**SOME KEY DATES 2014**

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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**

Over the past couple of weeks the school has been a hive of activity. We have held our annual school inter-house swimming carnival at the Clarence Aquatic Centre. This year we had a large number of students participating and there was such a positive vibe at the pool during the day. Congratulations to all of the students that participated and I wish our team all the best for the inter-high carnival.

We have also concluded our Grade 7 camps for this year. The feedback for our Grade 7 students has been overwhelmingly positive. I have also received a number of positive phone calls from members of the public over the past few weeks complementing our students on their behaviour and manner while they were on camp. Our Grade 7 cohort looks to be settling in well and has adjusted well to the transition from primary school to high school.

Last week all of the teaching staff undertook training in assisting students with asthma and anaphylaxis. Our school retains its certificate as an Asthma Active School. Last week I wrote to all of the parents/guardians of students who our records include suffer from asthma. In relation to obtaining a copy of each student’s asthma plan, I would appreciate if the plans could be returned to the school as soon as possible. I have also included an article from the Asthma Foundation of Tasmania for your information.
I would also like to remind you that the Department of Education is providing an opportunity for 7 parents or community members to attend a presentation by Professor Donna Cross in relation to Aggression and Bullying [including cyber-bullying]. We still have a number of tickets available for this wonderful opportunity. The presentation will take place on 20th May from 5:30pm – 7pm at the Derwent Entertainment Centre. Please contact the office on 6242 9299 to reserve your ticket.

Jason Szczterbanik
Principal

“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 6242 9299. 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 278 462.

Student illness
The school does not have medical facilities as such. We are able to give treatment for accidents which occur at school, eg minor cuts and abrasions.

It is a source of embarrassment to the school when children come along and ask for such needs as creams to be administered to a rash or when they come to the first aid room as soon as they arrive at school because they are sick. The school is not able to cope with such situations.

If your child is sick, he or she should not come to school. If medical attention is required, the family doctor should be consulted.

Student absences, late arrivals and early departures – please provide a note, send an email, SMS or phone to explain ALL student absences and late arrivals. When arriving late, students must sign in at the Office.

Email: Rose.Bay.High@education.tas.gov.au
Phone: 6242 9299
SMS: 0438 695 677

UNIFORM SHOP
The uniform shop will be closed on Wednesday, 2nd April.

The uniform shop will be open on Thursday, 3rd April from 8:30am – 9:30am.

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IS FOR THIS WEEK ONLY.

Validation Forms
We still have a number of outstanding validation forms to be returned. PLEASE return immediately so that the correct information is recorded for your child.

Outlook magazines 2013 are still available from the office for $15.00.
Artist of the Month for February 2014

This student has been on my radar for some time. Last year was a successful grade 9 year in Art for her.... and she has come back for more Art punishment this year! She is quick to grasp new ideas and explore new mediums. Both her drawing and painting skills are strong and she is truly awesome at throwing clay around, as seen in her Astro boy sculpture. Her work captures the creative factor.

Well done to Grade 10 student, Kelsi Seliga!

Kelsi is well deserving of the Artist of the Month award, as she uses her initiative and is unafraid to take risks with her work.

Swimming carnival

On Wednesday the 5th of March, 180 of Rose Bay High School’s keenest swimmers headed over to the Clarence Aquatic Centre for the first Inter-house Carnival of the year. The day started off with the 50 metre events and relays, followed by the across the pool races and then concluded with an ever popular water polo tournament and free swim. It was both an exhilarating and exhausting day with people trying their best in all events in the pool. Impressive performances across all races made the House Competition a very close contest with Tasman Yellow managing to get away from the other teams right at the end. There were also some fantastic individual performances, as recognised by our Swimming champions. A thank you goes out to all HPE staff 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. Also, thank you to all the friends and family who came along to support our students, your presence and encouragement helped to give the day an extremely positive and uplifting vibe. 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

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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 9th of April. Good luck!

Animal Studies

This year Animal Studies classes will be raising money for the Australian Koala Foundation, due to the decline in koala numbers. We are planning to hold a raffle and draw it during the week of Open Night and we want to raise as much money as possible. We do need donations for the raffle,
so if anyone in the school community has items they would like to donate or have friends they know would like to donate, please see Ekala in B23 during home room or Mrs Oates in B29 or Home Group in B27. Any donations would be greatly appreciated and acknowledged in the newsletter. The Australian Koala Foundation has set the ball rolling by donating a lovely toy koala!

In Animal Studies we have had several animals visit and have learnt about them. This has included Clancy the rabbit, Billie the hand raised cockatiel as well as two guinea pigs. If anyone has expertise or interest in any area to do with Animal Studies we would so love to hear from you and have you visit our two classes.

Ekala Warn - Grade 10 student
Animal Studies Committee Chair Person

Summary of reading survey results from National Year of Reading 2012

Introduction-
During the National Year of Reading in 2012, I conducted a survey at Rose Bay High across Grades 7-10 (over 300 valid surveys were collected) to determine:

1. What students classified as their favourite book of all time.
2. What students classified as their favourite recent book.
3. What it was about their favourite recent book that made it the best book they had ever read.
4. What students considered to be the appropriate age range for their current, favourite book.
5. What it was that helped them decide on their choice of favourite book.

Results-

Q1 Responses to this question were quite varied but interestingly there were some books that turned up at the top of a cross section of the year groups:

- The Hunger Games trilogy by Suzanne Collins is a class novel for Grade 10 and yet it appears as the favourite book/s of all time for Grades 7 through to 10.
- The children’s author, Dr Seuss, also appears in the favourite book of all time category for Grades 7, 8 and 10, although not necessarily for the same book.
- The Harry Potter series by J.K. Rowling ranks highly for Grades 8, 9 and 10, while the Diary of a Wimpy Kid series by Jeff Kinney is favoured by Grades 7, 8 and 10.
- Robert Muchamore’s Cherub series and books by Matthew Reilly feature strongly amongst the Grade 8’s and 9’s.

Q2 As with question 1, there were some clear favourites that resonated amongst different year groups:

Grade 7
For the Grade 7s in particular, the best books for them were the ones they were studying as class novels (with the exception of The Hunger Games)

- Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney, Shadow by Michael Morpurgo, The Ranger’s Apprentice series by John Flanagan and The Dragon Keeper by Carole Wilkinson

Grade 8
The Cherub series by Robert Muchamore tops the list for Grade 8, but there were also some unique choices that don’t appear within other year groups.

- The Zac Power books by H.I. Larry and some of the Emily Rodda series, such as Deltora Quest.

Grade 9
There are some familiar authors and titles amongst the best recent book category, but the number one choice is Steven Herrick with two of his books that feature as Grade 9 class novels, Lonesome Howl and Simple Gift.

- Robert Muchamore’s Cherub series and a range of books by Matthew Reilly take 2nd and 3rd place respectively behind Steven Herrick.
- The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins and the Harry Potter series.

Grade 10
Grade 10 results feature all class novels amongst their top choices

- The Hunger Games and Of Mice and Men by John Steinbeck.
• Divergent by Veronica Roth and The Adoration of Jenna Fox by Mary Pearson.

Q3 This was a difficult question to evaluate, since students primarily made comments about the book they enjoyed the most. These comments were generally personal insights and views on characters, plot, and style of writing they enjoy, etc., so I simply included a snapshot of some of the responses from each of the grades.

Q4 Until I asked the question about the ‘suitability of a book’ for a particular age group, I hadn’t realised how difficult a question that is for students with limited experience of other people’s reading interests and abilities. Most choose to recommend their favourite recent book to students of a similar age or older, so the results would have limited value as a guide for determining the suitability of a book for a particular age group.

Q5 In my role as a Teacher librarian with 30 years’ experience in school libraries, I already had a sense of the importance of book covers for students when they select books, so it wasn’t unexpected when the survey results revealed that ‘Book Cover’ was the clear first choice for selecting books for Grades 7, 8 and 10. This was followed by ‘Blurb’ (the promotion of the book on the back cover) and then ‘Favourite Genre’ which refers to the category a book fits into based on subject matter, for instance, fantasy or historical fiction.

The exception to this was Grade 9, wherein the ‘Favourite Genre’ option was more significant and the ‘Blurb’ was marginally more important than the ‘Book Cover’.

**CHERUB SERIES BY ROBERT MUCHAMORE**

Science Competition
Once again Rose Bay High is seeking to make a splash in the ICAS Science Competition following our successes last year. The competition involves 45 multiple choice questions which test students’ interpretive skills, certificates being issued to all participants. All students have been trialled using a shortened version of a previous paper and a number of students who have been selected will have their entry fee paid by the school. These students will be notified shortly.

The competition attracts entries from around the country and overseas and takes place in early June. If your child missed out on a free entry and you wish them to participate, please see Mr Mogielnicki. Entry is $8.80. Entries close at the end of the term.

Chaplaincy Week 23rd-30th March
Chaplaincy Week is almost upon us and there are a number of activities that have been planned for Rose Bay High School to celebrate. One of those activities will be a ‘Thank you’ morning tea for RBHS staff on Wednesday 26th March, organised by our hardworking chaplain, Emma Byard.

Other celebratory activities are still being finalised but the plan is to provide opportunities for RBHS students to participate in Chaplaincy Week and have some fun in the process.

For more details about Chaplaincy Week activities happening across the state that you can either watch or participate in, go to--

Mrs A Hill
(Local Chaplaincy Committee Chairperson)
Teacher Librarian
Rose Bay High School

**For more detailed results of this Rose Bay High Reading Survey, please look under school newsletter on the Rose Bay High School intranet page and your son/daughter’s username and password will give you access to the Reading Survey link—**

**OR** pick up a copy of the results from the main office or the library.
GENERAL NOTICEBAORD
Windermere Primary Trade Fair/Market
Saturday 15 March 2014
9am-2pm
Trade Holders
$20.00 per table plus a donation for our raffle
Staff Holders
$10.00 per table [bring your own]
There will be a jumping castle, food vans, BBQ raffle and more.

If you would like a stall or more information please contact:
Michele Burnett 0429 785 142
Kimbra Budd 0498 601 156
Michelle Josiah michellejosiah@bigpond.com
Please help us make this event a success either by booking a stall or coming along on the day.

Lindisfarne North Primary School Photo Competition
Take a photo that depicts something to do with Achievement, Courage and Compassion. Open to all ages – Kinder to High School

Follow the instructions on the form to enter. Winners will be announced at the Lindisfarne North Primary School Twilight Fair on the 28th March.

All photos will be displayed at the Fair. Entries close 26th March.

Need more information – Email amandaleerobertson@gmail.com

Circuit 360 Exercise Circuit Training
Mondays, Wed and Fridays 6.15-7am at Lindisfarne Primary School
Our non-competitive but individually challenging workouts will leave you fit fast, feeling stronger, and toned and full of energy.

2 run 2 x 5 week programs during school terms. Join us. Ring Jo Cordell-Cooper 0409 862206, or check out the website www.jocc.com.au

YOUTH ARTS & RECRATION CENTRE
ART WORKSHOPS – every Thursday in March: 4 – 6pm
T-Shirt printing. Create your own design, make a stencil, put it on a t-shirt.
All materials provided for free for ages 12-25.
Youthartsandrec.org
44 Collins Street
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