Principals Report

It seems unbelievable that we are less than a week from the end of term 1. It has been a busy term for students and staff with students adjusting to new grades and teachers; our annual surf carnival and the completion of interim reports. Students have settled into 2014 well and visitors to classrooms will see students who are highly engaged and actively participating in their learning. I congratulate students on this start and urge them to maintain it as the year progresses.

Term 2 will see some staffing changes as some staff take leave and others return to school.

- Ms Casey Frimley has left on Maternity Leave and gave birth to a baby boy on March 31. Casey has been replaced by Callan Newman in the HPE department
- Mrs Cindy Johnston has been on Long Service Leave and returns in Term 2
- I myself will be taking Long Service Leave until June 19th

As a result of my leave the following staffing changes will take place for term 2;

- Mr Trent Graham will be acting Principal
- Mr Martin Crawford will remain as Assistant Principal in the senior school
- Ms Juan Marshall will move into the position on Assistant Principal in the junior school

A major focus in term 2 will be the commencement of rehearsals for the school production ‘Zombie Prom’. This is a major commitment for both the students who are part of the cast and the school as a whole. We are very excited to be able to be part of this event this year and look forward to performances in October.

Naplan testing for Grade 7 and 9 students takes place early in term 2. It is essential that students are present for the testing and complete tests to the best of their ability. Naplan test results provides important information for teachers and how they may best plan the future learning program of all students within the school.

I wish students and staff a relaxing break and all the best for term 2.
School Library

The library at Reece High School is a place where students come to find information, read, study and use computers. This year the library is staffed by Mrs Bernadette Hawkes, Mrs Pennii Purton, Mrs Lyn Norton-Smith and Mrs Maree Cole. The library staff are always willing to help students find the information they require or an interesting book to read.

The library is open at lunch times during the week for Junior School students on Tuesday and Thursdays and Senior School students on Wednesday and Fridays.

Each student may borrow 5 items at one time for a period of 2 weeks and we will require them to use their student ID card when borrowing next term.

Books can be renewed at the circulation desk in the Library. When a book becomes overdue the following procedure is followed:

| Overdue lists are emailed every 2 weeks to teachers who will notify student their book is overdue. |
| Every 8 weeks library shelves are checked. Classes are visited to collect any overdue items. |
| A letter is sent to parents to inform them of the items their child has overdue. |
| At the end of the term an invoice is sent to the parents for overdue items that have still not been returned. There is a $5 processing fee. If the items are returned this fee still needs to be paid before the student can resume borrowing. |
| Every month an invoice is sent from the Department of Education in Hobart until the account is paid. |
| Accounts can be paid at the School Office or at a Service Tasmania Office |

As we approach the end of first term it is a good time for students to show responsibility by ensuring all overdue books are renewed or returned on time.
Building Global Connections

Over the past few weeks students from 9C have had the opportunity to develop links throughout the world by participating in the Skype Education program. To date students have been able to connect with students from the USA and also Hong Kong. During these sessions students have been able to discuss what school is like here and find out more about what life is like there. Students have also been lucky enough to connect regularly with Mrs Smoke, a teacher from Kansas, who has been able to discuss specific elements of life in the United States and also chat about aspects of ecosystems in her community. India is next on our hit list as students aim to assist a group of “Eco Warriors!” save their local habitat from destruction due to developing infrastructure.

RHS students in a session with Mrs Smoke
Our Day at the V8 Supercars

It was an overcast but warm day when a serious group of car enthusiasts embarked on a journey of great importance. Our group consisted of Ronald, Daniel, Damon, Glen, Ethan, Laurence, Jamie, Stuart and Thomas. Accompanying adults were Kevin, Narelle and Jannine. We arrived to a thunder of engines as the supercars lapped the track. The kids set up base camp and left to check out what was happening all around the track. With the various sounds shrieking around us, a few of us wandered down to inspect the pits and look out for drivers for autographs and posters. It turned into a brilliantly warm day as we sat and watched the cars pass by on the track. All too soon it was time to leave for our return trip back to school.
ART BY GRADE 9/10 STUDENTS

Sarah Nelson

Max Dolliver

Zac Lunson

Aimee Denton

Hannah Campbell
‘Celebration of Student Achievement in NAPLAN 2013’ Awards Ceremony. Reece High student receiving certificate from Liz Banks, Deputy Secretary of Early Years and Schools.
In 2008, the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) commenced in Australian schools. The program is scheduled to continue in 2014 with all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 to be assessed using common national tests in Reading, Persuasive Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy.

Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students in Tasmania have been participating in literacy and numeracy tests for a number of years, so there is familiarity with the test formats and the types of questions.

The scheduled dates for the tests in 2014 are Tuesday 13 May, Wednesday 14 May and Thursday 15 May.

These national tests will provide information on how students are progressing against national minimum standards of literacy and numeracy skills expected for each year level, as well as performance across the whole range of student abilities. The results will support improvements in teaching and learning for students.

Parents will receive an individual report that shows their child’s results and a comparison of their child’s performance against all other Australian students in their year level. The report will also indicate how their child performed in comparison to the national average and the levels of achievement expected at that year level.

For students in Years 5, 7 and 9, the results from the 2014 tests will provide parents and schools with important information on progress made since they last participated in NAPLAN testing in 2012.

The best way you can assist your child is by making them feel comfortable about the nature and purpose of the tests, and assure them that the tests will give them an opportunity to show what they have learned in class.

For more information about the national tests, including test samples, frequently asked questions, the test schedule and a parent information brochure, please visit the national NAPLAN website at: [http://www.nap.edu.au](http://www.nap.edu.au)
Term 1 Social
Prefect Report

The 2014 Prefect board have had a great start to the year. So far this year we have attended the grade 7 camp at Paton Park, successfully run our first school social, whole school lunch time activities which have created awareness around the issue of bullying and have won our first Dodge ball match of the year against Devonport High! We are currently finalising the ANZAC assembly, which will be held on Wednesday the 16th of April and we are working on developing strong connections with other grades and our peers in term 2.

On the 5th of April, grade 7 students and the Prefect Board attended a camp at Paton Park. This was our first real test to show what we could accomplish as a group. Many friendships were made throughout the camp. It really helped us to create a bond with the grade 7s. We had international competitors such as the ‘Shadow’ and ‘Intergalactic Champion’ Mr Richard Robinson who made a special guest appearance in spotlight. Mr Robinson made it very hard for the grade 7's to find any secret hiding spots. Overall the camp was a success and it showed us what it was like to control 110+ rowdy, enthusiastic, energetic and excited kids.

Last week we ran our first school social. The theme was ‘fictional characters.’ Many people dressed up in amazing costumes. The majority of Prefects dressed up as Smurfs. Some of the standout costumes were Rueben Davies who won best dressed as the Mad Hatter. Other great costumes were Mario and Luigi and Where’s Wally. Our group believes that it was a fun night for all and a great success. If anyone has any feedback regarding the socials feel free to let any Prefect know as it would be greatly appreciated. The entire Prefect Board hope that you enjoyed it and we look forward to you attending the upcoming socials.

On behalf of the Prefect Board we hope that all students and teachers are enjoying their year and settling in well to the new and exciting environments. Stay safe throughout the Easter holidays and enjoy the break. We look forward to seeing everyone in term 2.

By Alex Triffett, Brock Kenny and Mackenzie Douglas on behalf of the Board.
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**LEVIES REMINDER**

2014 levies are due in full by 17 April, 2014. Should you be experiencing extenuating circumstances and are unable to make payment in full by this date, please contact the School Business Manager on 6420 8100.

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**Controlled Falling Project**

School Holiday Show – 1st May at 7.30pm, Devonport Entertainment Centre - **Controlled Falling Project**.
The show is a combination of theatre, circus, clowning, dance, and percussion. Controlled Falling Project is high-energy circus theatre suitable for all ages and backgrounds. For bookings phone the Devonport Entertainment Centre on 64202900 or book online at [www.decc.net.au](http://www.decc.net.au).

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