Parents, guardians and students

It was great to meet so many parents over the past few weeks attending the ‘meet and greet’ evenings with our teachers. If you didn’t get an opportunity to touch base with teachers on that evening please feel free to come and make a time to speak with them and to meet me face to face.

Today is school photo day so all children will be involved with having their photos taken. We use a different school photo process to other schools and this was a huge hit last year from all I am told. Each child has their individual head and shoulder photo taken and then all children are placed in a class photo, similar to what you sometimes see in college magazines. I will be interested in getting feedback from parents about this particular way of having school photos done in order to guide our decisions for next year. I will provide the opportunity for feedback later in the term via the newsletter.

We have been able to provide quite a few sporting opportunities for our students through regional sports activities or other outside sports agencies this term. I hope the children fitting into those age appropriate activities have taken this opportunity to be involved. I would like to welcome back, Ms Phillipa Ludwig our PE teacher. We are pleased to see she has hit the ground running already offering 2 extra sporting opportunities since her return.

We have had a great start to our year with attendance averages being around 94%. It is vital that your child attends school every day unless they are unwell. We also expect to be notified if they are absent and the reason for that absence as we want to ensure the safety of our student by knowing where they are at all times. For a quality education and providing the best possible learning for your child it is worth ensuring that they develop sound school attendance at an early age and aim for their attendance to be as close to 100% as possible.

A key date to mark in your diary is our School Council AGM to be held on Monday 12th March which will kick off with a free sausage sizzle. If you want to be involved in the school council please feel free to approach Robyn Bryant the Council Chairperson on the evening.

Our enrolments are climbing daily and in the top end of the school we need to create another class. We are currently looking at possible options around that so be aware that if you have children in years 4, 5 or 6 there will be some changes of teachers and classes in that space in coming weeks. All affected classes will be provided with a letter on the changes that will need to take place. Unfortunately as a new and growing school this will continue to be the case until we are at capacity. Having said that I will ensure as little disruption to classes as possible and the decisions that will be made will always be in the best interests of the students.

One of our transition teachers, Cherie Mackley has her last day with us today. Cherie has been on contract whilst the class teacher, Laura Ayres is on long service leave. Unfortunately due to medical reasons and a complete change in career Cherie is not able to continue in this role through until the end of term. In Cherie’s absence we have Fiona McLoughlin starting with us on Monday. Fiona is a highly experienced teacher who has been in the NT a long time and brings a wealth of expertise particularly in the area of literacy to her role as Transition teacher. Please join with me to make her feel welcomed when you meet her next week. I would like to thank and wish Cherie well in her new career.

Gail Smith
Principal

Every Child, Every Day - improving student enrolment, attendance and participation is everybody’s responsibility and everyone’s business.
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ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER
As of the 16th March The Turtle Times will be sent out electronically. If you have supplied the school with an email address. If you do not receive your copy of the newsletter by email and you have requested it, then please contact reception.

HOT CROSS BUN FUNDRAISER
This year RPS will be running a Palmerston Bakery Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser Drive. All funds raised will go towards the purchase of resources for our school.

If you would like to place an order please complete an order form and return it to reception by Friday 30th March for pick up on Wednesday 4th April.
If you have not received an order form please call into reception or phone the school and the office ladies will organize a form for you.

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Chad Lee-Archer, Zade Koops
Jade Moir, Chloe Tasker
Kaitlyn Campbell
Sofia Samiotis, Kiandra Heald
Ryan Jackson, Kasey Mortimore
William Hanlon, Maria Kastellorizios
William Caplick, Sarah Morgan,
Sarah Brown, Colby Allen
Caitlin Lay, Savyata Gurung
Mitchell Hayes, Evan Thompson
Zac Bakewell, Levi Tate
Ashley Spry
PE: 4/5 Waller
Special Ed: Breeana Raaber,

Awesome Effort

Date Event
March
Wed 7th Photo Catch Up Day
Fri 9th Whole School Assembly
Fri 30th Hot Cross Bun Order Due

Bluelight Disco
Wednesday 4th April
6.00pm to 8.00pm

Sausage Sizzle
Drinks
Parents Welcome

CANTEEN SPECIALS
Mon: Hot Dog $2.50
Basic Sandwich Egg, Ham, Chicken, Vegemite, Cheese, or Tuna $3.00
Basic Sandwich, Fruit & Milk $5.20

Tues: Lasagne $3.00
Lasagne, Garlic Bread & Popper $5.20

Wed: Sausage, Mash & Gravy $3.00
Sausage, Mash, gravy, Muffin & Drink $5.20

Thurs: Meat Lovers Pasta $3.00
Meat Lovers Pasta, Fruit & Cake $5.20

Fri: Croissants with Ham/Cheese $3.00
Chicken/Cheese $3.00
Cheese $3.00
Croissant, Frozen Popper & Cake $5.20

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Greetings all,
I hope you’ve all settled into the new school year and had a chance to meet our new Principal, Ms Gail Smith. Welcome Gail!

Our first Council meeting was held on Mon 20th Feb 2012 and we had a couple of interested parents turn up to see us in action - we hope that they are still interested and will attend the upcoming AGM. You will have received your forms to nominate for Council recently. We have had to change the timing of the AGM to 6pm on Mon 12 Mar 12 as staff are required to attend important medical training. There’ll be a sausage sizzle at 5.30pm before we get down to the formal part of the evening so come along for that too. The Council has the ability to influence direction and activities within the school so I encourage you all to attend the AGM. I look forward to seeing some of you next month.

Robyn Bryant
Chair, Rosebery Primary School Council

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Meet Rose, If you are sick and have to spend time in hospital, Rose would love to hold your hand while you are there. Let reception know so that we may have her bags packed and ready to go.
Thanks Woolworths
Earn & Learn

WELL DONE RPS FAMILIES. ...with all the point that were earned the school purchased the below items along with a great variety of books.