FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Crown Performance

As we have come to expect our concert band was absolutely outstanding at the Crown Theatre last night. They opened the evening with the National Anthem followed by three great tunes. The audience gave them a tremendous round of applause as they acknowledged their efforts. Such a wonderful performance brings kudos to our school but more importantly gives the children an opportunity to display their talents at a quality venue like the Crown. A special thank you to Mrs De Hoog, our band teacher and conductor, and to the dedicated group of tutors who do their best to provide the children with excellent skills.

Not to be forgotten are the comperes for the night Ella Griffiths and Aaron Chappell. They did a great job and were also well received by the audience. In addition to the band we also had a soloist playing on the night. Oscar Prosser played a sonata on piano. Again another great performance!

Staffing

In the last newsletter I mentioned several of our staff changes and would like to introduce two more new members. Julie Reardon has joined us from Calista Primary school and is teaching Cindy Wells’ class for three days while she undertakes her deputy duties. We are also fortunate to have enlisted the services of Su Lin Leong who works with us as an assistant for children who are learning English as an additional language.

Year 7 Orientation at Willetton High School

Though it is some way off it is important to notify everyone that the Year 7 orientation will take place on Wednesday October 16th. This is the day when all students return to begin fourth term. In the near future the High School will send home more detailed information.

Kitchen - Garden

Though our very talented cook and gardener mention in their section of the newsletter that they are keen to have more volunteers I would like to support them in this. We really would like more parents/grandparents/carers to be involved in this great project. Not only do your children get to enjoy your company but it is also great fun.

Early Arrivals and Late Pick-ups

We are continuing to experience problems with some children arriving at school (as early as 7:15am) at a time when it is not possible to adequately supervise them. We have a very effective Out of School Program (Camp Australia) in place which is subsidised. I would urge parents and carers to make use of this facility. The problem in the afternoon is a similar one. Last week we had six children picked up after 4pm. It is really not appropriate to have them in the playground without adequate supervision at this late time. Again I would encourage you to make use of the Camp Australia facilities if this is an ongoing situation. If not please arrange for a relative or friend to do the pick up.

Tom Campbell
Principal
Lost Property
There seems to be an abundance of lost property due to swimming lessons. Please check the lost property box regularly as it will start to smell and go mouldy if wet gear is left in it.

Changes to Uniform Shop
Hours for Term 3
Please note that the Uniform Shop will only be open on Wednesday’s from 8.00am—10.30 am for Term 3.

Computer Upgrade
The school will be having a major upgrade of its computer systems starting next week. This will affect various areas of the school over the next two weeks starting with the administration area.

Please be aware that our email system and receipting system will not be available for a few days.

We ask for your understanding as we go through this change.

Book Week - Read Across the Universe
At Rostrata we always look forward to celebrating Book Week—a special calendar event. The theme of this year’s Book Week is ‘READ ACROSS THE UNIVERSE’. So as well as all our library happenings we would like to encourage families to enjoy reading books together at home.

There are some delightful picture books now available for both younger and older children, or perhaps read aloud a novel as a serial.

In the library for the following events are happening:
1. Roald Dahl’s “Aunty Peach” show incursion in the under cover area on Wednesday 21st August, organised by Mrs Sabell.
2. Children’s illustrated picture book competition, displayed in the library, entries due now.

Miss Capps

Change to Lunch Time—Friday 23rd August
Due to the whole school attending the matinee performance of B Block Safari production at Penhros College, there will be a change to the times for morning recess and lunch:

Morning Recess 10.00am-10.15am
Lunch 11.30am-12.00pm

Buses to the production will depart school from 12.15pm and return to school after the performance in time for 3.00pm.

Safari—B Block Production
The priority ticket sales for B Block families close tomorrow, Friday 16th August.
From Monday 19th August until Thursday 22nd, tickets are open for sale to anyone and in any quantity.
On the front of an envelope write your name, your child’s name and their class with the quantity required and the amount enclosed (correct money please $10 adults, $5 children). Place envelopes in the box in the front office.

Tickets may possibly be available on performance day at the door, but pre-ordering is recommended.

Performance: Friday 23rd August, 7pm Rixon Theatre, Penrhos College, Throssel Street entrance, Como.
JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

On the 31st of July, the Year 4 and 5 students participated in the Jump Rope for Heart. It was made up of rotational activities that involved skipping. Some of the activities were a skipping rope relay, Rob the Nest with skipping ropes, trick skipping and many more, including a skip-off at the end. Everyone enjoyed the Jump Rope for Heart. All money raised went towards helping the Heart Foundation raise funds for important research. We raised $4121.15!! Thank you to everyone who donated.

Written by Zarifah and Sasha, B6

Total Amount Raised = $4121.15!!!

A MESSAGE FROM THE HEART FOUNDATION

This term Rostrata Primary School is making our health and physical activity a priority by undertaking the Heart Foundation's Jump Rope for Heart program.

Australia’s national physical activity recommendations are that children should participate in at least 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous activity every day. Skipping is a great way to get active, it can help improve bone density in growing bodies, lower blood pressure and cholesterol levels and help prevent against developing heart disease… And it makes for happier students!

The Jump Rope for Heart program also raises important funds for the Heart Foundation so they can continue to offer this valuable educational program to schools and provide support, resources and expert staff.

READING EGGS / READING EGGSRESS

We have had a terrific response for Reading Eggs and Reading Eggspress. There are currently 232 children who have subscribed to the program. If you would like your child to be involved please send in the form and $20 to the classroom teacher before Friday 23rd August so that numbers can be finalized.

YEAR 4-7 FACTION ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The Year 4-7 Faction Athletics Carnival will be held in Week 9 of Term 3 over two days:

18th September (Wednesday) – Jumps, Throws and 800m
20th September (Friday) – Track and Field events and presentations

Jumps and Throws will be held on the Rostrata PS oval, while Track and Field events will be held on Prendwick Reserve.

A schedule of events will be sent home to parents closer to the carnival date. If your child will not be able to participate in the athletics carnival, please let your child’s classroom teacher know.
Spring in the Garden is a 4-week program for parents, grandparents and community members interested in learning more about gardening. A gold coin donation is requested for participation. Friday mornings in September from 9 – 10am (welcome to come down early after drop-off). Sessions will include morning tea and something to take home each session (seedling, worm wiz, produce etc).

Topics (may vary according to weather) – come to all four or just one or two sessions:
- Friday 6 Sept: soil preparation (compost / worms / organic fertilisers) & meet the chickens.
- Friday 13 Sept: seed germination, seedlings, transplanting.
- Friday 20 Sept: organic pest control, companion planting.
- Friday 27 Sept: water saving tips, reticulation maintenance, more fun with chickens.

Please contact Karina Martini to register your interest – ph 0427 586 139

MY ROSTRATA KITCHEN RULES

You’d be forgiven in thinking MRKR is running a green food theme this year. Be assure that Daisy’s Pandan Chiffon Cake was soft, delicate and delicious as well as green! The green colour comes from the Pandan leaf extract (or in this case essence) used to give it flavour and a vibrant colour.

There is a bit of a knack in making this fantastic cake so it was wonderful to get Daisy’s tips first hand – and of course to eat cake. Even Mr J would have loved the science involved – using gravity to ensure the cake sets fluffy and light – see the photos!

It’s pleasing to say another new parent, Joanne – an A3 Mum - joined the MRKR session last week and “Possum”, who has been given the MRKR Quality Control Officer title popped in to check on “quality”. She was delighted with the “quality” but said she’d make it a fortnightly check just to make sure!

Next Wednesday, our new school Chaplain, Karissa Sun, will woo us with her Seafood Chowder recipe. So come out from the cold and into the school’s kitchen after school drop off on August 21st to learn how to make a delicious winter soup. All parents, carers and friends are welcome - especially Poss.
We have had an amazing week making fresh Italian fettuccini. Awesome!!!

All year groups were unbelievable, the pasta was tender but still firm, not too soft...perfect. They really astounded me on how efficient they were. We used our own home grown eggs which added a freshness and rich taste.

There is no comparison between bought pasta and homemade fresh, it tastes completely different and is so much fun to make.

I urge all families to have a go once the recipe hits the web site. I made the pasta sauce ahead of time so the students were solely concentrating on making the dough and fettuccini.

Please parents I need adults to come in and assist otherwise it makes this lesson very difficult especially for the Year 4s. It's a great way for parents to also learn a new skill. I thank all the awesome parents who have helped this week.

Pasta will also be happening next week, can't wait!!

The garden has continued to benefit from this beautiful rain. We have been spreading sheep manure around to take advantage of it. Some of the days have been warmer than is usual so we have seen more activity amongst the birds making nests and Mr George’s class have had the privilege of seeing the frogs in the compost heap. The Year 4s are taking to the chickens learning how to care for working animals (as opposed to pets) especially when they are allowed to roam free. As the weather fines up it is a good opportunity to volunteer in the garden. Spring is nearly here.

The Chicken Roster
We are looking for families to help on the weekends with the chickens. Remember no experience needed. Ring Karina on 0427586139.

Spring in the Garden—Rostrata Primary School
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What you can do to help:
Help out on the weekends and Term 3 holidays looking after the chickens.

Buy Worm Wiz from outside the front office or assembly stall. $1 for 2 litres. Instructions for how to use it are on our webpage at http://rostratagarden.weebly.com/garden-hints.html Herbs available at the stall too.

Volunteer in the garden with your child’s class.

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All three of our School Bands – Junior, Intermediate and Senior – performed in our annual Tunes in June Concert in the undercover area on Wednesday 26 June. It was wonderful to have a large audience to play to with a lot of parents and many classes present. It was also a special Tribute Concert to our wonderful Deputy Principal and Band Co-ordinator Miss Rhonda Barnes, who has retired at the end of last term. Miss Barnes worked tirelessly for the Band program over the years and she is greatly missed. As a tribute to her, the Senior Band played ‘Help Me Rhonda’. All of the Bands performed very well and the Concert concluded with all three Bands combining for 4 pieces. This created a magnificent sound with approximately 80 students performing. Congratulations to all of the Band members!!

**Voluntary Contributions and Charges**

A reminder that we do ask for the students account to show a credit balance so that as incursions/excursions etc arise funds are already on the account to cover the cost involved. A number of activities are taking place this term, so please ensure there is sufficient credit on the student’s account to cover these costs. Having the account in credit saves considerable time in the front office, and saves you from finding small amounts of cash several times a year.

Some families may have received a reminder email yesterday. If you are unsure, please contact the school office and we will be able to advise you of your credit balance.

Helen Scott, Registrar

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**AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL SPECIALIST PROGRAM**

**Comet Bay College**

Comet Bay College is taking registrations for selection trials for Year 7 students for entry into the program for 2014 (Year 8).

To register for the trial please register online by 21 August 2013 via our website at:

www.cometbaycollege.wa.edu.au/other-programs/

UNFORTUNATELY REGISTRATIONS SUBMITTED/RECEIVED AFTER THIS DATE CANNOT BE ACCEPTED.

**TRIAL DETAILS**

- **When:** Thursday 29 and Friday 30 August 2013
  After registration you will be contact regarding which day to attend.
- **Where:** Comet Bay College, 2 Allatoona Ave, Secret Harbour
- **Bring:** A photocopy of the most recent school report (no originals). Football boots, shorts, socks and running shoes. Football guernseys will be provided.

For further information please contact Program Coordinator, **Steve Thomson** on 9533 8100 or visit our website cometbaycollege@wa.edu.au

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To find out more call our Customer Service Team on 1300 105 343 Monday to Friday.
**CANTEEN COMMITTEE....**

We hope you have all placed your lunch order for Monday to go in the draw for the Classroom Hero competition as orders closed yesterday. One student from each block will win an icy pole for each member of their class. Winners will be announced at the next Junior and Senior Assemblies. Lunches will be delivered to classrooms on Monday, August 19th.

Please ensure that your child’s correct class is on any order you place as lunches get sent to the wrong room if this is incorrect and children are becoming distressed when this happens. Please also ensure that your child is aware when you have placed an order, either recess or lunch, so they know what to expect. At recess, children need to collect their food from the canteen.

Please take 10 minutes to sign up to [http://www.mykidslunchbox.com.au](http://www.mykidslunchbox.com.au). Using this website means lunch orders are never left in bags, small change is never an issue and our costs are kept down as orders are collated electronically and banked electronically.

Any volunteers who can spare a couple of hours once a term would be greatly appreciated. Please call Mel in the canteen on 9354 3332 or pop in to see her. Even an hour in the mornings straight after the children start is a huge help.

**SCHOOL BANKING....**

**Bring a Friend Competition**

This week we are launching “Bring a Friend” competition. All you have to do is bring along a friend to school banking, when your friend starts banking at school you both go into the draw to win an exciting prize pack, it’s that easy, (your friend has to be new to school banking). The competition will close on Wednesday 11th September. For further details ask any of the friendly ladies at school banking or call Natalie on 0418 928 867.

If you don’t have a Commonwealth Bank account, all you need to do is ask mum or dad to go down to the Commonwealth Bank with sufficient identification for mum or dad and your birth certificate and the Bank will be able to open an account on the spot. Then all you need to do is bring your bank book or banking details down to school banking and you can start banking with us. If you already have a Commonwealth Account but have never been to school banking before, come down with your book or details and we can get you started immediately.

Please ensure all deposit slips are completed prior to coming to school banking as we are getting quite busy and it just saves a little time.

School banking is held every Wednesday in the undercover area from 8am to 8.45am. If you would like to avoid the queue please come before 8.30am or we have our express banking box where you can drop your banking off and we will return your bank book to you on Thursday morning. Express bankers please ensure all deposit slips are completed and your class number recorded on the front of your banking wallet.

Congratulations to Leanne from B7 who won Banker of the Month for June and Holly of B5 who was Banker of the Month for July, well done girls.

Should you have any queries, please contact Natalie on 0418 928 8867.

Thank you

School Banking Team

**FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE....**

**Entertainment Books**

We still have 12 books left to sell. If you would like to purchase a copy please order online via the following [https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/842a43](https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/842a43) and your book will be sent home with your child.

**Cadbury Chocolates Fundraiser**

A huge thank you to all the families and staff who have supported our biggest fundraiser for the year. There is still a lot of money outstanding so can you please return your $50 proceeds as a matter of urgency. You can place the money in the envelope provided, writing your child’s name and room number on it, and placing it in the clearly marked P&C box in the front office.

Thank you to everyone who has supported our Earn & Learn, Family Portraits, Election Day Sausage Sizzle and Winter Disco Fundraisers so far this year. All the proceeds will contribute to new and exciting playground equipment for your children. We look forward to your support for the upcoming Lapathon, Federal Election Sausage Sizzle & Cake Stall, Summer Disco, and First Aid Kit Fundraiser at the end of the year.

**Lapathon**

Would you like to win a signed cricket bat (by the Australian cricket team) for Father’s Day? You can! All you need to do is participate in this year’s Lapathon – a donation of $20 or more will give you the chance to go into the lucky draw for some unbelievable prizes. Other prizes include $50 gift cards from Woolworths and Bunnings and passes to Adventure World and Perth Zoo. The cricket bat was kindly donated by the WA Cricket Association.
The following items are mentioned as community news and are not school endorsed activities.

**Willetton Basketball Stadium**
**New Players Registration Day**

**CALLING ALL NEW PLAYERS!**

Boys and Girls come down to Willetton Basketball Stadium on Saturday the 24th of August if you’re keen to join a Junior Team for the upcoming 2013/2014 summer season starting in Term 4.

Basketball is a great way to have fun and keep fit. So come on down, bring your mates and you will be shooting hoops in no time!!!!

One lucky new player will win a Willetton Tigers Start-Up Pack with their very own Willetton Playing Shorts, Socks and other goodies. There will be other prizes on the day for new players who sign up. See below for times for your age group.

**WHEN:** 24th August

**WHERE:** Willetton Basketball Stadium (across the road from Southlands Shopping Centre)

**TIME:**
- 2007 and 2008 Births 9.00am
- 2005 and 2006 Births 9.45am
- 2003 and 2004 Births 10.30am
- 2001 and 2002 Births 11.15am
- 1999 and 2000 Births 12.00 pm
- 1997 and 1998 Births 12.45pm

**WHO:** YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS

Please RSVP your intention to attend for planning purposes, with your name and date of birth. Contact Ben on 9310 3388 or email competitions@willettontigers.com.au

If you have any further queries feel free to email the Stadium at competitions@willettontigers.com.au or call on 9310 3388.

Hope to see you here!

**Star Struck**

**Cosmic Carnival of Children’s Books and Reading.**
After school @ Riverton Library 19-22 August

Monday 19 August  4-5.15pm for 8 – 12 year olds - A Drawing Workshop with talented illustrator, Gabriel Evans

Tuesday 20 August  4-5.15pm for 7-10 year olds - Kaboom! Kabam! Kapow! Kasplat! Meet author Chris Owen and find out what makes a real superhero!

Wednesday 21 August  4-5.15pm for 4+ yrs - Silver Star’s Rocket Ship! Zoom, Zoom, Zoom with starry Storyteller Clare Stace on an imaginary space adventure. Come dressed up for an outer space story adventure

Thursday 22 August  4-5.15pm for 8+ yrs - Star or Mon-Star? Irrepressible author Cristy Burne’s twists and turns of plots and characters will invade your imagination and rocket your ideas into new dimensions!

All events are free!

Book your place in person at Riverton Library (67 Riley Road, Riverton – part of the Riverton Leisureplex) or by phone on 9231 0944.

Parents please remain with children under 8 years.

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**Scent of Science Community Expo**

**WHEN:** 18th August 2013, 10.00am – 3.00pm

**WHERE:** Canning River Eco Education Centre, Corner of Queens Park Road and Kent Street, Wilson.

This annual Science Expo is this year exploring the smells in science and nature (animals, plants, humans and the earth) led by science presenters, prominent Indigenous Educators and researchers.

Hear guest speakers and join in fun activities, animal encounters, Scitech shows, Aboriginal cultural activities ... and drumming! There will be interactive displays, smelly activities, Little Green Steps celebration, kid’s activities, free native plants and other giveaways.

Entry is free and everyone is welcome!


Presented by the Australian Association for Environmental Education, City of Canning, Canning River Eco Education Centre and the South East Regional Centre for Urban Landcare.

**Maritime Day**

Come down to Victoria Quay for Fremantle Ports, Maritime Day.

**WHEN:** Saturday 31st August

**TIME:** 10.00am—4.00pm

- Guided missile frigate HMAS Sydney open for visiting
- Svitzer tug on show
- Free harbour boat rides
- Maritime displays and careers information at B Shed
- Bands and other entertainment
- Kids activities
- Navy vs Port cook off
- E Shed Markets and B Shed Cafe open
- Maritime Museum (gold coin entry)