

# The Turtle Times



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Term 1

Week 1

Parents and Carers,

We have had a positive start to the new school year with over 100 new students starting from preschool through to year 6. I have been particularly pleased with how everyone has settled into their new year. If you didn't take the opportunity to attend the Meet and Greet last night to speak to your child/ren teacher/s please try to have a chat to them prior to the Parent Teacher interviews later this term.

I would like to welcome 3 new teachers to Rosebery Primary School this year. Ms Jane Whiteaker who is co-teaching with Ms Helen Shannon in Year 5, Ms Hayley Underwood co-teaching with Ms Kimberley Walker in Year 1 and last but not least Ms Grace Williams who is co-teaching with Ms Andrea Forlani in Transition. Ms Jemima Findlay is currently co-teaching with Ms Lucy Rowley in Year one for the next few weeks. Also added to our ranks we have Susan Coonan who is replacing Ms Marnie Richards as our Administration Manager whilst she has a term on leave. We have now been awarded our second Assistant Principal, Ms Rachel Turton, who was replacing Ms Shona Henderson when she was on long service leave at the end of last year. Rachel is with us until she goes on maternity leave at the end of term one. We will replace Rachel for approximately 12 months before returning early in 2015.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone about taking particular care when dropping children off at school. I have had several concerned parents contact me about cars parking on the footpath and blocking the walkway's which forces the pedestrians to move onto the roadways. If the Drop and Go areas are used correctly we should not have this issue. If you are sitting waiting in this area for your child it would be appreciated if you do not leave your vehicle as this causes congestion. Please remind your child to meet you promptly after school to prevent any pick up issues. On another note if you are interested in assisting in the monitoring of the car parks in the afternoons to ensure smooth transitions I would love to hear from you. I hope we have some interested parent helpers as we are not physically able to monitor this area on a regular basis in the afternoons.

As we are nearing capacity at Rosebery Primary School it is vital that you advise the school if your child is away sick or if you are going to be away. We will be strictly following our attendance procedures this year which means if your child is not regularly attending school without notification we will be first attempting to contact you then if no response or returned phone call we will be escalating this to the Truancy and Attendance Team. Also if you are leaving, moving or being posted please advise reception or the teacher as far in advance as possible.

This term we will be emailing home information from time to time, including a survey link for all parents to complete so please check your emails regularly and if you have changed your email address please ensure you have advised the from office reception.

Finally, with the recent monsoonal downpours please remind your child/ren NOT to play in drains or pipes. The recent death of an 8 year old boy in Palmerston is a sad but timely reminder for all parents to ensure you know where your children are and what they are doing at all times especially relating to not playing or swimming in storm water drains.

Enjoy the weekend.

Gail Smith  
Principal



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Australian Government  
Australian Sports Commission

## Active After-school Communities

Helping kids and communities get active

# Enjoy a FULL HOUR of fun sport and games

To ensure children have the opportunity to fully benefit from these free sport and structured physical activity sessions, we ask that parents wait until the completion of the sessions to pick up their children. Their full attendance assists in the smooth running of the program for other participants and the program coaches and ensure children get the most out of every session.

## About the AASC program

The Australian Sports Commission's AASC program is an Australian Government initiative that provides primary school children with a positive and fun introduction to sport and other structured physical activities, and motivates children to be active for life.

This is achieved through the Playing for Life philosophy, which is based on the game sense approach to coaching. The AASC program has adopted this philosophy as it creates a fun, safe and inclusive environment in the introduction to sport and other physical activities.

Each session is designed to give children the opportunity to develop their motor skills, self-confidence and self-esteem to a level where they can make the transition into community sport. It also promotes a healthy lifestyle with a nutritious snack provided at each session.

We look forward to your cooperation in allowing your child to participate for the full duration of AASC programs in order to gain the benefits from each session.

**Term 1 Active After-school Communities (AASC)** program activities begin on 10 February and will run for 7 weeks. It is open to **Transition to Year 6** students. The activities will be run at



**Mondays - Cricket**  
**Thursday - Gymnastics**  
**3:00pm to 4:15pm**

## NOTE: LIMITED SPACES

**PLEASE NOTE:** A consent form (available from the front office OR by emailing Shona Henderson) is required to be completed and submitted to the front office by Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February in order for your child to participate.

If you would like any other information please contact Shona Henderson;  
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