**From the Principal**

This week will see the distribution of our mid-year reports. The mid-year reports provide you with detailed information on how your child is progressing and also provides some advice on strategies that will enable your child to maximise their potential.

Early next Term we will be holding our parent/teacher interviews. The interviews provide fabulous opportunity for you to discuss with your child’s teacher areas of strength and areas which can be improved upon. Last year we received some feedback from our parent community regarding the way we arrange parent/teacher bookings. Responding to this feedback we are trialling an on-line booking system. More information regarding the system can be found in the report package that you will receive this week. We believe that the new system will make it easier to make appointments with your child’s teachers. We will still be offering our paper booking system for parents who have limited access to the internet.

A key skill that all children should have is the ability to swim. This week our Grade 7 students have been participating in our annual Swimming Program. In my visits to the pool it was great to see so many students participating confidently in the program.

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### 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)
Our new building program is progressing well and we are on track to have the new facilities in place for the start of next year.

The building team are planning on doing much of the “noisy” work during the Term break in order to keep disruptions to our learning program to a minimum.

As the build picks up pace the amount of vehicles entering and exiting the school will increase. In the interest of safety I would ask that parents dropping off and picking up their children do so at the turning circle and refrain from parking in the office side of the school.

I would like to remind parents that the first day back from the holidays for students is Tuesday 22nd July. Staff will be undertaking professional learning on the Monday 21st July. The program will be focussing on improving the quality of our teaching in classrooms.

Over the past few months we have been working on strategies to improve student attendance. Our current attendance rate across the school is 88%. This is slightly lower than where we would like it to be. Over the course of a year at this rate each student would be absent from school for 24 days. Over the course of 4 years of high school this would be 96 days over almost half a school year in absences. This represents a significant loss in learning time and opportunities. It is a requirement that all students attend school each day unless there is a valid reason for an absence e.g. sickness. Parents are also required to notify the school regarding the reason for any absences, this can be done by phone, email or note, or a comment in your child’s diary.

On Friday June 13th 136 Year 10 students participated in the Rose Bay High School Practice Interviews.

This event has been successfully run at Rose Bay for the past 3 years, with the goal to improve student’s awareness regarding what it takes to be successful in obtaining a job interview with a resume and cover letter and how to conduct oneself in an interview to gain the best chance of attaining employment.

Our Pathway Planner Lauren How, who has run this event for the past 2 years, has been highly impressed with our students’ enthusiasm and willingness to apply for the mock jobs she advertises with cover letters addressing the positions available and resumes.

On the day 28 business men and women volunteered their time from 8:30am until 3pm to sit on a panel and interview a range of students for the day. Feedback is provided to each student who attended regarding area’s to improve on not only with their documentation but also their researching of the industries they applied for, communication skills, dress and confidence.

Feedback was also obtained from the students after their interview took place which was overwhelmingly positive:

'I found the people very well informed and polite. They constantly gave me opportunities to show my enthusiasm and commitment and I appreciate that' Jeremy Milham

'The ladies that took me for my interview were extremely lovely and made me feel comfortable, but also gave me very useful information I can use in the future’ Tasha Matthews

'It made me feel more confident and it was good to have some feedback on my resume and cover letter’ Olivia Hetebry

'Very helpful, gained a lot of information, feedback was great and hopefully this helps me get a career and from this experience I am pumped to be the best I can and know a few pointers on how to go better next time’ Zac Kregor

We hope that the Rose Bay High Practice Interviews can run in the future years, implementing it as part of the year 10 work load and bringing the community into our school.

One of the distinguishing features at Rose Bay High School is the fact that we have a highly skilled and dedicated staff. The Department of Education RBF Awards for Excellence aims to recognise and reward staff who demonstrates excellence in their work. Future information regarding the awards can be found in the newsletter.
I would like to wish a safe and enjoyable journey for our students and staff attending the ski trip to New Zealand during the Term break.

In closing I would like to wish all of our students and their family a relaxing and safe mid-term break.

Jason Szczerbanik
Principal.

Stars of Sport
Congratulations to our school underwater hockey team who were recent winners of the Schools Pennant and completed the roster undefeated! Special thanks to Mr Rowan Bridley for organising and coaching the team – his support and expertise is greatly appreciated.

CHESS TOURNAMENT AT CLAREMONT COLLEGE (19th June, 2014)
The last time Rose Bay High competed in a Chess tournament at Claremont College was the first ever tournament. I entered a RBHS team back in May 2012. This year we had a completely new group of similarly keen students competing at Claremont College. Our team consisted of four Grade 8 students and three Grade 7 students who faced the difficult task of competing against longstanding chess players from the private schools and also College students from Years 11 and 12, most of whom had far more experience than our small group of dedicated players.

In the end it was the Taroona High students who took the lead and went on to win the trophy, beating The Friends’ School, Sacred Heart, St Aloysius, Claremont College, Rose Bay High and Ogilvie High. Despite our loss, I was pleased to say that it was not a runaway victory, with our team managing 13 ½ points, while the winning team was only 5½ points in front on 19 points.

Some of the highlights for our team were a medal received by Dokota Delane for being in the top four results for the girls and a Credit participation certificate for Mitch Torok. The 7 games that were played throughout the day were a great experience for our students and the short strategy training sessions that happened between the matches were also invaluable.

Our thanks go to Rob Torok, who not only hosted the tournament but has been offering his time to help coach our chess students during lunchtime on a fortnightly basis. With this support and the enthusiasm of our students, I am confident our chess team will go from strength to strength.

Mrs A Hill
(Teacher librarian)

Frank MacDonald Memorial Prize
Over the past year, I have been lucky enough to be involved in the Frank MacDonald Memorial Prize. The prize is set up to commemorate Tasmania’s last World War I veteran and to remember the deeds of all those who were killed on the Western Front.
The prize is open to all students in year 9 and requires you to write an essay or make an audiovisual presentation based on the importance of remembering the First World War. After a selection process, including an interview, a final six students are selected to travel to France and Belgium for ANZAC Day.

I was hugely fortunate to be one of the student winners and travelled to the Western Front in April. This was a truly amazing experience filled with so many fun and emotional memories.

We started out in Paris, where we spent a day sight-seeing in Montmartre. It was a beautiful city, and it was an incredible feeling to be on the other side of the world, experiencing a different culture.

We then headed out on The Western Front, stopping by the battlefields and cemeteries of World War I.

As part of the study tour, the group were required to undertake the study of an Australian soldier. We then delivered a presentation at their grave, talking about their life and experiences in the War. This was such an emotional part of the trip, as we all felt a strong connection to our chosen soldier. I studied my great, great uncle Arthur Sampson. Before undertaking this research nobody in my family had any knowledge of Arthur, but now we know so much. Each member of my family have contributed research and developed a strong connection to him, almost 100 years after his death on the Western Front. This was apparent in each group member’s pilgrimage; they all spoke of the connection felt to their soldier, and the pride they feel towards their soldier.

We also participated in several official ceremonies whilst on the trip. The biggest being the Dawn Service at Villers Bretonneux Australian Memorial. This is the biggest ANZAC Day service on the Western Front and as a group we were fortunate enough to lay a wreath to remember all those who lost their lives. We also laid a wreath at the Menin Gate ceremony. The Menin Gate has inscribed the names of 55,000 Commonwealth soldiers who have no known grave on the Western Front. It was a haunting experience knowing that all those men have no resting place to this day. We also participated in the Arc de Triomphe ceremony. This is where the French Unknown Soldier lays, and a ceremony is conducted to remember all the French who lost their lives during battle. This was an amazing ceremony, especially when the traffic was stopped on the Champs Élysées for the group to march through.

I learnt an incredible amount on the trip, but what stuck out most was the relationship between the French and the Australians. The French and Belgians were so grateful for the Australians’ deeds in World War I. They see us as people who came from the other side of the world to save them, at such a large cost. We got discounts in chocolate shops and were always stopped on the street because we were Australian. In fact, one group member was stopped by a French family and thanked for everything Australia had done for them. It is something that I had never thought about, and I don’t believe that Australia has that kind of appreciation to any country. It was hard to believe that 100 years on, these families were still so thankful for the Australians.

The trip was a truly amazing experience. I have incredible memories and the trip is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. I would strongly encourage every year 9 student to enter this competition. You learn so much and you truly have nothing to lose by entering. I am so grateful for this amazing opportunity, and for the immense help I received from Ms Pat. She is a
wonderful help and for all those interested students, pop in to see her for more information. I wish all of this year’s entrants the best of luck, and hope to hear of your success soon! For more information on this year’s trip head to Facebook and search for The Frank MacDonald Memorial Prize.

For information on the competition visit the Department of Premier and Cabinet Website.

Jazz Brennan 10A

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gIjNjMOXSL7k

The planning of the 2016 Rose Bay High School Tour is being finalised and amendments to the initial itinerary are now being made. Already, there has been considerable interest from parents and not surprisingly, from our students. 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.

The Parent Information Meeting will be held at Rose Bay High School on Thursday, July 31st at 7:00 pm. All parents/carers who are considering sending their child on the 2016 Tour are required to attend this meeting as important information will be outlined. Students are welcome to accompany their parent/carer.

We acknowledge with gratitude The Frank MacDonald MM Memorial Prize Organisers for kindly providing us with permission to use their photos.
Please note that current grades 9 and 10 students are eligible to participate providing they are enrolled with the Department Of Education in 2016 and the departure time.

Additionally, students presently in grades 5 and 6 who will be commencing their studies at Rose Bay High School in 2015 and 2016 are also welcome to join the tour group.

Parents/carers contemplating sending their child on the tour should register their interest by emailing Suzanne Pattinson.

suzanne.pattinson@education.tas.gov.au

Noticeboard

Centacare Hobart is pleased to announce PAUSE-Parenting Adolescents with Understanding, Sensitivity & Engagement.
This dynamic programme is designed to assist parents/carers of children aged between 10 and 18 years navigate these often turbulent years.
The next programme will commence on Wednesday 20 August 2014 at 10 am. There are five sessions each of 3 hours and participants are required to attend all sessions. The cost of the programme is $20 concession, $30 for individuals and $40 per couple.

The programme covers:

- Physiological and neurological development of adolescents.
- Peer pressure.
- Relationship building and communication.
- Social media and computer games.
- Problem solving and conflict resolution.

All participants will need to arrange a pre-programme assessment prior to enrolment in the course.

Please contact Diana on 6278 1660 for more information.

EASTSIDE ACTIVITY CENTRE
73 Droughty Point Road Rokeby Tas 7019 Ph: 6247 7393

2014 Winter warm up.

Eastside Activity Centre has a full day program, a kinder gym program and a holiday fun program this holiday break.

A) KINDER GYM PROGRAM FOR UNDER 5’S ONLY
WHEN: Tues 3rd and 10th and Thurs 10th and 17th
TIME: 9.30-10.30 AM
COST: $6

B) HOLIDAY PROGRAM: WALKERS TO 15 YRS
WHEN: Tues 6th and 13th, Wed 7th and 14th, Fri 11th and 18th 1.00-2.30pm
   Fri 11th and 18th 9.00-10 30am
COST: 5 YEARS AND UNDER $10
       FAMILY $30 (must be on same Medicare card and card must be produced.)

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL, eastsideactivitycentre@gmail.com or 62477393 (please leave names and ages and a contact number if you get answering machine).

C) FULL DAY PROGRAM: MON 14TH JULY 8.30 - 4.30pm
Open to 7 yrs and older: A variety of activities will be run by qualified coaches. Activities might include: trampoline, double mini, the pit, tumbling, bungy, zorbs, rock climbing etc.
Cost: $50
BYO lunch, wear gym clothes, have drink bottle shoes and socks with you. (canteen will be open)
Please ring or email for registration form by Mon the 30th June. Numbers will be capped at 25.

Tasman/East Derwent Highway Interchange Improvements
Public Display

The Department of Infrastructure, Energy and Resources advises that work has commenced to provide a new on-ramp from the East Derwent Highway to the Tasman Highway and a dedicated lane from the East Derwent Highway to Rosny. A shared pedestrian and cycling path will link the Yolla pedestrian overpass to the Tasman Highway pedestrian overpass.

Plans for this project will be on display at the following locations:

Venue: Woolworths Lindisfarne
Date: Wednesday 2 July, 2014
Time: 9am – 12pm
Venue: Eastlands, Upper Level, Rosny
Date: Saturday 5 July, 2014
Time: 9am – 12pm
DIER staff will be at the locations above to answer questions.

Plans will also be left on display at Eastlands Upper Level 5 –18 July 2014.

Enquiries may be directed to 1800 753 878.

MAP OF CHANGES ATTACHED.

Clarence City Council Holiday Program
Mixed Media Mammals with Caroline Amos
Thursday 17 July 10am – 12pm
Ages 6-12
Cost $10 per student
Bellerive Community Arts Centre, 17 Cambridge Road, Bellerive

Rhythm Section Clinic for young Bass Players and Drummers presented by Big Bear and Hope Mountain
Tuesday 15 July 1-4pm
Ages 12-16
Cost $20 per students
Rosny Barn, Rosny Farm

A Play in a Day with Cassie Xintavelonis
Thursday July 17 2.30-5.30pm
Ages 7-10
Cost $10 per student
Rosny Barn, Rosny Farm

Bookings are essential for workshops call Tracey, Sarah or Dane on 62454 8740 or email schoolhouse@ccc.tas.gov.au