Parents/Carers,

I would like to congratulate everyone on their involvement in our ANZAC Day Assembly on Wednesday especially guest speakers and military personnel who attended and brought a vehicle for the children to investigate. The students from year 5/6 who only just returned from school camp led the ceremony and told us a bit about the ANZAC tradition. I then took two students who represented Rosebery Primary School with me to the Palmerston Senior College ANZAC Ceremony. Both Nathan Jackson and Kayden Bissell were students who displayed the utmost respect whilst at the ceremony and did the school proud. They were then treated to morning tea with all the other special guests. Thanks to the parents who allowed me to take these two boys and experience something truly special.

The weather seems to have cooled down in the last day or so and the dry is on the way. This is a time when the mornings can get a little cool and students may need to wear a coat/jumper to school. School Council has approved our guidelines around uniforms and we ask parents become familiar with this policy which is available on our website. We do have a school jacket that may be purchased for those cooler days however this is not a compulsory part of our uniform. The school shorts may also be replaced with plain black pants/leggings in the much cooler period usually later in this term. Please remember the school hat is a part of the uniform and all students must wear this when they go out to play or on excursion outside the school.

It has been brought to my attention today that some of our students have been accessing Facebook outside of school hours and some may have a Facebook site. The recommended age according to Facebook’s Registration and Account Security page is 13 years old which means there should be no primary aged students accessing Facebook. It is of course a parental responsibility to supervise your children’s access when they are using the internet and particularly social media sites. I am simply drawing your attention to the incident that has been brought to my attention today. If you could please have a conversation with your children about this it would be appreciated.

At present some of our students have been involved in PARCs regional sports activities. This is a great opportunity for all our athletes and sports loving students to really get involved and engage with outside of school physical activity. This is leading up to our School Sports Carnival at the end of this term. Please ensure you take advantage of the $75 sporting voucher that you would have been sent earlier in this year by getting your kids involved in some form of sporting activity.

In week 5 of this term years 3 and 5 students will all be undertaking NAPLAN testing along with the rest of the country. Teachers are now starting to prepare students for this testing. It is vital that all students in years 3 and 5 sit these tests so we can get a snapshot of a point in time to know where they fit across Australia, within the NT and in our school then class.

This year we are putting a major focus on the teaching of reading across the school. The teachers have undertaken Professional Learning and this will continue throughout the year. We will be asking teachers to focus on how they can improve their quality teaching of reading by inquiring into their own practice and selecting an area they feel as though they can work on to really lift the opportunities for students. Please take some time to visit your child’s classroom and see what is happening around reading. Remember you are welcome to visit your child’s classroom at any time that is suitable to both yourself and the teachers. We welcome support and assistance from anyone who is able to offer their time, simply let your child/ren’s teacher know.

Have a wonderful weekend and enjoy your children whilst they are still young!

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.

Zoe Billiris ~ Respect
Caitlin Breiner ~ Confidence
Ralph Costelloe ~ Cooperation
Katie Kastellorizios ~ Respect
Julian Castro ~ Cooperation
Chloe Jeggo ~ Cooperation
Savyata Gurung ~ Respect

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**Values Award**

**Class Merit Award**

Mitchell Brown, Liam Watson
Madison, Xavier Thorn
Caitlin Griffin, Brooklyn Groves
Abby Alpen, Dakota Miller
Tahlia Te Maro, Tyson Burgess
Caleb Tuainelti, Tarkyn
Millie Duncan-Beeck, Jake Goodwin
Brae Connelly
Jay Calter, Kalila Rioux
Mason Whitey, Jasmine Whiteaker
Sienna Spencer, Nife Olusoji
Izyiah Pairama, Bane
Courtney Richards, Lilly Sherwell
Nathan Kowalewycz, Chloe Tasker
Keagan Grundmann, Harper
Isabella Ogale, Tahnee Sissens
Kasey Lyons, Keana
Alarni Scrutton,
Daniel Gabriel –Yak
Lyneisha Warrior

**Fantastic Effort**

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**Date** | **Event**
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**April**
Fri 26th | Book Club Orders Due

**May**
Mon 6th | Public Holiday - May Day
Mon 13th | Council Meeting @ 5.30pm
14th—17th | NAPLAN Testing
Thur 23rd | Biggest Morning Tea - Whole School

**June**
Mon 10th | Public Holiday - Queens Birthday
Fri 21st | Last Day of Term 2

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**Week 1, Term 2 Attendance**

- Week 1: 95.69%
- Week 2: 95.71%
- Week 3: 94.69%
- Week 4: 86.82%
- Week 5: 85.76%
- Week 6: 94.15%
- Week 7: 96.32%
- Week 8: 93.15%

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Rosebery Primary School would like to thank WO2 Adam Wilson and CPL Josh Hearn from Roberston Barracks for attending our ANZAC Assembly and for bringing along the Bush Master for all of our students to explore.
Dear Parents, Carers, Families and Community Members

I have asked my Palmerston City Schools colleagues to share this communication with their school communities. You may be aware of some adverse media coverage in recent days in relation to Rosebery Middle School. I would like to take the opportunity to set the record straight and let you know of important upcoming events this term.

Firstly I am proud of the staff at Rosebery Middle School who do a fine job in ensuring young people in Palmerston receive a quality education. I am equally proud of the majority of our students who come to school, are well behaved and engaged in their learning and school community. Of course, as with any school, there are a few who, no matter how they are managed, are determined to disrupt classes and the smooth running of the school.

It is unfortunate the Australian Education Union (AEU) Executive felt the only way to deal with these incidents was to make them a focus in the media. I am disappointed at the approach the union executive have taken – as are our hard-working teachers who feel the negative media coverage has not only reflected on their work but the work of the majority of students who just want to attend school and learn. In relation to the media allegations:

There was no incident involving a taser. The media may be referring to an incident where a student brought a bug zapper to school. The student was suspended and the matter referred to Police.

There was an incident with a firecracker at the school in 2012. No one was hurt and the student was immediately suspended. Bullying is not acceptable at Rosebery and allegations are dealt with through the school’s School Wide Positive Behaviour and anti-bullying Live it Up programmes. The students involved in the media story are back at school and are both settled in school.

Rosebery Middle School is very focused on promoting good student behaviour. This year, the Students with Good Standing programme has increased to include 87% of the student population. All staff has been trained in School Wide Positive Behaviours and attended workshops on managing difficult classes. By the end of this month all staff will also have been trained in Restorative Practices.

I acknowledge Rosebery, with a student population of nearly 670, has some behavioural problems but the executive, school council and staff work hard every day to ensure a productive and caring environment for our student to learn. Disruptive student behaviour is not acceptable and is managed decisively and appropriately. Rosebery Middle School is committed to continuing our strong partnerships with all our primary schools in Palmerston City Schools to ensure a smooth transition to secondary school and to provide increased learning opportunities for the city of Palmerston.

To that end, across each term this year Rosebery Middle School will be hosting the Opening the RMS GATE Program – an intense program of 5 face to face sessions for Gifted and Talented students currently in Year 6. This program will provide accelerated and enriched learning in small groups of 12 – with learning sequences facilitated by our most experienced teachers. Our first ICT focused sequence kicks off on May 9th 2013. Please contact your school for further information.

For those parents with children currently in Year 6, I hope to see you at Parent Information Night on Tuesday 7th May starting at 5.00pm. As always don’t hesitate to contact us (89305200 or admin.rms@ntschools.net) for further information, to talk to me about ideas or concerns or if you’ve something to congratulate us about.

Lorraine Evans
Principal Rosebery Middle School
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