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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 2012:
Term 2 Commences – Monday, June 18
Australian and Tasmanian Curriculum Day [Student Free Day] – Fri, 7 September
End of Term 2 – Thursday, 6 September
Term 3 Commences – Monday, 24 September
End of Term 3 – Thursday, 20 December

From the Principal

After four weeks at Rose Bay High I am still being amazed by the high quality and variety of learning opportunities that are offered at the school. Not only does the school offer an excellent program in the area of the “core” subjects, it offers a wide variety of engaging optional subjects that allow students to pursue their passions. It is quite exciting to be part of a vibrant learning community.

Reports

Over the past several weeks your child’s teachers have been writing mid-year reports. The reports will be sent home on Tuesday, 31 July. I recommend that you take the time to read the report and take the time to discuss with your child their grade and teachers comments. The school will be providing two opportunities for parent/caregivers to discuss their child’s progress with teachers. Parent/teacher interviews will be held on Wednesday, August 8, from 3.20pm – 4.30pm and Thursday, August 9, from 3.30pm – 7pm. The interviews are a great opportunity for you to find out how your child is progressing. I have provided a number of tips that may assist you in making the most of the interviews.

1. Prepare well – before the interview list any questions you want to raise.
2. Attend with a partner or friend, particularly if you are nervous or unsure.
3. Give the teacher a chance to make an assessment of your child’s progress. Some interviews never get off the ground because enthusiastic parents can take over.

4. Take notes and clarify information you do not understand. Make sure you have a good understanding of the messages your child’s teacher is giving.

There is clear educational research that shows that the closer the relationship between home and school the better the educational outcomes a student achieves. I urge all parents and caregivers to make the most out of the parent/teacher interviews.

School Attendance
We are currently experiencing a higher number of student absences than normal. This in the most part is due to the prevalence of some flu like viruses currently circulating in the community. I would like to remind parents to notify the school of any instances of a child’s non-attendance. The school has a legal obligation to follow up any unexplained absences. A copy of your child’s attendance record will accompany the mid-year reports. I would request that parent/guardians contact the school and provide a reason for any absences that are marked as unexplained. Your support in this matter would be greatly appreciated. Parents and caregivers can notify the school of a student’s non-attendance by phoning the school on 6242 9299 or via sms text message on 0438 695 677.

Social Media
At times the school is called upon to mediate on disputes between students that occur on Facebook and other social media. With nearly 11 million Australians now using Facebook it has a participation rate like no other product or service. With around 75% of 15-65 year olds using Facebook there are more Facebook users than taxpayers.

The biggest issue stemming from the inappropriate use of Facebook is that children do not realise they are global publishers. We are in an era where online law is not keeping pace with reality. In the future highly inflammatory and derogatory publishing will be reined in, but in the meantime we need to help our children and young adults. Denis Masseni from Monash University has the following tips to help guide our children through social media.

1. Teach appropriate language – as a simple guide, do not use language online that you would not use in front of your grandmother.
2. Limit friend acceptances – friends on Facebook should mirror real life friends.
3. Photos last forever – what seems like a good idea now may not be so in 20 years time.
4. Time on Facebook – children need a balance of life with both indoor and outdoor activities.

Jason Szczerbanik
Principal

Artist of the Month
This month’s sparkling star of Art is Grade 9 student Calah Harrold. She has consistently produced very high standards of work this year in both painting and drawing. She works with creative ideas and is persistent in her approach to her work. Clearly, well deserved Calah!

Grade 7 Swimming and Water Safety Program – August 6 - 10
The Grade 7 swimming and water safety program is due to commence on the 6th August this year at the indoor (and very warm) Clarence Aquatic Centre. This program is a great opportunity for our Grade 7 students to improve their swimming skills and water confidence. Throughout the week, students from all Grade 7 classes will have a 50 minute lesson with qualified instructors at Clarence Pool each day. Students of all abilities will be catered for each lesson and they will work in groups with other students of similar swimming ability. A typical lesson involves:

- a fun water based game
• a variety of activities designed to improve swimming and survival strokes
• Deep water entries, PFD activities or rescue techniques

As a parent of a Grade 7 student, the Health and Physical Education team seek your support in making the program a success by ensuring your son/daughter is ready to participate with appropriate bathers, a towel, and goggles. If your Grade 7 has a few worries or concerns about the program, please also have a positive chat with them about all the benefits of participating.

Mr Shannon Bavage
Head of Health and Physical Education (acting)

All Schools Cross Country
On Tuesday, 10th July, 15 students from Rose Bay High went to compete in the All Schools Cross Country at Symmons Plains Raceway. There were lots of schools from all over Tasmania which meant that we had a very tough competition. We all did really well, everybody was a great sport and there was great cheering from students who weren’t running. A very special thanks to Mrs Blackborrow who accompanied us on the trip.

Erin & Madi

Host Family Needed for Kanako
Kanako is in Grade 10 and she would dearly love to spend time with a family from our school from the 16th September for a negotiable amount of time. She can stay with any family who has a spare room (you do not need to have a child in Grade 10). Host families are given some remuneration for expenses. Rose Bay has previously sent students to Japan on exchange and we are reciprocating the hospitality we received in Japan. Please leave your contact number with the school office or email helen.muller@education.tas.gov.au for further information.

SRC June Report
As a part of national tree day, the SRC environment portfolio is planning to run a tree planting day at our school. A group of students will be planting Australian native trees in and around our school grounds this month to help reduce our school’s carbon footprint.

The environment portfolio has also secured twenty new rubbish bins for the school, which are soon to be decorated and placed around the grounds. The portfolio ran a competition which encouraged students to submit a design that could be painted onto the bins, and we received many entries. Twenty successful students will get to decorate the bins with their chosen design.

SRC Publicity portfolio

National Thanksgiving Day
Recently Australia celebrated National Thanksgiving day and for the past few years I have used this day to invite all staff to attend a Thankyou morning tea to say “Thank you” for the amazing job they do in teaching and inspiring the next generation at Rose Bay High School.

I asked local businesses and community organisations to partner with me in saying “Thank you” and I am amazed at their response. The success of this event could not continue without their generosity, so I would like to take this opportunity to thank businesses for their ongoing support. Cabbages Florist shop, Bakers Delight Rosny, Gloria Jean’s Rosny, Donut King Eastland’s, Banjo’s Rosny, and Coles Rosny, thank you for your generosity. I would also like to Thank Energizer Life Church for the fantastic food that they provided.

Chrystal Potter
School Chaplain
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Starting 1 October – Ending 21 November 2012
Afternoons: Tuesday and Thursday 1.00pm – 4.00pm
Starting 2 October – Ending 27 November 2012

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And we will send out an Expression of Interest form for you to fill in.
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