Parent and Families,

We have had a lovely start to the year and all children are now settling in well to their new classes and routines. I welcome anyone to come and introduce yourself to me if you are in or around the school it is always good to put faces to names.

On Friday we had our first assembly and it was great to see lots of students receiving merit awards with parents there to see this happen. This week is early childhood assembly so I will be looking to meet some more families on Friday.

I was very remiss last week of not acknowledging one of our new teachers. I would like to welcome with open arms Ms Rikki Johnson who is our Year 1/2 co-teacher with Ms Birch. Rikki is very welcome and we wish her well this year at Rosebery Primary School.

The Transition information evening was held last week with quite a few parents coming to hear about the structure and routines in transition classes. This was also a great opportunity to meet the teachers. The remainder of the school will be holding ‘Meet and greet’ nights throughout next week over the Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings. Watch out for a note coming home with each of your children with the evening their class is holding their Meet and Greet.

I would like everyone to consider attending the School Council AGM which is to be held on Monday March 12th. This provides you the opportunity to join the school council and assist first hand to make our school a great place for learning. There will be more information to follow in coming weeks. The last meeting of the current school council will take place this coming Monday evening at 6pm, all welcome.

I would like to ask parents who have older children at the Middle School who may be collecting younger siblings to remind them that when they do so it is expected that they to wait outside the classrooms or in the undercover area for their siblings. This is important as our classes don’t finish until 2.40 and we would appreciate a calm uninterrupted finish to the school day as far as possible. Please feel free to ask them to wait outside the classrooms of the younger students but if it is an upper primary sibling that is being collected it would be appreciated if children could wait in the undercover assembly area. Your assistance in this is appreciated.

With the Australian Curriculum (AC) being introduced into all schools across Australia this year we are lucky enough to have our transition teachers piloting the AC alongside the national Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF). This will mean that occasionally one or two of the teachers will be out of the school undertaking professional learning that they will come back and work with in the Early Years classrooms. This is an exciting and challenging time for teachers but at the same time we are lucky to be a school that has highly effective teachers who will be able to provide the best learning opportunities for your children through this pilot. Please feel free to ask any questions you have about this of any of the teachers or leadership team at the school.

Gail Smith
Principal

Every Child, Every Day - improving student enrolment, attendance and participation is everybody’s responsibility and everyone’s business.
MEDICATION
If your child requires medication whilst at school please call into reception to complete the relevant ‘Medication Request To Administer’ forms. All medication will be stored in reception’s sick bay and will only be administered once completed forms have been signed.

ANIMALS IN SCHOOL
Please remember not to bring the dog along when you walk to school in the morning. While we fully understand that this might seem like a wonderful activity and a great way to ensure your pet is getting some exercise, we do have some students who are very anxious about dogs. We also have a handful whose bravery gets the better of them and they may approach a dog, either tied up or on a lead, in an inappropriate way. If they were to make a mistake, we don’t want anyone to have to deal with a nasty bite. Thanks so much for helping us keep our school as a safe environment for all.

ABSENTEE LINE
Rosebery Primary School has an absentee line for students who will be absent from school. Parents or Guardians can ring 8930 5140, follow the prompts and leave your message.

ARRIVAL TIMES AND PICK-UP TIMES
Our school day commences at 8.10am. From 7.50am there will be a teacher on duty, usually Mrs Smith. Parents and students should be aware that the school’s duty of care only begins at this 7.50am marker. While we understand that some kids will be around beforehand, we hope you will help us in trying to ensure students don’t arrive at school too early. Also for our Pre-School parents – please remember that the end of the Pre-School day is 2.10pm and the Primary School day ends at 2.40pm. It’s important to pick up these little ones on time to keep anxiety at a minimum.

DROP OFF / PICK UP ZONES
Parents are asked to adhere to the marked Drop Off/Pick Up Zones in each of the school car parks. Please ensure that if you are leaving your car to collect your child/ren that you park in the designated parking spaces and not the Drop Off/Pick Up areas. This will ensure minimal congestion in the morning and afternoons. Thank you for your assistance.

MOBILE PHONES/ ELECTRONICS
Students bringing to school mobile phones and or electronics must hand them into reception before school commences. All equipment handed into reception will be secured safely. Students may then collect their equipment at the end of the school day.

SCHOOL DENTIST
For any student dental procedures or enquiries please contact the Palmerston Dental Clinic at the Health Precinct on 8999 3314.
DSTA NEWS

As we are heading into a busy period for military members & families heading off for many different work reasons and some for long periods of time, I’d like to take this opportunity to remind you that if you or your partner is going to be away can you please let myself or your child/ren’s teacher(s) know. This gives us a better understanding if/when your child is upset or there is a behavior change.

My door is always open if there is anything that you would like to discuss or would like me to help out with. Please do not hesitate to pop in or give me a call.

Sam Spry,
DSTA

DCO – Darwin
Presents

WELCOME TO THE TOP END

FAMILY DAY AND COMMUNITY SERVICE EXPO

Sunday 26 February 2012
10:00am until 2:00pm

Palmerston Recreation Centre
Cnr The Boulevard and Frances St,
Palmerston

RSVP Your name, contact details, and number of people attending Online at:
http://dipolarhosting.net/defence/topendexpo.asp

by COB Thursday 16 Feb 2012

SCHOOL PHOTO’S

School photo’s are on FRIDAY 2ND MARCH.
Photo forms will be sent home Monday 20th February.
Please ensure your child/ren is in full Rosebery uniform for photo day. Please note NO SPORTS uniforms on this day. Family envelopes are available at reception upon request. Please enclose correct money as no change is given.

cheques and money orders are to be made out to MSP Photography.

NO CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED
(Please the school does not handle any photo money).

Help support Rosebery Primary School through the Pauls Collect-A-Cap Program. A specially marked bin is in reception for all collect-a-caps.

PALMERSTON RAIDERS JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE SIGN ON DAY

The Palmerston Raiders are looking for new and old players to play rugby league in 2012. Both boys and girls are welcome with grades starting from u6’s- seniors. There are modified rules to suit every child’s needs.

When: Sunday 19th February
Where: All phones Park Owsten Av Rosebury
Time: 11am- 2pm

Club Contact: Roy Stanton
(m) 0402 530 881
www.ntrl.org.au

WARATAH HOCKEY CLUB

ARE LOOKING FOR JUNIOR PLAYER

UN8 MIXED
UN10 GIRLS & BOYS
UN13 GIRLS & BOYS
UN16 GIRLS & BOYS

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN A FUN TEAM ACTIVITY

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT
JODI 0403 307 282 OR Email:
waratahhockeyclub@westnet.com.au
Rosebery Primary
Meet and Greet Night

Next week, we are providing all parents/caregivers, an opportunity to come by and meet your child’s teacher. It is intended to be an informal meeting, purely designed for you to ‘put a face to the name’ and get a feel for your child’s learning environment. We will be holding formal, parent/teacher interviews in Term 2.

In the interests of trying to accommodate families with more than one child, we have staggered the days across the week. Please refer to the table below.

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Hope to see you there