Hello Rosebery PS Families,

Another busy fortnight has flown by at Rosebery PS. Our Year 6 students have been getting involved with orientation to our partners at Rosebery Middle School, our Pre-School playground has almost completed its facelift, we hosted Gray PS for a fabulous netball match (complete with raucous Rosebery cheer squad!) and we had another brilliant assembly this time hosted by 1/2 Birch and 1/2 Cole. There is plenty to celebrate and also plenty to look forward to as the end our very first year of operation gets closer.

I’m delighted to announce today that the Rosebery PS website is now functional, online and available to everyone in our school community. Just go to http://www.roseberyprimary.nt.edu.au to check it out. While some areas of the site are still under construction, I’m sure you’ll agree that so much of who we are as a school has been captured. Now that it’s in our hands, we look forward to continually upgrading the website for you. My sincere thanks go to our Assistant Principal Shona Henderson who has worked tirelessly to get the website up and running.

Today (Friday 28th October) is World Teachers Day. This presents an opportunity to thank all of our teachers, and all of the support staff, who make our school great each and every day. I’ve had the opportunity to watch closely the work that our teachers have done to establish our school so quickly and so successfully. It’s been remarkable and what they do daily is both an achievement and miracle. I know you will join me in thanking our teachers through this international day of celebration.

If you have a Pre-Schooler ready to join our school in 2012, please make sure you take your first enrolment steps now. While priority will be given to existing RPS families, we cannot hold 2012 spots indefinitely. Our Pre-School places are in high demand and we will now need to direct future enrolments to Woodroffe PS (who do a great job!) but if you are determined to be a part of our Pre-School program for 2012 then you should immediately get in touch.

With the hotter and wetter weather arriving, we continue to look for ways to improve our outdoors facilities with the funds we have available to us. I’m pleased to announce that two of our playground areas will be protected with shade structures in the coming weeks. This will be the beginning of a staged plan to cover all play areas so that they are fun, comfortable and accessible throughout the school year.

With some afternoon storms now becoming more regular, it’s important that the students are safe at the end of the school day. In the case of imminent electrical storms I may instruct teachers to hold the students back after 2.40pm. In these cases or when it’s raining heavily, it might be an idea to collect your child personally from the classroom door to prevent them making any mistakes in crossing dangerous roads and carparks in a downpour. We’ll do all we can to keep your children safe at school and on the way home – and we ask you to partner us in this effort.

As always, if you would like to talk about all or any matters Rosebery Primary School – please drop by for a chat with myself, your child’s teacher or our Assistant Principal Shona Henderson.

Adam Voigt
Principal

Every Child, Every Day - improving student enrolment, attendance and participation is everybody’s responsibility and everyone’s business.
Staff Profile

Name: Kim Bracegirdle
Teacher

Background: Grew up in the outer east of Melbourne

What do you love about RPS? I love co-teaching with Mrs Canuto and sharing that learning and teaching. I love having 44 students to work with rather than half that amount. I love the newness of everything and not having to use everyone’s scruffy, old things. I love the ‘logo’ of the long-necked turtle for the school, as well as Bary the socialite long-necked turtle in his tank in the front office.

What was the last book you read? For about the third time I’ve been reading Gone with the Wind. I’ve been reading it for quite a while now. I got distracted by other things. I’ve nearly finished it!

What’s the funniest thing that has happened to you? Not so funny but tragic – I was arriving in London about 4am and being picked up from Heathrow by my teaching agency and dropped at my brother’s place. The guy who picked me up had another pick up to do so left me on a strange street ringing the doorbell of a flat. My brother had given me the wrong address because he had just moved in with a friend and I didn’t know it. No one was living in that flat so I didn’t wake anyone up. It was about 5.30am by this stage, freezing cold (remember I had just arrived in December having moved from Groote Eylandt!) and I had piles of luggage. I lugged my bags up the street one way thinking maybe it was just up there, but no luck. Then all the way back down the street. I found a pay phone (no mobile for me back then) and tried to ring my brother but it went to voicemail. I left him a panicked message and then used my credit card in the phone to ring my mum in Melbourne, who couldn’t help either as she had the same address for my brother as me. Eventually, in tears, not knowing what to do, I was walking away from the pay phone when my brother came dashing past. The flat he was staying in was just around the corner and he’d been in the shower when I first called him. Needless to say the agency got a call about the guy leaving me alone on the street and I went out and bought my first mobile phone the next day.

What do you like to do in your spare time? Scrapbooking, reading, watching TV, shopping, going for coffee with friends.

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**NT BMX TITLES**

Kaitlyn and Kobe travelled to Nhulunbuy during the school holidays to participate with their family at the NT BMX Titles. Both performed well, bringing home trophies for their achievements. Kaitlyn won NT1 in her Cruiser class and NT3 in 20” class. She has also qualified to attend the Australian BMX Titles as a “Dynamite” and represent the NT in the Dynamite Series.

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**Date** | **Event**
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**October**
Fri 21st | Whole School Assembly
Wed 26th | Book Club Orders Due
**November**
7th - 18th | Galaxy Book Fair
COUNCIL CHATTER

Hi All,

Time for an update on some of the things the Council has been working/ruminating over:

**NAPLAN Results** - The results are out and the School has exceeded the Territory average - well done to all students and staff! From now it’s onward and upward!!

**Shade** - we have confirmation that in the near future at least two play areas will have their shade installed. Future shade will need to be funded by the School so I hope you’re all set for fundraising in the new year!!

**Preschool** - the playground is in it’s final stages, installation of toilet doors and re-fencing of the front of the preschool for added security and safety of the wee ones are currently in process.

**Uniforms** - “We are pleased to inform you that our uniform supplier, Permapleat, has responded to our feedback about the stitching quality in our uniforms and have now added reinforced seams to future orders at no extra cost. Our best efforts to use a reputable stain remover and soaking the shirts if they need stains removed will also help preserve the uniforms for even longer. Of course, there’s nothing we can do about those Rugby tackles …”

**Hats** - Rosebery Primary School is a sun-smart school and as such applies the ‘No Hat, No Play’ rule within reason. In line with health and safety guidelines, children without hats are to remain under cover during recess and lunch breaks; incidents will be noted.

**Website** - The School’s website has just now “gone live” - check it out at [http://www.roseberyprimary.nt.edu.au](http://www.roseberyprimary.nt.edu.au)

**Fund Raising** - We will end the year with one last major effort at fund raising; details have not yet been finalised, but I urge you all to support the cause - it’s the only way we can raise cash to get those things we want and need.

**School Council** - The School Council has struggled with numbers and support from the wider school community in 2011; I challenge you all to step up next year and help your school. The school and students will be appreciative of ANY support you can provide; as a Council member (meeting approx 8 times per year), as a sub-committee member (various time requirements) or as an ad hoc volunteer (as the need arises). I would like to add that if you see something happening you don’t like; get up and do something about it! Be part of the solution and together, we can make Rosebery Primary School the envy of all others.

The Council has met for the last time in 2011 and I would like to thank those who have dedicated their time to the development of Rosebery Primary School's reputation and community during the year.

Well done to the Council members, staff and volunteers; it has been a pleasure meeting and working with you in 2011 - can’t wait for 2012!!

Robyn Bryant
Chair
Rosebery Primary School Council

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NAME THE RPS CHOOKS
SLC Fundraiser Raffle

Please have all raffle tickets sold or unsold returned to school by November 3rd. The raffle will be drawn at assembly on Friday 4th November. 1st Prize is a $50 Lenard’s Voucher

FOR HIRE
Now taking bookings for 2 halls.

The Salvo’s are firing out their two halls in woodroffe. Need community space for a non-for-profit or business? We have the solution! Halls include: Toilets, disabled access, Kitchen facilities, chairs, tables ……

$15 per hour flat rate (for regular weekly bookings)
$20 per hour otherwise Saturday night $100.
Currently weekday spots available: afternoons and night and some mornings..
Call or Email Pete for an application.
Office: (08) 8932 6529 Mobile: 0439 033 826
Email: peter.brookshaw@aus.salvationarmy.org

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**PlayShack Disco**

Friday 28th Oct 2011

$10 entry
(Includes drink, chips & treat)
Phone 8931 0400

Session Times
Up to Grade 3 from 5pm-6.30pm
Parental Supervision required
Grades 4-6 from 7-9pm
Parental Sign in and Out required

Come and do some FUNky Dancing

Hub Complex, Palmerston. Phone 8931 0400
Look How Our Garden Grows...

- Spinach & Cherry Tomatoes
- Sweet Potato
- Sunflowers
- Watermelon
- Carrots
- Strawberries
- Pumpkins
- Tomatoes
- Cherry Tomatoes
- Watermelon