FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Cyber Safety Incursion
Though it has taken us some time to secure a booking you would now be aware that next term, Monday 21st October, we will have our cyber safety sessions for the children in Years 4-7. There is also a free evening presentation for parents. This year we have done everything possible to take account of parent concerns (indicated in our survey) regarding bullying. Fortunately over the years we have only had a few instances of cyber bullying. In our view this is a few too many so I am sure we will have your support in our efforts to convince the children that being involved in this kind of activity is not a wise choice.

While on the topic of cyber communication you may or may not be aware that there is a router available which restricts the use of the internet to selected time slots. It has been very successful in some homes where negotiating with teenagers can be frustrating. If you are interested in more information please send us an email.

Captains Leadership Excursion
As is usually the case the school captains returned from Canberra very enthused about their adventures. They certainly had a wonderful time and learnt a lot about the national capital as indicated in one of their reports within the newsletter. What I wanted to mention though was that this week we received a certificate of appreciation from the War Memorial staff. This recognition is not given lightly and refers to the children’s sense of respect while at the memorial and their exemplary behaviour. As you would imagine we are very proud of the way they have represented us.

School Sports
The unpredictability of the weather has caused us some real concerns over the past week resulting in the cancellation of our annual carnival to Thursday 24th October. We had hoped to get in some very important practice before the interschool athletics following our own events but this has not been possible. Hopefully the cancellation has not caused too much inconvenience.

Fun Day
Our Fun Day which has been planned by two of our hardworking parents, Mrs. Giles and Mrs. McPartland, and with the assistance of our Year 7’s, is due to take place this afternoon. Hopefully the weather will stay kind. The intention of this event is to provide the Year 7’s with an opportunity to raise funds for the annual gift which they traditionally present to the school. If all goes well I’m sure the rest of the children will have a wonderful time. Thank you to everyone who has given support to the day.

Footy Fever
It’s on again this week. Following the Dockers success last Saturday it has been decided to allow the children to wear their sporting colours to school this Friday. It has been pleasing to note that several of our staunch Eagle’s fans on staff will be quite happy if the Dockers bring home the bacon on Saturday.

NAPLAN Reports
We have been able to access our NAPLAN results this week and an initial analysis is very positive. Individual reports for the children will be sent home early next term.

Tom Campbell
Principal

2013 Canberra Camp
The School Captains’ trip to Canberra was an outstanding success. The children were very appreciative of the opportunity and as is usual, were great representatives of the school.

We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) programme, which contributes funding per student to assist with travel expenses.

See inside this newsletter for a report outlining the activities undertaken as part of this educational trip.
Captain's Canberra Leadership Excursion

On Sunday the eighth of September 2013 at 5:45 am, the school captains flew out of Perth to Canberra. There were many movies and games on the plane, but none of them could help us contain our excitement. After many hours, we finally arrived in... SYDNEY!!! There, Miss Wells bought us some Krispy Kremes! About one hour later, the school captains boarded another plane, this time flying to Canberra. 45 minutes later, we finally arrived in Canberra. We collected our bags and went to hire the cars, only to find out that the cars we booked had not arrived. OH NO! We collected other cars and went to Subway, then to our cabins (Wattle Glen Cabins) in the Canberra Motor Village. After that we went back to the airport to collect the cars we had booked. When we arrived back at the cabins Miss Wells and Mrs Baron went to the shop for food. When they came back, Mr Baugh prepared a scrumptious sausage sizzle while Mrs B prepared the onions.

The next day was a big one. I woke up at 2:00am in the morning, checked the time and went back to bed! When I woke up again, it was 7:00am. At 9:00am, the school captains arrived at Parliament House. We had a role play with another school from Queensland. After that, the school captains went to the Senate and the House of Representatives. Then we had recess and lunch in the Parliament House. Lunch was delicious. After lunch, we went to the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS). This was where most of our Australian athletes trained. The training ground was huge and the pool was the most high tech pool in the world. We learnt that the tallest volleyball player that trained at the AIS was almost seven feet. That night Mrs B cooked a delicious Spaghetti Bolognaise with Garlic Bread.

On the Tuesday, we went to the Commonwealth Scientific Industrial and Research Organisation, also known as the C.S.I.R.O. We had a great time there and learnt many things. There was an activity where you had to link two ropes together and try to separate them without letting go of the rope. Nobody except Miss Wells and Mrs B could untangle the ropes without a bit of help. After lunch, we went to the Royal Australian Mint, but before we got there, we became engrossed in all the different constitutions. Brian knew all the flags. At the Mint, our tour guide (Andrea Little) showed us a movie about the history of the mint and how the coins were made. Then we got to see it all in real life. We even saw the strongest robot in the mint, Titan, lift a can of 5 cent blanks (5 cent coins without designs on) that add up to $15 000. Boy it was loud! After that, Andrea allowed us to mint our own $1 coin, for $3. After the visit, we went to Old Parliament House where we learnt a lot.

The next day, we took a 45 minute drive to the Deep Space Communication Complex. The tour guide met us, and we were fortunate enough to see the communication disk rotate. After that, our guide showed us a movie on Curiosity 55 then we got to have a look around. This place was awesome! After lunch we went to Questacon (similar to Scitech only bigger) where there was a slide two stories high and a 360 degrees swing. It was the girl's lucky day as Cali Hunt and Amber Saxton went 360 degrees on the swing unfortunately. The boys did make the 360 degrees.

Thursday was our last day. We went to the Australian War Memorial where we really enjoyed the discovery zone. In the discovery zone, it was possible to be in a helicopter, submarine, trench, backyard or blend in with the background. It was amazing. In the War Memorial itself, we visited the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. After that, we had lunch in the Canberra City Centre. Then we went shopping! At 4:45pm, we gathered up and Miss Wells bought us an ice cream. We then travelled to the Canberra Domestic Airport and left Canberra for Perth. It was kind of sad leaving Canberra but we were overjoyed to be back at home with our parents. Canberra was a great experience and we shall never forget our visit there.

Carlson, C5
**A WORD from the SPEECH & LANGUAGE TEAM**

Last weekend two staff members attended the Celebrate Reading National Conference which promoted the very valuable role that Australian Children’s Literature plays in ‘growing readers’.

The **ENGLISH** component of the Australian Curriculum emphasises the importance of Literature and many of the most recently published picture books and novels are being used by teachers to link learning with the new **HISTORY** part of the curriculum.

Any parent interested in a list of some of these brilliant publications is welcome to contact Teresa Keesing from the Speech & Language team.

**PRAGMATICS and your CHILD**

In the context of Speech & Language, PRAGMATICS relates to the use and functions of language for communication. It includes the **Verbal and Non-Verbal** aspects of social interaction, the knowledge and use of conversation rules, what, where, when and how we say things. Included in this are all the **implicit** or unwritten rules of interaction, for example, how we choose what to say and how to say things so as not to offend or give the wrong impression. Many of these rules are never openly stated and thus **children with language difficulties may find them difficult to learn**.

Individuals with inappropriate pragmatic skills often come across as rude, overpowering, insincere or indifferent in social situations. While pragmatic skills themselves are fairly subtle and the rules not always easily defined (for example how close one should stand when conversing with an unfamiliar partner), a lack of these skills is often obvious to others.

Both teachers and parents want children to be aware of these subtleties of communication.

**WHAT CAN PARENTS DO TO HELP?**

Teach **empathy**. Encourage the child to be more understanding of the feelings of others. Use role-play to help him/her walk in another's shoes, e.g. ask “How do you think she could feel about that comment? How could you have said it differently?”

Continually reinforce social information. Many social skill deficits are caused by a lack of social skill information.

Provide the child with a positive model of appropriate social skills. Be certain that your behaviour mirrors the skills that you are teaching your child.

Design an unobtrusive ‘signal system’ with your child to use in social situations, for example if he/she tends to perseverate (talk about only one topic) design a signal e.g. touch your nose, that tells him/her to stop or change the topic. In this way you can halt unwanted behaviours without causing undue embarrassment for the child.

Be willing to recognise and reinforce even the smallest signs of progress and growth.

Be on the lookout in the next newsletter for more helpful tips on Pragmatics.

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**ROSTRATA PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**CYBERSMART OUTREACH PROGRAM – INTERNET SAFETY AWARENESS PRESENTATION**

Young people today are immersed in digital technologies. They use the internet and mobile phones to socialise, study, exchange ideas and play. While online activity has many benefits, there are also risks.

Parents and caregivers are invited to attend The Cybersmart Outreach-Internet Safety Awareness presentation to be held on:

**MONDAY 21ST OCTOBER**

6.00PM—7.30PM

SCHOOL LIBRARY

To register your attendance, please return the slip that was sent home with your child, as soon as possible, extra copies are available in the office. Enrolments will also be taken on the night.

For more information regarding the Cybersmart Programme, please visit: [www.cybersmart.gov.au](http://www.cybersmart.gov.au)

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**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
MY ROSTRATA KITCHEN RULES

Last week’s session of MRKR was the final for the year and, like the TV cooking shows, it ended in a finale where we had two cooks showing us their cooking prowess. The great thing, however, there was no competition (apart from getting to the tasting plates first!) but lots of supportive fun.

Maggi Lim taught us how to make Pork and Cabbage Dumplings from the dough up and Chaplain Karissa baked a batch of her Easy Peasy Lemonade Scones. “Best scone I’ve ever tasted” was one parent’s response. The dumplings – divine! The great thing was there were so many dumplings made that some of the wonderful Rostrata staff members had a taste. The judgement is still out on whether the pan-fried or steamed version is the best.

It has been another fantastic annual “season” of cooking, networking and growing our C.A.R.E-ing Rostrata community spirit amongst our parent body.

This year the donations to the MRKR sessions amounted to just under $50 and Rostrata’s SAKG cooking teacher, Vickie Richards, has requested the same gift as last year - induction frypans – to be organised during the holidays.

We would love to give these special thank you’s: Vickie, for generously allowing us into her classroom, our great school admin team, who support and fund the program, and the parents who showed their support and attended – even when there was washing to be done and houses to be cleaned! Till next “season”…

Thanks to Vickie for pictures.
IN THE GARDEN......with Mrs Martini

Thanks to: the Hodgen family for looking after the chickens; Noni, Sonia and Renaye for helping with the setup of the adult gardening classes. Mrs. Ainscoe’s chicken whisperers did a good job for last three weeks. Thanks to all the families who are looking after the chickens on the school holidays.

Many classes will be bug hunting in their garden classes as not only are the plants awakening so are the insects. In particular the white cabbage moth caterpillars are numerous amongst the brassicas. We are also tackling the weeds (great chook food) and laying our mulch to capture the moisture in the soil in time for the warm spring and summer weather. The CSIRO recommends a 7cm – 10cm deep layer of course mulch.

During the holidays Graham Peterson will be laying more paths with our second hand pavers and, thanks to the generosity of the P&C, we have been able to arrange the completion of the rest of the paths next term.

The Chicken Roster
We are looking for families to help on the weekends in Term 4 with the chickens. Remember no experience needed. Phone Karina on 0427 586139.

Spring in the Garden
We had a great response to our adult garden classes. There is one left:

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:
Buy Worm Wiz from outside the front office or assembly stall. $1 for 2 litres. Herbs are available at the stall too.

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

The salads we have been making are delicious. Lots of lovely fresh produce. Broad beans, peas and celery give a lovely crunch and nutty flavour.

Our carrot muffins have been delicious with the tasty addition of cheese and the buttermilk giving them a light texture.

All classes have shown fantastic skills but I especially would like to praise B7 for their organisation and work ethic! They are also very thoughtful and kind in their treatment of each other and the teachers in the room. Well done!

What you can do to help!

Help out on the weekends or Term 3 holidays looking after the chickens.

Buy Worm Wiz from outside the front office. $1 for 2 litres.

Instructions for how to use it are on our webpage at http://rostratagarden.weebly.com/garden-hints.html

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 Uniform Shop...
A number of uniform items will increase in price at the start of Term 4. A new price list will be emailed home shortly. There will be another, similar price increase at the start of Term 2 next year.

From the Canteen Committee...
Thank you to all those families who have ordered their pizza or sushi for the last day of term. We hope you enjoy your lunch on Friday.

The new Kids Café Summer Menu commences at the beginning of term four so please discard the one you are currently using and replace it with the menu which will also be emailed home shortly. Our Summer menu runs for Terms Four and One and is replaced by our Winter Menu for Terms Two and Three.

Please consider assisting in the canteen just one morning per term from 8.45am to 11am. Melissa and Emma will make you most welcome and your children are invited to come up to the canteen while you are there and get a cheesy, muffin or garlic bread to say thank you for assisting. Please contact Melissa on 9354 3332 or Jacqui on 0423 878618 if you can offer just two hours once a term.

Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers who have assisted throughout the term. Without you, the canteen could not operate and we appreciate all that you do. Have a wonderful break and we look forward to another busy term.

School Banking
The Bring a Friend Competition closed on 11 September. Unfortunately the new bankers who showed interest in signing up did not come and bank at school banking so therefore no prizes have been awarded.

Congratulations to Isabelle who was banker of the month for August.

Please note that next year the popular ‘Dollarmite’ money boxes of Spen, Addy, Pat the Dog, Cred and Pru will not be available, so if you would like one, please make sure you redeem your tokens this year.

If you would like to start school banking and 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.

Parents, please check your child’s bank book to ensure their deposit slip was removed on Wednesday. If it wasn’t please call Natalie on 0418 928 867.

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.

Should you have any queries, please contact Natalie on 0418 9288867.

Thank you
School Banking Team
ROSTRATA PRIMARY SCHOOL

YEAR 7 GRADUATION CELEBRATION DINNER
(Coordinated by the P&C)

Friday, December 6th 2013

By now all year 7 students should have brought home their invitation to this year’s Celebration Dinner. Any parents/carers who have not yet seen an invitation for their child, please start searching your child’s school bag.

We are aiming to achieve 100% attendance from our year 7 students and ask parents to encourage their child to attend for an evening of fun, food, friendships and festivities.

If you require further information please contact
Deb Chappell – 0400 237 256 or Nicola McPartland – 0407 594 221

YEARBOOK
(Co-ordinated by the P&C)

‘CLASS OF 2013

Each year a group of parents from within the P & C compile and produce a book of primary school memories to be presented to all year 7 students at the Graduation Assembly.

In order to reflect upon their Rostrata journey, each year 7 student is asked to complete a personal profile questionnaire for inclusion in the yearbook, next to their year 7 photo and a photo from kindergarten (aged about 5). If your child has not yet return their profile, or handed in a kindy photo, please encourage them to do so.

We also require photos from any assembly items, class excursions, sports events etc. for inclusion in the memory timeline.

All profiles and photos can be handed in via the Graduation Box located in each year 7 classroom and must be received on or before Friday October 25th 2013. All photos will be returned to families.

Please contact Deb Chappell 0400 237 256 or Nicola McPartland 0407 594 221 if you require any further information.
Lost Property

Parents we have a large amount of lost property items in our lost property box. On Friday morning we will be spreading out all the items in the undercover area for ease of identification. If your child has not brought home an item you may like to pop up and see if you can locate it. Alternatively, items are usually stored in a tub which is opposite the Library door.

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.

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.

Just a reminder that SupaClub will start first week back of Term 4, Thursday 17 October.

Choose your fun these holidays...

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

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.campaustralia.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.

Save 50% or more with the Child Care Benefit and Rebate and many more exciting activities.

To find locations near you and to book visit us at www.campaustralia.com.au/holidayclubs
The following items are mentioned as community news and are not school endorsed activities.

### Tennis @ Rostrata
Term 4 dates Tuesdays 22/10/13-19/11/13. $60 for a 5 week program. Racquets supplied.
Registration forms in the school office.
For further information call Tony Brown on 9525 0046 or 0404 516 370.

### Rossmoyne Swimming Club
2013-2014 season opening soon.
Improve your swimming strokes and times with fully qualified teachers.
Lynwood Senior High School, 25 metre outdoor pool.
For more information, visit:
rossoymoneswimming.myclub.org.au

### Willetton Basketball Stadium
School Holiday Camp
1st Week
Tuesday 1st October – Friday 4th October
Children 9 years and younger
9.00am – 3.30pm daily

2nd Week
Monday 7th October – Friday 11th October
Children 9 years and over
9.00am – 3.30pm daily
Register Online; www.willettonigers.com.au
Phone: 93103388

### 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


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

### Canning River Eco Education Centre
School Holiday Activities
- Thursday 3rd October
  Downy Ducklings, ages 4 to 7
- Canning Canoeing Quest, ages 11 to 14
  Tuesday 8th October
- Home among the gum trees, ages 8-14
  Night Stalk, 6.30 – 8.30pm - for the whole family, 6+
  Saturday 12th October
- Sunset paddle on the Canning – ages 18+
  @ CREEC, corner of Kent St and Queens Park Rd, Wilson

Charges Apply
Bookings essential call 9295 2244 or visit [www.dpaw.wa.gov.au/n2n](http://www.dpaw.wa.gov.au/n2n)

### Where Can I Play Cricket?
Register at your local club and play cricket this Summer.
Fast, active, energetic games are now available for boys and girls aged 5 years and up.

### Have a great holidays and stay safe.

See you back in Term 4