Parents and Carers,

The term has started well and all children seem settled and straight into learning. Teachers are focused on ensuring they have engaged learners who can collaborate and work with others in their learning.

We have some staff changes this term so I would like to officially welcome and introduce to you the following staff:

Ms Jane Bradshaw who is co-teaching with Ms Helen Shannon in year 5.
Ms Andrea Forlani is on sick leave and Jaylene Jan has returned to fulltime classroom teaching with Ms Grace Williams in Transition.
Mr Troy Wright is on extended leave and Mr Phil Smith is our current Maintenance Officer.
Ms Kim Jackson providing supporting to Ms Demelza Canuto in the area of Special Education.

Our whole school learning focus this term is for students to set learning goals for themselves in English/Literacy and Maths/Numeracy and know what they need to do to achieve that goal. They need to be able to answer the following three questions. Where am I now? Where am I going? and How do I get there? It is important that you talk to your children about their learning. Your child's education can be greatly enhanced by your interest and involvement at the school level and at home. Our Back to School Festival later this term will provide the perfect opportunity for you to learn more about our Visible Learning approach to learning at Rosebery.

The covered walkways have provided an added amount of shaded play space for our students and it is quite pleasant to walk around on duty in the morning without having to squint when approaching parents and children in the mornings when I am wandering around the school.

In partnership with Catholic Care NT we will be conducting the Positive Parenting Program known as Triple P again this term. The Course will be offered over a 4 week period later this term. This program is fantastic and it is wonderful we have been able to offer it both last year and again this year. However, if we don’t get the interest we won’t be running it again this year. If you are interested can you please contact our Reception or email roseberyps.admin@ntschools.net and express your interest by Friday 8th August.

Enjoy the long weekend and the beautiful dry season weather.

Gail Smith
Principal

Every Child, Every Day - improving student enrolment, attendance and participation is everybody’s responsibility and everyone’s business.
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**Mark Your Calendar**

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**The Importance of Attendance**

Is your child attending every day? Is your child arriving at school on time? Why is it so important?

- Your children can suffer academically if they miss 10 percent of school days or about 18 days. That can be just one day every two weeks, and that can happen before you know it.

- It doesn’t matter if these absences are notified or un-notified. They all represent lost time in the classroom and a lost opportunity to learn.

- Preschool is a great time to start building a habit of good attendance. Studies show that poor attendance in preschool can predict absenteeism in later grades.

- By middle and high school, chronic absence is a leading warning sign that a student will drop out.

- Too many absent students can affect the whole classroom, creating disruption and slowing down instruction.

- Families should avoid extended vacations that require your children to miss school. Try to line up holidays with the school’s schedule. The same goes for doctor’s appointments.

- For younger children, you can set a regular bedtime and morning routine. Make sure they get 9 to 11 hours of sleep. You can lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.

- For older children, you can help by having bedtime routines that allow for 8 ½ to 9 ½ hours of sleep. Make sure that when the lights go out, so do the mobile phones, video games and computers.

Above all, set an example for your child. Show him or her that attendance matters to you and that you won’t allow an absence unless someone is truly sick.

**Sport Voucher Scheme 2014 / 15**

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ABSENTEE LINE

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

SCHOOL DENTIST

For any dental work or enquiries please call the Palmerston Dental Clinic at the Health Precinct on...
Last Saturday our Rosebery Dance Crew performed at the Darwin Show. Although a little squishy due to a very small stage our students managed to put on a great performance. Well Done Kids!!

Mrs D. Banicek
Positive Parent Involvement - you make a difference

Positive parent participation demonstrates to children that you value learning as well as their school.

Parental withdrawal from children’s education is a big problem these days as increasingly parents are worn out from working too hard or being involved in a variety of activities. By the time you get home from work or doing other activities you are spent.

But the message for parents is clear – become involved in as many aspects as practical in your child’s education. The involvement of parents helps break down the mystique about school that can exist for some children. Their chances of success are better when they see school as an extension of home rather than merely an institution for learning.

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Many primary schools offer parents classroom jobs such as hearing kids read, taking small groups in elective activities and assisting children when writing stories.

Parent participation is much broader than helping out in the classroom. There is a range of simple ways to assist teachers to maximise the learning of your child. These include: hearing young learners read, helping with homework and making sure kids go off to school happy, healthy and with plenty of sleep.

Here are some more ideas to help you participate in your child’s education in positive ways:

✓ **Find out** what your school is trying to achieve for your child and show your support for its aims. Discover what sets your child’s school apart from others.

✓ **Support a broad, balanced curriculum** that offers children a variety of educational experiences rather than a program that focuses narrowly on the traditional 3 R’s.

✓ **Direct constructive criticism through the correct channels** such as your child’s teacher, the principal or the school’s governing body. Gossip or thoughtless criticism within the general community can easily tarnish a school’s reputation.

✓ **Become an advocate** for your child’s school and promote its positive features throughout the wider community. Encourage your child to take pride in their school through your example.

✓ **Attend school activities** such as open days, concerts, sports events and celebrations. Invite other members of the community along as well.

✓ **Consult with your child’s teacher** about practical ways that you can assist both at home and at school.

Positive parent participation in school and learning is a proven criterion for student success. One practical way to assist your child as a learner is to become actively involved in his or her school-life.

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