Hello Rosebery PS families,

Firstly, a quick thanks to all of you who gave my family such lovely wishes in the last week or so. We experienced a death in the family and this meant I was in Melbourne for a funeral for a few days – thus my absence. I know the staff did a wonderful job keeping things running smoothly.

Year 5/6 students at Batchelor Camp

I had the great opportunity to drop by the Batchelor Camp last week to briefly see our Year 5/6 students in action. They seemed to me to be having a wonderful time and throwing themselves into the rock climbing, trampolining, archery and swimming. More than this, I was highly impressed with their maturity, friendliness and willingness to “have a go”. Parents can be duly proud of these young people and I know that all students gained a great deal from the week. I would like to pay special mention to our staff - Danielle Banicek, Mick Santi, Shona Henderson and Troy Wright - who willingly gave their time to make this event a real success. Indeed, it’s a big commitment and sacrifice. Thank you – one and all!

Attendance

It’s been very interesting to watch our first attendance trends appearing over the last 15 weeks. We have had periods where our collections have indicated up to 94.3% attendance (among the highest in the NT!) but the last collection had dropped to 90.8%. We need to remember that, even at 90%, an average student is missing a day a fortnight – and that’s certainly enough to fall behind. You will have seen the ads on TV about “Every Child, Every Day” and I am very determined that all of our students will benefit fully from the programs we continue to put in place.

NAPLAN

I would like to thank our staff and students who have helped facilitate NAPLAN testing this week. This week our Year 3 and Year 5 students participated and I sat in on many of these sessions. I was very pleased with the determination and effort shown by our students. While there are many messages in the media about NAPLAN – at Rosebery PS it’s simple. The data from NAPLAN helps us to inform our teaching. That’s all. We don’t use the results to judge any student and we strive to ensure our students are relaxed at school and always do their best.

Playgrounds

I’m pleased to report that we now have a much bigger play space with the release of a large grassed area this week. There is also further work happening to install play equipment in the coming weeks and the aim is for us to have a functioning oval with goalposts by the start of next term. While we have needed to wait patiently, it is certainly exciting to see our play spaces developing before our eyes.

School Council

Just a quick reminder to our School Council members that our next meeting is this coming Monday 16th May at 6pm in the Staff Room. We are looking to finalise work on our School Constitution at this meeting and we should be able to release this to our community very soon.

Have a great weekend everyone! Remember that myself and our Assistant Principal, Shona Henderson, are available for you if you would ever like to discuss any aspect of Rosebery Primary School.

Kind regards,

Adam Voigt
Principal

Every Child, Every Day - improving student enrolment, attendance and participation is everybody’s responsibility and everyone’s business.
MOTHERS DAY RAFFLE WINNERS

Congratulations

1st Prize: Matt Lugton
2nd Prize: Jacki Fitzpatrick
3rd Prize: Jemma Gossow

Staff Profile

Defence School Transition Aide (DSTA)
Name: Amy Allegretto aka Mrs. Croc

Background: I was born in Victoria but I have lived in many different places of Australia such as: Wodonga, Brisbane, Sydney, Puckapunyal, Kapooka, Darwin and some of those more than once!

What do you love about RPS? I love the co-teaching environment. The children aren’t just sitting stagnant in the same seat all year, by encouraging them to move around and work with other teachers and students they are building awesome people skills.

What was the last book you read? Eat, Pray, Love.

What’s the funniest thing that has happened to you? My husband and I decided to take our 3 daughters to Dream World last year. During the Slime Time show my youngest daughter was chosen to come up on stage and play one of the games. Ashlee and a few other people had to play pass the parcel with a cream pie and if the music stopped while they were holding the pie in their hand they had to push it into their face. Ashlee won the game so instead of being creamed, for her prize she got to choose Mum or Dad to bring up on stage and hit in the face with the pie... She chose Mum!

What do you like to do in your spare time? I love hanging out as a family, swimming in the pool, having mates over for a BBQ, visiting the wharf, and enjoying all Darwin has to offer.

PROUD

Congratulations to the following students for the safe return of their parent.

Kaitlin Sheather
Mike Sheather
Rebecca Griffiths
Rosebery Primary School students and staff would like to send a very big Thank you to Cerise Sherwell and her helper Anthony for Rosebery Primary Schools first ever Mothers Day Stall. Cerise created over 600 items to be sold at the stall.

The total profit raised $722.45

We would like to thank the following families and businesses for their wonderful donations to the Mothers Day Stall:

- Samantha Spry
- Kylee Laven
- Tammy Watson
- Ramona Bryant
- Janette Buchanan
- Anita Jonaskas
- Briddie Vienna
- Toni Castle
- Preschool
- Mr Terry Mills MLA
- Marnie Richards
- Rebecca McKay
- Kylie Gibbons
- Leanne Pullman
- Nada Allen
- Kerri Hayes
- Syd Mai Chong
- Cerise Sherwell
- Katie Grundmann
- Bunning Palmerston

DEFENCE FAMILIES

This award is presented to students whose parent/s are returning from deployment. To notify the school of parents serving or returning from overseas please contact Mrs Allegretto (aka Mrs Croc) on 8930 5100 or email amy.allegretto@ntschools.net

A variety of lessons
- First Timers to Advanced Players
- Group sessions or Private lessons
- All ages welcome

Session times range between:
- Monday 3.00pm - 7.00pm
- Tuesday 3.00pm - 7.00pm
- Wednesday 3.00pm - 7.00pm
- Thursday Private lessons available
- Friday 3.00pm - 7.00pm
- Saturday 8.00am - 1.00pm

Located in Fairway Waters next to Durack Primary School. Please don’t hesitate to contact head coach Daniel Parker for more information.