FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I would like to think that our school community is aware of the efforts that staff make to ensure we have a safe and caring learning/play environment at Rostrata. This year we have focused on revamping our approach to behaviour management through the Positive Behaviour Support (PBS) framework and at assemblies, and in classrooms have continually reminded children of the need to care for and respect others at all times. This includes a no tolerance policy on bullying and we have also had a focus on good manners. It is my belief that parents and community members at Rostrata expect this of us.

It might be of interest to know that at times this is not reciprocated or our office, teaching, support staff and parent volunteers (e.g. P&C). On occasion we have irate parents come into the office or confront a teacher with a complaint that could be resolved in a more appropriate manner. This is very disappointing when it is widely known that this is a school where CARE is such a strongly held belief. For us as adults respect and tolerance is a very significant part of this. The belief is closely linked with our Code of Conduct which applies to everyone involved in our school.

The assumptions of this are that:

• School staff will provide a safe, caring environment, which values cooperation, achievement, respect and endeavour.
• All persons in the school community including students, parents, administrators, teachers and support staff, have a right to be treated with respect and courtesy.

Rights and Responsibilities are also important in our Code of Conduct:

We agree that:

• We will respect the uniqueness and dignity of individuals and act in a fair, courteous and sensitive manner.
• All community members will act with integrity, honesty and impartiality.
• All community members will maintain appropriate confidentiality of personal and official information.

It would certainly be a very positive outcome if we could claim that our motto which emphasises care and respect was observed by everyone in our school community.

A simple way of saying all that: A little courtesy goes a long way!

Parent Meeting – Secondary School Students

As promised we will be holding a meeting for parents of children in Years 5 and 6 who will be attending Willetton Senior High School in 2015/16. This will include several of our own staff and administrators from Willetton. The meeting will be held in the library from 9-10 am on Friday October 18th.

Sporting Colours

As a result of the Dockers success we encouraging all children to wear their sporting colours to school next Thursday (19th Sept). There will not be a coin donation for this event.

Crossing Danger

Yesterday afternoon after school a parent phoned the office to alert us to the fact that a number of children were crossing Rostrata Avenue at a point some distance from the crosswalk. This is a very dangerous practice. The fact that there was a car waiting to pick up children on the other side of the road is very concerning. It is my hope that the parent of the children will read this newsletter and refrain from doing this again.

Tom Campbell
Principal
Introducing our new Ethnic Education Assistant......

We are delighted to let you know that we have a Mandarin speaking Education Assistant working with our children who speak a language in addition to English. Su Lin is with us on Wednesday and Thursday. If you would like to speak with her please make an appointment at the office.

Helen Scott, Registrar

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.

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.

If you are unsure, please contact the school office and we will be able to advise you of your credit balance.

Helen Scott, Registrar

ROSTRATA FUNDAY

THURSDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER
2.00PM-4.00PM

Come along early to school and enjoy a Mini Fete put together by our Year 7’s as they join with the Captains to raise funds for their end of year gift to the School.

There will be games, free activities, a cake stall, second-hand books and toys, lucky dips and much more.

Every Wednesday leading up to the day, Rohan and his team of merry men will be set up near school banking to entice you to guess the number of Jellybeans in the Jar.... 50 cents a guess.

Carlson and crew will also be selling raffle tickets, 3 for $2, which could win you one of a few great prizes including Kitchen Appliances, Toy Hamper, Food Hamper and Beauty Hampers. So drag out your coins and be in it to win it...

ANY DONATIONS OF BOOKS AND TOYS FOR THE SECOND HAND STORE ARE BEING TAKEN AT THE CANTEEN ...

We very much enjoy your support.
A Word from the Speech & Language Team

Some of you may be aware that last Sunday 8th September was International Literacy Day. One member of our team is also on the Australian Literacy Educator's Association (ALEA) committee and was involved in visiting hospitals to deliver books and ‘Read to Me’ baby T-shirts to mothers of babies born on that day.

Early intervention is critical for a child's success in achieving literacy skills. When a baby is being read to, they are hearing the sounds and patterns of language, which sets the foundations of later literacy success. Parents are their child’s first teachers who need to share the joy of books, spoken language, writing, singing and creative play.

International Literacy Day reminds us that ‘Literacy is a fundamental human right and the foundation for lifelong learning. It is essential to social and human development in its ability to transform lives. For individuals, families and societies alike, it is an instrument of empowerment to improve one’s health, income and relationship with the world.’

The uses of literacy for the exchange of information are constantly evolving along with advances in technology, which make for greater social and political participation. A literate community is a dynamic community, one that exchanges ideas and engages in debate. Illiteracy, however, is an obstacle to a better quality of life and can lead to problems like exclusion and even violence.

For over 40 years UNESCO has been celebrating International Literacy Day by reminding the international community that literacy is a human right and the foundation of all learning. Their work ensures that literacy remains a priority on national and international agendas. We, as parents and teachers, applaud them for their impact.

While we embrace the excitement of interactive digital literacies and recognise their ever-growing place in our children’s fast-paced world, few would disagree that a child sharing the magic of a storybook with an adult or another child remains hard to surpass for its simplicity and enduring appeal.

Watch out for our article in the next newsletter:
On the topic of Speech and Language:
“What is Pragmatics and how does it involve parents?”

FREE DRESS DAY - Thank You!!!

Thank you to everyone for supporting the recent free dress day. The amount of $623.40 is being forwarded to the RSPCA on behalf of the students of Rostrata PS.

FOUND-

In Term 1 a child’s wallet was handed in to the front office and has not yet been claimed. If you recall a family member misplacing a wallet on school grounds earlier this year, please contact the Registrar.

FIND OUT ALL ABOUT HEADLICE

You’re invited to understand the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of headlice

Friday 13th September

9am - 10am

Library of Rostrata Primary School

Proudly Supported by:
SPRING IN THE GARDEN

ROSTRATA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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, wormwiz, 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

We at Rostrata are so lucky to have a parent body that has talent and expertise in so many and varied areas. MRKR was treated to the expertise of Emma Galloway (Ada and Kye’s mum) who is a chef passionate about making food from produce that is in season, good for you and tastes delicious!

We learnt how to make Almond Milk (easy and delicious), Baked Kale Chips (can’t stop at one) and a Rich Chocolate Slice made with dates that is a fantastic way to get a satisfying chocolate fix without processed sugar or bad fats. It was the hit of the session and has been already been made at home by the tasters!

It is not too late to join us at MRKR. Join us in the school’s kitchen after school drop-off for a cuppa while you watch and learn how to make delicious foods with other Rostrata parents and friends. More information is available on posters around the school, by calling Natalie Rechichi on 0421 843 519 or by following us on Facebook: “Rostrata Kitchen Rules”.

Next Wednesday (18th September) will be the last session for this year but will be as fun and informative as the other sessions. Another talented mum, Maggi Lim (Matthew and Mandy’s mum) will be showing us how to make delicious Fried Dumplings from scratch! Don’t miss it!

1. Rich Chocolate Slice
2. Our happy mums enjoying a laugh and nibble.
3. Baked Kale Chips
4. Emma, a whiz in the kitchen!
Rostrata Organic Community Kitchen (ROCK) Garden Update

IN THE GARDEN......with Mrs Martini

Thanks to: the Bloxham family for looking after the chickens; Noni, Sonia and Renaye for helping with the set up of the adult gardening classes. Mrs O’Brien’s chicken whisperers did a fantastic job last three weeks especially finding nutritious weeds. Mrs Ainscoe’s class is now on chickens. Thanks to the Year 7s in Mr George’s class for looking after the worms so far this year and training some new students from Year 6 to take over from them. Our broad beans and peas are coming on nicely and we have just finished our crop of broccoli that just kept producing. Our strawberry plants are starting to produce fruit. It is now a race to see who can get the ripe ones first – the students or the slaters! Many classes will be bug hunting in their garden classes as not only are the plants awakening so are the insects.

The Chicken Roster
We are looking for families to help on the weekends and Term 3 holidays with the chickens. Remember no experience needed. Ring Karina on 0427 586 139.

Spring in the Garden
Adult Gardening classes started last Friday where we learnt about soil preparation and its importance in creating successful gardens.
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• Friday 20 Sept: organic pest control, companion planting
• Friday 27 Sept: water saving tips, reticulation maintenance, fun with chickens

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

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 - $1.00 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. Garden and Kitchen timetable can be found on the school website. http://rostratagarden.weebly.com/garden-hints.html

Our surplus seeds are now available at the assembly stall or the front office above the P&C boxes.

IN THE KITCHEN... ...with Mrs Richards

What a great week!

We have had delicious stir fries and gorgeous salads of the imagination. Classes have used their own ideas to come up with decorative delicious salads. Well done!

We are making beautiful pumpkin muffins this week. Well done gardeners, our glorious pumpkins have lasted a whole term.

What you can do to help!

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Gardening Timetable
http://rostratagarden.weebly.com/links.html

Do you know when your child is in the garden?

Use the link above to help you work out which week is gardening or cooking so that you can help out.
From the Canteen Committee…
Congratulations to Jack from D1 and Ellen from A2 for winning the Junior Classroom Hero competition. These two children have won by Poles for their whole class by placing a lunch order on Classroom Hero Day.
Please ensure that your child’s correct class and the correct teacher is on any order you place as lunches get sent to the wrong room if this is incorrect and children become 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 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 gratefully 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 to collate the orders would be gratefully appreciated.

From the Uniform Shop…
Don’t forget that the upper school Athletic Carnival is coming up so please remember to come and grab your Faction shirt on WEDNESDAY’S as we are closed on Friday’s term 3.

School Banking…
Bring a Friend Competition
Don’t forget our “Bring a Friend” competition closes this Wednesday. To enter all you need 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). For further details ask any of the friendly ladies at school banking or call Natalie on 0418 928 8867.

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 you class number recorded on the front of your banking wallet.
Should you have any queries, please contact Natalie on 0418 928 8867.

Thank you
School Banking Team

Safety House Committee…
On Friday September 20th, the children in Years K-3 will be watching a show presented by the Safety House Association. This is a free show designed to teach the children about how to identify and use a Safety House.
In addition, the children have the opportunity to participate in a colouring-in competition. We will choose a winner and runner-up for each of the year groups.

Entry forms are available from the classroom teacher now and must be received in the office by 3pm on Thursday 19th of September.
Cyber Bullying Community Parent Talk

Monday 16th September 2013
At 7pm in the Burrendah Primary School hall

Join Donna Cross, Professor, Child and Adolescent Health as she discusses bullying that follows you home and further, and what can be done to protect young people.

Secure your ticket to this event by returning $5 per person in an envelope to the Burrendah Primary School office clearly marked “Donna Cross Talk”, with your name and contact number. Places can be reserved by phoning 9332 3700.

VacSwim October school holiday programs

Swimming pools and beaches are part of our Western Australian lifestyle. It is important for every child to learn to swim properly and develop essential water safety skills. VacSwim’s October school holiday swimming program is conducted by qualified instructors who teach children the skills to be confident swimmers and safe in the water.

For further information and how to enrol, visit www.det.wa.edu.au/swimming.

Choose your fun these holidays...

Come and have fun with us these school holidays. Fish any tension to suit you and your family—there's no need to re-register for an account.

- Despicable ME 2
- Around the World
- Ultimate Act
- Sensory Spectacular
- Winter Wonderland
- and many more exciting activities.

To find locations near you and to book visit at www.campaus.com.au/holidayclubs

How to get started before using our programs you must register online for an account. Registering is quick and easy. Visit our website to begin www.campaus.com.au

Once registered you can make bookings and cancellations, view your statements and manage your details anytime of the day online. Keep in mind we are able to take bookings at short notice to help busy families.

Save on Care You can save 50% or more on Before and After School Care fees with the non-means tested Child Care Rebate. Almost all families are eligible.

To find out more call our Customer Service Team on 1300 105 343 Monday to Friday.
Get Active Sports
Basketball for Juniors

Designed for boys and girls aged 3–8 years trying sport for the first time. Sessions are held indoors and no uniform or special equipment is required.

Where: Leeming Rec & Indoor Sports
55 Farrington Road, Leeming

Starts: Sunday 20th October

Cost: $80.00 for 6 weekly sessions and a basketball you can keep!

For more information or to register,
Phone: 1300 772 106,
Or visit: www.getactivesports.com.au

Kidz ’n Sport
October School Holidays

Have fun, play fabulous games, meet new friends and learn great new skills in—Basketball/ Netball/ Mini Hockey/ Footy/ Soccer/ Cricket/ Teeball/ Movement/ Teamwork/ Self Confidence.

Where: West Leeming Primary School
Westall Terrace, Leeming.

Week 1: 30/09/13—04/09/13
Week 2: 07/09/13—11/09/13

Bookings: via www.kidznspport.com.au
Or contact: James—0447 416 718
jamesh@kidznspport.com.au

John Curtin College of the Arts
Gifted and Talented Arts Program

Important information for students entering high school in Year 7 2015. Significant changes have been implemented to ensure your child is prepared for entry into Gifted and Talented Selective Entrance programs in high school from 2015.

The application, testing and placement process is open to all students in Year 6 2014.

Key Events and Scheduled Dates
- October 1 2013—Applications Open
- February 10 2014—Applications Close
- March 15 2014—Academic testing
- May 9 2014—Academic Performance Reports
- July 2014—Placements finalised

Register your interest NOW online at http://www.det.wa.edu.au/curriculumsupport/giftedandtalented/detcms/portal/

College tour day for Year 5 students and parents
4:30pm October 29
Please book for the tour by calling the college on 9433 7200 or email: johncurtin.col@education.wa.edu.au

Willetton Basketball - Summer Season

Willetton Basketball is looking to start a new under 8s and under 10s competition for girls and boys starting in Term 4. If you were born in 2007, 2008, 2005 or 2006 and would like to learn to play basketball, please email Ben at competitions@willettontigers.com.au or phone him on 9310 3388. For other basketball age groups, please register your interest via our website: www.willettontigers.com.au (under Juniors – Join a Junior team).

Experience a new culture, make new friends and learn a new language at home!

In January 2014 students from over 20 countries around the world, will be arriving in Australia to study at local high schools for 2 - 10 months. Opportunities exist for families to act as a host family, in a volunteer capacity. Hosting can be on a temporary, short or long term basis. Host families help provide international students with the chance to study and experience life in Australia. This is a great way to learn about another country and culture, establish a lifelong link to a family in another country and contribute to international goodwill. If your family can offer a friendly, supportive and caring home environment, contact us today. To hear more about this wonderful opportunity or our student exchange programs out of Australia. Call Student Exchange Australia New Zealand on 1300 135 331 or visit www.studentexchange.org.au/host-a-student

Changes to Uniform Shop

Hours for Term 3

Please note the Uniform Shop will only be open on Wednesday’s from 8:00am—10.30am for Term 3.

Small price rises are usually unavoidable each year, so if you are in a position to purchase school uniforms now would be a good time to do it! You would also avoid the end of year queues!