Key Dates for 2015

Friday, 7 August  
- Newsletter Number 8

Monday – Friday, 10 – 14 August
- Grade 10 Exam week

Tuesday, 18 August  
- 7:30pm School Association Meeting – All Welcome

Friday, 21 August
- Newsletter Number 9

Thursday, 27 August
- Wear Purple Day – Celebrating Diversity

Thursday, 3 September
- Immunisations All Grade 7’s

Friday, 11 September
- Newsletter Number 10

A full year school calendar is available on the school website: www.rosebay.tased.edu.au

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Other important dates:
2015 STUDENT FREE DAY
Friday 23 October

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

In writing this, my first item for the Rose Bay High School newsletter, I am reflecting back on what has been a tumultuous 13 days introduction to the school. First and foremost, in all my interactions with students, staff and members of the wider school community, it is easy to make connections to the values that are identified as important to the Rose Bay culture and that underpin the School’s Strategic Plan: **Relationships, Excellence, Creativity, Learning, Respect and Equity.** In walk throughs of classrooms, being on duty, sitting in staff meetings and meeting with parents/carers, these values are clearly evident in the way people treat each other and approach their duties, whether as teachers or learners at this school.

This week has already experienced one of the more bizarre days of the school year, in fact of the past 29 years, with snow conditions causing havoc to schools and learning programs around the state on Monday, and to a lesser degree, today (Wednesday). At the same time, with several staff and many students absent due to these conditions, those here got on with their jobs with minimal disruption to teaching and learning programs.

The past 13 days have also been an indication of just how busy life is in schools. Since the first day of term, aside from the usual staff meetings, the School Association has met, I have met with students planning to travel to Cambodia this September and who are in the process of raising funds to build a school;
met with parents and staff planning a trip to the Battle Fields of Europe in 2016; we have held Parent Teacher interviews; held a Year 7 Assembly officially launching the diversity education program, Let’s Get Together, a partnership between the School supported by A Fairer World, the Rose Bay High School Association, the Clarence City Council and the Anti-Discrimination Commissioner; I have been interviewed as part of whole school assembly; and we have had our school formally reviewed by an external panel of current Principals and a former District General Manager. Students are involved in a wide range of events including preparing for camp, and a group of Year 7 and 8s have been invited to participate in a Flexible Learning Robotics program where much of their learning is undertaken in their own time, with support from Mr Doig here at school.

From all of these, I have been able to surmise one thing; that there are great staff, students and members of the wider school community at Rose Bay High School doing and offering great opportunities for all. The Chair of the External School Review panel made the comment that, Rose Bay High School is a school any parent would feel pleased to send their child.

Attendance does continue to be of concern, with a number of students being identified through the Department of Education data base as having too many unexplained absences. The Education Act 1994 does require that parents/carers of a school age child must ensure that the child attends school each day they are open, unless of course they are ill or there is any other reasonable cause for non-attendance.

Following 5 days unexplained absences an alert is made and a formal letter generated. Further letters are generated at 10, 15 and 20 days absence. Should you receive one of these please contact myself or the appropriate Assistant Principal (Trent Graham Years 7 and 8, Roger O’Meagher Years 9 and 10) to discuss how we can support you.

Thank you to everyone who has gone out of their way to make me feel welcome at the school. I am excited to be part of a vibrant, focussed place of learning and look forward to meeting as many of you as possible through the remainder of the year.

Geoff Williamson
Principal

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.

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Stars of Sport

Congratulations to:
Cooper Best recently returned from the National U15 AFL Championships in Geelong. The Tasmanian team performed above expectations having wins over Northern Territory and ACT and battling it out with Queensland for a draw.

Gabriella Lee has recently been selected in the U15 State Netball team which will travel to Sydney in August to compete in the nationals. Gaby is a very talented defender and we wish her all the best as part of the Tasmanian team.

Chole Hunt participated in the Tasmanian All Schools Cross Country yesterday (30th June) at Symmons Plains representing Rose Bay High School and won the Under 15 event. Chloe has been chosen in the State U16 team to represent Tasmania at the Australian School Cross Country Championships in Melbourne, Victoria in August 2015. Best of luck, Chloe!

Isaac Bridley has been selected in the U16 State Hockey team and will be travelling to Perth in August.
He will no doubt represent his school and his state well.

Jacob Gentile, Jacob Leaman and Darby Randall recently travelled to Melbourne as part of the National Training Centre for soccer to compete in games against Melbourne City, Pascoe Vale and Bentleigh Greens. Results were mixed but coaches praised the team’s performance. Former student of Rose Bay High, Nathania Atkinson was selected to trial at Melbourne City.

Zoe Horgan has just returned from a stint at the AIS for soccer.

Eddy Rand represented the state at a member of an U17 team and also participated in the Junior Australian Trampolining Championships. Eddy and his team gained fourth place in the U17 section and 12th overall in the Junior competition. Eddy’s team placed fifth overall in the Junior synchronised.

Jess Fowler competed at the Rod Laver Queensland junior tennis championships. Jess’ performance at this competition resulted in her being ranked in the top sixteen U16 players in Australia.

The Importance of Being Earnest: A Musically Mad Mini-Version

“I never travel without my diary. One should always have something sensational to read in the train.” (Oscar Wilde, The Importance of Being Earnest)

Perhaps the modern day version for sensational diary reads can be found in the many different forms of social media now available, but as our Grade 10 students found last term, Victorian England was quite a different world to theirs now. Students watched a ‘musically mad mini-version’ of Oscar Wilde’s famous play, The Importance of Being Earnest, performed by a New Zealand acting group who bring the classics to life for students in creative and inspiring ways. Although this play is not part of our grade 10 curriculum, students were nevertheless captivated by a fast paced and well produced mini-version of the play with many modern twists and interesting production techniques, such as the use of puppets. Other famous lines included were: ‘to lose one parent may be regarded as a misfortune; to lose both looks like carelessness’. This is the second year we have had this group perform for us and, on their current successful record with our students, I’m sure we’ll see them return again next year.

School Nurse

Hi, my name is Esta and I’m working at Rose Bay High as your Secondary School Nurse. I will be based at the school on Wednesdays and Thursdays. My focus in this role will be on health promotion and health education targeting the specific needs of the school. Topics will include nutrition, mental health and resilience, sexual health and positive relationships along with addictive behaviours and risk taking (just to name a few!). I am available for individual appointments and will be running clinics catering for student’s needs. In addition, I hope to support staff in the delivery of health information sessions across a variety of settings. I look forward to meeting everyone and working together with staff, students and families to enhance the health of individuals and the community.

LIAN TANNER—Tasmanian author visits Rose Bay High School

Last term Rose Bay High was extremely fortunate to have the world-renowned author, Lian Tanner, take some time out of her busy schedule: writing books, visiting schools, judging various awards and travelling overseas to speak and promote her books, to spend the day at Rose Bay High School.
Lian Tanner: a Tasmanian author with International appeal, Lian’s books are popular in far flung countries, which has taken her travelling around the globe promoting her books.

On Wed. 29th April award-winning, Tasmanian author Lian Tanner accepted our invitation to visit Rose Bay High School and spend time with all of our Grade 7 and 8 classes. The venue we provided proved to be a little cramped, with close to 200 students each session squeezing themselves into the drama studio to be informed, inspired and transformed by Lian and her storytelling. When Lian read an extract from her first book in ‘The Hidden Series’, the students hung on her every word and were visibly disappointed when she stopped at a crucial part, willing her to continue reading and keep the story alive.

Staff were also enthralled, including me, who had already read Lian’s books and knew what came next in the story!

There was also a workshop session for a fortunate group of our Grade 8’s who opted to take part. Twenty-two students participated in a one and a half hour workshop, with playful creativity the hallmark of the session. Students tried out new and interesting ideas under the watchful eye of Lian.

Spirit of Anzac Centenary Experience

For more details on the Spirit of Anzac Centenary Experience itinerary, visit www.spiritofanzac.gov.au

The Spirit of Anzac Centenary Experience is a travelling exhibition that tells the story of Australia’s involvement in the First World War, and the ensuing Century of Service of Australia’s armed forces in all wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations in which Australia has been involved.

The Spirit of Anzac Centenary Experience follows a chronological timeline spanning from pre-war Australia to the present day, using a mix of arresting visuals, artefacts, audio and film to engage visitors.

A key feature of the experience will be the curated ‘local stories’ zone that will be part of the exhibition. These zones will be created in close collaboration with local communities and will contribute to the legacy for each region.

The Spirit of Anzac Centenary Experience is the flagship community event of the Australian Government’s Anzac Centenary national programme.

When

The Spirit of Anzac Centenary Experience will have its southern Tasmanian exhibition at Derwent Entertainment Centre, Glenorchy from Wednesday 14th October until Tuesday, 20th October.

Entry

Entry to the Spirit of Anzac Centenary Experience is free. To ensure visitors can enjoy the experience, a pre-booked ticketing system will be used. Travelling through the experience will take most visitors between 45-60 minutes.
Website
More information about the exhibition is available at the official website: www.spiritofanzac.gov.au Register interest for further information about the tour as it is released, and watch a video about the Spirit of Anzac Centenary Experience. Tickets are free but bookings will be essential.

Suzanne Pattinson

Remember the books make great gifts!!!
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Email: christine.cash@education.tas.gov.au
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We have raised $559.00 for the school so far – help us reach our goal!

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What’s on at Rosny LINC – August 2015
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Hi everyone
Entertainment Books that we have left are being returned in 4 weeks! If you haven’t had a chance to order your new one yet then please do so TODAY before you miss out.

We only have 5 copies left.

Thank you to everyone who has ordered a Book this year and helped raise much needed funds for Rose Bay High School. $13.00 from each book sold contributes to our fundraising.
COMPETITION
CALLING ALL CREATIVE STUDENTS

The North East Rivers Festival would like to welcome their new mascot, a very friendly and active Platypus. Unfortunately, the platypus is sad and upset!

Everyone the platypus knows has a name, even Teddy and the puppy down the road. The sad thing is platypus doesn’t have a name.

Please help name our hard working mascot.

Major prize: family pass to platypus house
Please send your suggestions via e-mail to: Brenda brenda.wagner@education.tas.gov.au by Sunday 16th August 2015.

Platypus’s name will be revealed at the North East Rivers Festival Launch

be the final date that we are able to accept additional students on this trip of a lifetime. (See flyer at the end of the Newsletter for further details.)

As well as commemorating the 100th Anniversary of World War I, particularly the Battle of Fromelles on July 19th, 2016 and the Lost Diggers of Fromelles, the tour includes many popular tourist destinations in England, France and Belgium.

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

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

Parents/carers contemplating sending their child on the tour should contact Suzanne Pattinson prior to August 31st.

suzanne.pattinson@education.tas.gov.au

The planning of the 2016 Rose Bay High School Tour to England, France and Belgium is being finalised and **August 31st, 2016 will**
Rose Bay High School 14 day escorted tour of England & France

World War I Commemoration Trip
Europe 2016

TUESDAY 12 JULY
HOBART - LONDON
Today students will fly from Hobart to London.

WEDNESDAY 13 & THURSDAY 14 JULY B, D / B LONDON
Over two days, students will enjoy the benefits of a Hop On/Hop Off London bus tour as well as guided tours of some of London’s greatest attractions such as Westminster Abbey, St Paul’s Cathedral, London Eye and Shakespeare’s Globe Theatre.

FRIDAY 15 JULY B LONDON - WILTSHIRE- BATH - LONDON
Today students will enjoy a full day excursion to Stonehenge and the Roman Baths. Stonehenge is one of the wonders of the world and the best-known prehistoric monument in Europe. The Roman Baths have been preserved below the main streets of Bath, attracting over 1 million visitors every year.

SATURDAY 16 JULY B, D LONDON - LILLE, FRANCE
Today the group catch the Eurostar, a high-speed train, under the English Channel to France. You will disembark in Lille, possibly France’s most under-rated major city. From here, students will embark on a tour of the battlefields of World War I, including the Musee de la Bataille de Fromelles; and Villers Bretonneux where the Australian War Museum was erected to commemorate the lives of 1200 Australian troops lost in battle. Students will also take part in the ‘Coming World Remember Me’, Art Sculpture Workshop where they will be involved in creating one of 600,000 clay sculptures that represent each of the victims of the First World War in Belgium.

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SUNDAY 17 JULY  B, D  LILLE/YPRES
Today will be a full day touring Ypres battlefields and the memorials, museums and history of the area. The Flanders Fields Museum is located in the centre of Ypres and invites visitors to reflect on major historical events, as well as the personal stories of individuals. Students will also visit the Menin Gate Memorial which marks the starting point for one of the main roads that led Allied soldiers to the front line. It commemorates the unknown British and Commonwealth soldiers who fell in battle.

MONDAY 18 JULY  B  LILLE - BRUGES - LILLE/YPRES
Students will enjoy a full day visit to Brugges today, including a walking tour discovering the UNESCO World Heritage Site of the historic centre, Burg Square, Bruges Markt and the Basilica of the Holy Blood, among others.

TUESDAY 19 JULY  B, D  LILLE/YPRES - AMIENS
Students will travel by coach to Fromelles to attend commemoration service for the 100 year anniversary of the battle of Fromelles - the worst night in Australian military history. Students will then be transferred to their accommodation in Amiens.

WEDNESDAY 20 JULY  B  AMIENS
Today students will have the opportunity to explore the town of Amiens, including the Somme Museum 1916, Ulster Tower / Thiepval, the Australian War Museum (Franco-Australian) and Villers Bretonneux.

THURSDAY 21 JULY  B, D  AMIENS - PARIS
Students will be transferred to Paris. Here they will visit Compiegne, the site of the signing of the Armistice that would end the First World War - marking a victory for the Allies and complete defeat for Germany. Students will then enjoy a Panoramic Orientation Tour of Paris with a local guide.

FRIDAY 22 JULY  B  PARIS
Students will visit the impressive Chateau De Versailles, including the gardens and Marie-Antoinette’s Estate. An afternoon Bateaux Parisiens river cruise along the Seine will allow students to enjoy the sites from this famous river.

SATURDAY 23 JULY  B  PARIS
Today will be spent exploring the famous artworks of the Louvre museum - including the famous Mona Lisa. Students will then have the opportunity to climb the Eiffel Tower and see the city of Paris sprawl out from its base.

SUNDAY 24 JULY  B  PARIS
Students will explore the magic of Disneyland Paris, the most visited attraction in France. Two Disney Theme Parks house over 50 rides and attractions while Disney shows and parades offer endless entertainment for all ages.

SUNDAY 25 JULY  B  PARIS - HOBART
Today students will return home from Paris.