Parents and Carers,

It is great to see so many families getting involved and helping out in class this year. If you are thinking about doing this please discuss it with your child’s teacher and set times in place. I would suggest you apply for a $5 Volunteer Working With Children’s Card which I can endorse as Principal.

We have started the year with a tummy bug illness going around where vomiting is a symptom. If your child has been vomiting you need to keep them at home for a vomit free 24 hours prior to sending them back to school. Please don’t just send them the next day as they are still contagious and we find they are just washed out and need rest in any case.

Our Wet Season is about to become very wet over the next week or so so I would like to encourage parents to ensure you child has a safe and dry way of getting home to be able to change out of their uniforms and be safe in case of lightning and thunder storms. Please ensure your child knows what the routines are in this type of situation. Our ‘wet weather policy’ states: ‘Students will not necessarily be dismissed at home time if there is heavy rainfall or an electrical storm. The principal will decide at the time, and students will be dismissed when it is judged safe for them to make their way home. If there is an impending storm, parents may come earlier to collect their children from their classroom.’ The policy can be found in full on our website.

If you have allowed your child to bring a mobile phone to school for before and after school safety reasons please ensure they understand they MUST hand them into reception for safe keeping during the day. This is in keeping with our School Policy on Mobile Phones and electronic devices.

POSTPONED - PINK STUMPS DAY Due to the cyclonic weather and forecast rain over the weekend the decision has been taken to postpone our Pink Stumps Day. We will advise as soon as we have set the new date. Thanks for all your support so far. This does give a bit more time for further donations! Stay tuned to our Facebook page for our rescheduled date.

This year we have introduced Student Led Conferences for our end of term interviews. They differ from the traditional parent/teacher interview as the students are actively involved in the learning and reporting process. As we are working to ensure our learning is ‘visible’ this is a part of our journey. Student led conferences take the form of a conversation between the student, their parents and their teacher, allowing students to demonstrate their individual growth and any particular achievements that they are proud of from the semester. Why student led conferences you may wonder? The benefits of these types of conferences are numerous and varied, here are a few reasons why they are so powerful:

- Students
  - take responsibility for their own learning (Kagan co-operative learning helps this)
  - are required to set their own learning goals
  - monitor and share their progress through self, peer and teacher feedback
  - evaluate their progress through teacher directed assessment and self and peer evaluation
- They help
  - to direct future learning
  - foster a home-school partnership
  - with open and honest dialogue about learning
- Parents, students and teachers have access and direction in student learning
- Gives students a chance to show their parents direct improvement in their own learning
- Allows parents, students and teachers to celebrate the student’s success together
- They promote
  - self reflection and evaluation
  - organisation and communication
  - self – confidence (confidence is one of our school values)

Some parents feel that they are disadvantaged by Student-Led Conferences as they are not given the opportunity to discuss their child’s achievements, behaviour and social issues directly and privately with their teacher. However, we strongly encourage parents to make an appointment to discuss these issues directly with their teacher at any stage during the year. You don’t have to wait until conference time to discuss your child’s progress – in fact, the earlier the better!

Please take time to read our Parenting Insights Article attached this week on ‘It’s not okay to be away...’ This is timely as we have seen a lot of children coming late school already this year. Please read and Our School Council AGM has been resched- 10th March at 5.30pm. Hope to see lots of plenty of Parent nominees for our 8 available
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. Please assist us in keeping your children safe.

AGM

Rosebery Primary School Council invites Parents, Carers and members of the community to attend our

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

on

Tuesday 10th March 2015
5pm in the staffroom

Meredith Sullivan
Chairperson

Gail Smith
Principal

VALUES AWARDS

Letitia Wood ~ Respect
Lachlan McLennan ~ Confidence
Braeden Hales ~ Confidence
Lachie Rose ~ Integrity
Kyle Alpen ~ Respect
Jayda Spencer ~ Confidence
Jade Moir ~ Confidence/Respect
Shanniqua Muscat ~ Confidence
Siddhanta Neupane ~ Cooperation
Larni Hughes ~ Cooperation
Marilena Skandaliaris ~ Confidence
Teresa ~ Resilience
Harmoni Stotten ~ Respect
Owen ~ Resilience
Miguel Patay ~ Confidence
Tahlia See ~ Integrity
Jordyn Wheeler ~ Confidence
Jin-In Modequllo ~ Integrity
Seri ~ Integrity

Date | Event
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February | PINK STUMPS DAY
Postponed | Whole School Assembly
March | Rosebery School AGM
Fri 13th | Crazy Hair Day

Week 4 Term 1 Attendance:

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Annabelle Alman-Pell
Kai, Jessica Lindenschmid
Amber Griffin, Christine Ardina
Caitlin Griffin, Alicia Hamilton
Lois Lorio, Matthew Hamilton
Darragh Davidson, Mia Bayly
Seth Marshall, Tahreem Mahbub
Rebekah Ebin, Rebecca Teo
Jayden, Jordyn Wheeler
Evelyn Rionata, Morgan
DSTA NEWS

Thanks to all the Rosebery Primary School families for attending our first morning tea for 2015. It was a great turn out and I look forward to hosting another this term.

Just a reminder, if the serving member in your family is going to be absent from home for a period of time please take the time to email or phone me. This enables me to spend extra time with your child. I can also pass this information onto their teacher who can keep a closer watch for any changes that can take place when a parent is absent.

I will be regularly emailing families this year, if you have not received an email from me this year, please let me know.

My hours are Monday-Thursday, 8.00am-2.30pm. My door is always open, if you would like to call in for a cuppa and a chat please do so. I can also be contacted on 89305100 or alternatively by email on danielle.smith@ntschools.net.

SCHOOL DENTIST

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

ANIMALS IN SCHOOL

Please remember not to bring the dog along when you walk to school in the morning. While we fully understand that this might seem like a wonderful activity and a great way to ensure your pet is getting some exercise, we do have some students who are very anxious about dogs. We also have a handful whose bravery gets the better of them and they may approach a dog, either tied up or on a lead, in an inappropriate way. If they were to make a mistake, we don’t want anyone to have to deal with a nasty bite. Thanks so much for helping us keep our school as a safe environment for all.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

School Uniform Polo's have arrived and are available now from reception.

PINK STUMPS DAY POSTPONED

Unfortunately due to the current weather conditions Pink Stumps Day has been postponed. At this stage we have not set a new date so please watch the Newsletter & Facebook page for further updates.

SIGN ON DAY

Come Along and Join Us for the 2015 Season.

Do you want to play cricket, have fun, meet new people and be part of a great cricket club? Well you can!

Come along to Southern Districts Cricket Club Sign on Day. If you can't make it that's ok just email our friendly secretary and she will assist you.

When: Sunday 22 February

Time: 9.30 am till 1.00 pm

Where: The Clubhouse at Fred’s Pizz

There will be a Sausage Sizzle and cold drinks available

Juniors – Under 11’s, Under 13’s, Under 15’s games are held on Saturday mornings and training is on Wednesday afternoons 4-4pm

Under 17’s and seniors – Games are on either Saturday or Sunday and training is on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 5.30pm

Fees

Juniors – Registration (including a club cap) is only $15. Playing shirt is $25.

Seniors – Registration is only $35.

We look forward to welcoming all previous, current and future players to the club for another successful cricket season.

Go the Crocs!!

For further information or if you have any questions please email duncan.jenkins@gmail.com.
HOUSE team plaques

BALLI

WAMBA

MARNBA

MENIDA