**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)

**STUDENT TERM DATES 2013**

**TERM 1**

Tuesday 5 February – Friday 19 April  
**EASTER BREAK**  
Friday 29 March – Tuesday 2 April

**TERM 2**

Monday 6 May – Friday 5 July  
**TERM 3**  
Monday 22 July – Friday 27 September

**TERM 4**

Monday 14 October – Friday 20 December

**FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

It’s been a very busy start to the year and I can hardly believe that we have been back for 4 weeks. Our teaching and learning programs are well underway and I have been impressed with the manner in which our students have engaged with their learning programs and I look forward to this continuing as the term progresses.

Highlights over the past several weeks include the Grade 7 camp and the inducting of the school student leaders. Earlier this week, our teaching staff participated in an after school professional learning activity which had a focus on equity, anti-discrimination and tolerance. School staff will undertake further work in this area later in the year.

**Attendance**

A key area for improvement this year is student attendance. We have started the year well with an attendance rate of 95%. I would like to thank you for your assistance in this. Students are required to attend school each day unless there is a valid reason for absence, such as illness. Parents or carers can notify the school of their child’s absence by phoning 6242 9299.

**Connecting with Home**

We are trialling a new initiative this year in regards to connecting with our parent community. Home Group teachers are currently making contact with all of the parents/carers of students in their home groups.
We believe that positive and productive relationships between home and school are vital if we are to enable our students to reach their potential. I would like to encourage you to contact your child’s home group teacher in the first instance if you would like to discuss your child’s educational program and progress.

**Reporting**

Shortly your child’s teachers will be starting work on the first of the year’s reports. The reports are a summary style report which gives you a snapshot of your child’s progress so far. These reports will be issued to parents on the 27th March.

Jason Szczerbanik
Principal

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**Maggie Smith, Clarence Young Citizen of the Year**

Congratulations to Maggie, whose many and varied community contributions were rewarded when she was named Clarence Young Citizen of the Year at the Australia Day celebrations.

Maggie is a wildlife volunteer at the Dogs Home and Bonorong Wildlife Park and travelled with the school group to Borneo to help school building projects in Borneo. She is an accomplished sportswoman in table tennis and a national multi-medal winner in slalom canoeing and kayaking (see below). Maggie also plays in the school band and was on the school SRC for 3 years.

The award is a huge honour for Maggie and an excellent reward for her community spirit and her commitment to and passion for making a difference. Well done, Maggie!

**James Colbourn** of 9C will be performing in Fiddler on the Roof from Feb 22- March 9 (with two matinees). James is singing and dancing in several roles. This is a poignant story of a Jewish community in early C20th Russia and the challenges they face to their traditional way of life. It contains such songs as "If I were a rich man" "sunrise Sunset" and "Matchmaker". Tickets are from Centertainment.

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**Stars of Sport**

**Congratulations to:**

**Matthew Baldwin [8D]** who has been selected in the under 14 boys Tasmanian Water Polo Team and will be representing Tasmania in the National Championships in Adelaide on 27th & 28th March.

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**IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM OFFICE STAFF**

Just to let you know that our old school number has been cut off and you can only use the new one now 6242 9299.

**REPORTS** - All reports will be posted.

**NEWSLETTER** – Newsletters will be distributed via hand delivery or email. If you wish to receive the newsletter via email please provide the office with your email address.

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**Rose Bay High School Inter-House SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

Inter-House sport carnivals are exciting and significant events on the Rose Bay High School calendar. The first carnival of the year is the swimming which is to be held on Wednesday 6th March at the YMCA Clarence Aquatic Centre. This is an optional event where all participants will need to be able to confidently swim 25m. Only students who have pre-entered events will attend the carnival. The school day will run as
normal for all non-participants. Students have been given the opportunity to enter events during Home Group.

This event will also be used to select the Rose Bay High School Swim Team which will compete at the Inter-High Swim Carnival on the 10th April at the Hobart Aquatic Centre.

We extend a warm invitation to parents and carers to join us to make this a successful and rewarding carnival.

**Date:** Wednesday 6th March  
**Time:** 9.30 – 2.30  
**Venue:** YMCA Clarence Aquatic Centre

Canteen facilities are available at the pool for snack food and refreshments during the morning. Participants will return to school in time for end of day dismissal. Students need to be suitably dressed for this event preferably showing their house colours.

**Swimming Program 2013 – order of events**  
4 X 50m Mixed Relay (4 students per house from any grade, events for boys & girls)  
50m Freestyle  
50m Breaststroke  
50m Backstroke  
100m Freestyle  
50m Butterfly  
4 X 50m Same Grade House Relay (all grades, events for girls & boys)  
Across pool freestyle  
Across pool backstroke  
Novelty events

Adam Clydesdale/Kate French  
Health and Wellbeing Team

Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students in Tasmania have been participating in literacy and numeracy tests for a number of years, so there is familiarity with the test formats and the types of questions.

The scheduled dates for the tests in 2013 are Tuesday 14 May, Wednesday 15 May and Thursday 16 May.

These national tests will provide information on how students are progressing against national minimum standards of literacy and numeracy skills expected for each year level, as well as performance across the whole range of student abilities. The results will support improvements in teaching and learning for students.

Parents will receive an individual report that shows their child’s results and a comparison of their child’s performance against all other Australian students in their year level. The report will also indicate how your child performed in comparison to the national average and the levels of achievement expected at that year level.

For students in Years 5, 7 and 9, the results from the 2013 tests will provide parents and schools with important information on progress made since they last participated in NAPLAN testing in 2011.

The best way you can assist your child is by making them feel comfortable about the nature and purpose of the tests, and assure them that the tests will give them an opportunity to show what they have learned in class.

For more information about the national tests, including test samples, frequently asked questions, the test schedule and a parent information brochure, please visit the national NAPLAN website at: [http://www.nap.edu.au](http://www.nap.edu.au)

**Writing Competition**  
Department of Education students from Year 5 to Year 12 have an opportunity to engage in the Whitlam Institute’s (within the University of New South Wales), What Matters? writing competition.  

**How to enter**  
What Matters? provides students with a chance to say in a 400 – 600 word opinion piece, what matters to them in society today and why; e.g.:  
- What actions do you think should be taken to build a better society?  
- What would you change if you could?
• What do you want other people to care about?
Entries must be typed on A4 paper. Strictly one entry per student. All entries must be accompanied by a signed entry form. Entry forms can be downloaded below, together with a poster.


Closing date: Friday 3 May 2013
We encourage students to participate in this competition as it aligns well with the Australian Curriculum and persuasive writing aspect of NAPLAN and encourages extension opportunities for students.

For more information go to:

“Mild” asthma is very serious
If your child has asthma, please let us know immediately.

This is in light of information we have learned from our training with the Asthma Foundation of Tasmania.

“The people at greatest risk of death from asthma are those whose asthma is not considered severe,” said our trainer from the Foundation.

“Because they rarely have an attack or only usually have a mild attack there’s a tendency for the person with asthma or their carer not to take precautions – such as having a blue/grey reliever puffer available at all times. They are also less likely to know how to use their medications and devices properly and know what to do in an emergency.

“So when you have a bad attack - and that can happen even if you’ve never had one before – they tend to panic and have no medication available. That is unfortunately why people who have mild asthma die.”

Please call the office immediately if your child has asthma on 62429299. We’ll send you out a Student Asthma Record form. The Asthma Foundation recommends that you fill this form out with your doctor.

If you need any help or advice on asthma or associated allergies, please call the Asthma Foundation on 1800 ASTHMA (1800 278 462).

Uniform Shop News
I would personally like to thank the school community for their patience and understanding during the very busy back to school sales. I unfortunately, had to suddenly step aside during this time due to a diagnosis of terminal illness to a very close family member, who is now undergoing management treatment and is staying with my family. I am extremely grateful for the support the school has given at this time to ensure that families were able to purchase school uniform.

I would like to extend my thanks to Jan Dawes, who stepped in to co-ordinate the sales and to the special people who volunteered their time to assist her, Kalina Edwards, Rebecca Newton, Danielle Young, Alison Radford, Lizzie Radford, Rozz Court, Mary-Anne Fox, Fiona Hay, Tania Francis and anyone else I may be unaware of.

Please continue to be patient as payments and orders are being processed albeit slower than usual.

PRICE INCREASE: Tiger Tops XS-2XL
$34.00

Jillian Goninon
General Noticeboard:

- **Dodges Ferry Junior Football Club** – registrations are still open until 15th March. For more information contact Michelle [preferably via email] at sharksjuniors@gmail.com or alternatively phone 0400510319.

- **WANT TO PLAY SOCCER IN THE USA?**
  Trial to be held 11 March 2013. To register visit www.nsrsocceraustralia.com

- **The debating competition** will be running from March 20th this year at different high school locations. Students will speak in teams of three and take either an affirmative or negative position on a topic.

  Debating is a wonderful interest for those students who ----
  - would like to work in a team environment in the future
  - want to be better persuasive writers
  - like to present arguments formally in front of adults
  - believe in their own ability to present a convincing position
  - enjoy critically thinking about a problem in the world and applying general knowledge, humour and fact to it.

  Please come along to our meeting on Thursday 28th February in the lunch hour.
  Kylie Banks (0459038386).

**COOPER SCREEN ACADEMY**

Intro to Screen Acting – Saturday 2nd March 10am-1pm @ 131 Macquarie St Hobart.

Want to join CSA’s Weekly Classes or this year’s Career Course? Sign up online for our next Intro to Screen Acting workshop and receive $25 off your first term at CSA.

For all details go to www.cooperscreenacademy.com.

Sara Cooper (Bachelor of Education - Drama Major)
Academy Director

- **CENTACARE TASMANIA** is presenting a course for parents on **ENGAGING ADOLESCENTS**.

  For more information about this course and to register please contact Diana on 6278 1660 or email your enquiry to centacare.hobart@aohtas.org.au

YOUTH ASSIST

“Youth assist” is the new youth space at the “Clarence Integrated Care Centre”, at 16 Bayfield street near Zap fitness and Mc Donalds. “Youth assist “ is a place where you can get support, short term help, links to other services , or just talk to a youth worker.

At “youth Assist” you can get help with health and personal care items and some free stuff. Free internet and phone access is available for checking out community or recreational services, employment and study information and getting help with health.

A “Youth Assist” youth worker will be on site Thursday 2-5pm, Friday 11-1pm. To see the youth worker call 6247-1230 or visit at the drop in times.

On Thursdays there will be a free family planning sexual health clinic 2-5 pm. A female doctor and Pulse youth health nurse will be available at this time to provide free consultations and treatment for 12-24 year olds.

Call 6233-8901 to make an appointment to see the doctor.

YNAG – Film Making Taster

Clarence Youth Services are looking for young people to get involved in the Youth Week Festival coming up on April 6th 2013.

We would like to create a short VOX pop DVD of the run up and the festival itself. This will involve workshop’s in basic camera work, sound, editing, interviewing techniques and filming the festival. Including interviewing guests and participants on the youth blue key message Look, Listen, Talk and Seek help together.

If you would like to get involved please contact Gavin Riley on 6247 1230.