Parents/Carers,

It is with great pleasure that I announce Danielle Banicek as our new permanent Assistant Principal. This is wonderful news as Danielle is a founding member of this school and has a great skills set, good relationships with students and families alike. Please congratulate her when next you see her.

Today is Anti Bullying Day and we refer to it as ‘Bullying No Way’. The children in all classes have been undertaking activities around this topic. I have posted a link on the Rosebery Primary School Facebook page to a TV interview with Adam Voigt for parents to watch. We continue to use our strong restorative practices underpinning to deal with issues and we deal with any form of teasing, nastiness or bullying through those means. As a partner in Real Schools with Adam Voigt he will be running a webinar for parents in term 2 on ‘Bully Proofing your child’. He wasn’t able to do the parent sessions this year when he was up so this is how he can still provide parents with quality information and advice but from afar. More information will be forthcoming early next term.

Just a point of clarification for parents/carers, in one of our recent past newsletters a reminder was given around pick up and drop off of pre-schoolers and Transition and Year 1 students. Pre-schoolers MUST legally be signed in and out by a responsible person and that means an adult or a child over the age of 10. So that means a child from year 5 or 6 may be old enough but we prefer that it is at least a Middle Schooler or parent/carer. With Transition and Year 1 students it can be a responsible older sibling but an adult should be walking or riding home with children who are under the age of 10, they should not be travelling home alone.

We have had Hector the Road Safety Cat here this week speaking to Preschool through to Year 2 students about what it means to be safe on the road. These messages at this age are very important. Please note further information on children and safety on the roads at a young age have been provided later in this newsletter. The remainder of the school are having Road Safety lessons in coming days. If children are riding or scooting to school they need to wear a safety helmet and the police officer has been reminding students of this prior to taking any further action. Please address this with your children as it is a parental responsibility, the school just assists in reminding students as we don’t want to see our student’s lives at risk when travelling to and from school.

Our Year 5/6 Student Leadership Council members and all our House and Vice Captains are off on a leadership camp to Goanna Park today and tomorrow with Ms Banicek, Mr Dunbar and Ms Ludwig. This is a great opportunity for these young and aspiring leaders to learn important leadership skills through a Michael Grose Leadership Program (Parenting Ideas fame) that Ms Banicek has added to so that our students are equipped with the skills they need to be our future leaders as they grow up. They will return tomorrow just after lunch, happy but exhausted after this adventure.

On Monday we are celebrating Harmony day. We have a very diverse community at Rosebery Primary School and Harmony Day is a chance to acknowledge our diversity. There will be activities, sessions and celebrations across the school and we look forward to seeing parents involved.

Have a happy and safe weekend.

Gail Smith
Principal.
### Values Awards

- **Mikayla Collingburn ~ Confidence**
- **Malik Kadir ~ Confidence**
- **Jahkiam Benjamin ~ Confidence**
- **Hannah Wight ~ Respect**
- **Grace Scheffler ~ Respect**
- **Brooke Nicholas ~ Resilience**
- **Janessa Nixon ~ All Values**
- **Delilah Riggall ~ Cooperation & Confidence**
- **Melissa Cokanasiga ~ Confidence**
- **Damien Kapitula ~ Respect & Cooperation**
- **Ruby Simpson ~ Respect & Cooperation**
- **Will Collins ~ Respect**
- **Imogen Slater ~ Cooperation**
- **Ebonie Greenwood ~ Cooperation**
- **Bo Tankey ~ Integrity**
- **Mia ~ Respect**
- **Kayla Lowrey ~ Cooperation**
- **Sid Mishra ~ Respect**
- **Elizabeth ~ Respect**
- **Tia Nguyen ~ Respect**

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**Date** | **Event**
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**March**| |
Mon 21st | Harmony Day
Wed 23rd | Blue Light Disco
Wed 23rd | Early Childhood Easter Hat Parade
Fri 25th | Public Holiday - Good Friday
Mon 28th | Public Holiday - Easter
29th - 31st | Student Led Conference

**April**| |
Fri 1st | Casual Clothes Day
Fri 1st | Last Day of Term 1
Mon 11th | Students Resume Term 2

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We are now approaching the final 2 weeks of the Back To School $150 payment scheme. Vouchers must be redeemed by **Friday April 1** through the school reception. Any unused funds after this date will be void. For further information contact reception on 8930 5100.

**2016 Back to School Payment Scheme**

Up to $150 worth of educational items during Term One 2016 has been supplied for.

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**Wednesday 23rd March**
**6pm-8pm**
**Come dressed in BLUE**
**Entry $3.00**

Fundraising for outdoor fans for our school.

- Carnie will be open, selling chicken kebabs, fried rice, homemade cheeseburgers, watermelon, poppers, water.

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**Casual Clothes Day**
**Friday 1st April**
**Last day of term**

**GOLD COIN DONATION**

All monies raised will go towards trees to provide more shade in the playground.
Children should walk as much as possible for health reasons. But at the same time, they need to learn how to be safe around cars - including driveways, car parks and when crossing roads.

**Pedestrian accidents:** A recent survey found that 20% of children in traffic-related accidents were pedestrians. Children aged under 10 are particularly vulnerable because they’re still growing and developing. For example, children have underdeveloped peripheral vision until age 9 and they’re less able compared to adults to judge where the sounds of motor vehicles are coming from. In addition, children’s behaviour isn’t consistent around roads. For instance, they can be impulsive or easily distracted. Their relatively small size also makes it harder for them to see around parked cars.

**What to do:** Be a positive role model for your child and explain safety around cars as you go about day-to-day life, including:
- Road rules
- Where it’s safest to cross a road
- The dangers of unexpected vehicle movement

Children up to 8 should hold an adult’s hand around cars (footpaths, car park, crossing roads).

Children up to 10 should be supervised around traffic and hold an adult’s hand when crossing the road.

From 10 to 13 years of age children can cope more safely in traffic on their own; although, the busier the roads, the older they need to be.

Before allowing independent walking, check that your child always stops, looks, listens and thinks when crossing roads.

More information: Visit [www.raisingchildren.net.au](http://www.raisingchildren.net.au)
Each class received a plastic bottle to collect their 5 cent pieces in. The challenge is for each class to collect as many 5 cent pieces as they can. The winning class will be announced Monday March 21st at recess, the winning class will receive popcorn and a movie afternoon to be confirmed. The challenge will finish March 21st at 8.30am.

All monies raised will go towards external fan and much needed reader books.