Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year. We have had a busy but happy start to the year with over 80 new enrolments and more enrolments are still continuing. We are lucky this year to have a great group on staff who are dedicated, excited and enthusiastic about teaching your children in 2013.

It was wonderful to see parents attend the Meet and Greet night in week 1 of school. I do hope to touch base with everyone at some point soon or throughout the term. This year we are continuing to grow and this year we have the following classes and teachers:

**Preschool:** Mrs Hayes with Mrs Symes and Mrs Rowley with Mrs Richards  
**Transition:** Mrs Barrick and Mrs Toft co-teaching and Mrs Robson and Ms Bracegirdle co-teaching  
**Year 1/2:** Mrs Jeffery and Ms Walker co-teaching and Ms Johnson and Ms Birch co-teaching  
**NB:** Unfortunately Ms Birch has had to take extended personal leave so as of Monday we have Ms Emma Connelly co-teaching with Ms Johnson for the remainder of Term 1.  
**Year 2/3:** Mrs McGhee and Ms Gray co-teaching  
**Year 3/4:** Ms Spencer and Mr Holt co-teaching  
**Year 5/6:** Mrs Banicek and Mrs Ludwig co-teaching and Ms Flesaru and Mrs Reed co-teaching  
**Specialist teachers:** Mrs Primero for Performing Arts, Ms Phillips for ICT and Mr Dunbar for PE.

We encourage parents/carers to touch base with your child’s teacher whenever you need to and feel free to come into the school and help out. As we will have a number of fundraising activities coming up this year it would be helpful if parents/carers could get involved in those activities to assist raise money for a variety of things for the school and students throughout the year. Further information will be forthcoming as the year progresses.

Our last School Council Meeting, of the current Council, will be held this coming Monday 11th Feb in the PD room down near the 5/6 classes. As the AGM draws near, this is a time for you to consider nominating yourself or someone else for school council elections which will occur at the AGM on the 11th March. We need to encourage new members to join our School Council as we want to ensure we have new and fresh perspectives, discussion and shared ideas with the wider school community and having new people on Council is one way of doing this. Please consider the role you would like to play in your child’s education and nominate if you have the time to commit and be involved. If you are interested please contact Sue Lowry to nominate on roseberyps.council@ntschools.net

All parents/carers who drive your children to or from school: just a reminder that we have a lot of children who are still learning road rules. I would ask that everyone takes special care when driving in and around the school but particularly in the car park areas at the front and rear of the school. We will be getting more signs and zebra crossings painted where they are required to make entering and exiting school safer for everyone. The min bus parking space in the lane is NOT for cars. The signs are being made for those gates to remind everyone. If your child rides or scoots to school please ensure they are aware they are a vehicle and as such must follow appropriate road rules.

As our student numbers have grown so much this year in the Early Years we are going to be moving the Early Years bike racks to outside the classrooms in the EY area. This section of the garden will be concreted and the bike racks will be placed there so we can utilise the current space for the Early Years motor sensory equipment and outside play equipment. We are currently in the process of getting more equipment for the Transition play area as we have nearly 90 students down in that area now. We have also put two teachers down there on duty at both recess and lunch due to sheer student numbers.

Have a great weekend.

Gail Smith  
Principal

**Every Child, Every Day** - improving student enrolment, attendance and participation is everybody’s responsibility and everyone’s business.
Unfortunately, we are unable to heat/re-heat food for students. There are many reasons why we are unable to offer this service. For example, from a food safety point of view, we are unable to take responsibility for the possible event of food poisoning occurring. From a general safety point of view, we do not want to be responsible for the possibility of a student burning themselves. Therefore please do not send your child to school with items requiring heating. Thank you.

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.

ALLERGIES

Rosebery Primary School is dedicated to providing a safe environment for our students. In order to assist students in our school with severe nut allergies we are asking all of our parents to help us promote a nut free environment. As a result we ask you not to send to school the following items:

- Sandwiches with peanut butter or other nut butters or pastes.
- Nuts in biscuits, sweets or salads
- Muesli bars containing nuts
- Or any other forms of nuts

Please assist us in keeping your children safe.

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Februrary
Mon 11th | School Council Meeting @ 5.30pm
Thur 14th | Book Club Orders Due
Fri 15th | Whole School Assembly
Fri 22nd | Early Childhood Assembly

Rose
Our RPS Hospital Care Bear

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.
To kick off the year NTAEGT are inviting you to an Info Session to cover

Advice and Tips for Parents.

All parents and Teachers (members & non-members) are invited to attend to share their knowledge and personal experiences on:

- How to motivate?
- Activities & interests?
- What to do at home?
- Testing & Support Groups

If you are unsure about what our Association does or how it can help you, come along.

Date: Monday 11 Feb 2013
Time: 5:30pm
Venue: Rosebery Primary School Staff Room
(In the main Admin Building)
RSVP to committee@ntaegt.org.au

Please forward this to anyone who you think may be interested.

We look forward to seeing you there.

ARRIVAL TIMES AND PICK-UP TIMES

School starts at 8.00am each day and there will be a teacher on duty from 7.45am each day. Parents and students should be aware that the school’s duty of care only begins at this 7.45am 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 2.30pm. It’s important to pick up these little ones on time to keep anxiety at a minimum.

ABSENTEE LINE

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

SCHOOL DENTIST

For any dental work or enquiries please call the Palmerston Dental Clinic at the Health Precinct on 8999 3314.

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.

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.

CANTEEN SPECIALS

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Rosebery Primary school has now registered with online canteen ordering through ‘Our Online Canteen’. Orders can be placed with ‘Our Online Canteen’ from Monday 11\textsuperscript{th} February.

Please see information on this page about this service and a step by step guide to register and place your child’s lunch order from the convenience of home or work.

Please Note
All online orders must be submitted by 9am on the day your order is required. Orders can be entered into the system up to 2 weeks prior to the required day.

Paper bag lunch orders can still be placed through the canteen as well as over the counter sales.

When placing online orders after registering, you will be asked to enter a room number for your child’s class, please type into this section RPS.

If you have any questions regarding online ordering please contact either ‘Our Online Canteen’ on 1300484888 or the schools reception on 89305100.