### SOME KEY DATES

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<td>Immunisations 1 – All Grade 7’s, Grade 9 Boys 9am – 12:30pm</td>
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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)

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It has been another busy time at the school since our last newsletter. We have had a number of excursions for a range of subjects. We completed our school swimming carnival. Teachers have been busy finalising the first of 3 reports that will be issued to parents and carers throughout the year. Progress Reports will be posted to parents and they should arrive with you on the 28th March. We will be holding Parent/Teacher interviews on the 10th April from 3.30pm till 7.00pm. This year we are trying to increase the connections between home and school. We hope that as many parents and carers as possible take advantage of this opportunity to discuss the progress of their children with their subject teachers.

Rose Bay High School is leading the way nationally to provide challenging and engaging learning opportunities for gifted students. We have become an “IGGY” global school. IGGY is a ground breaking international social network for gifted 13 to 18 year old students which is facilitated by the University of Warwick (UK).

Two of our Grade 9 boys are currently trialling the program for the Tasmanian Department of Education. This program provides students with incredible access to an international community of like-minded students, academics and resources. Their first significant project will be to follow Polar Explorer Mark Wood’s 80 day climb of Mount Everest. They will have direct access to Mark and will be working with the University of Warwick Medical School to monitor data on the effects of the climb on the human body.
Depending on the success of the trial we hope to be able to offer the program to a greater number of students next year.

We are continuing to make improvements in the area of student attendance. I would like to thank you all for the extra effort you have made in helping us improve the rate of student attendance at school this year. I would particularly like to thank you for your co-operation in relation to the recent industrial action undertaken by Metro drivers. A review of our attendance data on these days showed no increase in student absenteeism. This is a fantastic result given the inconvenience that the industrial action may have caused you.

It gives me great pleasure to announce the office bearers for the Rose Bay High School Association for 2013. These positions were confirmed at the Annual General Meeting of the School Association on Tuesday evening.

Co-Chairpersons  
Shelly Spong and Cathy Ransom

Deputy Chairperson  
Warwick Brennan

Treasurer  
Sonya Abbott

Secretary  
Gill Shadbolt

Also at the meeting we farewelled some long standing members of the School Association. Christine Mitchell, Jennifer Yates, Gillian Goninon and Jenny Smith have all stepped down from the Association this year. I would like to thank them for their significant contribution and service to the school and wish them well for their future endeavours. Our next Association meeting will be held on the 16th of April starting at 7.30pm. I would like to extend a warm welcome to all parents and carers to attend.

Jason Szczerbanik  
Principal

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.

Stars of Sport  
Congratulations to:

Casey Anning (7F) on her selection in the Tasmanian U14 Girls Water polo Team which will play at the National Championships in Brisbane later in the month. We wish Casey and the team all the best at the Championships.

Woodbridge Marine Studies Module  
Our annual trip to the Marine Discovery Centre this year will be over 4 days from the 15 - 18 April (Monday – Thursday). We will be travelling by bus daily between Woodbridge and Rose Bay High.

Students will be eligible to complete a course of study in Marine Ecology and will receive an achievement certificate.

20 students from Grades 8 to 10 will be selected from applicants to attend the Marine Ecology Course. Interested students should write a short letter describing their reasons for wishing to attend the course, to Mr Dickenson by March 27.

Further details will be provided to the successful applicants.

Woolworths Earn and Learn  
We are excited to be taking part in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. You can help our school by collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Points. Just collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Points when you shop at Woolworths between Monday 8 April and Sunday 9 June 2013. We will redeem these for awesome educational resources for our school.

For every $10 spent at Woolworths you will receive a Woolworths Earn & Learn Point. Pop them onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Points

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.
Sheet and once it's completed, just bring it back to school or drop it into the Collection Box at your local Woolies. The more we collect, the more we can redeem. There are thousands of products available through the Woolworths Earn & Learn program, and we'd like to get lots of new gear! Products in the range include resources for mathematics, English, science, art & crafts, through to sports gear, library supplies and more. We are grateful for your support and look forward to a successful program. If you have any questions, please ask at school.

**Swimming Carnival**

On Wednesday the 6th of March, just after class teacher, everyone who wanted to participate in this year’s Inter-house Swimming Carnival gathered at the tennis courts and walked over to the Clarence Aquatic centre. The day started off with the 50 metre freestyle for the Grade 7 girls then 7 boys then 8 girls etc., then the same for the 50 metre backstroke, 50 metre breaststroke, 50 metre butterfly and 100 metre freestyle. This year we added some across the pool events which proved to be very popular and enjoyable. We also tried to add some novelty events but with nearly 200 participants there was simply not enough time, so the day finished off with a free swim and a senior water polo competition. It was both an exhilarating and exhausting day with people trying their best in all events in the pool. Some impressive individual performances saw some records broken. Hugh McKay smashed the record for the 50 metre breaststroke for the Grade 7 boys and an amazing performance by Jessica Nowak saw her break the record for the 50 metre freestyle, 50 metre butterfly and the 100 metre freestyle for the Grade 8 girls. Congratulations Hugh and Jess for doing it for yellow house. Also, a thank you to Mr Clydesdale and Miss French for their valued efforts in organising the day and making all the events run smoothly and also to Mrs Cash for her time in tallying up the points, it is much appreciated. Hopefully next year's carnival will be as successful as this year!

**Results**

At the end of the day the points for the two shields were as follows:

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**Champions** The Swimming Champions and runners up from each grade are:

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<td>Hugh McKay</td>
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We look forward to seeing our talented swimmers take on other schools at the Inter-high Swimming Carnival at the Hobart Aquatic Centre on the 10th of April. Good luck!

By Andre Abrego

**Rose Bay High welcomes authors (Friday 12th April, 2013)**

In the world of young adult fantasy fiction they don’t get much better than Isobelle Carmody and Paul Collins, who between them have published over 100 books. Paul Collins is best known for his Jelindel Chronicles and The Quentaris Chronicles, as well as establishing Ford Publishing which publishes many well known authors, whereas Isobelle is renowned for her Obernewtyn Chronicles, Legendsong Saga and multitude of novels, short stories and collected works which have earned her at least seventeen prestigious literary awards.

Together they are the dynamic duo and we were fortunate enough to watch them work their magic...
on students and staff at Rose Bay High School last Friday afternoon.

Paul Collins held a two hour workshop in the library with around fifty students from the Grade 9/10 Creative Writing classes. Students were asked to go on a journey with Paul, a journey which saw them create their own fantasy world, illustrating and then populating it with characters, including a reluctant hero or heroine who will discover his/her powers and embark on a quest, but not without encountering great hardships and the evil intent of a powerful enemy who plans to stop our hero at all costs from reaching his/her goal.

Isobelle had a fantastic workshop with one of Ms Cherry’s Grade 7 classes, where she provided students with strategies they could use for their own writing, before moving on to the drama area where she enthralled all of the Grade 7s and some lucky Book Club members with her fantastic storytelling skills and details on how she honed those skills throughout her early years looking after her younger siblings.

Both Paul and Isobelle were glowing in their comments regarding the students they encountered. There has been considerable praise and enthusiasm directed towards Paul and Isobelle from the students who were involved. Hopefully the experiences of our students will not only encourage them to read some of Paul and Isobelle’s books but also to embark on some fantasy writing of their own. We have a wealth of talent at Rose Bay High School, so finding some budding authors amongst them would not surprise me.

It is important to acknowledge the people who made the author sessions so successful, so as well as a big thank you to Paul and Isobelle and the students who participated, I would like to thank those staff who helped with supervising groups and those staff who gracially allowed students out of their regular classes so they could take part. In addition, our Head of English was instrumental in coordinating the arrangements for the afternoon and keeping staff updated.

To celebrate the contributions of Paul and Isobelle to the extension and enrichment of our students we have set up a display in the library which features their books, some posters and other pictures, but if you can’t make it to the library you can also visit the websites of these authors at—
www.paulcollins.com.au/ and
http://www.isobellecarmody.net/
Mrs A. Hill (Teacher librarian)

The world’s greatest shave

The world’s greatest shave is an organisation to fundraise for emotional and practical support for people with leukaemia and also for research into blood cancer which affects thousands of people in Australia. Part of the cure creates hair loss, and the world’s greatest shave is to support cancer patients for giving it up and to raise awareness and funds.

Last assembly, Jesse Norris from 8E did the deed and shaved off his hair. Jesse did it because his family has been affected by cancer, and he didn’t want people to go through what he and his family has had to endure. Jesse’s uncle came in and shaved his head front of everyone in the school to show how much he cared, and Jesse ended up raising more than $500. Good job Jesse!

National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence

The National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence is a day held to support people who
have been victims of bullying and violence, as well as organisations that support them.

Last Friday, as a part of the event, the school held a free dress day to support the kids’ helpline, an organisation that provides phone and email counselling to children and young adults. The school raised over $600 to support this important service.

General Noticeboard:

WE NEED YOU
Are you interested in playing football?
Are you playing for a team but not getting much of a go?
The Lindisfarne Junior Football Club is looking for players in Under 14, 15 & 16’s.
Training for 15 & 16’s is currently on Monday 5.00pm at Geilston Bay High and on Wednesdays 5.00pm at Montagu Bay Primary School.
Training for 14’s is currently on Wednesdays 4.30pm at Montagu Bay Primary School and on Wednesdays 4.30pm at Montagu Bay Primary School. If you have any questions, please contact Scott Donaghy on 0419 588 422.

COOPER SCREEN ACADEMY - Now in the heart of Hobart!
Fun and informative “Acting for Film and TV” classes in the heart of Hobart! Grades 7-10 Tuesdays 5-6:30pm. Matric and up Tuesdays 7-8:30pm. Plus... Train with top national casting directors in 2013 - Neighbours, Packed to the Rafters, H2O - Just Add Water and more! All classes filmed onsite. Places limited. Details at www.cooperscreenacademy.com
Sara Cooper (Bachelor of Education - Drama Major) Academy Director

Entertainment Books
Entertainment books will be sent home at the beginning of second term with all Grade 7 and 8 students. Parents with students only in Grade 9 or 10 will need to order a book using the form attached to this newsletter.

If you DO NOT wish to have an Entertainment Book sent home with your child please fill out the slip below and return it to the school.

NO ENTERTAINMENT BOOK PLEASE

Child’s Name:__________________________
Class:__________________________
Parent’s Name:-__________________________
Phone Number:__________________________