Parents and Carers,

We have reached the end of Term 3 on a high with our Year 4 students having their camp at the Wildlife Park last week and the Year 3 students having a sleepover last night and today was spent at the Water Park. Students have enjoyed participating in our outdoor education program this Term. I am sure the year 6 students are looking forward to their camp at the start of Term 4.

We have some staffing changes with Mr Field and Mrs Wait both leaving and new arrangements in place for Term 4. Mrs Banicek and Mrs Turton will be sharing the teaching of the year 4/5/6 class for Term 4 to ensure stability and consistency with that class, we have Ms Woods continuing in Mrs Wait’s 3/4 class and Ms Carey sharing teaching of that class. Both teachers know these students quite well and this will ensure the smoothest completion to the year.

On Wednesday night we held our bi-annual Back to School Festival. A big thank you to all the families who attended and for the input and feedback provided in class time. We are currently collating and reading this information which will inform our Educational direction and Strategic Planning for 2017.

Communication always seems to be a hot topic so I would like to remind everyone that we have a Rosebery Primary School Facebook page for information to the school community as well as our Skoolbag App which you can download. We also are aware not everyone has access to all forms of communication so based on feedback we are currently working on a Communication Strategy which will be shared with everyone in coming months ready for implementation in 2017. As a parent if you would like to be more involved with the school please consider putting a nomination in to be on our School Council, which is now called Parent Representative Group. The AGM for our Parent Representative Group where we elect new members takes place prior to March 15 next year so keep that in mind. The AGM will be highly publicised early next year.

I would once again like to remind everyone that road safety is everyone’s business. This morning a parent came to inform the school that a child in a Rosebery School uniform, about the grade 2 or 3 age, ran out onto Belyuen road to cross without looking. This parent was quite shaken by this and wanted us to take some action. At this stage without knowing who the child is this is the best method for me letting all parents know to talk about appropriate crossing of the roads leading to school. We do this on a very regular basis at school at every opportunity and have Road Safety lessons conducted by the Road Safety people each year as well as teachers consistently reminding students about being safe when travelling to and from school. The actions of parents in the school car parks are starting to be quite unpredictable again now the rainy weather has started. Can I please remind parents that the drop and go zone is not for any longer than 2 minutes, please park if a park is available and if your child is not there to be collected within 2 minutes please drive off and do a loop and return to give others the chance to collect their children.

The Palmerston City Council has approved two school crossings to be installed on Forrest Parade. We have not been given a timeframe but I would hope it is shortly. There will be crossing flags put up and taken down each day. Students will be informed that these crossings are not school crossings unless the flags are out so they must take care at all times. We will talk to all students about how these crossings are to be used for safety once they are installed.

Enjoy the week break with your family and remember school resumes on Tuesday 11th October.

Gail Smith
Principal
On Thursday 22 September Rosebery Primary AFL Team made it into the Grand Final against Bakewell Primary School.

We started slowly with Bakewell winning the first quarter 20 points to our zero! In the second quarter Dallas Caulton, Tristan Humphreys, Bradley Williams, Dante Stotten, Lachlan Charman and Brihden Benjamin starred and we kicked 6 goals to their 1 point. At half time we were up by 15 points but quite exhausted. In the third quarter they came back strongly and kicked 5 goals to our one goal. At three quarter time we were faced with walking away defeated or walking away with a premiership. The players chose to soldier on. Despite winning the last quarter decisively we fell short by only 3 points at the final siren.

What great spirit – what a great effort! Of course getting to the Grand Final involved many more players who trained and played in previous games. Some missed games because of the BEAT or camp.

A big thank you to parents for getting their children to the games, and an even bigger thank you to Mr Julian Chiarizia (AFL NT) for spending so much time with our students giving them the skills and knowledge to give us a competitive edge.

It is also worth noting that Larissa Haliman, Tiana Storey and Sarah Williams were a vital part of our team and we also included students from years 3 to year 6.

CONGRATULATIONS Rosebery Primary School team!
There are eight steps that are important for your child to remember when crossing the road. Please read and talk about these with your child.

**Step 1** Choose the safest place to stop and cross.

**Step 2** Ask an adult for help to cross the road.

**Step 3** Stop back from the kerb and road.

**Step 4** Look in all directions for traffic.

**Step 5** Listen for traffic.

**Step 6** Think about when it is safe to cross.

**Step 7** When the road is clear, walk straight and quickly across the road, holding an adult’s hand.

**Step 8** Keep checking the road by looking, listening and thinking about traffic while crossing.

### At home activity

When walking to school or around your local area, use the walk to help teach your child how to cross the road using the eight steps. Show your child how to do each step and explain why. This will help your child to understand the importance of each step. An example is given below:

- **Where do you think we should cross the road? Why?**
- **Let’s stop right back from the kerb so we won’t accidently step onto the road.**
- **Can you see any traffic coming? Keep looking both ways.**
- **Now let’s listen. Can you hear any traffic?**
- **Do you think it is safe to cross?**
- **Let’s walk straight across the road. Remember to keep looking, listening and thinking.**

Thank you for playing a vital role in your child’s road safety education.
School Holiday Fun

AT THE
TERRITORY
Wildlife Park
DARWIN

Monday 1 to Friday 7 October 2016

Daily Activities for the Children

“Hey, where’s Wally?”
Help find Wally who is hiding around the Park

Jungle gym fun and games

Backyard water play fun

What you need to bring

Swimmers, a towel, hat, sunscreen & insect repellent
A sense of adventure!

Special Event on Tuesday, 4 October 2016

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