Parents/Carers

At the end of week 2 and all appears to be going well across the school. If you haven’t already received a class letter from your child/ren’s teacher this will be forthcoming in the next week. This will be information that is important to you so you know what is happening in the classroom. If you have any questions or concerns your first port of call is always the teacher. If you still have further concerns please take some time to make an appointment to see either one of our Assistant Principal’s Shona Henderson or Rachel Turton or alternatively I will be able to meet with people based on my diary appointments which the front office girls manage.

As you would have noticed we have lots of people dropping and picking up their children in cars due to the rainy weather. It can be frustrating if you are not able to get a car park and I have had several parents speak to me about this situation, however we are working with what we have got and as we have grown to 480 students and the rainy weather it is not an issue with an easy solution. So we have put in place a few measures to ensure staff cars are in the most appropriate places to alleviate the parking issue and I would also ask you to ensure if you are waiting in the ‘drop off’ zones that you do not leave your car and ask your child/ren to be out to meet you as soon as they possibly can.

As another measure for next week as a trial, I will be opening one of the bus gates in the lane way between the two schools to create another zone which I will call the ‘jump in and go’ area in the afternoons for parents. If you are going to use this space you must organise with your children to be at the gate where I will be waiting and I will let children out as parents arrive to pick them up. If you are there waiting and your child is not in the line with me please do another loop and let other parents in to pick up their children. I will ask children to point out their parents/carers car prior to me letting them out the gate to get into the car. I will monitor this and see if it works and helps the situation.

Also as a trial I would like to encourage all preschool parents to arrive a bit earlier to get a park in the front car park as you need to go in and collect your child. Parents with children in Year 3 up please encourage your child/ren to meet you at the’ drop off’ zone of the front car park rather than coming in to collect them if possible. Transition parents/carers you need to go in and collect your child but I would be encouraging Year 1 and 2 parents to ask your children to meet you in the ‘drop off’ zones in the rear of the school car parks. Parking and leaving your car in the ‘drop off’ zones is not permitted and if you need to enter the school to speak to the teacher or collect your child please do so in the correct parking spaces. In our school zones and car parks the speed limit is 20 or as marked please be aware as it is our children we want to keep as safe as possible. We will be randomly having a police presence in our school zones as a reminder.

It is my pleasure to inform you that our Years 3 – 6 students will be learning Indonesian for 1 hour per week with Mr Art Libien who is employed by the Darwin Languages Centre. These lessons will take place each Tuesday and will incorporate the language and culture of Indonesia. This is the first time we have been able to offer a specific language for Rosebery Primary School. Learning about Asia and connecting with Indonesia particularly is a focus for the Department of Education and also a part of the new Australian Curriculum being developed so now we are able to ensure our students have a good understanding of the language and culture of our closest Asian neighbours - Indonesia.

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Principal

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Every Child, Every Day - improving student enrolment, attendance and participation is everybody's responsibility and everyone's business.
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.

**NT Government Back To School Voucher**

The NT Government Back To School Voucher entitles parents or carers of students from preschool to Year 12 to $75 worth of educational items in Term 1 of each school year. Parents of preschool students enrolling in Term 2 or Term 3 can access the entitlement during the term their child first enrols.

If you have not used your voucher please call into reception so you may redeem it.

**SPORTS VOUCHER**

Your child’s Sports Voucher is available to be picked up from the front reception.

The Northern Territory Government’s Sport Voucher Scheme is to ensure all young Territorians have access to sporting activities.

Under the Scheme, every enrolled, school-aged child across the Territory will receive a Sport voucher up to the value of $75 to help cover the costs of playing organised sport. Sport vouchers can be collected from reception between 7.30am and 3.30pm.

For more information about the sports voucher visit [www.sportvoucher.nt.gov.au](http://www.sportvoucher.nt.gov.au)

**Important Dates to remember**

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We feel very privileged to have won the grant to offer this opportunity to our families. Given the funding has come from a grant, it therefore only allows for a limited number of students. Thank you all for such a great response and we look forward to seeing how it all goes this term.

**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.
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DSTA NEWS

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ABSENTEE LINE

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

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Playing in storm water pipes and drains is dangerous at any time of the year and there is a high risk of serious injury or drowning.

Some of the dangers of playing in pipes and drains are:

- **Swept away**
  Being swept away as water rises without warning and moves very quickly. Drains can often run for kilometres and flow into the ocean or rivers.

- **Injured**
  Debris and other sharp objects can injure you or potentially knock you unconscious.

- **Sick**
  Chemicals, poisons and sewerage can contaminate the water which can make you very sick.

- **Trapped**
  Drains often have grates at the end of them which means if you get sucked through there is no exit.

- **Crocs, snakes**
  Crocodiles and snakes continue to be found and pulled out of pipes and drains in the Northern Territory every year.

There are plenty of safe swimming areas in the Northern Territory such as your local pool, waterpark or backyard swimming pool.

Always remember to check for safety signs before you enter any water and if there are no signs then it’s not a designated safe swimming area.

**Use your Brain, Don’t Play in Pipes and Drains!**