Parent/Carers

Congratulations to all students and staff for the success of our sports day on Wednesday 17 June. Days such as sports day are always a massive undertaking and much background organisation occurs to ensure the smooth running of the day. Thank you to Mr Rob Dunbar and Mrs Philippa Ludwig for the work they did to organise the field, tabloids and students practising prior to the day. As a school community we also offer a big thank you to the defence personnel of 1 Aviation Regiment who undertook various responsibilities throughout the day. Once again this was not possible without the coordination of Ms Dannielle Smith.

A number of our upper primary students attended the recent PaRR sports day and our students were successful with their efforts and sportsperson attitudes. Brodie Bordin and Zachary Borrelli have been successful in sporting team selections. Well done on your achievements.

We have a few changes to our staffing for semester 2. We will welcome back Mrs Karen Jeffery after surgery and recovery time. Her class has been ably taught by Mrs Debbie Loke and we thank her for her time and commitment. Mrs Lucy Rowley will also return after some leave to take up the new pre-school class teacher position. Ms Darlene Pierreira has been appointed the new pre-school assistant and will work with Mrs Rowley. Ms Severine Crespin-Lorio will take over the student support role and will work with the students Ms Darlene has been working with. Most significantly Mrs Shona Henderson has been successful in being appointed the principal of Driver Primary School until the end of the year. We offer her a big congratulations and wish her well in this next chapter in her career. She has been a driving force in the school since the planning phase of the school. Mrs Danielle Banicek will assume the role of assistant principal. Mrs Ranae Graham will take up the senior teacher responsibilities for upper primary. She will remain on class co-teaching the grade six classes.

School holidays are always a time of adventure and lots of activity. We encourage you to have a refresher conversation with your children about safety while they are out and about during the holidays. At school we use the language of the 3 Rs: Recognise, React, Report to help support the message of personal safety. Further information can be found on the Morcombe Foundation website; http://www.danielmorcombe.com.au/ School resumes on Tuesday 21 July for students as staff are attending a whole staff professional learning day in line with all government schools. School times will change starting on Tuesday 21 July. Finishing time for school will now be at 2:20pm for all students in Transition to Year 6. This re-aligns our teaching time with Department of Education requirements. Pre-school hours will remain as 8-2:30pm as this will maintain our requirements for pre-school access.

Our new pre-school building continues to take shape. The families of the new pre-school groups will be kept advised closer to the end of the holidays as to progress and confirmed start date as to the first week of term or slightly later. We appreciate your understanding that this is out of our hands.

Safety in our car parks continues to be a priority for our school. Parents need to ensure they are adhering to standard road rules and safety. We have been fortunate and are appreciative to have 2 parents volunteer their time to assist with safety in those areas when it is particularly busy. If you have an afternoon a week you could volunteer your time to support safety in the car parks please contact reception.

As a school we encourage and support our students to maintain a high sense of pride in their uniforms and personal presentation. As a staff we model this in our own presentation to our students. We ask our parents, carers and visitors to maintain an equally respectful and modest sense of dress when dropping off and collecting students. This allows us to maintain our image as a school of high standards and expectations.

Gail Smith
Principal
How quickly has this Term 2 flown!

Council met last Thursday 11th June – one of discussion points has been about road safety on Forrest Parade and Facebook conversations surrounding this issue.

RPS Council has written to Palmerston City Council to request a designated pedestrian crossing be installed on Forrest Parade. A copy of this letter has been sent to Education Minister, Peter Chandler and Member for Blain Nathan Barrett. RPS Council urges all concerned parents/carers to voice your concerns to Palmerston City Council – the more voices speaking about this issue the more likely we will have a positive outcome. Road Safety is everyone’s responsibility.

A parent has asked the question – ‘Why doesn’t Rosebery Primary School have a bell?’ The answer is that with a bell student’s often start packing up when the bell sounds; without the bell the class teacher can ensure their lesson is finished in their time without the disruption of students packing up. If you have any concern or questions or if you have a special talent that will help Rosebery Primary please email Rosebery School Council on Roseberyps.council@ntschools.net.

Remember with Term 3 finishing times for all students from Transition to Year 6 is 2.20pm. Pre-school will remain at the same times.

Leonie Hastie-Gordge
RPS Council Chairman

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**PUPIL FREE DAY**
Students have a Pupil Free Day on Monday 20th July.
Students will resume Tuesday 21st July.

**RED NOSE DAY**
Thank you to all our students and families that helped raise money for a great cause. The total amount raised was $692.00.

**TEDDY BEARS PICNIC**
Thank you to all our families who participated in our Teddy Bears Picnic.
To the following companies for their generous voucher donation for our Holiday Fun Raffle. The lucky family to win this awesome prize was the Banks family. Congratulations. Total amount raised $520.00

CHILD SAFETY IN THE CAR

Children should sit in the back seat, where they’re safest.

- Children under six months must be restrained in a suitable and properly fastened and adjusted rear-facing approved child car restraint with an inbuilt harness.
- Children aged six months to under four years must be restrained in a suitable and properly fastened and adjusted rear-facing or forward-facing approved child car restraint with an inbuilt harness.
- Children aged four years to under seven years must be restrained in a suitable and properly fastened and adjusted forward-facing approved child car restraint with an inbuilt harness, or an approved booster seat with a properly fastened and adjusted seatbelt or child safety harness.
- Children aged seven years and older must be restrained with an adult seatbelt or in a booster seat with an adult seatbelt.

Not following the above guidelines can be $540 fine.
SPORTS DAY

First Place
763 POINTS

Second Place
700 POINTS

Third Place
673 POINTS

Fourth Place
648 POINTS