Parents/Carers,

As we head towards the end of term I would like to say the learning being undertaken around the school is amazing. We have transition students working closely with the year 4/5/6 class in the garden, year 3, 4 and 6s preparing for the camp/sleepovers, Transition, year 1 and 2s undergoing a Perceptual Motor Program (PMP) each morning. We have the BEAT choir and dancers enjoying the success of their hard work this week at the BEAT festival and teachers are busy ensuring goals are being set, met and developed with students in readiness for learning as well as preparing for the Back to School Festival to be held from 5.30pm – 7pm on Wednesday 28th September. Everything and everyone is abuzz with deep learning being the core of everything that is happening.

Back to School Festival

We encourage all families to attend the Back to School Festival. We have so much for you to experience in the classroom where you become the student. You have the opportunity to engage in the learning in the way your child does every day. It allows the children to see you as life-long learners as well as gain a deeper understanding of how we co-teach and why we use Kagan Cooperative Learning as a vehicle for learning at Rosebery Primary School. This year we are asking for input from parents around our strategic direction for 2017 and beyond so it is important for us to hear from you in the classroom activities on the night. I look forward to seeing you here to celebrate your child’s learning at Rosebery Primary School.

Rosebery Primary School teacher success story - Rebecca Garrigan, our Year 1 teacher re-joined Rosebery Primary School at the beginning of 2016. She came to Rosebery with the Highly Accomplished Lead Teacher (HALT) status and a teacher who would assist in leading the Early Years teachers to improve their quality teaching in the classroom and lead aspects of teaching and learning within the school through mentoring and coaching. Rebecca was selected as the NT representative and one of 12 HALT teachers from around Australia to work with the Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership (AITSL) to develop national recognition of the HALT status across Australia. Rebecca is a founding group member for the organisation of the first HALT Summit held in Adelaide early this year and has continued to work to hold an inaugural Summit in the NT. At the NT level Rebecca mentors prospective HALT teachers and she also presents workshops around exemplary practice for NT teachers. She has also been recognised for her evidence of practice in remote and urban settings. The HALT Summit which is fully supported by the Education Department is taking place today and Saturday where Rebecca is playing a major role. Chantel Canning our Year 5/6 teacher is also a HALT teacher and is acting Senior Teacher Primary this year, she too is involved with the Summit today and Saturday. Rosebery Primary School is very fortunate to have such talented and highly qualified teachers. I look forward to attending the Summit.

Road Safety

After one of our students was hit by a car last Friday morning on Forrest Parade the Palmerston City Council have now seriously engaged with us in coming up with a crossing plan. I have recently received in writing for the first time, an offer for a school crossing that would need to be managed by the school. We will be calling for parent volunteers to work these flagged crossings in the morning and afternoons for the remainder of this year. At the end of 2016 we will look at how this has worked and make the best possible decision on how this can be managed for 2017 and beyond as we will also have the crossing on Belyuen Road to manage when the new road opens and joins up. This is great news, it is just a shame that action has only been taken as a result of an accident. The safety of our children is everyone’s responsibility so I urge you to have conversations with your children around how and where to cross Forrest Parade, particularly between now and when the crossing is built. All students should be wearing a helmet if they ride or scoot to school and be with an adult, older sibling or friend when travelling to or from school.

Have a great weekend.

Gail Smith
Principal
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Student attendance each day is very important to a child’s education. If your child will be absent from school you must contact our absentee line to notify us of your child’s name, class and reason of absence. Parents/carers are reminded that if your child is absent from school due to illness for more than 3 days a medical certificate must be supplied to the school. This is a requirement under the Truancy Guidelines of the NT.

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SPORTS VOUCHER REMINDER
We still have a large number of sports vouchers at reception. If you have not collected your child’s voucher please call into reception.

All Sport Vouchers not collected by September 30th will be returned to the Department of Sports & Recreation.

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National Bandanna Day is CanTeen's major fundraising and awareness campaign for CanTeen Australia. CanTeen helps young people cope with cancer in their family. Through CanTeen, they learn to explore and deal with their feelings about cancer, connect with other young people in the same boat and – if they've been diagnosed themselves, CanTeen provides specialist youth-specific treatment teams.

You can support CanTeen by purchasing a bandana from Reception. Bandanas are on sale now for $4. Get yours for National Bandana Day, Monday 31st October.