From the Principal

CRE (Religious Education)

At its recent meeting the School Council took the decision to discontinue religious instruction in 2012. The decision was influenced largely by educational reasons. Having a multicultural student body has meant that for this year we have had 250 children opt out of lessons. This has made it difficult for classroom teachers who are obliged to cater for these children as well as ensure the scripture teachers are supported in their endeavours to run an orderly class. Generally our visiting teachers are not trained though we would all agree they have done a wonderful job over the years. It is our intention to offer interested families an ‘after school’ class once a week. This will be dependent on interest and our ability to obtain a willing teacher.

Staff Movements

Although staffing placements for 2012 have not been completed as yet, we have received notification that three of our staff will be leaving us next year. Clayton Bird has won a position at Piara Waters Primary which opens next year. Mr Bird has done an outstanding job at Rostrata revitalising our Phys. Ed program and ensuring that the children have had the opportunity to experience a great variety of physical activities. Though we are disappointed he is leaving we wish him well in his exciting new teaching adventure.

Katherine Smith has won a permanent teaching position at Willandra Primary School. Again Kat has been a wonderful addition to our early childhood team during her time here. The children love her, parents are appreciative of her work and we will really miss her.

You would also know that we have had similar exciting programs in the library. Alison Mackenzie will take up a library position at Perth College next year. In addition to being an excellent librarian Alison, with the support of the P&C, has created a wonderful learning environment for the children throughout the school. We wish her all the best.

Choir Christmas Concert

Last Wednesday afternoon our choir presented a lovely selection of Christmas carols for a very appreciative audience. Well done children and a big thank you to Miss Genders who has worked diligently to ensure quality singing at Rostrata.

Years 1/2, 2012

Next year, as I have mentioned previously we will have a Year 1/2 class. Clearly this will mean that a group of children from the current PP/1’s will be forming this class. The group’s classroom will be in D cluster in what is currently used as a music room. Next year music will be in the new purpose built facility next to the current kitchen.

Did you know about this website?

You may be aware that there a good number of websites which allow access to Free Children’s Books Online. There are also audio versions. One of the major sites is www.techsupportalert.com/free-books-children and another magickeys.com.

Have a lovely holiday with the children. I am sure you will be delighted to have them at home doing all those odd jobs for you. We will certainly miss them, but as usual the teachers need this well earned break.

Tom Campbell
Principal
From the Library...
Firstly, a huge thank you to all the students / parents who have returned all their library books on time - well done!

However, we do still have around 140 books outstanding from students at this stage, which is approximately $2500 worth of school resources.

As you can imagine this is a huge amount of money and we would really love to have all of these back before the end of the year, so that we can start 2012 with a fully stocked library for everyone to enjoy.

If overdue books have been returned already, please disregard the overdue letter you will receive.

Have a great holiday!

Alison Mackenzie

DENTAL CLINIC NEWS

The Mount Henry Dental Therapy Centre will remain open during the summer school holidays FOR EMERGENCY TREATMENT ONLY.

Hours of opening are 8:15 am until 4:30 pm, closed for lunch between 12:00 and 12:45. The centre will be closed on public holidays.

Parents are advised to contact the centre by phone if they require an emergency appointment rather than presenting at the clinic, as there is a limited staff on duty.

The phone number is 9313 0552.

We wish all a very happy and safe holiday.

Kind regards from the staff,
Mt Henry Dental Therapy Centre.

Parents Please Note—
Book List Collection/Uniforms

Pre-ordered Book List requirements will be available for collection in the school’s Undercover Assembly Area on Friday, 27th January 2012, between 8.00am and 10.30am.

Please note: Payment on pick-up day may be made by Credit Card or EFTPOS. There will be no facility for cash or cheque payments.

Also, for your convenience, the Uniform Shop will be open on Friday, 27th January 2012, between 8.00am until 4.00pm.

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.
OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

Camp Australia are delighted to be partnering with Rostrata Primary School to offer a Before School, After School, Pupil Free and Vacation Care service on campus.

**Start Date:** Wednesday 1st February 2012.

**Registration & Bookings:**


*Parents are reminded to ensure they have enrolled their child prior to utilising the service.*

**Before School Care**  
7:00am – 8:30am  
Permanent Booking = $16.00 per session

**After School Care**  
3:00pm – 6:00pm  
Permanent Booking = $22.00 per session

**Vacation Care**  
7.00am – 6.00pm  
$45.00 per standard session

**Pupil Free Day**  
7.00am – 6.00pm  
$50.00 per session

For further enquiries or assistance with registration, please contact Camp Australia on 1800 501 893.
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.
On Friday 25th of November 19 students from Year 6 and 7 represented the school at the State Final of the F1 in Schools Innovation Design Challenge held at Edith Cowan University at Joondalup. This is a science and technology challenge, but also requires great teamwork, communication and creative thinking. The children did a lot of work designing and assembling cars, producing portfolios, putting up pit displays and giving presentations.

It was hectic but a lot of fun! The teams involved were Shock Chargers, Light Speed Lightning, Legacy and Fast Five. Rostrata teams won several awards on the day including best portfolio, best industry innovation and fastest reaction racing time in their category.

Congratulations to all involved on a fine effort and a big thank you to all parents who came along to help. Special thanks to Mrs Baron for her invaluable assistance.
In the Kitchen with Mrs Richards

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support and assistance in the Kitchen this year—what a wonderful program we have for the children to learn from and enjoy!

Many thanks also for the generous donations of equipment.

I hope everyone enjoys the summer holidays and maybe you could share some of the wonderful recipes we have prepared throughout the year with your family.

Best wishes from Mrs Richards.

In the Spring Garden with Mrs Martini

Kitchen Garden Stall

(at the last assembly under the covered area in front of the library)

We will be selling all surplus produce (picked fresh that morning), surplus seedlings (flowers, herbs and vegetables) and muffins at the stall from 8.30 'til sold out. All proceeds go to running the garden and kitchen next year. Worm Wiz will be on sale at $1 for 2 bottles.

The garden from the same view in January 2010 to June 2011. What a transformation!

Thank you

Thank you to all our volunteers throughout the year and especially to those who help out on weekends and holidays with the chickens. Thanks also to our regular volunteers, particularly those who have worked tirelessly on Friday mornings. Without all of you the programme would not be possible. It has been a fantastic year in the garden. Looking forward to seeing you all next year.

Thanks to Simon Stevens for donating the very healthy banana tree. Thanks to the P&C for our wonderful new awning. It will be a great area for learning next year.

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

What you can do to help:

- **Worm Wiz** can be bought outside the front office or at assemblies (thanks to the team in C4).
- Donate **shade cloth** to make covers for the garden beds.
- Buy something from the Kitchen Garden Stall at the last assembly.
Family Portraits

Please note the Family Portraits will be returned to school this 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.

Thank you
P&C Fundraising Committee

School Banking

Congratulations to Grace in D1 who has won the banker of the month for November. Grace has won $5. Everyone who makes a deposit during the month of December will go into the draw to win the monthly prize of $5.

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 with a frisbee, and as soon as the watches come in they will be delivered to the children.

The last school banking day is next Wednesday the 14th December. 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 morning.

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.

Natalie Mulcahy
School Banking Coordinator

Thank you!

The Rostrata Primary School P&C would like to thank all staff, children, families and the wider school community for your support in 2011. We have had a huge year and we have achieved some amazing things for the children in our school.

All P&C members are volunteers who work tirelessly to ensure that Rostrata Primary is one of the best schools in our area... and possibly WA!

We wish all of the school community a safe and happy Christmas!
LEAVING ROSTRATA AT THE END OF 2011?

Goodbye!

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.

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.

Community News

♦ Olympic Fun & Fitness Bookings are now being taken at Olympic Fun & Fitness and Olympic Gymnastic Academy for 2012. Free Open Day, visit www.olympicfunfitness.com.au or phone 9417 2153.

♦ Riverside MultiSports are hosting a sports programme for students aged 6-14 from Wednesday 11th January to Friday 13th January. Each day will commence at 9:00am and conclude at 12:30pm. To secure a place or for more information, email riversidesports@live.com.au or call David on 0413342999.

♦ School Holiday Sports Program Courtside Multisports located at 35 Catalano Rd, Canning Vale. Call now to register on 9455 4322 or visit www.courtside.com.au. Only $30 per child.

♦ Tempest Music are holding a FREE parent information evening for parents of students completing their first year of tuition in clarinet or saxophone. This evening will be run by an experienced Clarinet and Saxophone teacher and performer – Mia Brine. Places are limited so bookings are essential. Please email Fran Tempest at tempmus@ozemail.com.au to secure your place.

♦ Cottage Children’s Choir For children who love to sing! Expert tuition for children from 4 ½ years. Enrol now at www.cottageschoolofmusic.com. Devised and directed by Micheal McCarthy, Senior Lecturer in Music at WAAPA, the programme places a major emphasis on Kodály musicianship training. 7 Convenient Locations including Canning Vale. For more information email: info@cottageschoolofmusic.com or call 9312 2200 and leave a message.

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