From the Principal

World Teachers’ Day

Perhaps the only downside of having a holiday tomorrow is that our hardworking teachers will miss out on all those apples and flowers that they would normally receive. It is timely for me to again make the comment that we have a very dedicated and committed staff at Rostrata who work diligently to ensure that all children have an opportunity to reach their potential. I’m sure, like me, you are all appreciative of their efforts.

Science Accolades

Rostrata has been selected to fill the role of a Teacher Development School in Science. Essentially this means that it will be our responsibility to showcase ‘best practice’ in science and provide professional learning, ideas and resource support for teachers who visit us from other schools. It is a wonderful opportunity for Mr Johnson to pass on the passion that he has for the learning area and as a result allow many more children in our system develop a love of science.

School Fete

Don’t forget the fete on Sunday (10:00am - 2:00pm). The fundraising committee has worked extremely hard to ensure that it will be a success. All we need now is for our supporters to turn up. As I have mentioned on previous occasions we rely heavily on our P&C funds in our endeavour to provide something very special at Rostrata.

The company, Camp Australia, who will be providing Out of School Care at Rostrata next year will be available on the day to answer any of your questions.

Homework Opportunities

While not an advocate of too much homework for children, particularly if it is just ‘busy work’ or causes anxiety in families, you are likely to be aware that the P & C funds our Mathletics program. The children really enjoy this online approach to maths and can enhance their skills by working with it at home.

We also have placed on the website a list of spelling words (Salisbury Words) which you might be interested in using at home to assist children having difficulties. In addition there is a very user friendly ‘touch typing’ course which the children enjoy.

Solar Boat Challenge

A group of our boys, led by Mr Johnson, had a wonderful time at the recently held Solar Boat challenge. While this culminated in a competition last Thursday and Friday, over the past weeks they have been very engaged designing and building their boats. We were especially impressed with the children’s commitment and enthusiasm throughout the project.

Tom Campbell
Principal
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.

Junior Tabloid Sports Day
Friday 4th November 2011

Parents of students in Years 1-3 are invited to join us for the Junior Tabloid Sports Day.

Timetable
(Times are approximate)

9.15—10.00am Tabloid Games
10.00—10.10am Morning Tea in faction bays—Crunch and Sip
10.15—12.00pm Running Races
12.00—12.15pm Presentation of Faction Shield
12.15—1.00pm Lunch Break

Lunch break may be taken with family on the oval.

At the completion of the carnival, children can be collected from the oval after notifying their class teacher and by signing out their child, otherwise children will return to classrooms as usual.

Thank you.
Rhonda Barnes
Deputy Principal

Sausage Sizzle Success

Thank you to all the children who purchased a sausage in a bun on Tuesday the 25th October to support Project Numbat.

We raised over $600.00!

This money will go towards the purchase of tracking collars to help Project Numbat in their efforts to prevent our state emblem, the Numbat, from becoming extinct.

It is believed that there are less than one thousand Numbats living in the wild, which means they are closer to extinction than the Panda Bears in China.

Thank you also to Mr Proctor and Possum, who helped make this fundraiser possible.

Mrs Jose

Congratulations...

To Gwy from C6...

Gwy recently made his TV debut in the ABC sitcom MAL.COM, which screens on ABC3 on October 28.

We wish Gwy all the best with his future acting aspirations.

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.
**Engaging Adolescents**

Gain more understanding of adolescence and your role as a parent of a teenager. Learn practical strategies on how to hold difficult conversations and negotiate more successfully. This course also looks at the importance of strong relationships with your teen.

**Evening Workshops**

Facilitator: Parenting WA Coordinator

Venue: Rostrata Primary School Library
Rostrata Avenue, Willetton 6155

Date: Tuesdays 8th, 15th & 22nd November 2011

Time: 6.30pm - 8.30pm

Cost: $5 (Optional)

RSVP: To attend, please email your name to paulst@youthcare.org.au

Mt Henry Dental Clinic

**43 Mt Henry Rd, COMO**

The school Dental Service continues to provide free general and preventative dental care for all enrolled students up to Year 11.

Your child can continue to go to the same Dental Therapy Centre attended in primary school, or you can contact a new centre if it is more convenient.

Now that the Dental Therapy Centre is computerised, we will no longer be sending appointments to the school. Please advise us if you have changed your address so you can be posted a recall reminder.

If your child is not already enrolled or have not attended for a long period of time, please contact the Clinic on 9313 0552 for an appointment.

The address and phone number of your nearest Dental Therapy Centre are listed in the White Pages telephone book under the heading “Schools-Government. Primary, junior primary & pre-primary”. 
In the Kitchen with Mrs Richards

What a great start to the last term of this year!
Everyone is exhibiting brilliant cooking skills having completed almost a full year of practice. Well done!
Last week’s Creamy Pasta Silver Beet was delicious and our Salad with Cabanossi & Pear was also delicious. Our home grown beetroot looked fantastic grated on top.
This week we are making delicious Herb and Cheese Muffins for the Rostrata Fete on Sunday. Please come down and buy them, in bags of 5 for $5.00. They have been frozen to maintain freshness.
A big thank you to the Lee family for their generous donation of three Mondo Pasta machines and four electric hand beaters. Amazing! The children and I can’t wait to use them and make some homemade pasta in the coming weeks.
See you at the fete!

In the Spring Garden with Mrs Martini

At the fete on Sunday between 10am and 2pm we have herbs, flowers (that match well with vegetables) and vegetable seedlings and a selection of other plants for sale. We have an instant herb garden to raffle with worm wiz and worm castings available too.
Do you want raised garden beds but don’t want to pay the price? We have a DIY booklet for sale developed by the volunteer who has been making them for the kitchen garden and there will be a bed on display for you to look at closely on the day of the fete.
Do want an activity for your young ones to do at the fete? Budding gardeners can decorate a pot and plant a seed in it to take home.

Many herbs for sale at the fete

A big chook thank you to the How family and friends who managed the first week of the holidays and the Sear-Rigg family who did the second week of the holidays. The chickens are very grateful!
Thanks to Pete Tavendale, Glenn Pettersson, Jan and Brian Evans and Rebecca Walker for helping to get the garden ready and a big thank you to all the students for their help on Thursday lunchtimes to get the plants ready for sale for the fete.

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.
- School Fete Sunday 30th October: See you there.
From The President...
As we look around Rostrata Primary School, it is wonderful to see all of the resources that our children are able to access. SMART Boards, Kitchen Garden, playgrounds, library shelving, reading books... the list is huge!!!
Many of the resources that your children have access to are the direct result of fundraising by the P&C with support of our amazing school community.
Our Fundraising Committee have organised a School Fete for this Sunday which will not only raise money for our children, but will see many people from our surrounding areas visit our school grounds. I would like to encourage you all to be a part of the fete by attending, helping or even baking a cake for the cake stall. Our last fete in 2009 was a huge success and raised nearly $15 000. We look forward to seeing you all there!

From School Banking...
Congratulations to Arshini (C6) who won the School Banker for September. Everyone who makes a deposit during the month of October will go into the draw to win the monthly prize of $5.
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.

From The Fundraising Committee...
School Fete
Don't forget our school fete this Sunday 30th October between 10am & 2pm, come along and have some fun and support our school. There will be rides, refreshments, games, competitions, sausage sizzle, show bags, craft and much, much more.

Family Portraits
Thank you to everyone who has booked a family portrait sitting in November. Please could you send in your coupons and payments by Friday 4th November. Unfortunately I cannot hold your appointment beyond this date if I don't receive payment. Confirmation of your appointment will be sent home via your child's classroom once payment has been received. (When you send in the coupon and payment please put your child's class number on it).

We still have some afternoon appointments available on Saturday 26th November. Please ring Natalie on 0418 928 867 to secure a time.

From the Canteen Committee...
The introduction of online ordering has been a huge success. If you would like to try this system, please go to www.mykidslunchbox.com.au. Online ordering is easier for you and easier for the canteen staff. Parents know that their child’s lunch order has been received by the canteen and have control over what is ordered. We are always looking for volunteers for our canteen. If you are able to help out, please contact Jacqui Bloxham on 0423 878 618.

From the Uniform Shop...
If you have a child in next week’s carnival, don’t forget to visit the Uniform Shop to purchase your faction shirt. School bags are available to purchase. Please fill in the form in the front office and place in the P&C box with your payment. Bags will be delivered to the child in their classroom.
VacSwim 2011/2012
VacSwim, conducted by the Department of Education during the October and December/January school holidays, is one of Australia’s largest swimming programs. Qualified instructors encourage young people to be fit and healthy and become more aware of water safety in a variety of aquatic environments.

The school office has a limited supply of VacSwim booklets. Parents/carers may enrol and pay online through the VacSwim website at www.det.wa.edu.au/swimming or use the form provided in the information booklet and mail direct to VacSwim.

Enrolments for the October program (3rd-14th October 2011) are now closed.

January Program 1 runs from 28th December 2011-6th January 2012 and January Program 2 runs from 9th-20th January 2012.

Enrolments for both January programs close on Wednesday 9th November 2011.

For further information please contact VacSwim (Department of Education) on 9345 4007, vacswim@det.wa.edu.au or www.det.wa.edu.au/swimming.

Upcoming Events

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Shopping Vouchers

Thank you to all parents for collecting the Sports for Schools* and “Woolworths Earn & Learn” shopping vouchers.

The collection period for these vouchers has now closed and the outcome will be announced in due course.

Community News

♦ 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.

♦ Beach Volleyball Learn how to play with 8 fun sessions designed for children aged 8-13. Mondays 4.30-5.30pm commencing 24th October. Venue at Royal Park, 180 Charles St, West Perth. Cost: $60 for 8 sessions ($7.50 per session). For more information contact the friendly staff at Volleyball WA on 9228 8522.

♦ Rossmoyne and Districts Swimming Club operates out of the Rossmoyne Senior High School Solar Heated Pool. Children and Adults welcome. Training sessions held Mon, Thurs & Fri afternoons until 29th March 2011. Club nights held on Tuesdays. Registration Day Tuesday 12th October 4-6pm. To find out more call Chris Cheney 9332 4927 or go to www.rossmoyneswimclub.com.au.

♦ Get Into Small Boat Sailing Course Presented by East Fremantle Yacht Club with qualified instructors. Makes learning to sail a fun and educational process and builds confidence. Basic Skills 1 Course costs $260; and includes a Junior Membership for the remainder of the current season. This is a Yachting WA accredited course for girls and boys aged 8 to 15 years. The next course commences on Saturday 29 October 2011 and runs for seven (7) weeks. Sessions run from 8:30am – 12:30pm. To find out more or to register your interest, please contact the Club during office hours on 9339 8111 or email activities@efyc.com.au.

LEAVING ROSTRATA AT THE END OF 2011?

If you know you are leaving Rostrata at the end of the year, please inform the school office as soon as possible to assist with 2012 class allocations.

Thank you.