Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to the 2016 school year,

We have started the year well with all children settling in with their new classes and making some new friends. We have grown substantially since the end of last year and have an enrolment of approximately 540 students. This growth is a significant factor in why the car parks are so congested; particularly in the afternoons.

Thank you to the parents who are utilising the “overflow” dirt car park patch opposite the middle school and walking over to school to collect children. This is making some difference. Please remember not to park on the grass verges or in the gardens this is not only to prevent damage to our grounds but is also a safety consideration. Parents are asked to be mindful of the way our drop and kiss zones operate for the safety of everyone. When using the drop and kiss zones please do not leave your car. When the car in front of you leaves please move forward as this allows the cars behind to move and keep the traffic flowing. If your child does not meet you in a timely fashion; 2-3 minutes in the drop and kiss zone, please pull out and do a loop. Thank you in advance for your assistance with this as our only intention is to maintain a safe carpark for both drivers and students. We need to ensure we all keep calm and abide with normal road rules and be courteous toward each other. To ensure the safety of our younger students we request that students in; pre-school, Transition and year 1 are collected from their classroom either by an older sibling or by a known adult.

It is a requirement in Northern Territory schools that students wear a full school uniform. For RPS the full school uniform consists of the following:

- **Girls:** Prescribed polo shirt with prescribed shorts or skorts (with the school logo), the school prescribed bucket hat, closed-in shoes such as runners or sandshoes.
- **Boys:** Prescribed polo shirt with prescribed shorts (with the school logo), the school prescribed bucket hat, closed-in shoes such as runners or sandshoes.

Our Uniform policy can be accessed through the Skoolbag app.

A key component of our collegial, supportive school community is our School Council. Our AGM will be held on March 11 and we are now calling for nominations for parent representatives. Nomination forms are now available from the school reception.

Gail Smith
Principal
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 a safe environment for all.

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.

Date | Event
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February | Whole School Assembly
Mon 15th | Joffa - Toon School

March
Fri 4th | PUPIL FREE DAY
Fri 11th | Whole School Assembly
Fri 11th | AGM
Fri 25th | Public Holiday - Good Friday
Mon 28th | Public Holiday - Easter

**DSTA NEWS**
My Name is Nicola Scully or Miss Nicola as the kids know me. I am the DSTA (Defence Support Transition Aid) at Rosebery Primary, my role is to support Defence Force Families within the school environment. My Hours are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 8am - 2:30pm please feel free to pop in and see me at any time.

**Welcome to the Top End!**
Defence Community Organisation in partnership with the Strategic Defence Support Group NT is hosting a family day and expo to welcome Defence families to the Top End.

**VENUE**
Darwin Convention Centre, Darwin Waterfront

**WEB:***
www.defence.gov.au/saco, or call 08 8935 7500

**More Info**
Defence Community Organisation on Facebook to receive event updates.

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

**SCHOOL SPORTS VOUCHERS**
Are available for collection from reception.

If your child has not received a voucher due to being new in the Territory, ring the Sports Voucher Hotline on 1800 817 860 or email sport.voucher@nt.gov.au
Rosebery Primary School (RPS) strives to develop resilient learners with a strong focus on respect through Restorative Practices. Our staff are innovative in teaching and learning to academically engage and challenge our students as well as providing collaborative and cooperative learning opportunities for all.

RPS staff aim to activate a sense of creativity in our students through a major focus on the Performing Arts and the use of Information Communication Technology (ICT).

Voluntary Parent Contributions are used to further enhance our learning environment and allow students to access a range of recourse across all areas of the curriculum.

Voluntary Parent Contributions at RPS cost?
1st Primary Child $60 Annually
2nd Primary Child $50 Annually
3rd Primary Child $40 Annually
4th Primary Child $30 Annually
Preschool Child $60 Annually

Rose
Our RPS Hospital Care Bear
Meet Rose, If you are sick and have to spend time in hospital, Rose would love to hold your hand while you are there. Let reception know so that we may have her bags packed and ready to go.

MEDICATION
If your child requires medication whilst at school please call into reception to complete the relevant ‘Medication Request To Administer’ forms. All medication will be stored in reception’s sick bay and will only be administered once completed.

Once upon a time…….
DVD is on sale now for $11.00 each at reception
Thank you to all our families for participating in the 2015 Earn & Learn Program. All our educational teaching items have arrived and will be distributed throughout the school. Below are some of the items that we received with our 42,180 stickers:

- 12 Sand Timers
- Class packs
- Unifix Cubes: 12 boxes
- 18 Giant Sand Timers
- 150 Multiplication Grids
- 150 Dotted Whiteboards
- 5 Bags of link Cubes
- 150 Multiplication Grids
- 60 Stop Watches