our daily attendance role is 89%. Currently, your child’s home group teacher is monitoring attendance very closely. As I have written in this newsletter before – there is a large body of research that shows that regular attendance at school correlates very closely to improved educational outcomes. I seek your assistance in helping us to improve our attendance rate. I would like to encourage you to contact the school to discuss any reasons that may prevent your child from attending school on a regular basis. At the end of the last term, the school was treated to an amazing celebration in the form of the School Talent Show. The quality of student acts was excellent. The wide variety of acts and the positive and supportive involvement of the audience resulted in a high class and enjoyable experience. Congratulations to all of the students that participated.

Last week our students were treated to a range of excellent presentations from the Didgeridbone Spectacular and a presentation about Australians at war, to a presentation to the assembly focusing on anti-poverty. All of the productions were of a high quality and were a valuable addition to our teaching program.

Schools in Tasmania will be moving to a 4 term year model starting from next year. We have added a link to our School Website that contains all of the term dates for next year. The dates can also be found on the Department of Education website at www.education.tas.gov.au

Term 3 is always a busy time in schools. We are currently in the early stages of planning for next year. Part of this process includes us having an accurate picture of students’ enrolments. If your child is going to be in Grade 8 – 10 next year and they will NOT be attending Rose Bay High, I would appreciate if you could notify the school.

Jason Szczerbanik
Principal

Stars of Sport

Congratulations to the following students who have been or will be participating in State Sports teams or inter-state competitions:

Wilson Brooks and Jesse Calendar (7A) – U14 Futsal in Queensland.
Michael Williams (7B) and Isaac Bridley (7D) – U14 Hockey in NSW.
Drew Nicholas (7E) – U13 Soccer.
Erin Kingston (7E) and Zabreena Manjerovic (8A) – Netball.
Sam Pettit (7E) – U12 Touch Football in Queensland.
Sarah Pilgrim (7B) – Little Athletics Talent Program in Canberra – Discus and Shotput.
Tom Franks (8A) – U16 Waterpolo.

2012 Rose Bay High House Athletics Carnival

The 2012 RBHS athletics carnival will be held at the Domain Athletics Centre on Tuesday 23rd and Wednesday 24th of October (show week). The themes this year are ‘Rio here we come’, and ‘supporting each other’. The athletics carnival is one of the few events that really involves our whole school coming together. Our students are all in house teams and will be competing for both a championship shield and a participation shield. All students are expected to attend the event on both days and participate in either 2 events each day or to help out as officials to help make the event a success. Students are encouraged to come dressed in their house colours and to participate to the best of their abilities. Parents, grandparents and carers are all welcome to attend to see the students participate. Any parents who would also like to help as officials will be warmly welcomed. Students should come to school for attendance
gratefulness is a choice that we can all make despite our circumstances. My encouragement to you today on a day where you might not feel like dragging yourself out of bed to go to high school or to work is simple. Be grateful…

A Note from the Chaplain

Grateful. Is it a word that you forget to add to your vocabulary? I know I certainly need a little reminder every now and then. A reminder to stop and take a breath, look around and be just a little more grateful. We live in a nation, where extreme poverty for most is an afterthought, a country where we have freedom of speech, medical assistance, clean running water and access to education.

Education is a blessing that we forget to be grateful for. It’s a luxury that millions of children around the world don’t have access to. One of our sponsor children in Ethiopia is a reminder to me about the value of education and the blessing that it is. At the age of 7, he is able to attend school through the work of Compassion. Despite the incredible advantage he now has to get an education and to start to pave a way through the immense poverty surrounding him, he remains miserable.

Grateful. We can be grateful that in our education system, we are able to help a child according to their individual needs and learning abilities. This little boy has no such thing. He has failed school three times. He stands with his head down crying as his parents try to convince Compassion workers that he must be “cursed”. There is no behavioural assessment, no special needs, no learning assistance. He now carries the shame of not being able to help his family out of poverty and for them, education is their only hope.

As I write this in the comfort of my office, with photos of my healthy, happy kids smiling at me from my desk, I am reminded to be grateful. Gratefulness is a choice that we can all make despite our circumstances. My encouragement to you today on a day where you might not feel like dragging yourself out of bed to go to high school or to work is simple. Be grateful…

This week I am grateful for the opportunity to be a Chaplain at Rose Bay High School. This week is Chaplaincy week and to celebrate, staff were treated to morning tea and enjoyed cappuccinos and cupcakes to thank them for all the hard work they put in to making sure our students receive the highest standard of education and care. Chaplaincy plays an important role to assist teachers and students in achieving this by being there as a support to those in need. As a Chaplain I am grateful to be in a country where a students’ wellbeing is just as important as their education and grateful that we have the opportunity to give them the best of both.

Melody
School Chaplain

Speech Competitions - (French and Japanese).

The level of interest in this year’s Japanese Speech competition is a credit to our student body. Earlier in the year, our on-line French learners also competed in the Alliance Francais. It is with great pleasure we can acknowledge the following students for their Honourable Mention awards in these events:

Mark Yates (French)
Grace Banks (French)
Abigail Radford (Japanese)
Chloe Harle (Japanese)
Sophia Bellears (Japanese)

These competitions are of an extremely high standard. Rose Bay High was the only government high school in the south to enter the Japanese competition in years 7 and 8. Our students were excellent ambassadors in a field of private school entrants. A commendable effort to all involved.
Word Vision 40HR Famine results
It was our aim to surpass last year’s fundraising effort to reach $1000. Well, a huge congratulations is extended to everyone who contributed this year because we were only a few dollars short of $2000!!! This is fantastic. The money we raised will assist World Vision with a number of existing agricultural projects in Ethiopia.

Rebecca Pilgrim (Grade 10)

Chemistry Titration Results
The eagerly awaited results from the competition held last term are finally here. Congratulations to this year’s competitors who were very accurate in their measurements (six of our nine were within 2% of the correct concentration values. Sadly, despite these excellent results, none of the teams progressed to the round of national competition. Thank you to those students who committed hours of their time preparing for the competition and to those who stepped in at short notice. A big thank you goes also to our Laboratory Technicians, for preparing our practise solutions and equipping us on the day.

It was a pleasure to be associated with this group of students who acquitted themselves well at all times.

Bernard Mogielnicki

Art nEwS
Royal Hobart Show
If you are thinking of going to the Royal Hobart Show this year, check out the Art Exhibition. We have 36 students exhibiting work, mainly senior students, from Grades 9 and 10. The work comprises of mostly 2D work but there is also some very interesting 3D work. ...cardboard camera....... cardboard ipod.!

Scenemachines
The last week of term 2 saw four highly motivated Art students participate in the Scenemachines four day workshop at the Tasmanian School of Art. The students were, Maddie Smith, Kayla Spruce, Teangi Turner and Laura Lovell. They worked collaboratively with students from other high schools using the mediums of paint and fibre. This is a great opportunity for students to realize future pathways that UTAS has to offer. The completed artworks are currently exhibited at TMAG until the 14th October. Worth a look.

Teangi & Kayla all hands on at the Scenemachine workshop

Noticeboard
Nippers – Fun in the Sun!! If you are between 5 and 13 years old, you can become a Nipper. For further information contact Robyn Fannon email: fannonpearc@bigpond.com or Maree McCulley email: mcmcculley@scotelco.net.au Website: http://www.cliftonbeachslsc.com.au/

Do you wish to play Basketball in 2013?
SEBA is now calling for registrations for next season.

All games are played at the Dodges Ferry Community Recreation Centre.

We cater for children from 6-16. It is our aim to try and establish an Under 10 competition in 2013.

Please contact Margaret Hawkes if you would like more information.
margaret.hawkes@educationtas.gov.au
Phone: 0438 658 959

CONTACT DETAILS
Telephone 6242 9299   Fax: 6243 9516
Website www.rosebay.tased.edu.au
Email Rose.Bay.High@education.tas.gov.au

Tasmania
Discover the possibilities