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**FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

From the multitude of things happening in and around the school, it is clearly apparent that the school deserves its highly regarded reputation amongst schools both within Tasmania and further afield.

The report from the recent external school review has shown us as a very high performing school across the board. The panel highlighted a number of outstanding aspects of the school, including the school environment with its many excellent facilities, as well as the busy, orderly, respectful and friendly nature of the school community.

Specific mention was made about the care and support given by staff to the emotional and social development of students as well their learning needs, along with the variety of extra-curricular programs catering well for the interests and abilities of a diverse student population. Aligned to this, teaching staff were considered as having a sound understanding of good teaching practice, with students benefitting from teachers with a diverse set of skills and experience and strong subject knowledge.

Over recent years, outcomes in literacy and numeracy have compared favourably with like school, state and nationally comparative data, reflecting well on the work of teachers and the successful implementation of strategies that focus on the development and improvement of these core skills.
This is supported by the 2015 NAPLAN results, which indicates that in all areas assessed our Year 7s perform better than like schools and, in most areas, above those across Tasmania and nationally. Our Year 9 data shows that we are above like schools in all areas except Persuasive Writing, and above Tasmanian and national schools in Reading and Numeracy.

All student NAPLAN reports were sent home recently with students. If you did not receive these please contact the school for a copy.

I continue to be impressed by the breath and diversity of the programs students from Rose Bay High School are involved in. Amongst other things, students have been involved in:

- the Royal Agricultural Society of Tasmania and Royal Hobart Fine Foods Awards;
- TassTAFE Step out in Bricks Program;
- Work Experience;
- representing the Rose Bay HS SRC and Clarence City Council at the Tasmanian Youth Conference;
- Young ICT Explorers competing at Utas;
- Math Relay competition
- hosting and working with students from Lindisfarne Primary School in hospitality, music and MDT programs as part of their transition to high school;
- a range of state and other representative sporting and cultural events.

Congratulations to all students involved. I would also like to acknowledge the staff who are involved in these events, many who put in time over and above what is expected.

It was also nice to see one of our own staff members, Dale McKay, featured in a very positive article in the Mercury this week on why teachers remain in the profession for an extended career. The article is featured on both our own Facebook page, as well as the Department of Education’s page.

Finally, we are currently having a focus on lateness and attendance, with families being contacted should a student arrive late without a reasonable or verified explanation. Students are required to be in class by 8.40am, where attendance is checked and the structure of the day formed. Please support us in ensuring that your child does get to school on time, or by letting us know if they are going to be late for a specific reason.

Geoff Williamson
Principal (A)

School Satisfaction Survey
This year, school satisfaction surveys for students, parents and staff will be conducted during August/September. These surveys contain questions on a range of matters about our school.

This survey provides an opportunity for students, parents and staff to provide important feedback. This feedback is valued by our school as a means of identifying what the school does well and opportunities for the school to make improvements. Students (from Year 5 and above), parents and staff will be invited to participate. Those students who are selected to undertake the survey will do so during school time.

You will receive a letter in coming days if you have been selected to participate in the parent survey. Your responses will be secure and anonymous.

We encourage you to participate and complete the survey so that the school has a clear direction when planning for future programs and services for students. Please contact the office if you wish to use a school computer to complete the survey.

Stars of Sport
Congratulations to: 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.
Titration Competition
On the 14th August, nine senior students visited the University of Tasmania’s Chemistry department to compete in the RACI’s annual titration competition. Students worked individually to identify the unknown mass of a substance and their final scores were combined to achieve a team total. All competitors should be congratulated on a fantastic effort: Zane Farnum, Luke Petit, Mitchell Torok, Sarah Pilgrim, Sophia Bellears, Jacoba Sayers, Alex Panton, Andre Abrego and Filip Wyker. Rose Bay High achieved five individual certificates of excellence and the team consisting of Alex, Andre and Filip has been invited to compete in the national final in September.

Rosny College Transition and Liaison Officer
Recently Rose Bay High School has welcomed a new member of staff, Darren Sangwell from Rosny College. He will be working at our school part time (Monday, Thursday, and Friday) until the end of the year. While Darren will be working predominately with Grade 10 students on their subject choices and transition profiles he is also keen to hear from parents, younger students and staff.

His main tasks include lifting retention levels and improving students’ and staffs’ understanding of college subjects.

Darren is also keen for parents of Grade 10 students to fill in this very short survey to gauge opinions and inform the process.
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MRTPYZL

SRC report
Footy Colours Day
On the 4th of September, Rose Bay will be holding a Footy Colours Day. Dress up in your team’s colours to support cancer research and those living with the terminal illness. A gold coin donation will be required to dress up. There will also be a friendly(ish) Futsal match in another teachers versus students.

Social Justice Competition
This is a different kind of competition that involves what you care about. The Social Justice portfolio are
constructing a competition where you can pitch a charity or cause where the SRC can send funds. The Social Justice portfolio has raised $200, ready to be handed over to your charity, all you need to do is enter. To enter, all you need to do is talk to any SRC member or teacher, in addition, you need to create a pitch that you will be prepared to present in assembly. You need to be in by the 4th September and you will do your pitch on the 10th September.

**Rose Bay Sing Star: Duets Edition**

It’s what you didn’t know you wanted. It’s what you’ve been waiting for. It’s going to be fabulous.

Introducing the Rose Bay Sing Star: Duets Edition! In this Sing Star, teachers will be paired with a student singing songs of their choice. This extravagant event will be held on the 11th September, through period 5 and 6. Students and teachers vote for the acts to progress to the next round, with the winner taking out the Sing Star Trophy.

**Acts include:**
- Mrs Leppard – Liam Doherty
- Ms French – Lauren Joseph
- Mr Doig – Holly Wilson
- Ms Fielding – Oliver Willits

With many more! If you think you’ve got what it takes, talk to the teacher you want to sing with. We could see you performing in the Rose Bay Sing Star: Duets Edition. Stay tuned for more!

**APOLOGIES AS THE ARTICLE BELOW WAS IN THE LAST NEWSLETTER BUT UNFORTUNATELY WAS MISSING PIECES. BELOW IS THE WHOLE ARTICLE.**

**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.

The writing workshop Lian provided was titled—**Striking out into unknown seas** and took students on a journey that she describes below:

'A crucial part of creativity is allowing ourselves to make mistakes. No mistakes means we’re not taking risks, and no risks means we’re stifling our creativity, keeping it within certain boundaries. This workshop will explore ways of being more playful with our writing, of allowing ourselves to step boldly past those boundaries and see some of the interesting places that lie on the other side.'

One of the big hits with the students in Lian’s writing workshop was having the freedom to write on large sheets of paper attached to each of the tables and
using large, coloured textas to jot down their ideas and illustrations. At one stage they were creating their own fantastic creatures by bringing together two different kinds of animals, at another time they were creating the setting for their stories.

It was clear that all who participated in the day with Lian enjoyed the experience and we look forward to offering more engaging and unique opportunities for our students in the future.

**Additional information about some of Lian Tanner’s books**

Her book *Museum of Thieves*, the first book in the Keepers’ trilogy, won the 2010 Aurealis Award for Children Fiction and was a Notable Book in the 2011 Australian Children’s Book of the Year Award.

*City of Lies*, the second book in the Keepers’ trilogy, won the 2011 Aurealis Award for Children’s Fiction.

*Icebreaker*, the first book in *The Hidden Series* was shortlisted for the 2013 Aurealis Award for Best Children’s Book (Australian fantasy) and selected as a Notable Book for Younger Readers in the 2014 Children’s Book Council of Australia Book of the Year awards.

**The Keepers Series:**
*City of Lies* (2011)
*Path of Beasts* (2012)

**The Hidden Series:**
*Icebreaker* (2013)
*Sunker's Deep* (2014)


**Career Transition - Workshop for Parents**

Q. How up to date is your knowledge about current career options?
Q. Would you like to be better informed to help your son or daughter plan for their future?
Q. Do you want to know about education, training and employment options available to them?

The workshop provides an interactive, informal and enjoyable way to learn about career transition in a setting that has been developed for parents, with parents.

**DATE:** Monday 21st September

**TIME:** 1.30pm to 3.30pm

**VENUE:** E-Block Hub, Rose Bay High School

**RSVP:** By Friday 18th September

**OR**

**DATE:** Wednesday 23rd September

**TIME:** 6.30pm – 8.30pm

**VENUE:** E-Block Hub, Rose Bay High School

**RSVP:** By Friday 18th September

Please call 62429299 to if you would like to book a place or contact Sue Hindley for more information.

**2016 Europe School Tour Fundraiser**

*Sausage Sizzle K and D, Cambridge Park – Sunday 30 August*

Members of the Rose Bay High School 2016 Europe School Tour Fundraising Committee encourage all members of the school community to support their inaugural event. The Sausage Sizzle will be conducted at **K and D, Cambridge Park from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Sunday, 30 August**. The enterprise aims to raise money to strengthen the educational opportunities of our students while on the Western Front in France and Belgium. Funds raised from the committee’s endeavours will contribute to extending the employment of a professional tour guide who will enhance the students’ historical understanding of the locations visited and the events which occurred there.

The third book in *The Hidden Series*, *Fetcher’s Song*, is due out in November 2015.
Significantly, it will also allow students to share and better empathise with the stories of those who were involved in these tragic events of national importance.

As the entire tour is centred on our students' presence at the 100th Anniversary of the Battle of Fromelles Service (perhaps the Western Front's equivalent of this year's Centenary events held at Gallipoli), the provision of a tour guide in the days before, during and after the service is sure to make this sector of the tour a valuable, memorable and once in a lifetime occasion. The importance of our students attending this event is best justified by the quote: Over 5,500 Australians became casualties. The worst 24 hours in Australian history occurred 90 years ago at Fromelles. Not the worst in Australian military history, the worst 24 hours in Australia’s entire history. The Australians suffered 5,533 casualties in one night. https://www.awm.gov.au/wartime/36/article.asp Fromelles is also associated with a history mystery that spanned nearly 100 years. It is the location of the new Commonwealth War Grave and the burial place of the Missing Diggers of Fromelles.

The Committee hopes the Sausage Sizzle is a major success and is hoping to see all parents/carers of children participating in the Europe Tour at the barbecue. Equally, members would warmly welcome your presence at the fundraising event, even if it is to share your family stories of those who served in World War 1 or find out more about the 2016 Europe School Tour.


Reminder: Free Tickets

Spirit of Anzac Centenary Experience

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.

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.

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.

Website

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

Suzanne Pattinson
Let them eat cake!
To celebrate the establishment of our relationship with our sister school, Lycée Fénelon in Lille, France, on Monday, September 21st, Rose Bay High School will hold a Free Dress and French Patisserie Day. Money raised from these enterprises will be used to support the Tasmanian Headstone Project and the Tasmanian Light Horse.

Free Dress Day
In preparation for the event, members of Home Class 8C are working industriously to ensure the fundraising enterprise will be a success. In exchange for a gold coin donation, we invite students to wear free dress. Though it is not compulsory, we would encourage students to have some fun and dress in:

- the colours of the French flag (red, white and blue),
- adopt the dress code of the stylish and oh so chic French people
- the costume of a French character e.g. Napoleon Bonaparte, Madeleine,
- or alternatively, dress as a French icon e.g. a shimmering Eiffel Tower, a French poodle or French fries!

French Patisserie Shop
Additionally, we will set up a French Patisserie shop and sell bakery treats such as madeleines, gateaux, pastries, éclairs, macarons, biscuits, cupcakes, tarts, quiches, savoury delicacies … and well, really anything delicious … even lamingtons from Australia or brownies from the USA!

To make certain that we raise a significant amount of money, Rose Bay High School’s team, 8C Junior Chefs de cuisine are requesting the generous support of our fellow students and also the members of our wider school community. If you are able to provide any assistance, please contact Suzanne Pattinson. We would appreciate assistance by any of the following means:

- **Providing bakery treats**
  Cakes need to be received at the school office by 10:00 a.m. on Monday, September 21st or delivered by students to room B24 during Home Class.

- **Out of consideration for our students with nut allergies, please do not provide items containing nuts.**

- If possible, a list of the ingredients used in your culinary temptations would be appreciated.

- Please label any trays/containers so we may return your items to you.

- Provide a sign/label so your baked items may be entered in the Rose Bay High School Great Patisserie Bake Off – 2015 competition. Good luck

**Donating ingredients:** Our bakers would appreciate receiving items they can use to bake delicious cakes and biscuits. Ingredients should be delivered by students to room B24 during Home Class before September 18th.

**Donating goods that can be used as prizes** for the competitions planned. We are particularly hoping that businesses and individuals will provide items such as vouchers, cooking books, CDs etc that can be offered as incentives.

**Students purchasing our delectable bakery treats on Monday, September 21st**
Cakes and other goodies received will be sold for 50 cents, $1, $2 and $3 at lunchtime.
Bring a container and buy extra cakes to take home and enjoy with family members.

Thank you for your anticipated generous support of the Tasmanian Headstone Project and the Tasmanian Light Horse.

The 8C Junior Chefs de cuisine team hope the event will be a sweet success.

Suzanne Pattinson
suzanne.pattinson@education.tas.gov.au

We congratulate 9-1 and 9-2 History classes (2014) who were involved in a range of Centenary of World War 1 Commemoration projects throughout 2014. Their work has become a legacy and is being continued by other students this year.

In addition to receiving $2000 as Tasmanian State winners in the Secondary Schools Division, 2014 Anzac Days’ School Award, these classes went on to achieve further success. Their achievements include:

- Approval for a Tasmanian government Centenary of Anzac Grants Program grant submission ($5000) to provide fencing for the Commemorative Garden the students commenced. The round of funding attracted 27 applications, requesting more than $117,364.60 in funding. Only 14 applications were funded, including 7 which were funded in part. Rose Bay High School’s submission was fully funded.

- Approval for a Federal government Saluting Their Service (STS) Commemorations Programme (Community Commemorative Grants category) to publish family stories about World War 1 veterans who are ancestors of our students ($2,727).

- We were also notified by the Department of Veterans Affairs and Ryebuck Education that on the basis of the work produced by these classes, Rose Bay High was selected as a sister school to partner Lycée Fénelon, a French school as part of The Centenary Schools Link Program (CSLP). The schools will work together to develop ties based on the commemorations of World War 1. Rose Bay High is one of the 12 schools selected from Australia and the only Tasmanian school chosen as part of the pilot project.

Saluting Their Service (STS) Commemorations Programme
Commemorating the Centenary of World War
Will you answer our call?

http://www.google.com/search?q=cooee+will+you+come+poster&safe=Wanted - The stories about the veterans in your family

As a result of the successful application submitted by Grade 9 line 1 and 2 History classes (2014), Rose Bay High School’s History students are eager to find out about and honour the veterans (especially those who served in World War 1) of the past one hundred years who are related to the current students of Rose Bay High School.

If you have a family member who has served in any of the conflicts since 1914 up to the present, we would love to hear their stories.

Ideally, the History students hope to create a wall of veterans’ photos and stories for display with the aim of then collating the information into a publication documenting their experiences for future posterity. Because the publication will link the veterans’ stories to their living ancestors who attend or attended Rose Bay High School, we would also like information and photos of the descendants. The style of the publication is likely to take the format of a scrapbook. Although it is not essential, we encourage families to create their own page/s of the publication so that it reflects a
personal response to their family stories that are deserving of preservation and sharing.

To assist with the project, we would like to be supplied with copies of stories accompanied by photos, diary entries, letters etc. (**Please do not include original memorabilia or photographs or items of sentimental value with your information.**) If you would like to be part of this project or are able to assist us, please direct your stories, pages or enquiries to Suzanne Pattinson.

suzanne.pattinson@education.tas.gov.au

**The Centenary Schools Link Program (CSLP)**

The Centenary Schools Link Program (CSLP) is in its infancy, however, we are excited to announce we have been partnered with Lycée Fénelon, in Lille, France. Lille is in northern France (in Nord Pas-de-Calais), 2 hours from Paris by car and 1 hour and 30 minutes away from Brussels, Belgium. It has a population of 227,553. Further information about our sister school's community may be accessed by going to [http://anzaccentenaryschoollink.info/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/fenelon-our-community.pdf](http://anzaccentenaryschoollink.info/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/fenelon-our-community.pdf).

Activities which Rose Bay High School students have commenced or completed to date include:
- Providing publications relating to our school (newsletters, school magazines etc.)
- Providing publications relating to World War I Anzac stories
- Planning a French themed Free Dress and Patisserie Shop Day (– September 21st) to celebrate our partnership
- Members of the 2016 Europe School Tour students are in the process of writing introductory letters to their peers at Lycée Fénelon
- Organising a visit to Lycée Fénelon or arranging to meet students from Lycée Fénelon while on the 2016 Europe School Tour

Lycée Fénelon are planning to:
- Organise a school trip based on the topic of WWI from the Australian / or ANZAC point of view. This may occur in November. It is likely they will go to Arras to visit the Wellington Quarry, New Zealand. [http://www.greatwar.co.uk/french-flanders-artois/museum-wellington-quarry.htm](http://www.greatwar.co.uk/french-flanders-artois/museum-wellington-quarry.htm)
- develop the exchange between our students, via emails or Skype meetings
- Meet in Lille during our trip in July 2016?

To learn more about Lycee Fenelon and to view some of the work completed by students and groups go to: [http://anzaccentenaryschoollink.info/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/Dnl-Monuments-lille.pdf](http://anzaccentenaryschoollink.info/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/Dnl-Monuments-lille.pdf)  

With great enthusiasm, we look forward to developing a mutually beneficial and enduring relationship with the students and staff at Lycée Fénelon and the community of Lille.

**The Tasmanian Headstone Project**

On Thursday, 2 July, a bitterly cold and dismal day, Sarah Pilgrim and Sophia Bellears attended the unveiling of headstones for First World War veterans which was held at Cornelian Bay
Cemetery. Prior to attending the unveiling, Sarah researched soldier, Clifford William Gower and Sophia investigated Private Henry John Downie (see below).

The event which was organised by Mrs Andrea Gerrard, Chairperson of the Tasmanian Headstone Project, focused on the unveiling of plaques by families, dignitaries and students from Ogilvie High School, New Town High School, Rose Bay High School and Claremont College. Readings and prayers were delivered by Reverend David Lewis, Mr. Harry Quick, Lt Col Alex Thompson Commanding Officer, 12/40th Battalion and Elise Archer MHA, Speaker of the House of Representatives & Representing the Premier of Tasmania.

"The Tasmanian Headstone Project commenced in 2012 when it was discovered that there were a number of returned veterans whose last resting place was no more than a dirt plot within the Cornelian Bay Cemetery. To date 300 men have been identified as returned First World War soldiers whose resting place is a dirt plot devoid of anything that commemorates their lives or honours their service during the First World War. There are also about fifty names of other men who also lie in unmarked graves in various cemeteries around the state. Our current estimate is that there are between 500 and 600 men in Tasmanian cemeteries who are First World War veterans and lie in unmarked graves.

To date the Tasmanian Headstone Project has been able to put in 57 pedestal headstones and installed a further 10 in August this year. Following an audit of the research undertaken to date – we have 214 men who need a pedestal headstone. A further 17 need a small brass plaque added to an existing grave where there is no mention of that person."

Andrea Gerrard Chairperson Tasmanian Headstone Project

To support the Tasmanian Headstone Project in its work to install memorials for Tasmanian veterans of World War I who lie in unmarked graves, Home Class 8C have planned a French themed Free Dress and Patisserie Shop Day which will take place on September 21”.

Research on Clifford William Gower (Sarah Pilgrim) and Private Henry John Downie (Sophia Bellears)

Before the war Clifford Gower enlisted on the 9th of May 1917 at the age of 21 years and 8 months and was part of the 12th Battalion, which was comprised of half Tasmanian men and formed part of the 3rd Brigade. He embarked on the 28th of February 1918 in Melbourne. In March and April 1918, his battalion helped to stop the German spring offensive, and later participated in the great allied offensive of 1918, fighting near Amiens on 8 August 1918. On the 2nd of September 1918, he was sentenced to 45 days of detention. He returned early to Australia, due to an injury, on the 2nd of January 1919 aboard the Karmala. In The Singleton Argus, published June 26, 1942 it states ‘Clifford William Gower (50), soldier, was sentenced to 10 years penal servitude at the Criminal Court for having fired from a military rifle, wounding Mrs. Elsie Maud Sainsbury in the neck.’

Gower’s story in particular is important to remember as it helps provide insight into how war really affected the men who fought for their country. Many endured physical and psychological damage which affected them for the rest of their life. It is important to remember those who did not fit perfectly into the ANZAC legend mould as it reminds us they were real men, not just war heroes.

By Sarah Pilgrim
Private Henry John Downie was born in Hobart, Tasmania. He was married to Elsie Downie, had 4 children and worked as a labourer, before enlisting in the Australian Imperial Force on the 14th of November 1916 at the age of 39 and 8 months. Private Downie had a loving wife, who often wrote to the Defence Department Melbourne, in regard to the wellbeing of her husband, as she was very anxious for him after he left for service. His unit was the 25th/12th battalion, who embarked from Sydney, New South Wales, on board HMAT A20 Hororota on the 14th of June 1917. Private Downie was wounded during service in France, on the 3rd of June 1918, with a gunshot wound to the shoulder. He was admitted to Exeter War Hospital to recover from his injury, on the 12th of June 1918. Private Downie was discharged from hospital on the 4th of September 1918, and then returned to Australia on the 18th of January 1919. Private Henry John Downie passed away on the 30th of December 1949 at the age of 72. His funeral was held at Cornelian Bay cemetery on January 2nd 1950.

By Sophia Bellears

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Suzanne Pattinson

We do not have to become heroes overnight. Just a step at a time, meeting each thing that comes up … discovering we have the strength to stare it down.

Eleanor Roosevelt

On March 30th 2015, we were very privileged to host Mr Doug and Mrs Kaye Baird, parents of the late Corporal Cameron Baird VC MG to our school.

Corporal Cameron Baird’s heroic story, which encapsulates the qualities of the Anzac legend, is well known to the community of Rose Bay High School.

Last year, an assembly was held to commemorate his courageousness and ultimate sacrifice and a memorial stone in his honour was installed in the school’s commemorative garden.

Corporal Cameron Baird is the 100th Australian to be awarded the highest military decoration for acts of bravery in wartime, the Victoria Cross. His posthumous award was presented to Doug and Kaye Baird by the (then) Governor-General, The Hon. Quentin Bryce, AC, CVO, during a ceremony at Government House, Canberra on 18 February 2014.

Born in Burnie, Tasmania, in 1981, Cameron Baird joined the Australian Regular Army in January 2000 and was posted to 4th Battalion (Commando), Royal Australian Regiment (now 2nd Commando Regiment). Cameron served in East Timor and Iraq and was deployed four times to Afghanistan. He was awarded the Medal of Gallantry in 2007 on his second operational tour.

Cameron Baird was on his fourth tour of Afghanistan in 2013 when he was involved in the action for which he was awarded the Victoria Cross. On 22 June, as team commander, he participated in an assault on the Taliban-held village of Ghawchak in Uruzgan province. Shortly after the helicopter insertion, Cameron Baird led his team in silencing a number of enemy positions while under heavy small-arms fire. He then went to the aid of another team whose commander had been seriously wounded. With selfless disregard for his own safety, he drew the fire from an enemy machine-gun position, “the bullets hitting the ground around him”. He managed to suppress the enemy fire, allowing his team to regain the initiative.

Once in the enemy compound, Cameron Baird forced his way into hostile buildings amid intense small-arms fire. He charged the enemy’s position three times to draw fire away from his team. On the third occasion, Corporal Baird’s actions “enabled the enemy to be neutralised and kept his team safe, but ultimately cost him his life”.

Students from History classes 9-1 and 9-2 (2014) hosted the event for Doug and Kaye Baird. After warmly welcoming Corporal Cameron Baird VC MG’s parents, students held a ceremony to pay homage to the 100th recipient of the Victoria Cross in the
Commemorative Garden. Here Sophia Bellears, Chloe Harle and Sarah Pilgrim read the Soldier’s Code, a speech by former Prime Minister John Howard and a poem. Assisting Mr and Mrs Baird with the formal garden proceedings were Thad Wiggins, Jayden Harris, Theo McSwain and Jonty Williams. In addition to planting two rose bushes, wreaths were laid in recognition of the service given by Cameron Baird and all those who selflessly served our country in conflicts over the past 100 years. For those who gathered together at these formal proceedings, the rituals were truly heartfelt and proved to be not only a very real and sombre reminder of the costly sacrifices made but also highlighted the valuable legacies left behind by Australia’s service men and women.

Following the commemorative procedures in the garden, invited students and staff attended afternoon tea where former principal, Mr Jason Szczerbanik announced a Rose Bay High School award would be established in honour of Corporal Cameron Baird VC MG. The inaugural award will be presented to a student at Achievement Afternoon in December, 2015.

Those present at the informal part of the afternoon event were fortunate to view treasured memorabilia owned by the Baird family and were privileged to hear poignant and frank personal stories about Cameron which his parents openly shared. These opportunities and personal conversations with Doug and Kaye Baird enabled guests to gain a much better understanding of Cameron’s lifetime experiences and some comprehension of the values of a humble man who became the 100th Victoria Cross recipient. It quickly became clear that like all true distinguished heroes, Cameron Baird was undoubtedly valiant, professional and dauntless. Equally, it was apparent there were so many other cherished layers and facets of his personality that were deeply missed by his family and comrades and worthy of remembrance by Australians all.

Just as Corporal Cameron Baird’s Victoria Cross justifiably recognises his “most conspicuous acts of valour, extreme devotion to duty and ultimate self-sacrifice at Ghawchak village, Uruzgan province, Afghanistan, as a Commando Team Commander in Special Operations Task Group on Operation SLIPPER,” there is no doubt, he is the role model Anzac who embodies the qualities of “endurance, courage, ingenuity, good humour and mateship”.

Lest we forget.

As well as effusively thanking Mr Doug and Mrs Kaye Baird for accepting our invitation, we also wish to acknowledge and thank Captain Darren Elder who facilitated their visit to Rose Bay High School. Additionally, we sincerely extend our appreciation to the following businesses who have supported our commemorative endeavours and who, like us, believe it is an important and honourable duty to preserve the memory and the sacrifice made by Corporal Cameron Baird VC MG. These businesses include:

- Dobson’s Monumental Works
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Suzanne Pattinson
Turning the pages of History
The School’s History department commenced the year in an exciting and stimulating manner when students were treated to an intriguing address provided by Dr John Greenacre.

Dr Greenacre was in the army for 24 years. As a helicopter pilot he deployed on operations during the Gulf War, to the Balkans and Northern Ireland. He has also worked in Germany, Canada, the Falkland Islands and Kenya in areas from procurement to arms control. John achieved an MA in Military Studies from Cranfield (the Royal Military College of Science) and he was awarded his PhD in History from the University of Leeds.

He has been an occasional lecturer at UCS since 2010. In 2013 he was appointed the Suffolk Centenary Coordinator, responsible for coordinating outreach activity centered on the Centenary of the First World War.

John is a military historian with a particular interest in the development of the ways and means of warfare, tactics and doctrine across the 20th and into the 21st Centuries and the place of military history alongside social and cultural history. John’s avid interest in military history is also apparent in his work as an author. He has published numerous papers and books including Churchill’s Spearhead: The Development of Britain’s Airborne Forces during the Second World War, Pen and Sword, 2010.

The captivating PowerPoint Presentation, entitled ‘From Trench to Ward: The Wounding of Private Charles Ingleton’, Dr Greenacre gave our students took them on a fascinating war time journey. He unfolded the expedition of Private Charles Ingleton, an Australian infantryman wounded at Fromelles on the Western Front in 1916. Ingleton’s evacuation took him from a trench in French Flanders to the point at which he died in an English hospital bed in the East Suffolk and Ipswich Hospital and ultimately, his burial in a cemetery close to John’s local university. In his exposition, John examined the treatment of Charles Ingleton and the effectiveness of British Army medical services during the First World War. In researching his story, John had assistance from the local history group in the town the private came from in Victoria.

Dr John Greenacre frequently leads and guides tours of the battlefields of the 20th century, including those of the Western Front during the First World War. He has Tasmanian connections and is familiar to some of our past and present students, having been the tour guide for the Frank MacDonald MM Memorial Prize tours for the past 5 years. In 2016, students participating in the Europe Tour will be accompanied by Dr John Greenacre in the capacity of their official Western Front guide. No doubt his deep knowledge and passionate interest will enhance the students’ appreciation and understanding of the events and people associated with this theatre of war.

Suzanne Pattinson
The planning of the 2016 Rose Bay High School Tour is being finalised and **September 1st, 2016 will be the final date** that we are able to accept additional students on this trip of a lifetime.

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 September 1st.

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**CAN YOU HELP?**

Do you have experience, skills or qualifications in the following areas? Environmental science, journalism, publishing, marketing, physiotherapy, nutrition, diet management, nursing, psychology, veterinary science, biology, zoology, renewable energy, engineering, film and cinematography, art, personal training, electrics and electronics, solar power, physics, French language, English literature, skateboarding, community service, police, law, forensics or social work?

The IPX (Individual Program for Extension) 9/10 option class will be exhibiting their projects, products and investigations on the evening of Thursday 10th September alongside the options information session.

We need people who have expertise in certain areas to be involved by perusing the exhibits and providing feedback to the students on their learning.

If you can help please contact Marietta Sansom-Gower via email marietta.sansom-gower@education.tas.gov.au or school phone 6242 9299.

**WANTED**

**DONATIONS for GARAGE SALE**

- **QUALITY ITEMS** e.g. sports gear, books, dvds, kitchen, general household, garden, craft, tools, children’s toys, fashion accessories
- **NO** large furniture or large electrical please
- **DROP OFF** School Days: Lindisfarne North Primary or Risdon Vale Primary
- **DROP OFF** Friday September 18th: Saint Aidan’s Church
  54 Lincoln Street Lindisfarne 9am to 2pm

**SALE DAY - Saturday 19TH September**
  8.30 to 2.00pm

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- **READING**?
- **SPELLING**?
- **WRITING**?
OR has an assessment of S.L.D. (specific learning disability)/dyslexia?
If yes, & would like to know more, then come along to the parents/teachers network meeting for an information/chat session.
Topic: Outside the Square DVD I (Understanding & Identifying Dyslexia), plus chat time.
Location: Cambridge Primary School
Multi-Purpose Room/Hall
Time: Thursday 20th August at 6.30pm
Multi-purpose Room/Hall
Coordinator: Amanda Norgaard
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For more information visit: dyslexiatas.org

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