



Welcome to the new school year everyone!

This is a modified newsletter for this week with some updates on information for families.

It was lovely spending time over the first two weeks moving around the classes seeing so many eager faces and keen learners ready to start the year. I would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new families and staff and encourage everyone to become an active part of our school community.

Thank you to the families who have made a **voluntary contribution** to our school as this money helps go towards a variety of items to support our learning environment eg shade cloth over our play equipment, which was installed today and looks great.

We have the **Back to School Vouchers** for you to assist in getting new uniforms, hats and curriculum packs etc so please ensure you have used yours prior to the end of term 1. The Sports Vouchers are also available for parents to collect from the front office. If you are a new family please ask reception staff on how to access your vouchers.

We are currently out of some sizes of **uniforms** and are awaiting on a new lot to arrive, thank you for your patience around this as we have had greater than expected enrolments. Having said that, our school is nearing capacity and we are working hard to ensure we place all students in our enrolment area. However, we have been full in preschool for some time and have an active waiting list for both preschool and transition now. If you know of new families coming to this area they must have valid proof of residency prior to coming to collect an enrolment pack.

All welcome! Next week following our whole school assembly we are holding our first **Morning Tea** for 2015 which is organised by Danielle Smith our DSTA. This morning tea is for all families, new and old, not just defence families. If you are new this is a good chance to meet other families so come along, I hope to see you there.

If you have any queries regarding **After School Care** please direct these to our **Outside of School Care** providers on 0401 426 221 or pop in and see them.

School starts at 8am sharp and children should not be arriving at school before 7.45am unless you have them booked into morning care (user pay system). School duty of care begins at 7.45 so your children are not supervised prior to this time and it is not appropriate to drop them off or have them arrive at school any earlier. **School finishes at 2.30pm** and all children must be picked up or have left the school grounds by 2.45pm as teachers have staff meetings or parent meetings that often begin at that time. After school care begins at 2.30pm to 6pm (user pays) so please contact them if you wish to enrol them in care.

If you have **older siblings** collecting your primary aged children I would ask you to speak to them about being respectful and quiet when they come to collect their brother or sister from Rosebery Primary School. We had to introduce a 'pass' system last year as we were often inundated by middle school students who were in large groups, loud and at times disrespectful to other parents and staff. We don't want to do this again this year if possible but it really does mean ensuring your older children understand that our school does not finish until 2.30pm and they must come without their

friends and wait outside their siblings classrooms quietly until they are released from class. Thank you for your support around this which helps to make our home time much more enjoyable for everyone.

Adoption of a Military Unit

This coming whole school assembly we are announcing our new **School House Captains**. Following this they will be presented with a plaque which is a representation from a past Defence Unit that occupied the area back in the early years of settlement in the NT. This is a project that Nathan Barrett, our local member, has been working on with local historian Tom Lewis. It is our great pleasure to receive these plaques and each of our school Sports Houses will adopt one of these units and support them into future years. This event is very fitting for 2015 as it is the 100th Anniversary of ANZAC this year and with our large number of Defence families we see this as being a great honour. Please join us for this special Assembly next Friday at 8.20am followed by a morning tea.



Breast Cancer Awareness

Rosebery Primary School is holding a **Pink Stumps Day** on Saturday, 21 February from 9am through until 1.30pm. This is to raise money for the McGrath Foundation breast care nurses program. Most families have been touched by this terrible disease and with your help we hope to raise \$5000. You will be able to make a donation online before the event or send your donation to the school with your child. If your family is able to attend the **Pink Stumps Day** on Saturday morning we will have lots of activities happening, including cricket matches on the school oval for mums and dads, skills clinics in the nets and Milo cricket in the assembly hall for the younger children. There will be drinks, **pink** muffins, sausages and steak sandwiches on sale. I urge you to come and join in, and remember all money raised goes to the McGrath Foundation.

Parent helpers are always welcome at Rosebery Primary School all we ask is that you speak first of all to your child's teacher and organise when you can come to assist. If you are staying any longer than a drop off or pick up you need to come via the office and sign in so we are aware of you being on the school grounds in case of an emergency. If you are helping out in class you should get your volunteer Working With Children's Card which only costs \$5.00, I am happy to sign those for you just make a time with the front reception as I need to sit down with you to do that.

Finally, our **School Council AGM is to be held Thursday 19th February from 5.30pm** in the staffroom so if you are interested in being more involved with the school please join us or nominate someone else who is interested in being on Council. All Welcome!

Thank you so much to all our wonderful community minded families who support our school and what it stands for in the Rosebery Community and beyond. If you are not already a member of our **Rosebery Primary School Facebook page** then you may be missing out on interesting information and reminders. This is another place where you will find all relevant and important information as well as our website which will house our fortnightly newsletters along with other information important for new families as well as our current families.

Have a great weekend.

Gail Smith
Principal