Hello Rosebery PS Families,

It’s been another very busy fortnight at Rosebery Primary School as we near the end of our very first term as a School Community. I continue to feel very proud of our students and our staff in their efforts at school and I know that there is some wonderful learning going on through our “big 4” signature programs:
- Kagan Co-operative Learning
- Co-Teaching
- Restorative Practices
- Evidence Based Programming

If you would like to know any more about these, please feel free to grab me for a chat around the school. I’m always happy to discuss the plans and achievements that we are working so hard on.

Student Leaders

I was very proud to see the speeches by our nominees to be School Captains this year. They are all indeed fine young people and I’m certainly glad that I didn’t have a vote – I wouldn’t have known who to choose! In the end our two school captains are certainly worthy candidates. My congratulations to Aisha Rosewall and Jeremiah Tuaineiti, who are our School Captains and first Student Leadership Council (SLC) members. Also joining Aisha and Jeremiah on the SLC are Matthew Lugton, Dylan Buchanan, Tarian Ockenden, Rebecca Griffiths, Lochie Gibbons and Tanayah Allegretto. I know these students are going to do us proud now and into the future.

Mr. Sant also did a marvelous job coordinating the elections and will now coordinate SLC activities with these students.

School Council

I would like to thank all parents and staff who came along to our meeting on Monday to appoint our Interim School Council for 2011. I am delighted to announce Robyn Bryant as our School Council Chair. Robyn was an active member of our 2010 Interim School Council and I know she will do a fantastic job. Robyn is joined by Kim Jackson, Sue Lowry, Laurinda Minnaar, Samantha Redshaw, Anthony Sherwell, Brenton Taylor, Stacey Taylor and Kris Wahlqvist as parent members on the council. Our Staff reps will be appointed next week and then the Council can get to work on appointing a Secretary and Treasurer, and also developing a constitution for our school. These are all very important steps.

New Staff

I would like to officially welcome Amy Allegretto (Defence Student Transition Aide) and our Learning Support Officers, Coby James and Cazz Smith. We are very excited to be adding them to our team and I know they will all feel welcome and also become wonderful assets to our growing school.

Students Out And About

Recently, we’ve had many students representing our school at theatre workshops, try days and other excursions. I have been very proud of the behaviour they have shown and the fair play, sportsmanship, manners and cooperation that all who experience them are telling me about. Keep up the great work everyone!

Have a wonderful weekend, everyone.

Adam Voigt
Principal

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Every Child, Every Day - improving student enrolment, attendance and participation is everybody’s responsibility and everyone’s business.
I won Mr Voigt for hour and I got to do what I wanted with him. When I won Mr Voigt I felt happy and shy at the same time. My class kept asking me to get Mr Voigt to get McDonalds for lunch. Instead I made him dance.

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CO-TEACHING AT ROSEBERY

At Rosebery, almost all of our teachers are co-teaching. Co-teaching is defined as ‘...two or more people sharing responsibility for teaching some or all of the students assigned to a classroom. It involves the distribution of responsibility among people for planning, instruction, and evaluation for a classroom of students.’ (‘A Guide to Co-Teaching’ by Villa, Thousand, Nevin, 2008)

According to Villa, Thousand, Nevin, co-teaching may offer the following beneficial Outcomes:

1. Students develop better attitudes about themselves, academic improvement and social skills.
2. Teacher-to-student ratio is increased, learning to better teaching and learning conditions.
3. Teachers are able to use research-proven teaching strategies effectively.
4. A greater sense of community is fostered in the classroom.
5. Co-teachers report professional growth, personal support, and enhanced motivation.
6. Increased job satisfaction can be experienced because needs for survival, power, freedom and choice, a sense of belonging, and fun are met.

At Rosebery, we firmly believe that the effort required by co-teaching is worth it because it results in happier and more successful children as well as more competent and confident staff. Co-teaching provides a vehicle for teachers and students to move from feelings of isolation and alienation to feelings of community and collaboration. In other words, the lone arranger model of teaching is replaced with a co-teacher model.

Zumba @ Rosebery Middle School!
MONDAY 4pm-5pm
(Every Mon running with the school terms.)
Located in the Dance Studio, Performing Arts area (yellow building). Bring workout clothes, sneakers (with no grip/worn out grip) and WATER!
COST - $10 per person – pay as you come
NO booking required
Please email aimee.speak@ntschools.net for directions/map.
Our say......

I like working with my friends.

It helps me make more friends.

I like sharing my ideas.

It’s fun learning together.

It helps me get to know everyone in our class.

I like it because it helps you bond with other people that you might have never thought you would. It also teaches you to not judge a book by its cover.

I like learning about other people.

I like working as a team you never feel alone.

I like cooperative learning because we don’t have to sit in our seats all day.

I like working with friends and cooperative learning helps me make new ones.

I like talking to different people.

I like it because you get more ideas for your own work.

I like it because it helps me talk to other people and I am less shy now.

I like it because it makes new ones.

I like it because it makes learning more fun.

I like it because you make more friends.

I like it because you get more ideas for your own work.

It has helped me be more sociable.

The hand that gives, gathers.

English Proverb

I like it because it makes everyone get along.

I like working together because it is fun and you get your work done faster.

Working Together