Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to Term 2 at Rosebery Primary School! After a very positive Term 1 I’m looking forward to all that we will achieve together this term. As you will have noticed, there has been new turf installed at the school and also new furniture in the canteen area. These are just the beginnings of the transformation of our play spaces that I know you’ll enjoy watching over the coming weeks.

Please remember to get those time preference slips back to your child’s teacher as soon as possible (by Wednesday 20th April). This way you have the best chance of securing a suitable time. We encourage all parents to engage with the chance to discuss your child’s progress with his/her teacher.

This morning I had the pleasure of attending our first ever Early Years Assembly. All of the kids did a fabulous job and I was so proud of the way they were confident to speak and perform so publicly. I thought Caedyn Taylor did a wonderful job in providing the Welcome To Country and I particularly loved the performance about the Wide-Mouthed Frog – not to mention the exciting arrival of the Birthday Fairy! It was also great to see so many parents in attendance. We hope you enjoyed the assembly too and can find a way to squeeze this event into your regular diaries.

I’m also looking forward to our special ANZAC Day Assembly to be held on Thursday 21st April at 8.30am. This assembly will be hosted by our Year 5/6 students and we have some plans in store to mark ANZAC Day in a very special way for our school. With approximately 30% of our students having a direct family link to our armed forces, we want to make this a tradition in our school. I hope you can come along and join us.

Thank you to parents and carers for your understanding in regard to the Pupil Free Day which we held on Monday. It was a highly valuable day for all staff as we completed further training in our Kagan Co-Operative Learning strategies and structures. As many of you have discussed with me, this approach takes group work to a whole new level and ensures your child/ren are very actively engaged in the classroom learning. If you would like to know more about this highly valuable approach, just have a quick word with your child’s teacher.

This week, your children may have commented that one of their teachers was doing some special training and that they may have had a Relief Teacher. This minor disruption has been to train our teachers in a special numeracy program called “Back-To-Front” Maths. This program is designed to help our students think deeply and mathematically in a way that prepares them to engage with the new Australian Curriculum. Specifically, it helps students use their number skills for problem solving – which is an area that all Australian children should be performing better in. We think we’ll see some impressive numeracy results from this investment this year and in the years to come.

I wish you all a great term at Rosebery Primary School. It promises to be a busy and exciting time. As always, if you have anything that you wish to discuss about our school and community just drop by for a chat with myself or our Assistant Principal, Shona Henderson.

Kind regards,
Adam Voigt
Principal

Every Child, Every Day - improving student enrolment, attendance and participation is everybody’s responsibility and everyone’s business.
Camp Payment Reminder

To ensure planning for our year 5/6 students to Batchelor Camp runs smoothly, you are reminded that full camp payments are due by Thursday 21st April. If you are experiencing difficulties in making the full payment please contact Danielle or Mick at the school.

Assistant Principal
Name: Shona Henderson

Background: Born and grew up in Scotland, moved to PNG when I was 10, and immigrated to Australia (Darwin) when I was 20.
What do you love about RPS? The Co-teaching, the students, all the staff, and Bary the Turtle!
What was the last book you read? I am in the middle of ‘The girl with the Dragon Tattoo’ but keep re-reading the first chapter because I just can’t seem to find the time to get into it properly.
What’s the funniest thing that has happened to you? My luggage got lost on arrival back in Scotland a few years ago. Consequently I had to wear my mother-in-law’s Bridget-Jones-type undies for three days; it was definitely a ‘bonding moment’ AND I kept very warm – they came all way up to my chest!
What do you like to do in your spare time? Visit loads of different restaurants with family and friends, reading, cooking, talking!

Preparations are well underway to creating the RPS best ever Mothers Day stall. Thank you to all of our wonderful families that have donated items to the school so far. We are still taking donations so if you have any items that we could use to make up gifts please send them into the school. Parents, Guardians and Grandparents are invited to be involved in the creation of gifts for the stall at our craft gatherings. Craft gatherings are a great opportunity to meet and socialise with other families of our wonderful school community, so if you have a special flair for creation or would like to just come in for a chat and some fun please come to the school at any of the times below. We will be meeting in the P8 building.

Craft Gathering Times
April Dates
Tuesday 19th April 9.40 to 11am
Wednesday 27th April 5pm to 7pm
Friday 29th April 9.40am to 11am

May Dates
Tuesday 3rd May 9.40am to 11am
Wednesday 4th May 5pm to 7pm
Thursday 5th May 5pm to 7pm

We look forward to seeing you there.

Cerise Sherwell
Mothers Day Stall Co-ordinator

Early Years
Sarah Baldwin-Potton, Caleb Staynoff
Johan Van Eeden, Taylah Tucker
Lilly Pennell, Lise Lecompte
Oliver Sherwell, Chloe Jeggo
Addison Wilson, Kai Rayner
Diamond Taufalele, Lili Lorio
Sarah Brown, Fabian Masters

Class Merit Awards
Fantastic

Date Event
April
Fri 15th Early Years Assembly
Thu 21st Whole School Assembly
Fri 22nd Public Holiday - Good Friday
Mon 25th Public Holiday - Easter Monday
Tues 26th Public Holiday - Anzac Day
Wed 27th - Fri 29th Parent/Teacher Interviews
Fri 29th Early Years Assembly
May
Tues 3rd - Fri 6th Year 5 & 6 Camp
Tues 6th Mothers Day Stall
Tues 6th Preschool Group 2 Photos
Fri 13th Early Years Assembly
Fri 20th Whole School Assembly
June
Mon 13th Public Holiday - Queens Birthday
Fri 24th Last Day Of Term 2
July
Mon 25th Students Return For Term 3
ANZAC DAY

With ANZAC Day approaching, show your pride in the Aussie spirit by purchasing a Legacy wristband for $3 from reception. Mrs Croc will also have them for sale in the undercover area during lunchtimes.

“WE ALWAYS NEED HEROES” -
“LEST WE FORGET”

SATURDAY 21ST May 2011 * 8.30 - 11.30am
In ‘The Shed’ : Cnr Moulden Tce & Elrundie Tc, Moulden
• Register a stall (for your own profit with a $20 registration fee) or
• Donate items to Hope city to sell for their profit (4 - 7 the night before) &/or
• Volunteer to help out on the day AND
• Spread the word to family, friends and neighbours!

Look out for the Sausage Sizzle and Jumping Castle
Clean out or grab bargains and all proceeds will go to local and overseas ministries i.e. Mainly Music Program; Darwin Hospital visit (Hope for Life); House of Hope (Thailand Orphanage; International China Concern (Abandoned & disabled kids)
To register or for more information contact
Jasmine Mancer on 0406 825 911

HAPPY EASTER!
All of Palmerston is invited to a
COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT
EASTER SUNDAY 5pm (21ST April)
RSVP essential by Thu 21ST

Cost: $4 per person (2 years+), or $15 per family
Palmerston Salvation Army - Cnr Temple Tce and Woodroffe Ave, Woodroffe
Call: 8932 6529 to RSVP, or Facebook: “Palmerston Salvos” (Group)
This includes Easter Eggs, Dinner, and a reflection on the Christian story of Easter!
Backstage, at the Darwin Entertainment Centre, in the Green Room. Our Yr 5/6s learn about how a stage performance comes together. Professional actors called “Monkey Baa” led drama workshops at DEC and at our school.

Yr 1/2Beale performs a poetry rendition called “Raindrops”.

Our very first flute lesson.