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Issue 1

## NEWSLETTER

14 March 2014

### Principal Report March 14

On Monday the Reece High School Association will hold the Annual General Meeting. The association has an important role to play as it is this group which ratifies all school policies and major decisions in relation to the school.

Parental withdrawal from children's education is a big problem these days as increasingly parents are busy with work or being involved in a variety of other activities. Not only that, but many parents are strongly discouraged by their children from even stepping onto the school grounds, let alone talking to their teachers or attending anything more than the most formal of school events.

But the research into parental involvement says; become involved in as many aspects as practical in your child's education. Their chances of success are better when children see school as an extension of home rather than merely an institution for learning. Positive parent participation demonstrates to children that you value learning and Reece High School in particular. Children copy many of their parents' views so your positive attitude to school and learning is catching.

Building a connection with the school can be done by making sure that you receive the school newsletter; this can be emailed to you if that is more convenient. Develop an ongoing line of communication with your child's teacher. Ring them or email them. Your child may not want you at school but there are other ways that this can be done. Talk to your child's teacher about where he or she needs to focus their future development. You don't need to wait for 3-Way conferences to have this conversation Work with us to develop your child's educational plan and then support us in achieving it.

Secondly encourage your child to be resilient. Going further with education is not always easy. As students hit year 11 and 12 the workload increases and exams can be extremely stressful. Take the challenges that your child may face, either socially or academically, as learning situations. Let them fight their own battles and let them make their own decisions. Encourage them to take risks as not succeeding can teach valuable lessons.

Thirdly, make sure that your child attends school every day possible. Encourage them to participate in every opportunity that school provides. Sporting teams, school sports carnivals, arts performances. School is not just about the 3 R's.

Lastly, consider joining the School Association as this is where you can influence what happens at school. Become an advocate for our school and promote its positive features throughout the wider community. Encourage your child to take pride in Reece High School through your example. Positive parent participation in school and learning is a proven criterion for student success.

The staff of Reece High School look forward to working with you throughout 2014.

# Inter-High Swimming Report – Newsletter

Last week 17 students from different grades competed at the North West Inter-high Swimming Carnival in Burnie. This year Reece High competed in Division B and we had a large number of highlights from the day; including

Jacinta Tyson - Grade 9 Girls Div B Champion

Melinda Tyson - Grade 10 Girls Div B Champion

Brock Kenny - Grade 10 Boys Div B Champion

Reece High School got a great result, finishing 1<sup>st</sup> in Div B and therefore moving up to Div A in 2015. Well done to all swimmers who participated to their best and represented the school.

Melinda Tyson & Brock Kenny



# CONGRATULATIONS

HANNAH LEE - UI7 Tasmanian State Netball Team

Reece High School would like to congratulate Hannah Lee on being selected in the Tasmanian State Under 17 Netball Team. She will compete in the National Netball Championships in Melbourne during April, and we wish her all the very best.



## URGENT NOTE TO PARENTS 2014 SCHOOL IMMUNISATION PROGRAMME

The school immunisation programme will be taking place for Grades 7 and 9 students on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March

If you have returned a consent form for your child, he/she will be vaccinated as requested, unless you have been otherwise notified by the Health Department.

**IMPORTANT: If your child has received vaccinations elsewhere since completing the consent form, is unwell or has commenced taking some form of medication – YOU MUST advise the Devonport City Council Health Department immediately on 6424 0576.**

**Please DO NOT expect school staff to pass on this information.** Parents are responsible for ensuring the accuracy of information provided on the consent forms, and for any necessary alterations to that information being passed on to the Health Department.



FACULTY OF HEALTH RURAL CLINICAL SCHOOL  
**CAREERS IN HEALTH**



# UNIVERSITY OF TASMANIA

Are you interested  
in a career in  
health?

The Faculty of Health are holding information sessions about health degrees offered at the University of Tasmania and would like to invite prospective NW Coast Year 11/12 students, parents and mature age individuals, to join us.

The session will include course and career information on:

- Medicine
- Medical Research
- Paramedics
- Human Life Sciences
- Pharmacy
- Nursing and Midwifery
- Psychology; and
- Other health science related career paths.

## WHEN AND WHERE?

**Wednesday 12th March 2014** 6.00pm – 7.30pm

Rural Clinical School, University of Tasmania, Hospitals' Campus, Brickport Road, Burnie (supper provided)

**Thursday 13th March 2014** 6.00pm – 7.30pm

Rural Clinical School, University of Tasmania, Mersey Campus, Level 2, Mersey Community Hospital, Latrobe (supper provided)

## INTERESTED?

Register your interest online:

[www.utas.edu.au/rural-clinical-school](http://www.utas.edu.au/rural-clinical-school)



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# BULLYING. NO WAY!

TAKE A STAND  
TOGETHER

## National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence

Aspire  
A Pathway to Mental Health Inc.

Join CYFE at the Bluff  
in Devonport from  
3pm till 6pm for a free  
BBQ, free stuff and fun.

For more info please phone: 0400364317

**Friday 21 March 2014**

[www.bullyingnoway.gov.au](http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au)

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11th Birthday celebrations  
**Tasmania Zoo**  
 15th & 16th March  
**All Entry Only \$10!**  
*(up to 60% off regular admission prices)*



- Fun educational hands on animal interactions with Chris Humfrey 9am-5pm \*
- Giant jumping pillow (free)
- Hot/cold food & refreshments

**Come meet Celebrity Chris Humfrey**  
 from the TV series **"Wild Life"**

Check out Chris' series airing Tuesday nights ABC3 8.30

\*Chris Saturday only



The Salvation Army Devonport Ride to Change Our World Bike-a-thon Saturday 29th March-10am The Devonport Salvation Army Kidzone Kids invite all Primary School aged Children to come and join them in their inaugural Bike-a-thon to raise money for overseas Mission Work. This year during March The Salvation Army are focusing on programs in, Tanzania, China, Bolivia and Bangladesh, our weekly Kidzone Kids Club felt challenged to help out with this fantastic cause by hosting a bike-a-thon to raise money. The ride will commence at 10am at the Devonport Aquatic Centre and finish at the Vietnam Veterans BBQ area. Children are asked to gather donations from family, friends and neighbours prior to the ride and bring it all to the ride. All children raising funds will receive a certificate of appreciation for all their awesome efforts. The day will finish with a BBQ and all children will be able to have a free sausage and drink at the end of their ride and Parents/Carers will be invited to join with them at the BBQ and purchase sausages and drinks with all proceeds going to our great cause. Children will need their own bike, scooter and a helmet to participate.

## CALENDAR DATES TO REMEMBER 2014

17 <sup>th</sup> March	Surf Carnival
25 <sup>th</sup> March	Immunisation Grade 7 and 9
28 <sup>th</sup> March	Reports home
17 <sup>th</sup> April	Student Free Day
17 <sup>th</sup> April	End of term I
13 - 15 May	NAPLAN Testing

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