Parents and Carers,

I have been spending some time visiting classes lately and everyone seems to be focused and working well. I have been particularly impressed with the visits in Ms Jeffery’s Year 2 class where they have very regular ‘brain breaks’ that allow the children to do some short physical or other activity in order to allow them to concentrate better when they refocus on their work. I really love the exercises and actions on the interactive whiteboard. Everyone is so good at it, even Ms Pereira and Ms Jeffery.

An exciting initiative that we are about to launch is the trial of two different electronic devices both Chrome books and Surface RT tablets in Ms Whiteaker and Ms Shannon’s Year 5 class. The children will have the opportunity to engage with this technology to enhance their learning and improve their productivity through innovative and engaging activities. There will be more information going home with those students shortly. This is a trial for our school as Ms Whiteaker’s last job was working in this area within the Department of Education in ICT for Learning. This opportunity is in partnership with Microsoft. The school will then assess these technologies and see if it is viable to continue with such devices into the future.

We will soon be having some minor new works taking place at our school. This will involve building some covers for our walkways so that moving between one building and the other in the wet season is much easier and it will also provide extra shaded areas for students in break periods. These walkways were in the original design of the school but were not built. We have been awarded minor new works funding to do this over two stages which should all be completed by the end of July. This is something we have been working towards for a couple of years so I am pleased to see it is finally soon to happen. There will be some disruption as it will begin during school term but we will work around these works so I ask for your patience around this too.

Starting on Monday the lane between the two schools will have all 3 gates open. This means parents you may organise with your children to get picked up from this area. It will strictly be a ‘pick up and go’ area with no parking allowed. The expectation is that you drive in, your child exits the gate and jumps in and you drive off. If your child is not there waiting move on and do a lap and return so as to ensure smooth use of this area. We will monitor this space for the first few weeks to ensure it works okay. If there is any parent volunteer who can supervise this area beyond the first few weeks please contact the front reception and leave your name and number and I will contact you.

The School Council has just awarded the Grounds and Maintenance Contract to About Gardens who are commenced their work on our school grounds Friday and over the weekend. This will be a noticeable change as everything is in need of a little tender loving care at present with the monsoonal weather we have been experiencing.

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We had our Council AGM last week and now have our new Council for 2014. We still have a couple of vacancies on Council both for parent and teacher reps so if you are interested you should email Meredith on the Council email RoseberyPS.Council@ntschools.net. The next Council meeting is Monday 3rd March and there may need to be a vote taken if we have more than one or two interested parents.

**Council Appointments**
The members of Council and Teacher Representatives Appointed include:

**Chairperson:** Meredith Sullivan (continuing parent rep)

**Secretary:** Ella Maguire (new parent rep),

**Treasurer** – Marnie Richards

**Principal:** Gail Smith (continuing)

**Parent Reps continuing:** Sue Lowry, Simon Hales, Sarah Richards

**Parent Reps new:** Robyn Smith, Kate Campbell

**Preschool Organisation Rep:** Fiona Woolley (new parent rep)

**Teacher Rep continuing:** Shona Henderson, Rob Dunbar

**Teacher Rep new:** Karen Jeffery, Rachel Turton

As last year we have a Service Level agreement with Catholic Care NT and this means they are able to offer a range of services to our school community.

Triple P Positive Parenting Program [www.triplep.net](http://www.triplep.net) will be offered again in Term 2 from 8.30 – 10.30 on Tuesdays in the General Purpose room where After School Care is run. The course entails 4 sessions beginning on Tuesday 29th April, 6th May, 13th May and the last session will be on 20th May.

Catholic Care NT will also be able to begin the Counselling Service for students at Rosebery Primary School again in Term 2. If you are interested or feel you need to tap into this service please make the first contact with Emma Crooks the Child and Family Counsellor Team Leader at CatholicCare NT on 89442000 or email her on Emma.Crooks@catholiccarent.org.au You can then obtain a referral form, which you will need to complete and return to them. A meeting time will then be made to meet with someone to assess your needs. If Counselling is the recommended outcome of the assessment they will organise a time to meet with your child at Rosebery Primary School during school time. If you require further information you may wish to call into reception to make a time to speak to Gail Smith the Principal.

We love to see parents visiting the school so please take some time to do so. We have Parent Teacher Interviews coming up at the end of Term se we look forward to seeing all parents by then.

Hope your weekend was enjoyable

Gail Smith
Principal

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**BIRTHDAY FAIRIES**

**Our Birthday fairies have been hard at work sprinkling fairy dust far and wide in the school for those that have had birthdays over the past 4 weeks.**

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Please assist us in keeping your children safe.

$75 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

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DATE | EVENT
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3rd Mar | School Council Meeting
14th Mar | **Crazy Hair Day**
 | Supporting World’s Greatest Shave
4th April | Last day of term 1

The NT Government Back To School Voucher entitles parents or carers of students from preschool to Year 12 to $150 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 enrolls.

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

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.

**FREE MEMBERSHIP** for Under 8’s and Under 10’s only $75 for Under 13’s and Under 16’s

Use your NT Government sports voucher for fees and equipment
Never played before? New juniors receive FREE stick at sign on

**TRAVEL:**
- **JUNIORS** Thursdays 5:30 - 6:30 pm
- **SENIORS** Thursdays 6:30 - 8:30 pm

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**
- Dave Auld  |  juniorvp@edhc.com.au  |  0419 147 198
- Suzi Huilck  |  president@edhc.com.au  |  0429 079 758
- Tania Manning  |  secretary@edhc.com.au  |  0422 491 827

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CLASS MERIT AWARDS

Janessa Nixon, Ethan, Kyle Alpen, Jayda Spencer, Delilah Riggall, Cooper Hayes, Billy, Katie McHugh, Jashon Bibora, Samuel Siu, Shalu Singaram, Lois Lorio, Kosta Mpilias, Michaela Hastie-Gordge, Kyla, Shayla Field, Yarron See, Max Mitchell, Ethan, Sienna Spencer, Malachi Brooker, Carter Penwarden, Jamie, Tracy Anne Bibora, Harmoni Stotten, Caitlin, Kasey Lyons, Dean Stringer, Michael Kowalewycz, Evelyn Rionata, Ronan Kruizinga, Sophie, Brendan Hudson, Brayden Wood

SCHOOL DENTIST

For any dental work or enquiries please call the Palmerston Dental Clinic at the Health Precinct on 8999 3314

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.

VALUES AWARDS

Sienna Shean—Respect
Sophie—Respect
Kaelyn Berry—Cooperation
Matthew—Cooperation
Abby Alpen—Cooperation
Kahel Busby—Cooperation
Xavier Davies—Confidence
Pranavan Sathya-Narayanan—Respect
Ruvvashe Nesvinga—Confidence
Ethan Harvey—Cooperation
Emily Morrow—Cooperation
Jed—Cooperation
Rebecca Teo—Confidence
Taran Clapp—Confidence
Mitchell—All School Values
Taylor Raaber—Confidence
Dash Filbey—Respect
Katie Rekia—All School Values

Irish Dancing

Contact Sarah on mobile 0417 283 639 or email darwin@robertsacademy.com