Parents/Carers,

The past week or two we have seen quite a bit of rain, which is lovely, however it does mean that the children can’t necessarily go out and play at recess or lunch times. This places extra pressure on the teachers and students alike as they are inside all day without being able to let off some steam so to speak. So if your children come home and tell you they watched a video or movie today it is highly likely that it is at lunchtime as this is sometimes an option. The viewing of videos or movies at school will always be rated either G or PG, and if PG parents will generally be informed in case you have an objection to your child watching such a rating.

Due to the rain we have had a few students attending school out of school uniform claiming the wet weather meant their uniforms were not dry or clean. The school shirts and shorts are made of material that will dry very quickly if hung on a coat hanger. I would encourage you to ensure your children attend school in full school uniform everyday and have pride in wearing our Rosebery School Uniform as our students always look stunning in these lovely colourful shirts.

This year we are having a big focus on reading across the school. I would encourage you to speak with your child/ren's teacher to see if you can in anyway come in and assist with either changing readers or listening to children read. If you are not able to help in the classroom due to a toddler or other children then there is still a way you can help the school.

Every Friday we have Friendly Friday’s where we ask parents/carers to come into the General Purpose room near the school canteen and assist by covering our new resources/library books etc. We are hoping to get this up and running again fully as soon as possible. At present we only have a few dedicated mums assisting and we have lots to do. Morning Tea will be provided and the children will have toys etc to play. If you are able to assist please make your way to the General Purpose room each Friday immediately after assembly.

As many of you would have noticed our swipe doors to enter the school have been locked in the morning and afternoons lately. This is being changed to allow you to come inside and sit and wait for your children to finish school at the end of the day. We would encourage you not to enter the building until the music is on in the mornings as teachers are generally preparing for classes to begin. We will be making the main vinyl areas with the lounge chairs more parent and toddler friendly by putting some information out for you to read and an area or box of goodies for your toddler to play with rather than playing with the equipment in the middle open areas of the building where equipment is often set up for lessons.

At Rosebery Primary School, Kids Matter! You will be hearing that catch cry a lot this year and we are working towards involving parents/carers/community more in our everyday activities. If you have some skill or talent you have to offer the school please feel free to let us know and we would love to see more parents involved in our school on a daily basis.

It is with great regret that I announce that Shannon Birch has resigned and due to personal reasons has made a decision to move interstate. We will miss Shannon and wish her well. Karen Jeffery is acting in the Senior Teacher position until we are able to permanently advertise this position. Emma Connelly has been doing a sterling job this term co-teaching with Rikki Johnson however, she has a trip to Germany planned for the remainder of this year so we will be getting another teacher in that class. I will send letters home to those families with children in that class as soon as the teacher has been confirmed for Term 2.

Gail Smith
Principal

Every Child, Every Day - improving student enrolment, attendance and participation is everybody’s responsibility and everyone’s business.
**RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY**

On Friday the 5th of April our school will be hosting a whole school ‘Ride 2 School’ day as part of the National ‘Ride to school Day’. If students express that they have a bike but it is broken they can bring it school in the coming weeks, as Mr Wright has said he is happy to assist students diagnose problems with their bikes. He will help them make a list of the things they need and has agreed to help fix their bikes but they would need to supply the new tubes, brake pads etc.

**Funky Hair Day**

Please help support World’s Greatest Shave Day (Funky Hair Day) by wearing your hair in a crazy style and/or color. All money raised will go towards The Leukaemia Foundation for helping people with blood cancers. Let’s see if we can raise more than last years amount which was $561.65. Please bring a **GOLD COIN DONATION** to participate in our color your hair and free dress day.

**DO NOT BRING SPRAY CANS TO SCHOOL**
**2013 Adventure Bound Camp**

**Year 5 & 6 Students**

Term 2, Week 1 Tuesday 16th April
Friday 19th April 2013

Camp Confirmation and Payment Details

We are now able to confirm the 2013 Camp Cost as $250 per student. This covers:

- Bus travel to and from ‘Adventure Bound’
- Accommodation
- Meals
- Instructors & Activities

**Payment Details**

In order to secure our booking we are required to pay a deposit. We therefore ask that you pay $50 deposit by **Thursday 14th March 2013**. If we have not received the required $50 deposit by this date we will assume, that student will not be attending.

The remaining $200 can be paid in instalments, however must be finalised by **Friday 5th April 2013**. All payments must be made through reception. Please note that deposits are **non-refundable** and unless your $50 deposit is made we will not be able to include your child in the camp at a later stage.

**EARLY YEARS LEARNING FRAMEWORK**

The Early Years Learning Framework is a national document that informs the way in which educators teach children in early childhood settings. This document combines good practice and principles with learning outcomes that are centered on the child’s sense of self and wellbeing along with their place in the world, and how they communicate with others. “Being” is an important part of the EYLF, allowing children the time they need to play and discover. This is why all early childhood classes use play-based learning as a part of the curriculum.

Please support our Easter raffle to assist us with the purchase of more important play-based resources. You can support us in two ways, through donations of items for the Easter hampers, and through the purchase of raffle tickets.

**EASTER RAFFLE TICKETS**

On Wednesday all students were sent home with a raffle ticket book. Please return any unused books to reception.

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**AUTISM SUPPORT GROUPS SCHEDULE**

All meetings are being held at the offices of Ken Vowles at Rapid Creek Business Village

**AUTISM PARENT SUPPORT MEETINGS**

Tuesday Evening, 12th March, 7pm – 9pm

**ASPERGER’S/PDD PARENT SUPPORT MEETINGS**

Wednesday Evening, 13th March, 7pm – 9pm

Call Merryn for details at 89484424