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**FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

Throughout last week’s assembly the concept of OPPORTUNITY came through again and again. We had our School Captains presented with their badges and hats, the Student Representative Council with their badges and blazers. Each of these students have grasped the opportunity to play a leadership role within the school this year, from which they will learn high order skills about how to communicate, lead and drive change, as much as they will learn about themselves as members of a diverse community.

Students were offered opportunities to connect to a range of programs and several were recognised for their outstanding achievements following their taking the opportunity to participate in a national competition.

We also were able to formally farewell Mrs Pieta McKay. Through taking the opportunities to develop as a school leader over the past 15 years here at Rose Bay, she now has the opportunity to lead a school in her own right. Mrs McKay spoke about her fear of leaving an environment that she had become so much a part of to an unknown future, but that the risks were certainly worthwhile. This was her challenge to the school community; Rose Bay High School opens an amazing array of opportunities but to take advantage of these, one has to engage with the programs on offer then be prepared to recognise the moment or take the risk and step outside your comfort zone to grasp them.

We should remember that good fortune often happens when opportunity meets with preparation.”

― Thomas A. Edison
**Attendance**

Attendance is already a matter of concern, with a number of students identified through the Department of Education data base as having unexplained absences. The Education Act 1994 requires that parents/carers of a school age child must ensure that the child attends school each day it is open, unless of course they are ill or there is any other reasonable cause for non-attendance. Following 5 days of absence in a year, a medical certificate is required to explain further absences. If this is not done, even if you inform the school, subsequent absences will be put down as unexplained. 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 the appropriate Assistant Principal (Mr Tim Medwin Years 7/8 or Mr Roger O’Meagher Years 9/10) to discuss how we can support you.

Home Group Teachers and Grade Supervisors are also part of the attendance support process and will usually make contact, or attempt to do so, before these formal letters are sent out.

To highlight the importance of regular attendance, a student who misses just 1 day on average in a fortnight will effectively miss 16 weeks of schooling over their 4 years here at high school. If this has been a trend through primary school, by the time they leave Year 10 they would have missed well over a complete year’s schooling.

Apart from missing explicit teaching, learning is further compromised due to having to try to catch up and missing ongoing learning opportunities. Added to this is the social disconnection that can occur within a student’s friendship group.

There are a number of support processes in place here at the school should you wish to gain help or advice in how to improve your child’s attendance.

**Reporting**

Interim reports shall be going out on the 24th March.

This year the students will be given these reports to take home with them on Easter Thursday. Dates for Parent/Teacher are Tuesday 5th April 3.10 -4.10pm and Wednesday 6th April 3.20 -7.00pm. Information on how to book these sessions will go out with the reports.

Geoff Williamson
Principal

**PROGRESS REPORTS** are due out 24th March. Please note that all Progress Reports will be sent home via your child.

**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.

**Validation Forms** were due back on the 12th February. If you did not receive one please contact the office on 62429299. This form is required each year to update your child’s information.

**TERM DATES FOR 2016**

Term 1
Wednesday 3 February – Friday 8 April
**Easter Break**
Friday 25 March – Tuesday 29 March

Term 2
Tuesday 26 April – Friday 1 July

Term 3
Monday 18 July – Friday 23 September

Term 4
Monday 10 October – Wednesday 21 December

**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.
**Artist of the Month**  
**February 2016**

This is a great start to celebrating artistic endeavour in the school with the first in our series of Artist of the Month for 2016. The recipient is Mitchell Denman, a Grade 10 student who is a very prolific artist and has been on the Whitt radar for the last year. His qualities are commitment, focus, great humour, enthusiasm and a willingness to tackle challenges head on. From Crash Bandicoot to Mario & Yoshi, a host of fantasy heroes such as Darth Vader & Batman and then the portraits of iconic identities such as Martin Luther King and the entertainment sector of Freddie Mercury, Harrison Ford and Arnold Schwarzenegger. Mitchell’s drawing development has been outstanding and this is a well, earned honour to have “Artist of the Month”! Well done!

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION RE: WORK EXPERIENCE**

Wednesday, 17th February was the cut-off date for work experience application forms. Mr Hadrill has only accepted some late applications because parents have contacted him prior to 17th February to discuss their child’s placement.

Students who have made no effort to find a placement or seek assistance from their Home Group teachers or Mr Hadrill should understand that:

- Applications were made available in September last year (giving four months to find a placement)
- Students were informed of the process in a special grade assembly.
- Students were encouraged to seek assistance from their HG teacher or Mr Hadrill before the end of last year if they required help finding a host employer.
- Reminders were put on the school Bulletin, Face Book page and School App that applications were due in on the 17th February.

**Mr Hadrill**

**Calculators**

For your child to be able to function efficiently in a Mathematics class it is essential they possess a calculator.

For students in Years 7 & 9 it is also a requirement they possess a calculator to participate in the National Numeracy Testing Program.

Looked after, a good calculator will last them through the four years of high school.

Students can source their own calculators or the school has a quantity of good scientific calculators (Casio fx-82’s) which are available for purchase through the office for $25 each.

If your child purchases a calculator through the school it can also be engraved with their name.

If you have any queries regarding calculators please contact me at school.

Sue Hindley
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

Come join us in the fun of a quiz night.
Challenge your friends or neighbours, challenge the teachers. Can the Science Department walk away as the winning table or will it be the English or History teachers, what about the Maths Department or will the parents trump everyone? Which family and friends will that be?? Be in it to win it and also have a great night of entertainment.

2016 Quiz night

When: Friday 18th March 2016
Where: Rose Bay High School
Time: 7pm for start at 7:30pm sharp!
Cost: $100 per table (max of 10 per table)
Pay for your table upfront to book your spot.
Payments to be made to:
RBHS Fundraising
BSB: 807-009
Account: 30035502
Please provide your Surname and Initial(s) in the payment details. Then also send an email to rbhsfundraising@gmail.com to advise your payment and provide contact details.
Any questions?

Email us at rbhsfundraising@gmail.com
Check out the Rose Bay High School web site or facebook page
Drinks available for purchase on the night. BYO snacks for your table.
Silent auction throughout the night, winning table prize and other prizes up for grabs.
More exciting details to come – stay tuned!!
Fundraising to support the Rose Bay High School WWI Commemoration Trip (France & Belgium) July 2016 educational opportunities and tour guide.

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

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