**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)

**From the Principal**

As we move past the half way part of the term, I would like to take this opportunity to update you on our progress in relation to some of the school improvement targets for this year. I am pleased to inform you that we are well on track to achieve our target for school attendance. On average we have 91% of our students attend school each day. I would like to thank you for your efforts in working with us to improve school attendance.

Teacher feedback has also been a major focus for us this year, we currently have a team of teachers who have been trained to provide feedback to our teaching staff around their teaching practices. Our teachers are also exploring a range of strategies to personalise our learning programs. This has included integrity on-line training modules and authentic learning experiences.

We have also made some progress on strengthening our communication with parents and caregivers. We are trialling a school app with a small group of parents and we have started using Facebook in some of our learning programs to communicate with students. Our teachers are also using Fronter, our virtual learning environment, in their teaching and learning programs.

An area of focus for the rest for the term, will be lateness to school. Over the past few weeks, we have had an increase in the number of students presenting late to school. Our day formally starts at 8:40am and I need your assistance ensuring your child arrives at school on time.

**Uniform Shop News**

Volunteers needed.

If you can spare an hour on a Wednesday morning from 8:30am - 9:30am to assist in the uniform shop, please contact the main office on 62429299.

Starting Term 3 the Uniform Shop will be open on **Wednesdays** from 8:30am to 9:30am.
Before the upcoming Federal election dominated the media, school funding was attracting significant media attention. I can inform you that in July the Tasmanian and Australian Governments signed Better Schools Tasmania.

I have included a message from the Secretary of the Department of Education which outlines the major aspects of the agreement and a flyer for your information. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions relating to the new agreement.

Jason Szczerbanik
Principal

MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY

Better Schools Tasmania – fairer funding for all students.

The way Tasmanian schools are being funded is changing.

In 2010 the Australian Government commissioned an independent Review of Funding for Schooling, led by Australian businessman David Gonski, known as the Gonski Review.

The Gonski Review found that existing school funding arrangements were too complicated and were not meeting the education needs of all Australian children. The Review concluded that many schools, particularly those with larger populations of disadvantaged students, were missing out on much needed resources.

The Tasmanian and Australian Governments reached an agreement on 9 July 2013 to deliver Better Schools Tasmania. Better Schools Tasmania addresses the issues identified by the Gonski Review.

Better Schools Tasmania is designed to reach the level of public funding for schools that will minimise educational disadvantage and facilitate a high quality education for every student in every school in Tasmania.

By 2019 funding for the Tasmanian Education System will increase by $382 million.

The additional funding will be phased in over a six year transition period from 2014-2019 and full benefits will not be seen immediately.

This means that all Tasmanian schools will see a significant boost to their funding over time.

Better Schools include a National Plan for School Improvement which outlines five nationally agreed reform directions:

- Quality teaching
- Quality learning
- Empowered school leadership
- Meeting student need
- Transparency and accountability.

Every school will need to develop a plan for becoming a better school, reflecting on these five areas.

Tasmania will use its Fairer Funding Model in Tasmanian Government schools to distribute the Better Schools funding.

Fairer funding aims to ensure that young Tasmanian from all backgrounds receive an education that is equitable, of high quality and maximises their potential in life.

This model features a core allocation to all schools that is supplemented where there is disadvantage or need:

- Students from low socio-economic backgrounds
- Students with disabilities
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students
- Students who need help with English
- Schools that are disadvantaged by their size or remoteness.

We are committed to ensuring our young Tasmanians have the opportunity to realise their potential in life and gain the skills and knowledge they need to fully participate in the community.

An equitable and high quality education is the best way of ensuring this.

If you have any questions about Better Schools Tasmania please talk to your principal or visit www.education.tas.gov.au

Colin Pettit.
Dear School community,

**MEASLES, CHICKEN POX AND SHINGLES ALERT**

We are asking for your cooperation in a vitally important matter. One of our pupils is receiving medical treatment for cancer. This puts the pupil at serious risk if exposed to measles, chicken pox or shingles. The best way to protect our pupil from measles is for all pupils to be immunised against measles.

Please discuss measles immunisation with your GP if your child has not already been vaccinated. **If you suspect your child has measles you should let the school office know immediately.** Our pupil is also at risk from chicken pox and would need to be given an injection within 3 days of contact. **Please let us know immediately if you suspect that your child has chicken pox.** It is also very important that you let us know if there are shingles in your household.

Your child is not at any risk whatsoever from this situation, however, the health and wellbeing of our pupil may be at serious risk. We depend on the co-operation of all families and hope we can rely on your help.

Many thanks, Pieta McKay  AST  Health and Physical Education, Grade 7 Supervisor

**Stars of Sports**

**Congratulations to the following on their sporting achievements:**

**Kira Maass [9B], Adella Jarvis [9A] and Erin Kingston [8E]** for their selection to represent the AYC Netball Association in the Combined Australian Netball Association National Championships to be held in Beenleigh from 27th September to 6 October.

**Congratulations and good luck to Zac Crossin [10C] and Brianna Crossin [7D]** who have been selected to participate in the State Junior Fire Fighting competition in Launceston. They will represent the Rokeby brigade.

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**Arts News**

**MEANMACHINES Exhibition Opening.**

The opening of the MEANMACHINES Exhibition was held at the TMAG on Thursday the 8th of August. It was well attended by student participants in the program, parents, teachers & UTAS staff & voluntary workers. The artwork is professionally displayed and well worth a look.

![Image of MEANMACHINES Exhibition]

**MEANMACHINES: UTAS EXPERIENCE**

The following Grade 10 students recently participated in a 4 day Art program that was held at the Tasmanian School of Art in Hunter St, Hobart. They were: Liam Johnson, Maggie Smith, Andre Arias, Yasmin Donnelly, Moira Lowe and Beth Fennell-Burge. Students worked collaboratively with Grade 10 students from other high schools in and around the Hobart area on sculptural artworks and on individual work. The theme this year was “mean”, the machine is symbolic of all the students working together on the one project to make it work! A great experience and fun was had by all.

![Image of MEANMACHINES: UTAS EXPERIENCE]

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**Andre' Arias and Maggie Smith.**

**Moira Lowe and Yasmin Donnelly.**

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![Image of MEANMACHINES Exhibition Opening]
Team Spearhead do it for Rose Bay

In the team (pictured above) are Rohan Torok a Grade 5 student from Montagu Bay, Alistair Scott and Mitchell Torok Grade 7 students at Rose Bay who have been busily working on their Robot soccer players since early Term 1. Loopy and Buggsy have been on quite an adventure. Recently they competed in the Southern Regional Trials and won the Gen II soccer competition and came second overall in the soccer competition. On August 3, they will venture to Launceston to represent Rose Bay at the State Titles. All the best to Rohan, Alastair and Mitchell

Hopefully they can do well.

Tasmanian Fine Food Awards

On Friday 26th July, five Grade 10 Food Studies students attended The Royal Agricultural Society of Tasmania annual Fine Food Awards event at the Hobart Showgrounds. They worked from 8am until 5pm as stewards, assisting the judges with setting out the food entries, tasting, scoring and recording results. This event is well regarded within the foods industry and has been held for the last 16 years. On the day, some of the entries included olive oil, preserves, smallgoods and seafood pastries.

It was a long day and I was particularly proud of the way our students presented themselves. The judges and members of the organising committee gave glowing comments about their maturity, friendliness and initiative.

Cheryl Hudson
HEC Teacher

Congratulations to: Andre Arias, Emily Brown, Beth Fennell-Burge, Liam Johnson and Sophie Withers

Food Studies

Grade 9/10 students have been working on a major task recently and the results came to fruition last week. An absolutely stunning range of decorated chocolate cakes were produced, reflecting effort, commitment and top skills! The enthusiasm generated was impressive and it was a pleasure to help the students see their designs turned into a chocolate reality! Truly some fantastic work.
Young Tassie Scientists
Two Year Nine classes along with Applied Science students were treated to talks by two young scientists, Emma Cazaly and Sandra Exelby, visiting as part of Science Week. Sandra spoke of the problems posed and the solutions to introduced species on Macquarie Island while Emma gave an introduction to the world of genetics. Students helped to extract DNA from bananas and strawberries and learned that we share a surprising amount of DNA with other species.

STUDENT TERM DATES 2013
TERM 3
Tuesday 23 July – Friday 27 September
TERM 4
Monday 14 October – Friday 20 December

Basketball Fever
On Monday the 19th of August, 7A and 7B took participated in a basketball clinic at the Clarence YMCA sports centre. Telstra Hobart Chargers star Deba George put us through our paces and led us through the basics of basketball. We had a ball shooting, dribbling and playing half-court games. Deba told us how he grew up in the Torres Strait Islands and started playing basketball at 13 when he moved to Cairns to go to High School. Thanks, Deba!

Written by Connor White (7A)

General Noticeboard:
Three or more is very poor. Get control.
National Asthma Week 1st – 7th September
If you’re using your blue reliever puffer three times or more a week, your Asthma is out of control. Most people with out-of-control asthma don’t have to put up with it. Gone are the days when people with asthma had to rely on reliever medication all the time. Now we have medication that will prevent asthma flaring up in the first place.

Contact the Asthma Foundation of Tasmania on 1800 278 462 to have a free chat about controlling your asthma and also receive your FREE brochure: ‘Ten things to ask and tell your doctor’.

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Lindisfarne Cricket Club Season 2013/14
Junior Registration Day – Friday 20th September
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