Some Key Dates

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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.

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.

From the Principal

It’s great to be back after the term break. Over the holiday we had several of our students involved in overseas studies. Jo Short in Grade 9 visited the World War I Battlefields in Europe as part of the Frank McDonald Memorial Prize that he won last year. We also had fifteen students and three teachers visit Japan as part of the Grades 9 and 10 Japanese’s program. These are fantastic learning opportunities and we are very proud to have them embedded as part of our program.

Last week we had four of our students recognised for their achievements in last year’s NAPLAN testing that placed them in the top 1% of the state based on their test results. The students were Benjamin James and Amelia Palmer in Grade 10 and Jacoba Sayers and Alex Panton in Grade 8. This is a wonderful achievement. Speaking of NAPLAN, last week our Grades 7 and 9 students undertook NAPLAN Testing. We will receive the test results later in the year which we will then post home to parents.

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 2
Monday 6 May – Friday 5 July

Term 3
Monday 22 July – Friday 27 September

Term 4
Monday 14 October – Friday 20 December
Rose Bay High was proudly represented by two of our SRC Members at the Lindisfarne ANZAC ceremony over the term break. Jeremy Barnett and Tom Levett laid a wreath on behalf of the school. The whole school participated in an ANZAC Day assembly before the break which focussed on the importance of ANAC day and its connection with our young people.

The school is often selected to participate in national and state surveys. Currently 70 parents or carers have been randomly selected to participate in a school improvement survey being administered by the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority. Rose Bay is currently a trial school. The survey will be rolled out across Australia for all schools next year. The parents or carers selected should have received surveys in the post. I would appreciate it if these surveys could be completed and returned using the supplied reply paid envelopes. Information gained from the survey will be used to help guide future decision making within the school. Please be assured that all responses are anonymous.

After a long and distinguished career, Mr Mark Dickenson, Advanced Skills Teacher of Science and Grade 10 Co-ordinator, will be retiring from the Department of Education on the 31st May. On behalf of the school community I would like to thank Mark for his significant contribution to the school over the past seven years and wish him well in his future endeavours. Mark will be replaced by Mr Alex Rose who will assume Marks classes. In further staffing news, Ms Belinda Brannam, will be taking maternity leave in June until the end of the year. Ms Samantha Meier will replace Belinda while she is on leave. We wish Belinda well for the rest of the year and hope to see her back next year.

Jason Szczerbanik
Principal

URGENT PLEA FOR PARENT HELP

Are you good at covering books? Do you have a few spare hours over the next couple of weeks? RBHS Library is desperately seeking parents who can help with covering book sets and general fiction/non-fiction. We have good quality, low tack covering material which is very forgiving of mistakes, but we do need parents who are comfortable with covering.

If you can help, please contact Ailsa Hill, Sue Tuffin or Chris Quelch in the library on 6242 9211

Water Safety Grade 7

The Rose Bay Health and wellbeing team are pleased to announce that Grade 7 students will be participating in a Water Safety Program. The program will involve five consecutive days of swimming at the Clarence YMCA Aquatic Centre. Students will be place is small groups based on their swimming ability and will be assigned a swim teacher for the week.

This program is a considerable undertaking requiring extensive planning, finance (approximately $5000) and support from all staff.

We ask that the school community supports this program by ensuring students participate actively and benefit from the consecutive days of swimming. We realise with this age group that several issues do arise. Students are permitted to wear rash vests and students unable to participate will not be going to the pool (they will be attending theory lessons on water safety).

Please contact your child’s PE teacher if you have any concerns.

Dates: Grade 7 Water Safety 1 – 5 July 2013

Pieta McKay on behalf of the HPE Team.
Inter-house Cross Country
The Rose Bay inter-house cross country will be held on Wednesday 29th May, starting at 1:15pm. Parents are very welcome to come along to support students participating or if you are up for the challenge you are very welcome to take part. The focus for the event is active participation and selection of the RBHS 2013 inter-high cross country team.

Japan Trip
April was a lovely time to go to Japan in school holidays. The weather was very similar to our own. Fifteen students found themselves sleeping on futon on the tatami floor of their traditional accommodation (ryokan). It was compact, like most things in Japan. Being jammed in like sardines on a peak hour train is also something everyone should experience at least once in their life!

The sounds, sights and smells in Japan were all noticeably different to the senses. The day we went to the water temple in Kyoto it rained and the smell of the forest was unlike our Australian bush. Everyone found lots of foods that they liked and most were willing to try a variety of wonderful things.

The trip included Disney Sea, Studio Ghibli, Ueno Zoo, Kyoto Temples, Hiroshima and a home stay experience at Lake Biwa (a more rural area of Japan). Students had an opportunity to cook Japanese food and do some craft activities.

Congratulations to all participants for being excellent ambassadors, not for only our school, but for our country. We were warmly invited to return to all places we stayed. It was a most successful trip and something to be remembered always.

Mrs Helen Muller

The group departing Melbourne International Airport

Shannon Sackett learning how to be a Samurai
Artist of the Month: April
Moira Lowe 10G

Moira displays a strong individual style in her artwork. She possesses strong drawing ability and a confident and expressive style of painting. Moira is a creative and an abstract thinker and this is captured in her artworks.

Former Rose Bay Students Achieve at Rosny College
The school extends its congratulations to Ashlea Schott & Brooke Potter who were inadvertently left off our list of students achieving a high ATAR school of 90 or above at the Rosny College Achievers Ceremony 2013.

Entertainment Book – thank you to those parents who have either bought or returned their entertainment books. A REMINDER to all outstanding entertainment book holders, please return to school as soon as possible.

General Noticeboard:

- Tasmanian Association for the Gifted presents an evening for parents and teachers with Alison Hopwood on Sensory processing issues. Alison is a paediatric occupational therapist and is passionate about working with families to assess and address children’s sensory issues, concentration and attention, fine and gross motor skills, handwriting, developmental skills, problem solving skills, play and socialisation and self-care. If you would like to find out more about sensory processing. Please join Alison at 7:30pm, Thursday 30th May 2013 at Goulburn Street Primary School. All welcome, light supper provided. Current financial members – free, non-members $5. Book your place at http://www.trybooking.com/48891