### Key Dates for 2016

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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)

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**FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

Welcome all families to the new school year, it is great to see the students already actively and enthusiastically participating in school life. Prior to the start of the school year, staff were involved in a professional learning day where we explored our School Values and looked at how we might proceed in developing a School Wide Positive Behaviour Support structure within the school. The focus around our School Values was just the start of what will be some critical work in this area. One aspect of the day was our viewing of the *Fish Philosophy* video where we reflected upon our environment and our personal connections to four practices:

- **Choose your Attitude** – we can choose to look for the positives that come with our work, or not
- **Be there** – be present and build relationships when interacting with others
- **Make their Day** – do something that others find meaningful; and
- **Play** – be open to being creative, enthusiastic and having fun in your work.

If you are interested, there are some interesting clips on the internet (*Fish Philosophy*). This is not just about teaching. In fact, it really is about a fish market.
Staffing
As you may be aware, there have been a number of significant movements in staffing over the holidays.

Mr Trent Graham, as well as getting married, successfully applied for an Assistant Principal position in Regional NSW, where he and his wife will be working in an aboriginal community. We wish them both all the best in this adventure and look forward to hearing from them through the year. Ms Kate Thureau has taken on the Acting Assistant Principal role for the start of the year.

After 15 years in this school as a teacher, AST and Assistant Principal, Mrs Pieta McKay accepted a transfer to Dodges Ferry Primary School as Assistant Principal. Subsequently, due to the Principal being reassigned for the next 6 months, Mrs McKay will be Acting Principal at that school. We wish her all the best of luck in her new role and will arrange a time soon so that the school community can formally and properly acknowledge her significant contributions to the school. Mr Tim Medwin has taken on the Acting Assistant Principal until the position is advertised. Mr Medwin comes to us with a vast range of skills and experiences not only from his time in Curriculum Services, but as a senior member of staff at a number of colleges and High Schools.

Mrs Joanne Robinson accepted a Workforce Renewal Incentive Program (WRIP) offer, accepting an incentive payment to retire early. We will also organise a formal farewell Mrs Robinson.

Other Staffing points:
Mrs Kate Askey-Doran will continue as Acting AST while Mrs Pam Powell takes leave.
Mr Danny Munting will continue as Acting AST while Ms Thureau is Acting Assistant Principal.

We welcome back Mrs Alex McKay who returns from maternity leave.

Due to staff on leave and various movements, Miss Charlotte Adams, Mrs Alison Brooks, Mr Andrew Cash, Mrs Nikki Green, Miss Sam Meijers and Mr Callan Newman have all been offered contracts from the start of the year.

Start Up Day
What a great experience for the Year 7s and new Year 8-10s on Start Up Day last week. Staff and Student Leaders ensured that this day was extremely successful and worthwhile for all students new to the school. I know that many parents/carers and the students themselves were appreciative of the efforts of everyone involved, and clearly understood that banks are safe while Mr Bradley is around.

The term will go very quickly and it is important that we maintain our focus on improving learning for every student. To this, should you have any concerns that your child is falling behind or disengaged, please contact the class teacher to discuss this. Likewise, if the teachers are experiencing any concerns over your child’s learning, they will contact you to ensure all efforts are made to enable optimum learning outcomes are attained. Regular attendance at school is a critical part of ensuring your child remains engaged both academically and socially. Interim reports will come out the week before Easter with Parent Teacher conferences before the Term 1 break.

Student Achievements
While student achievements from within the school are often acknowledged, it is also important to recognise those members of our school who achieve at high levels within our community. We can, however, only do this if they are brought to our attention so I invite parent/carers to let the school know if your child has been involved in any representative program or attained an award external to the school.

Over the holidays Edward Chugg represented Tasmania in the Senior Men’s National Ice Hockey tournament, gaining several MPVs and top scoring for the team. Well done Edward, a fantastic effort.

Many of you, particularly if you attended the I-Create event late last year, may be aware of Hugh McKay’s CSIRO-BHP-Billiton Science and Engineering
Awards project to develop a prosthetic hand for amputees in developing countries. Hugh has just been informed that he is the recipient of the innovator to market award. As well as being offered the opportunity to present at an **Intel international Science and Engineering Fair** in Phoenix Arizona in May this year, Hugh also has access to the CSIRO's facilities nation-wide to further develop his project. As well as an article in the Mercury Thursday, 11 February, [http://www.themercury.com.au/news/tasmania/tassie-students-lead-way-in-science-innovation/news-story/7eea4da7924d5426dc70490965a8b9df](http://www.themercury.com.au/news/tasmania/tassie-students-lead-way-in-science-innovation/news-story/7eea4da7924d5426dc70490965a8b9df), further information can be found on the Department of Education or Rose Bay High School Facebook pages. We all congratulate Hugh for his personal vision and drive in grasping the opportunities that have been available to research, plan and undertake this incredible project.

Finally, a reminder that students at Rose Bay High School are required to wear school uniform. If circumstances occur where this might not be possible every day, please send a note or contact the office so that some allowance may be made. As possible, we will provide loan uniform for the day but should this not happen then students out of uniform may be asked to remain in a specified location.

We are also interested in purchasing or receiving any donations of unused uniform that can be used for this purpose.

Geoff Williamson
Principal

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**TERM DATES FOR 2016**

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**Bus Information** – due to many changes with Metro school bus services please refer to the Metre Website for any enquiries: [www.metrotas.com.au/timetables](http://www.metrotas.com.au/timetables) or contact Metro by phone 13 22 01.

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**2016 School Immunisation Campaign**

The Clarence City Council’s immunisation team will be at your school throughout the year.

The team will be providing immunisation for the following students:

- Grade 7’s: Human Papilloma Virus (HPV)
- Diphtheria Tetanus and Pertussis (dTpa)
- Chickenpox

Information and consent forms for parents and students have been sent home with grade 7 students and it is important that you read the information, complete the consent form and return it to school prior to Wednesday 17 February 2016.

Even if you do not want your child to be immunised you **MUST** complete the relevant section and return the consent form.

If you require any further medical information please contact your family doctor. If you require any further information in relation to this service please contact Clarence City Council on ph 6217 9570 or email clarence@ccc.tas.gov.au.

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**Levies**

Payment for levies are now due. Payment methods for levies are: BPAY, Service Tasmania, via phone with a credit card [62429299], or at the school office.
Mrs Hay (School Science Technician) and her family are raising a Guide Dog Pup.

Guide Dog pups are specifically bred in order to ensure they are physically and temperamentally suited to work as a Guide Dog. They are placed with Puppy Raising families until they are about 18 months old, to undergo socialisation and initial training in basic good manners. It is necessary that the pups are exposed to as many different experiences as possible, so you will see him at school.

Whenever the pup has its blue Puppy Coat on, with its distinctive 'L' plate on the back, we ask that people try to ignore the pup as much as possible and definitely try not to pat it. This can be very difficult, especially if the puppy is in your workplace on a regular basis, however, it is very important. When the pup is in its Puppy Coat, it has to learn that it is on duty and needs to concentrate and behave appropriately. If people are trying to pat the pup, talk to it or, worst of all, trying to feed it, these things can quickly break down the hard work that has gone in to training the puppy.

Rest assured, the pup gets lots of opportunities to just relax and romp and play without the Puppy Coat on, but most of the time this is at home.

We ask that you co-operate with the above guidelines.

Vision screening
As the School Health Nurse I am pleased to be able to offer vision screening for all Grade 7 students during 2016. Vision screening is an effective method to identify students with eye conditions or visual impairment enabling referral to a professional for further evaluation. Vision screening is a free service and involves a short eye examination using a distance chart. If parents do not wish their children to undertake screening please contact the school administration office. Alternatively parents may contact the School Health Nurse with any queries or requests for eye examinations in alternate grades.

Esta Armstrong
Secondary School Nurse

AUSTRALIAN ARMY CADETS
Are you over 13 or turning 13 this year? Want to meet a group of teenagers with the same interests as you? Would you like to learn some new skills?

Leadership – Team Work - Navigation - Bush Craft First-Aid – Signals
All Males and Females welcome

AUSTRALIAN ARMY CADETS BRAVO COMPANY
Units are at Warrane, Goodwood and Bridgewater
(Between 6:00pm and 9:00pm Wednesday nights only)
For more info
Email: janita.milburn@armycadets.gov.au

Save this date
Friday 18 March 2016
For a Quiz night

Just to get you thinking
Benjamin "Ben" Roberts-Smith, received the highest award in the Australian honours system – what was that award?

Get your table together, put the date in your calendar, look out for further information in early 2016 and start practicing.

Fundraising to support the Rose Bay High School WWI Commemoration Trip (France & Belgium) July 2016 educational tour guide.
Act, create, communicate! **The difference is dramatic!**

Develop creativity, confidence and communication skills through a fun and exciting theatre arts programme; covering speech, improvisation, script work, character analysis and production techniques including short films. Classes for Youth and Young Adult.

**Now taking enrolments for students aged 12 – 18**

Studios: Bellerive, West Hobart, New Town, Mt Stuart.

Phone Belinda and Franz on **6272 2242** to find out more about our classes.


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**Home Stay Needed**

3 Days 17 March – 19 March

10 Students

Students arrive during the day on Thursday 17 March. A welcome dinner will be held by Clarence City Council.

Friday 18 March, students will attend Rose Bay with their host student.

Saturday 19 March will be spent with their host families.

Sunday 20 March students leave their host families and undertake sightseeing around Hobart as a group (visiting Bonorong).

If you are able to help, please contact Mrs Christine Cash at the school on **62429299** or by email [christine.cash@education.tas.gov.au](mailto:christine.cash@education.tas.gov.au)

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**CLARENCE BAND**

**Development Program**

Are you:

- interested in learning to:
  - play a woodwind, brass or percussion instrument?
  - read music?
- 10 years of age or older?
- wanting to make music with other people?

Then come along and hear what the Clarence City Band’s long standing Development Program can offer you.

There will be an information session about this year’s Beginner Band program

**When:** Tuesday 23 February, 2016

**Where:** Lindisfarne Citizens’ Activity Centre, Lincoln St. Lindisfarne

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**Love To Sing?? Sing It!**

The Sing It choir is for children who just love to sing. No Music Experience Necessary

**Ages 8 to 17.**

**Thursday Afternoons 4pm to 5pm**

CWA Hall Lindisfarne, $10 per class.

Learn Vocal Techniques to a variety of popular songs and music genres.

Ph Louise on 0448820367 for more info or to sign up!!
Dodges Ferry Junior Football Club

Registrations for the 2016 Season are now open!

New and existing players can register online - go to www.stjfl.com.au and click on the shark logo.

We welcome boys and girls from all age groups ranging from Under 8's through to Under 14's.

If you would like more information on the upcoming season or Aussie Rules Football in general please feel free to come visit us at the Southern Beaches Market at Okines Community House in Dodges Ferry on Saturday 21st of February from 10.00am - 2.00pm. We will also have facilities for Registrations available. If you have can't make this event please feel free to contact Michelle on 0400 510 319 or email sharksjuniors@gmail.com.

Don't Delay, Become a Shark Today!

NEWSLETTER – the preferred method is email as it can take up to 6 days via post. If you wish to receive a copy please provide your email address below and return the slip to the office. If you receive the newsletter via post and have provided an email address for us you will now receive the newsletter via email.

Student Name: ____________________________________________

Home Group: ____________________________________________

Parent Name: ____________________________________________

Email: __________________________________________________

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