From the Principal

P&C Contribution
The P&C had its final meeting for the year last Tuesday and was attended by the usual group of hardworking members. The Treasurer, in her report, revealed that the P&C has raised $32,000 this year. This is clearly a wonderful effort and has made a tremendous difference to the programs we have been able to offer. A particular thanks to those who have been involved in the many projects and to all parents and carers who have so willingly supported us.

Formula 1 Challenge
A group of our senior students will compete in the Formula 1 Challenge tomorrow. This has been an exciting project which has involved the children designing and building their own cars for the challenge. We wish them well for the competition but most importantly congratulate them for their enthusiasm and perseverance over the past few months. Many thanks to Mr Hill who has been the mainstay behind this project.

Air Conditioning- New Buildings
We have been informed by the Department of Education that all of our new classrooms will be air conditioned for the start of the new year. So while we will probably have to work through some rather warm weather over the coming weeks we can look forward to the cooling being in place for the first week back.

Premier’s Reading Challenge
The Reading Challenge is on again this year and we encourage everyone to be involved. It is a great holiday activity and has a very positive affect on the children’s reading. There are many prizes to be won by those who take part.

Our school values Parent participation

Science Award
I am sure it will come as no surprise to anyone that Mr Johnson has won a Highly Commended award in the Prime Minister’s annual science presentations. We congratulate Mr Johnson on this highly regarded achievement. I’m sure if I could get him away from the meal worms, solar boats and many other activities, to write up what he really does for the children, he would win this coveted award.

Voluntary Contributions
All families will have received the information detailing the new arrangements for collecting voluntary contributions and upfront lump sum payments for charges for 2012. We would urge everyone to support us by making payment early in the school year. These funds certainly make a difference to the programs we can offer the children.

It is intended that the lump sum advance payment for activities such as excursions/excursions etc will be more convenient than having to send endless small payments throughout the year, especially as we will have Eftpos and Credit Card facilities at the office for your use.

Whilst our school voluntary contributions have had their first increase in many years from $40—$50 per student, the amount allocated for optional activities are the same as the previous years, but will now be collected in advance. Further information is included in this newsletter.

Class Lists 2012
The class lists will be displayed on the staff room and library windows on January 30th.

Tom Campbell
Principal
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

From the Library…

It's that time of year again – borrowing is coming to an end for the year. Week 6
is the last week of borrowing for all students. We would really appreciate your help
in ensuring that your child returns all of their library books next week (Week 7).

It is also the last issue of the Scholastic Book Club this year. These orders will
be processed on Monday 28th November – late orders will not be accepted.

We have been advised by Scholastic that orders after this date will not be
received before the end of term.

Alison Mackenzie

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 Willetton’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.
VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS & CHARGES 2012

In accordance with the School Education Act 1999 primary schools may request up to $60 per child for school voluntary contributions.

The Rostrata School Council has endorsed the following voluntary contributions for 2012.

School voluntary contributions: $50 per child—Kindy to Year 7
Parents & Citizens voluntary contributions: $25.00 per family paid by the youngest sibling in family

COMPULSORY PAYMENTS IN ADVANCE FOR INCURSIONS/EXCURSIONS/IN TERM SWIMMING ETC

It has been approved by the Rostrata Primary School Council to introduce compulsory payments in advance for extra cost optional items for all children in Pre Primary to Year 7 as of 2012. This is intended to make it convenient for parents and streamline administrative procedures by eliminating class money collections.

All children in Pre Primary to Year 7 will be required to pay a lump sum amount, which will cover the cost of optional activities stated below that your child participates in such as:

- Incursions/Excursions/Edu-Dance/Dance Sport
- In term Swimming lessons
- CRE program (work book)
- Interschool Carnivals.

EFTPOS and credit card facilities will be available for payments at the school office (minimum amount of $10)

Throughout the year as your child participates in an activity, the cost of the activity will be deducted from the credit on your child’s account.

There will be two options for payment:

Option 1: Payment in full of annual charges within first four weeks of term 1
Option 2: Payment in two installments with a maximum of one installment per semester paid within the first two weeks of term 1 and term 3

Pre Primary – Year 3 amount: $130.00 per year
Year 4 – 7 amount: $160.00 per year

If your child participates in any of the items below, payment for those activities will need to be made in addition to the above amount:

- School Camps/Student Exchange Programs
- Instrumental Hire
- Choir
- Rostrata Concert Band Fees/Band Shirts/Instrumental Books
- Private Instrumental tuition—payable to the tutor direct

FOR EXAMPLE:

If your child is in Pre Primary to Year 3, we request the following payments to be made to the school for 2012:

School Voluntary Contribution: $50.00
P&C Family Contribution: $25.00 (if youngest sibling in family)
Advance payment for Incursions/Excursions etc: $130.00
Total: $205.00

If your child is in Years 4 to 7, we request the following payments to be made to the school for 2012:

School Voluntary Contribution: $50.00
P&C Family Contribution: $25.00 (if youngest sibling in family)
Rostrata Concert Band Fees: $60.00 (only if your child is in band)
Advance payment for Incursions/Excursions etc: $160.00
Total: $295.00

Payment for additional items such as camps, instrumental hire, private instrumental tuition, band t-shirts, etc not covered above would be paid as the need arises throughout the year if it is relevant to your child.
Junior Tabloid Sports Day

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Last Friday, in perfect weather conditions, we held our Junior Sports Carnival.

A very big thank you to all staff, school captains and faction captains, who arrived at school early in the morning to assist in the set up for the day. Such co-operation, as usual, resulted in a very successful morning of fun and well organised events.

We are sure all who attended enjoyed watching the children participate in the carnival, demonstrating great sportsmanship and most of all, seeing everyone have a wonderful time!

Congratulations to Mason, who won the shield by the tiniest of margins against Willett, and to all the factions for their wonderful efforts.
On Wednesday 9th November and Thursday 10th November, approximately 100 Rostrata children represented the school at the annual interschool athletics carnival and they did so with great energy, enthusiasm & determination.

Rostrata finished 3rd overall, but in so many races and team events the level of effort, competitive spirit and sportsmanship was of the highest calibre and made everyone a winner on the day. As a school, we were mightily proud of your performance as a team, both on and off the track.

A special mention is made of our three runner up champion athletes: Kutemba (Year 4), Daniel (Year 6) and Cheyenne (Year 7). To them in particular, a special well done, but to all our other competitors from across the grades, thank you and congratulations on a splendid two days of competition!

From the Rostrata Staff attending the carnival

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Twilight Tunes

Wednesday 7th December

Come and celebrate the success of our Senior, Junior, Intermediate and Training Bands at the last performance for 2011.

We look forward to your company at this wonderful evening of music under the stars. Twilight tunes will commence at 6pm with a picnic tea. Bring your picnic, chairs and blanket. The bands will commence playing at 7pm for approximately 1 hour.

Feel like having the night off?

A sausage sizzle and cold drinks will be available on the night.

Sausage Sizzle $3.00, Cold Drinks $1.50
The Kitchen classroom would like to say a big “thank you” to Rotary Willetton, for their amazing and generous donation of $600.00 toward equipment for our new room next year.

Wayne Hand, who is in charge of the community projects at Rotary, has been a great support towards our program and was the motivator behind their generosity.

Thank you, and we look forward to a long lasting relationship between Rotary and the kitchen classroom program.

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In the Spring Garden with Mrs Martini

We will have capsicum and some Cape Gooseberry seedlings for sale at the assembly stall.

There is a kitchen garden ‘open afternoon’ in conjunction with the parent volunteer afternoon tea on 2nd December between 1.30 and 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. RSVP to Rhonda Barnes, Deputy Principal.

A big chook thank you to the Burge family for looking after the chickens on the weekends. They collected a perfect number of eggs (11—one for each chook each day).

Do you have any shade cloth (3m x 2m or larger) that is in reasonable condition, 3m lengths of flexible pipe or longer and tomato stakes? If so, we would love to have them in the garden to help create the covers.

A big thank you to Mr Tavendale and Mr Pettersson for helping to make our wicking bed. Thanks to the students of B1, C2 and C4 for finishing it. We are experimenting with this type of garden bed to see if it uses less water over summer. Come to the garden on 2nd December to see it in action.

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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.
From the President

Our final meeting last Tuesday was another success. We have been able to allocate some money for another SMART Board and other projects around the school. Mr Campbell spoke to us about the changes to class structures for 2012 and how the classes will be created. He was also able to answer a lot of our questions regarding these changes.

Our AGM for 2012 will be held in Week 3 of the new school year. If you would like to be a part of the P&C and have the opportunity to know more about how things work, please consider coming along. Apart from our AGM, we meet four times per year as a group and it’s a great opportunity to ask questions and be an active member of your child’s school community.

I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas and also thank you for your support in 2011.

From the Fundraising Committee

Family Portraits

Thank you to everyone who has booked a family portrait sitting for this Saturday. The portraits will be taken in D block, entry is via the front of the school and there will be signage up on the day.

The Family portraits will be returned to school on Friday 9th December to be collected and additional photos will be available for purchase (cash only). The photos can be collected from the staff room except at recess and lunch time when they will be available from the atrium which is just behind the staff room. If you have any queries, please contact Natalie on 0418 928 867.

Disco

It is great to see the children are so excited about the disco on Friday! We still need some volunteers to help at the Senior disco so if you are planning on staying, please consider lending a hand.

Please remember that children can ONLY attend the disco for their age group. Younger children cannot stay for the Senior disco and older children cannot attend the Junior disco. This is a strict policy for safety reasons.

Kindy children are welcome to attend but must have an adult with them.

The disco times are:

Juniors – 5.30pm-7pm
Seniors – 7.20pm – 9pm

School Banking

Everyone who makes a deposit during the month of November will go into the draw to win the monthly prize of $5.00.

Unfortunately the watches that are part of the rewards programme are on backorder due to an overwhelming response. The Bank has ordered more but these probably won’t become available until the last week of term. However, as an apology, the Bank will issue everyone who has ordered a watch a Frisbee, and as soon as the watches come in they will be delivered to the children.

School Banking is held every Wednesday morning before school in the undercover area. If you have any queries, you can either ring Natalie on 0418 928 867, drop a letter into the P&C box in the front office or come and see us at school banking on Wednesday mornings.

On a separate matter, a ring was found at school banking a couple of weeks ago, please contact me on 0418 928 867 if this may be yours.
One of our Year 5 students from here at Rostrata has been selected in a group of fourteen West Australians to represent the state at the Australian National Championships for Synchronized Ice Skating. This event will be held in Brisbane early in December.

We wish Baran every success in her endeavours.

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

- **Mon 28th Nov** Year 7 Vaccinations
- **Tue 29th Nov** Senior Assembly B5, Yr 4/5 (Mr Malone)
- **Wed 30th Nov** Choir Xmas Concert 2-3pm
- **Fri 2nd Dec** Parent Helper Afternoon Tea 1.30pm, Staff Room
- **Tue 6th Dec** Junior Assembly (School Captains/Combined Band)
- **Wed 7th Dec** Twilight Tunes, 6pm
- **Fri 9th Dec** Year 7 Graduation Ceremony 9.15am
- **Tue 13th Dec** Whole School Assembly (School Captains/Rostrata Staff)
- **Wed 14th Dec** Last Day of School for Students

Community News


- **Communicare Vacation Care** offers a fun, safe and creative vacation care program every school holidays at Noongar Way in Riverton. The program runs every day in the school holidays from 7:45am – 5:45pm and comprises a range of indoor and outdoor activities which are included in the daily cost. If you would like more information, to view this holiday’s program, or to enrol, please visit the Communicare website at www.communicare.org.au. Alternatively, you can contact Communicare directly on 9251 5707.

- **Riverton Calisthenics Club** invites girls aged 6-8 years old to join our new Sub Junior class. Monday 4.30-6pm at Orana Catholic Primary School Hall, Willetton. Girls 3-5 years old are welcome to come and try our Tinies class at Wandarrah Hall, Lynwood on Saturdays 9-10am. Come and enjoy your first class for free. For more information please call Debbie McDonald 0418 941 651 or see our website www.rivertoncalisthenics.com for more details.

- **Festival of Tennis** West would like to invite you and your family and friends to attend the Festival of Tennis on Sunday 27 November 2011. The Australian Open Men’s and Women’s trophies will be featured on the day. The festival is FREE! For more information about the Festival of Tennis please contact Elle Mazza on 6462 8303 / emazza@tennis.com.au.