From the Principal

Over the past 3 weeks the school has been a hive of activity. A highlight was our whole school assembly which recognised the Centenary of the start of World War I and our ANZAC ceremony. The assembly was a huge success and I was immensely proud of our students and staff who presented in the assembly. Equally impressive was the high standard of behaviour displayed by all of students during the ceremony. I would like to thank Ms Pattinson and her Grade 9 History classes for the hard work and commitment in organising the event.

Another highlight last week was the running of our school Cross Country Carnival. This year saw an increase in the number of students and staff participating in the run and I understand that some very competitive times were set by students across all of our Grades. There was a strong team spirit on the day and it was heartening to see so many students having a go. Shortly our Inter-High Team will compete in the Southern Cross Country Carnival and I wish all of our competitors well.

Last week also saw a temporary increase in the number of students at our school. Last Friday we hosted many of our local primary schools for our annual taster day. We had over 160 Grade 6 students from our local primary schools participating in a range of lessons from art to woodwork. Feedback from the Grade 6 students was overwhelmingly positive and we enjoyed hosting them for the day.

A full year school calendar is available on the school website: www.rosebay.tased.edu.au
This year we have a focus on strengthening the ties with our local primary schools and our taster day forms an important part of our work in this area.

Over the past several months Mr Doig has been working in partnership with a range of organisations outside of school to organise a program for some of our students who at times struggle to connect with their learning. Last week a group of 14 Rose Bay High School students were participating in a pilot program called "Project Connect". The project aims to inspire and engage students by involving them in authentic and largely “hands on” experiences. Mr Doig, with the support of the School Association, Clennett’s Mitre 10, The Men’s Shed Association and other local community groups developed a program where the students built 24 outdoor picnic tables for the school. The tables are of a very high quality and are a credit to all those involved in the project. I would like to thank Clennett’s Mitre 10 in particular for their generous support of the program.

Recently the Department of Education arranged for school leaders and community members to work with Professor Donna Cross in regards to the area of bullying, with a particular focus on cyber bullying. Professor Cross’s research has provided us with valuable insights into cyber bullying. One of the most interesting parts of her research is the positive effect bystanders can have in the area of bullying. Over the next few weeks our Home Group Teachers will be working with our students on the positive impact that bystanders can have in the area of bullying and cyber-bullying.

As you may be aware the Department of Education has approved a significant development project at the school. The project will involve the construction of a new building which will house art, outdoor education and some classrooms and the redevelopment of some of our existing spaces to allow for more classrooms, a new commercial style kitchen and new workshop facilities. I am pleased to be able to inform you that construction on the new building started this week. At this stage we expect the new facilities to be completed before the end of the year with students being able to utilise the spaces for the start of next year. The new and re-developed facilities will add to the already high quality learning facilities at the school and will enable us to continue to deliver first class teaching and learning programs into the future.

Jason Szczerbanik
Principal

Stars of Sport
Congratulations to:
Eddy Rand 8D for winning third place in U15 Double Mini Trampoline at the National Gymnastics Championships in Melbourne.

Rose Bay Fun Run
The Rose Bay Fun Run was held on Wednesday 4 June and was a huge success with 231 participants from all Grades and a number of teacher participants. A slippery track didn’t put off our keen runners even when the course was slightly altered due to mud and uneven ground. All runners who placed first will have their times recorded and will set the challenge for future Rose Bay students. As always the four houses were competitive and Domain Green took out both the Participation and Championship shields.

Students who placed in the top ten from their Grade will represent our school at the Southern Inter High Cross Country Carnival, which will be held at Pontville on Thursday 12 June.

Results
The final points for both shields were:

Championship Shield
1st: Domain Green (495 points)
2nd: Wellington Red (481 points)
3rd: Derwent Blue (322 points)
4th: Tasman Yellow (304 points)

Participation Shield
1st: Domain Green (69 participants)
2nd: Wellington Red (67 participants)
3rd: Derwent Blue (50 participants)
4th: Tasman Yellow (45 participants)
GRADE SEVEN WATER SAFETY PROGRAM

Yes you guessed it- the Grade 7 swimming and water safety program is due to commence on the 30th June this year. This program is a great opportunity for our Grade seven 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. Yes we know that a small number of our Grade 7’s don’t fancy the idea of wearing their bathers in front of others, but after the first five minutes of the first lesson everyone has forgotten about it being an issue- at least that is what has happened every other year that we have run the program….

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 participating and don’t hesitate in getting in touch with their HPE teacher if you could like assistance with this or any other matter concerning the program.

Ms Anne Blackborrow
TIC HPE Dept

ART NEWS

Artist of the Month of May 2014

This student has been on my radar since last year. The key to this Grade 10 student’s success has been her keen observation skills and her ability to understand and put into practice the art conventions of shade, texture and proportion into her drawings, which result in accuracy in the subject matter drawn. Put these qualities alongside patience and diligence and you have the making of an awesome artist. Well done to Jessie Anning! Jessie is well deserving of the Artist of the Month award, particularly as her work and working method is in stark contrast to our fast world of instant “nows”. She slows down the creative process and takes the time to observe and really see….and what awesome results!

Nicole Bakes 9A busy cloud gazing at the Artrage exhibition at the Plimsol Art Gallery at the Tasmanian School of Art.
The winner of the Examiner’s choice from the Artrage exhibition.

Lachlan Garth with wearable cardboard armour made from beer cartons.

Zach McLaren playing drums at the Art From Trash at the Long Gallery, Salamanca.

Thank you to all those wonderful people who restocked the Art Dept with newspaper. We have enough now.

WANTED…Recycle /Reuse
We are on the hunt for plastic milk containers (2litre) and smaller ones with lids. You can drop any plastic bottle offerings off to either the Art dept (mid C block) or into the cardboard box labelled ART in front school office.

Judy Whittington
Art

Rose Bay High Students Take Part in 2014 Australian Geography Competition
15 students from Rose Bay High took part in the 20th annual Australian Geography Competition in March. Congratulations to all who participated but a special mention to the following students for their high achievement:

Distinction: Sophia Bellears and Jacoba Sayers
Credit: Paige Delphin, Liam Doherty, Chloe Harle, Caleb Hylkema and Stefi Morgan.

This is an excellent result because approximately 70,000 students from all around Australia entered the Competition.

Geography is important because it helps students understand the world around them, and how people and environments are interconnected. It’s an exciting time to be involved in geographical education, and the Competition plays its part in this.

This is the first year that the new Australian Geography curriculum has been offered to Grade 9 students as an option subject. In 2015, it will be offered to both Grade 9 and Grade 10 students.

7G Science Excursion
On the 26th of May, 7G went on an excursion to the Woodbridge Marine Discovery Centre. On arrival our guide Claire showed us around and told us what we were doing. Firstly we went to the touch tank with different types of sharks and fish. Then we split into two groups. Group one was first on the boat - while out there the group caught a small skate. Group two stayed back and did some work on plankton and fed the sharks.
and fish. Then we had some Lunch. After lunch we split back into our groups and group two went on the boat. While on the boat group two caught a half eaten gummy shark. Overall it was a great day and we had lots of fun.

Mikaela Lunn and Luke Dobson 7G 😊

Dive Into Marine Science

This year’s Marine Discovery four day course is on in the last week of term (Monday 30th June – Thursday 3rd July). It is a fantastic opportunity for those interested in marine biology, aquaculture, environmental science, sustainability, and fishing. On completion of the course, students receive a certificate acknowledging their achievement.

Although most of the cost is borne by the science department, there is a cost of $70 per student. It is open to students from Grade 10 down to Grade 8, although preference is given to those in the senior Grades.

For more information or to register your interest please see Mr Mog.

Animal Studies Raffle

The winner of the raffle drawn at a recent staff meeting was Mr Stephen Knowles.

Thank you to those who donated in particular the Warn Family and a special thanks to Swan Lake Pavlova for their pav donation. They are located in Hopkins St Moonah and are open to the general public. They also have a face book page. Please support them as they have some wonderful products. Great effort to students who helped with ticket sales, Ekala Warn, Emily Oxley and past student Sam Oxley.

Great idea of Ekala’s to fundraise for the Australian Koala Foundation!

M. Oates
Animal Studies Teacher

2016 School Tour to England, France and Belgium

Currently an overseas tour is in the planning stage. It is hoped that by planning the trip two years in advance, this will enable parents/carers to budget for the expense of the tour and enable payments in instalments.

A Parent Information Meeting will be held in the near future and more details relating to this will be advised via the school’s Newsletter.

Please note that current Grade 9 and 10 students are eligible to participate providing they are enrolled with the Department Of Education in 2016 and the departure time.

While all components of the tour are very much works in progress, any parents/carers contemplating sending their child on the tour should register their interest by emailing Suzanne Pattinson.

suzanne.pattinson@education.tas.gov.au

More information will be provided as it becomes available.

Some tentative inclusions on the trip are:

Paris
  - On arrival in Paris, enjoy a 3 hour panoramic city tour en route to the hotel,
which takes in many iconic landmarks. After checking in to your hotel, dinner tonight is at a local restaurant.

- This morning after breakfast, make your way to the world famous Eiffel Tower which has excellent views over the city from its 320m high observation point. Afterwards, cross the river to embark on a scenic Seine River cruise.
- This morning after breakfast, make your way to the Louvre Museum and see one of the world’s most famous paintings, the Mona Lisa by Leonardo Da Vinci.

Paris – Compiegne – Amiens

- Travel to Amiens. En-route stops include Compiegne to visit the Armistice Wagon, which is a replica of the original used during the signing of the Armistice that ended World War One on 11 November 1918.
- Second stop is Villers Bretonneux to visit the memorial, Adelaide Cemetery and the Franco Australian Museum. In the First World War on 24 April 1918, the small town of Villers Bretonneux, was the site of the world’s first battle between two tank forces: the Germans took the town, but that night and the following day it was recaptured by ANZAC troops at a cost of over 1200 Australian lives.

Amiens – Somme Battlefields

- Full day tour of the Somme region visiting the Somme 1916 Museum in Albert, la Boisselle with the Lochnagar crater, Thiepval, Pozieres and Sally le Sec.

Amiens – Lille

- We drive to Lille stopping in Fromelles en-route to visit the war graves cemetery and museum, displaying the remnants of the Australian and British sacrifice during the World War One battle that took place here. In a 24 hour period in July 1916, Australia lost more soldiers than in the Boer, Korean & Vietnam wars combined.
- Dinner tonight is at your hotel or a local restaurant

Lille – Ypres – Lille

- Depart on a full day tour to Ypres. Visit the Flanders Field Museum before spending the afternoon exploring this beautiful medieval town, which was excessively bombed in 1918, given its location on the frontline between the German and the Allied Armies.
- Other visits today include Zonnebeke, Broodseinde, Tyne Cot Cemetery, Hill 60, Caterpillar, Gheluvelt, Messines Ridge (Peace Tower, Cemetery and Memorial), before attending the Menin Gate Ceremony at 20:00hrs. The nightly ceremony commemorates the 55,000 British and Commonwealth soldiers, who gave their lives in WWI, and whose remains have never been found.

Ypres - Bruges

- Depart for the picturesque UNESCO World Heritage listed town of Bruges.

Bruges – Brussels – London

- Head to Brussels, the capital of Belgium to board the Eurostar train to London, England.

London

- A tour of Shakespeare’s Globe Theatre which will provide you with the opportunity to learn more about this unique building and its most famous playwright.
- Continue on to a guided tour of the famous gothic church Westminster Abbey, where Kings and Queens have been coordinated and buried since 1066.
- Visit St Paul's Cathedral and take a ride on the London Eye for a bird’s eye view over the city
- Explore London and its many historic sites using the Hop On Hop Off bus. See iconic landmarks like Buckingham Palace, Trafalgar Square, Tower Bridge, Marble Arch and Piccadilly Circus.

(Information courtesy of Trekset Tours)

The Frank MacDonald MM Memorial and Simpson Prize Winners return home

The School welcomes Jasmine Brennan (Frank MacDonald MM Memorial Prize) and Ben James (Simpson Prize) back home after their respective tours of the Western Front and Turkey during the term 1 vacation.

Frank MacDonald MM Memorial Prize Winner - Jasmine Brennan
Today we arrived on the Gallipoli peninsula, which was both an amazing and emotional experience. During the drive down I was trying to imagine what the landscape would be like and what sort of effect that it would have on me, but I was unprepared for what confronted us when we reached our destination. To think that I was in a place of such historical and cultural importance was truly mind-blowing.

Our first stop on the peninsula was the Anzac Beach Cemetery, which contained many Anzac graves including that of John Simpson Kirkpatrick, the man with the donkey. Walking around the site the enormity of the conflict really hit home, knowing that every one of those markers stood for a life lost and a future shattered and destroyed. It was a somber place, and one for reflection.

A short distance down the road was a monument that contained the words of Mustafa Kemal Attaturk’s speech from 1935 when he dedicated the Gallipoli Peace Park. He spoke of the fallen Australians and New Zealanders, men that he had been fighting only twenty years before, with utmost respect, something which has a deep personal impact. This reconciliation that occurred so quickly after such a bloody conflict is, in my opinion, one of the miracles of the Gallipoli campaign, and one of the greatest things that it left behind.

From Ari Bunu Cemetery we were able to access Anzac Cove itself, and walk in the same place that our soldiers would have landed almost one hundred years ago. We were all struck by the beautiful yet oppressive surrounds, and I struggled to comprehend how they managed to scale those
steep hills under fire. The short time that we spent down at the cemeteries and the cove had a disproportionate effect on me, and challenged me to think about the true nature of the conflict, not just the sometimes glossy image that we often associate with the landings and campaign.

**Ben James**

- See other Simpson Prize blog entries by going to the link below.
- See the National Nine News interview of Ben whilst he was in Gallipoli by going to the link below.
  http://video.au.msn.com/watch/video/australian-students-visit-gallipoli/x4c8h72

**FOUND JACKET**

Billabong
Size 10 (child) black
Left in the science area on Open Night

Please contact the school if you think this is your jacket.

**SOS: Dogs’ Home blanket plea as cold bites**

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The Dogs’ Home of Tasmania is currently appealing for donations of blankets and dog treats. Sadly, winter is the busiest time of the year. Some pet owners, frustrated with their wet and muddy dog, resort to surrendering their pet as a solution!

If you are able to assist the pet shelter with its appeal, please donate clean blankets dog toys, etc to us (B24) and we will collect and forward on your donations to the Dogs’ Home.

Alternatively, contact the Dogs’ Home at 101 Scotts Road, Risdon Vale or phone (03) 6243 5177.