From the Principal

Out of School Care- Information Session

Camp Australia, the company providing the 'Out of School Care' at Rostrata next year will be at our school on November 23rd (3:00-5:00 pm) to answer questions regarding the program. If you are interested drop in and have a one-on-one chat with the staff.

Use of Children's names in Publications

We have been informed by the Department of Education that we are to refrain from using the full names of children in the newsletter. This is for security reasons as there are situations where the name of the school that a child is attending needs to be kept confidential. In future this will mean that we will not be naming children who have received awards.

Class Organisation – 2012

Following consultation with classroom teachers the School Management Committee has taken the decision to alter the current organisation of classes. From next year we will have the following groups:

K (3 classes), PP/1 (6), Yr 1/2 (1), Yr 2 (2), Yr 2/3 (1), Yr 3 (3), Yr 4 (3), Yr 5 (3), Yr 6 (1) Year 6/7 (6).

Classroom Placements

In the near future, teachers will be making up the class lists for 2012. The criteria for making placements in classes include the following:

- Academic ability to ensure balanced classes;
- Children with special needs (e.g. academic, social, medical);
- Friendship groups;
- The need to separate some children who may distract each other in class.

If you have any concerns about next year’s placements, please write to me. It is important to note it is not possible to take into account requests for particular teachers. Families that are leaving Rostrata at the end of the year, we ask that you kindly inform the school office as soon as possible to assist with class allocations for 2012.

School Fete

As predicted the school fete was thoroughly enjoyed by all of us who took part. Many thanks for the wonderful support. You can be assured that we will make good use of the funds raised. And a special thank you to the hard working fund raising committee, the children and the many other supporters who helped out on the day. As I made mention in the last newsletter it is support like this that ensures Rostrata continues to provide outstanding programs for the children in our care.

Congratulations!

We received notice from Willetton Senior High School that 13 of our Year 7’s have gained a place in one of their Specialist Programs. We also have had a number of children who have won scholarships in a selection of other highly regarded schools. We wish them well for the future and acknowledge the wonderful contribution our own teachers have made to their progress over time.

Tom Campbell
Principal
ABSENTEE REQUIREMENTS

If your child is absent from school for any amount of time, regardless of the reason or whether you have telephoned the school or verbally informed the teacher, a written explanation is required as soon as the child returns to school.

If you know your child is going to be absent for an extended period of time, eg long term sickness or holiday, please advise the school in writing as soon as possible.

Children with unexplained absences will have a letter sent home requesting an explanation.

Notes from parents are to include the child’s first name, surname, area number, reason for absence, absence date/s and parent/guardian signature.

An Invitation to all Parents and Volunteers
who have been attending class lessons

Rostrata Primary School greatly appreciates the contributions made to the School Community Kitchen Garden program and in the classroom

We wish to show our appreciation and personally thank you for your support and help during the year

An afternoon tea will be held on
Friday 2nd December 2011
between 1.30 and 3.00pm

Rostrata Primary School
Rostrata Avenue, Willetton

Please gather in the staff room beforehand for a tour of the kitchen garden
Please RSVP to Rhonda.Barnes@det.wa.edu.au

Thinking of Selling? Earn Cash For Our Kids!

$20,000 can be made in 2011.
$500 goes directly to our school when I list
and sell a home for you.

Call Willeton’s Most Recommended Property Consultant for details
Don Asplin on 0416 233 275

Offer is exclusive to
Don Asplin of ProWest Real Estate
Conditions Apply.
Please mention this offer at time of listing.
In the Kitchen with Mrs Richards

Another wonderful cooking session this week!
Our Cheese and Bacon Muffins were enjoyed by all, along with Crispy Eggplant and our Fennel Salad. We also made homemade lemonade this week. Thank you to the Mulcahy family for their generous donation of passionfruit and lemons. A big thank you also goes to Mrs Holland and the students of B2 for donating six new measuring jugs and six new small measuring bowls.
Please have a look at our kitchen website at http://rostratakitchen.weebly.com - we think it is wonderful!

Preparing and sharing

In the Spring Garden with Mrs Martini

Thank you to all those parents and students who supported the Kitchen garden stalls at the fête. What a wonderful effort by all, particularly the apprentice ‘spruikers’.

We are having a kitchen garden ‘open afternoon’ in conjunction with the parent volunteer afternoon tea on 2nd December between 1.30 to 3pm. If you have helped us in any way during the year, please come and have a tour of the garden then share some nibbles cooked by the children. Please RSVP to Rhonda Barnes, Deputy Principal at Rhonda.Barnes@det.wa.edu.au.

A big chook thank you to the O’Keefe family for looking after the chooks on the weekends. They are looking very healthy. Some of the pullets have come of age and are now laying too. Thanks to Mark for donating another bag of grain—the chooks love this special treat. Thanks also to the C7 and C6 chicken minders for looking after the chickens during the week.

The weather recently has been very kind to the garden, with everything thriving on the extra rainfall. However the hot days will be with us shortly, so we are preparing for summer by putting up shade cloth covers over our garden beds. Do you have any shade cloth (3m x 2m or larger) that is in reasonable condition, 3m lengths of flexible pipe or longer, or some tomato stakes? If so, we would love to have them in the garden to help create the covers.

Check out the Kitchen Garden web page on the school website. http://rostratagarden.weebly.com

What you can do to help:

- **Volunteer** in Term 4, 2011—see your child’s teacher about kitchen or garden classes. They are one hour lessons.

- **Worm Wiz** can be bought outside the front office or at assemblies (thanks to the team in C4) $1 for 2 litres.

- **Donate shade cloth** to make covers for the garden beds.
Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday November 15th at 7pm in the staff room. Everyone in the school community is welcome to attend.

From the Uniform Shop...
There are still plenty of school bags available. These cost $30 and forms can be found at the front office. Money and the form can be placed in a sealed envelope and left in the Uniform Shop letter box at front office. The bag will be delivered directly to your child's class. Uniform Shop hours are Wednesday and Friday 8am - 10am.

From the Canteen Committee...
Congratulations to Allison from B3 and Zac from C7 who have both won morning teas, courtesy of the Kids Café just for using online ordering. They both receive a garlic bread, springer apple and juice or milk of their choice.

On our Classroom Hero and end of term pizza/sushi days, we receive between 300 and 400 orders which we have to collate and open by hand. As you can imagine this is a very time consuming process for which we have to pay our canteen ladies. If you only use the canteen for these two days it would cost you a mere $0.90 to upload $25 (enough for two children for both days) on www.mykidslunchbox.com.au using Paypal. We simply print out the orders and the money is banked for us saving us an incredible amount of time. Please consider trying it. Thank you to those parents who are using the website. We hope you are finding it of value in streamlining your day.

Don't forget the new summer menu is out, so please use the Term 4 menu and also remember to check pricing before completing your orders.

Our Classroom Hero competition is closing on Wednesday, 16th November with food delivered to the children for lunch on Monday, 21st November. Every entry goes in the draw to win Quelch Sticks for the whole class!!

A HUGE thank you to our fifteen new volunteers in the canteen and of course our wonderful regulars, without whom the canteen would not function. If you can spare just one morning a term on 04238 78618 or see Corrinne Hunter in the canteen. Please consider trying it.

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From the School Banking Coordinator...
Congratulations to Arshini and Zubair who won $5 each for banker of the month for September and October respectively. Remember every time you bank at school banking, you automatically go into the monthly draw to win $5.

School banking is held every Wednesday morning in the undercover area before school. Please could you have your deposit slips completed before coming to school banking.

Lost Property - Last week someone lost a ring at school banking; please contact Natalie on 0418 928867.

Natalie Mulcahy, School Banking Coordinator

From the Safety House Committee...
What a great time we had at the school fete; IMA the Safety House was a huge hit when she made a special visit to remind everyone how important the Safety House program is and we also managed to get a couple of names for some potential new Safety Houses in the area.

If you are interested in finding out more about the Safety House program or would like to become a Safety House supporting Rostrata Primary School, please contact Julie Marian on 0427 536943 or email julie.c.marian@gmail.com.
From the Fundraising Committee...

SCHOOL FETE

Thank you very much to those families who came along and supported our school fete, we hope you had a great time! It raised over $7,000 for our school.

I was remiss in my thank you note that went home last week. I forgot to mention a couple of wonderful parents who helped us with the fete. We truly appreciate the efforts of:

- Mrs Brycelynn White who organized and ran the Netball display/competition
- Mr Darren Andrew who organized the Safety House display and did a wonderful job dressed up as Ima!

Also, I made a typo - it was the staff and families of A3 and A4 who helped Kerry-Anne with the cake stall – sorry about that!

Rostrata Primary School P&C would like to say a special Thank You to the following sponsors:

- Professionals Prowest Real Estate - High Road, Willetton
- The Asplin Family - who have been strong supporters of our school
- Monkey Bars Play & Learn Centre, Canning Vale

We would also like to thank the following businesses and families for their generous donations of prizes:

- Roxby’s Massage, Roxby Lane, Willetton
- The Designers Hair & Beauty - Yampi Way, Willetton
- My Gym - High Road, Willetton
- Beauty On The Grove - Vellgrove Avenue, Parkwood
- Glen Iris Golf Club, Jandakot
- Fremantle Football Club
- Waldecks Garden Centre, Myaree
- Definition Health Club - Wheatley Drive, Bull Creek
- Beauty on the Avenue - Parry Avenue, Bull Creek
- Cockburn Ice Arena
- Hon Sue Ellery (MLC)
- Dr Mike Nahan (MLA)
- Willetton Basketball Association
- Armando Sports - Stock Road, O'Connor
- Power Play Sports, Osborne Park
- Cheesecake Shop - Parry Ave, Bull Creek
- Adventure World
- Fremantle Prison
- Spare Parts Puppet Theatre, Fremantle
- Wild Encounters, Rockingham
- Entertainment Books
- Created by Kate – Unique Gifts & Hampers
- Maria Elena Vega
- Aussie Farmers Direct
- Dawsons Garden Centre, O'Connor
- the McPartland Family
- the Keepa Family
- the Giles Family
- Miss Capps
- the Mulcahy Family
- ABC
- Channel 7
- Channel 10
- 6PR
- Nova 93
From the Fundraising Committee...

MASQUERADE DISCO

You have probably seen the signs around the school and received your flyer that went home. The ‘masquerade’ theme was requested by one of our students and we thought it was a wonderful idea. Any kind of mask and/or costume can be worn. Why not make your own? Prizes will be awarded to the most creative.

Older children are NOT allowed to stay and attend the junior disco and vice versa. Children can only attend the disco that is suited for their age group.

We need the assistance of parents to help us on the night, please contact Nicola on 0407 594221 or by email at rostratafundraising@hotmail.com, if you can help. Thank you.

VERY IMPORTANT - PARENTS/GUARDIANS PLEASE READ THE DISCO RULES:

😊 The P&C Fundraising Committee have a ‘duty of care’ which begins and ends at the Disco door, therefore ALL children must be collected at the end of their Disco session by a parent or guardian.

😊 Children will NOT be allowed to leave on their own, no matter how close you live to the school; they will be supervised until an adult can collect them. Make sure your child knows who will be collecting them at the end of their Disco session.

😊 PLEASE note the times for both the Junior and Senior Disco sessions.

😊 Most importantly, we want all children to come and have fun in a safe environment. Anyone seen to be behaving in an anti-social manner, will be taken aside and a parent/guardian contacted to collect them.

Parents are most welcome to stay and enjoy the Disco with their children.

P&C Fundraising Committee

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You Are Invited to Chemfest!

Experience science as a human endeavour

Saturday 12 November 2011
2.00pm - 7.00pm

Curtin Stadium, Building 111,
Curtin University
Kent Street, Bentley

Entry Free

Curtin Robofair 2011

Are you intrigued by robots?
Do you like building things, electronics, computer technology and games?
Do you want to see how robots are helping us in our everyday lives, and shaping the future?

If so, then come along to Curtin Robofair!

Sunday 4 December
10am - 2pm

Engineering Pavilion, Building 215
Curtin University
Kent Street, Bentley

Entry Free
curtin.edu.au/robofair
Parents/Carers:
The stationery requirements lists for 2012 have now been distributed to your children.
We would like to remind you that the date for the orders to be returned to school is
Friday 11th November 2011.
Stationery requirements lists should be returned to your class teacher.
Alternatively, place your order online, on time and in full and go into the draw to win your list for free, plus a chance to win $2,500.

Changes to Contact Details?
Please Keep Us Informed...

If any general information has changed regarding your child, such as home address details and emergency contact phone numbers, please inform the school office immediately so that our records can be updated.

Thank you.

Upcoming Events

Tue 15th Nov  Senior Assembly
B6/B7, Yr 4/5
(Miss Peel/Miss Cleary)

Tue 15th Nov  P&C Meeting
7pm, Staff Room

Wed 16th Nov - Fri 18th Nov  Nanga Bush Camp
(Year 7’s only)

Mon 21st Nov  Senior Band Bash
1pm, Rostrata Primary School, Undercover Area

Tue 22nd Nov  Junior Assembly
D1/D2, Yr 2/3
(Mrs Sear-Rigg/Mrs Ryan)

Wed 23rd Nov  Parent Tour Committee Meeting, 9am, Staff Room

Thur 24th Nov  School Council Meeting
9am, Staff Room

Mon 28th Nov  Year 7 Vaccinations

Tennis@Rostrata with Tony Brown. Term 4 lessons have now commenced and finish on Tuesday 6th December. Tuesday mornings from 7.45am-8.30am. $65.00 for 7 week term. Fees to be handed to Tony Brown at tennis, not the school office. Contact Tony on 0404 516370 for enrolment details.

Relationships Australia is holding the following parenting courses: Parent Child Connection; Nut and Bolts of Being a Dad; Parent Teen Connection; Rock and Water Programme. For further information, please phone 9489 6322.

Oberthur Primary School in Bull Creek is holding a Community Fete on Sunday November 13 2011, from 10am to 2pm. Free activities for children will be on offer, including an animal nursery, a Science Show, craft activities and the Scout’s climbing wall. For a small fee, pony rides, bouncy castles, face painting, international food and lots of other entertainment will also be on offer. For more information please contact Lynette Field on 0401 943 648 or email oberthurfair@gmail.com.

Surfing Events ‘Girls Go Surfing Day’ will be held on the 22nd January 2012, cost of $40. ‘Boys Have a Go Day’ will be held on 29th January 2012, cost of $30. Don’t miss out on these awesome once a year events! Places are limited so book early – phone 9524 7671 for your nearest WA location or visit www.surfingschool.com.au/ggs.html.