Parents/Carers

The first rains of the season have finally arrived. We will be reviewing our Wet Weather Policy and if there is a thunderstorm or lightening nearby at home time, we will keep the children who ride or walk home at school until it is safe to travel home.

We have two new staff members this term. Both teachers are experienced and fitting in well to our school. Please join in me in welcoming Michele Sheahan who has joined our staff and is co-teaching year 1 as Jacqui Wait is now on maternity leave. Make sure you introduce yourself to her if your child is in that class. We also have Lee-ann Brown with us again for a few weeks replacing Grace Williams. Lee-ann knows the children and has slotted in very well. Grace returns in Week 4.

For the last two years we have been working hard with students around being responsible for their own learning and they have recently been setting themselves goals. We are now at that time of year where teachers are finalising teaching and learning programs, assessing student learning and then will write reports for students. To ensure your child has the best possible chance of making the most of learning this term please ensure they get a good night sleep, eat breakfast and come to school with a healthy lunch, on time and ready to learn. It is also important that you ask your child ‘What are they learning?’ and ‘How do you know when you have learnt it?’ These are the questions we ask students and with all classrooms now having Learning Intentions and Success Criteria for students to work with they should be able to answer these questions for you.

As part of our evaluation of our Visible Learning journey with students at Rosebery Primary School we are having a Professional Learning Pupil Free Day on Friday 28th November (Week 8) to evaluate our progress to date and to strategically plan, ready for 2015. In the NT all government schools are able to apply for two Professional Learning Student Free Days a year and this will be our 2nd for the year. School Council and the Department of Education have approved this day and I have confirmed Outside School Care NT will make child care available on that day on a user pay basis. If you require your child to be enrolled for that day you will need to speak with them and book your child in. It will be on a first come basis and places are limited.

One of our school values is Confidence and we work with students around this on a daily basis. At this time of year where we expect our children to feel safe and secure in their learning environment we must remember that confidence for change in the following year is vital especially our Year 6s moving into Middle Years. I have attached another Parent Insights article to this newsletter which is all about Confidence so please take some time to read this article.

If you are leaving our Rosebery Primary School community in 2015 I urge you to inform Reception at your earliest convenience so that we can appropriately plan for our 2015 classes.

Have an enjoyable weekend.

Gail Smith
Principal
Class Merit Award
Janessa Nixon, Ashlee Scully
Lauren, Aka August-Unuia
Darcy Baldwin-Potton, Joseph Moriarty
Robbie Calma-AhKit, Tiffany Phoneyiem
Matthew Hamilton, Memphis Cox
Bradley Williams, Rebekah Ebin
Savyata Gurung, Rebecca Teo
Bronte, Juane Fourie
Tahlia Curran, Daniel Gabriel-Yak
Hugo de Koeyer, Josh Marshall
David James, Logan Jack Barry

Date | Event
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**October**
Thu 30th | Day For Daniel - Red Shirt Day
Fri 31st | World Teachers Day

**November**
3rd - 7th | Healthy Harold Visit
Thus 6th | Green Light Disco
Fri 28th | PUPIL FREE DAY

**December**
Tues 9th | Year 6 Farewell Dinner
Wed 10th | Year 6 Sleepover
Wed 10th | Whole School Assembly
Thurs 11th | Year 6 Farewell Assembly @ 2.10pm

### FAREWELL DINNER
- **Date**: Tuesday 9th December
- **Time**: 6.00pm - 8.00pm
- **Location**: Palmerston Recreation Centre
- **Cost**: Approx. $45.00 per person

### WHOLE SCHOOL AWARDS ASSEMBLY
- **Date**: Wednesday 10th December
- **Time**: 8.20am - 9.30am

### SLEEP OVER
- **Date**: Wednesday 10th December
- **Time**: 6.00pm onwards

### FAREWELL ASSEMBLY
- **Date**: Thursday 11th December
- **Time**: 2.10PM - 2.30PM

### ARE YOU LEAVING?
If your child/ren are leaving Rosebery Primary school, please remember to notify reception on 8930 5100.

### SCHOOL PHOTOS
All school photos have been distributed with the exception of year 3 Johnson and year 3 Sanderson.

**Group Photos:** are available for viewing at reception. If you would like to place an order, order forms are available from reception.

### PUPIL FREE DAY
**Date**: Friday November 28th
Welcome back to Term 4, I hope you had a fantastic holiday and are well rested, as Term 4 is always a busy time. Could all families that are not returning to Rosebery Primary School next year please advise myself or the school reception.

Last term I ran a pilot program with a small group of early years children, in conjunction with the Annick Beyderwellen (REDLO-NT) and Tree Maylan (FLO-DCO Darwin). The program involved introducing children to the emotions that are involved when parents are absent from home. The aims of the program were to introduce vocabulary that children can use to describe their feelings, as well as the actions that will help them cope with their feelings, particularly if they are negative. If you feel your child/children would benefit from this program please let me know.

Billroy Road Community Centre is holding a Halloween Disco for children aged 5-12 on Friday 31st October from 6pm-9pm at the Truscott Club, RAAF Base Darwin. You are welcome to drop your children off or stay, children are fully supervised. There will be a DJ, games, prizes for best dressed, scary treats and tricky treats. The cost is $5.00 per child, for more information and to RSVP please email billeroyrdcommunitycentre@hotmail.com

My office hours are 8.00am-2.30pm Tuesday and Thursday and 8.00am-12.00 on Wednesday. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns; ph. 89305100 or danielle.smith@ntschools.net
The gardens started off as a massive weed-invaded patch. It took a long time to weed all of the gardens but with a little help we managed to clear most of the area.

In gardening groups we planted a large amount of seeds and seedlings. The types that grew well were basil, cherry tomatoes, carrots and our amazing sunflowers. We fertilize our gardens so they can thrive.

4R began encouraging other classes from Rosebery Primary School to start their own class gardens.

We have some bantams that are very much loved and very gentle to handle. They have laid many light blue eggs which we have used for cooking in our class. We all worked as a great team with Mr Hayes to build a safer and more permanent chook pen in our project ‘reduce, reuse and recycle’.

Grade 4R have transition buddies that visit on Thursday so they can learn about gardening and caring for the bantams.

Welcome to Grade 1 J and Grade 4 B who have just began their own garden areas. The garden is open most days either at recess or lunch time so please come and visit.

Sarah, Olivia, Tahlia and Cielo