Parents/Carers,

I would like to take time to reflect on this year so far. We have had a great start to the year in most classes with the children being engaged in learning and able to articulate what they are doing and why. We have been working on Visible Learning and I am seeing learning intentions and the success criteria written up and displayed in classrooms for a variety of lessons when I visit classrooms. Our school values are now becoming embedded and an everyday part of our school day. I have also noticed and appreciate the number of parents who now come into the school to help out, visit, volunteer their time to cover our books and spend time here in the mornings waiting with your children before school. I try to touch base with everyone as often as possible so if I haven't caught up with you make sure you grab me when I am on duty in the mornings before school begins.

We have a number of changes in staffing for term 2.
As you are all aware Shannon Birch, the Senior Teacher for Early Years has resigned and moved interstate. We have Natalie Hurst joining us to co teach with Rikki Johnson, please take time to touch base with Natalie and introduce yourself once she has settled in. I would like to wish Emma Connelly all the best in her travels overseas for her study, she has been a wonderful teacher for our year 1/2 students this term.

Glenda McGhee has also resigned from her position at Rosebery Primary School as was indicated in correspondence to the parents of her class. We have managed to secure a new teacher for that class to begin in term 2. Rebecca Fisher has recently arrived from Queensland as her husband transferred here for work and they have long term plans to remain in Darwin. Rebecca has been spending the past two days in the class getting to know the routine, the students and building rapport with staff. I would like to welcome Rebecca to year 2/3 to co teach with Val Gray.

It has only been decided yesterday that Nicole Robson is also moving into a more specialised role and will be teaching at Henbury School. Nicole has a strong special needs background and has been looking for the right position since moving back to Darwin from Alice Springs. We are currently trying to finalise placing a teacher to co teach with Kym Bracegirdle. I would like to wish Nicole all the best and support her following her dreams!

Another change we have decided to make this year is to take on a new After School Care provider. Our partnership with the YMCA has now come to an end and Janet White will be taking over as the provider with her business After School Care NT. Janet was with YMCA when Rosebery Primary School first opened and was the coordinator for just over 18 months so she knows our school ethos, values and procedures not to mention many of our students. This should make an easy transition for all concerned.

In an earlier newsletter the Triple P Positive Parenting Program was advertised for expression of interest. We have now received enough Expressions of Interest to conduct both a morning group and an evening group. Further information will be sent directly to those who have expressed interest indicating dates, times and location on the school campus of the sessions. This is a wonderful program offered free to any Rosebery Primary School parents so if you are still interested but haven't expressed your interest there are still a few spaces available. You will need to email me directly on gail.smith@ntschools.net to register your interest.

With the holiday season upon us I would like to remind everyone to be careful, take some family time together and stay safe on our roads. I look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday April 15th. Enjoy the holidays.

Gail Smith
Principal

Every Child, Every Day - improving student enrolment, attendance and participation is everybody’s responsibility and everyone’s business.
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. Please assist us in keeping your children safe.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

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**DSTA NEWS**
(for Defence Families)

Absence Notification

If you or your partner are going to be away for an extended period of time on deployment, in the field or on course it is important that you notify your child’s teacher and myself. Especially with term 2 just a few weeks away this allows us to provide that little extra support you child may require during this time of absence.

**RAAF Starlight Cinema needs helpers**

Moves are underway to get the RAAF Base Starlight Cinema back up and running but it needs volunteers from the Defence Community. An AGM will be held at the RAAF Base Cinema on April 8 at 3.30pm all members and their families are encouraged to attend.

The committee positions that will be voted in are:
- RAAF Darwin Base Welfare – treasurer and secretary
- Starlight Cinema—president, treasurer, secretary, projection manager (and assistant), box office manager (and assistant).

All nominations are to be forwarded to FLTLT Mackie on 08 8923 5084 or via email Elizabeth.mackie@defence.gov.au

If you would like to have a chat or ask a question my door is always open.

I can be contacted on 8930 5100 or sam.spry@ntschools.net

Sam Spry, DSTA

**EARN & LEARN**

From Monday 8th April, when parents and family members shop at Woolworths they can collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Points from the checkout operator and place them on a Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheet available in stores. There’ll be 1 Woolworths Earn & Learn Point for every $10 spent. Once points sheets are completed, they can be placed on the Woolworths Collection Box, either at your school or at your local Woolworths.

*excludes liquor, cigarettes and gift cards*.

**Collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Points for your school**

We’re thrilled to invite you to participate in this year’s Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Find out how to earn educational resources for your school or Early Learning Centre in this handy flyer.

**RECEPTION CLOSED**

Reception will be closed from April 8th - 12th and will re open on the 15th April.
MOTORCYCLE RIDING PROGRAM

During the NT School holidays 8th to 14th April 2013 qualified motocross coaches will be conducting the Kick Start motorcycle riding program. This is a basic entry level course to selecting the correct motorbike, riding gear and in understanding how to get started in motorcycling. Day and half day sessions available at various locations around Darwin, Palmerston and down the track. Fee: FREE—yes, that's right a FREE holiday activity. To find out more details and locations closest to you email mkntaustralia@gmail.com or phone Maureen on 0438 844 814.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

The Rosebery Primary School Council would like to congratulate Haven Hohipa-Wilson, Tia Hart and Mikayla Watson Collins for being selected to represent our school in the PARCS program. We wish you all the best and know that you will do our school proud!

The School Council met on the 25th of March and discussed a number of topics that were raised from the greater school community. Our meeting calendar for 2013 has been finalised as follows:

- Monday 13th May 2013
- Monday 17th June 2013
- Monday 29th July 2013
- Monday 02 September 2013
- Monday 14 October 2013
- Monday 04 November 2013
- Monday 02 December 2013

Notices will be going home early in term 2 regarding the formation of a number of sub-committees to assist in getting things done around our wonderful school.

Being part of a council sub-committee is another way that you can help our school to be the best it can be.

We hope you have a safe and enjoyable holiday and look forward to seeing you in Term 2!

Brenton Taylor

CANTEEN SPECIALS

For Term 2

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