P&C Support
Perhaps you will have noticed the wonderful new playground adjacent to D cluster. This has come about through the hard work of our P&C members and the financial support that parents have provided over the year. While events such as the chocolate sales are sometimes a contentious issue, when you see a result like this, as well as consider the many hundreds of reading books we have bought this year, it does put it into perspective. Thank you so much for all the support you have given to the P&C in 2013. Every request we have put to the committee this year has been funded.

You would also know by now that the P&C is increasing the levy for next year with less emphasis being placed on regular fund raising events. We are hoping that all families will be prepared to contribute to this levy and help us to continue being one of the best primary schools south of the river.

While mentioning levies I need to also provide some explanation to the request we have made for funds to maintain the high standards in our kitchen classes next year. At this point in time our kitchen budget for ingredients has been expended. The $10 levy will be used to ensure that next year our wonderful kitchen specialist can provide cooking experiences for the children that are not restrained by funding issues. You will notice that we have also included a $5 request for the junior school. These funds will be used by children in K-3 to have lessons with their class teacher either in their home room or the kitchen.

Business Plan
Every Independent Public School is required to develop a business plan. Essentially this is a plan which gives the school direction for three years. More particularly it focuses on changes that need to be emphasised or areas which need to be improved. At Rostrata we are going to continue to focus on grammar, punctuation and reading while also maintaining our high standards in numeracy. Perhaps of greater importance is the focus that we will be placing on health and well being. This is already beginning with the ‘Positive Behaviour’ committee working diligently to bring about change to how children are treated in our school and how they treat others. In the very near future the school business plan will be placed on our website.

Before and After School Problems
We are continuing to have a problem with children being dropped off too early or left until late in the afternoon (sometimes after 4pm). Our Camp Australia colleagues offer a terrific out of school care program which when the government subsidy is taken into account makes it very affordable. I would urge everyone to consider this option if they are finding it difficult to pick their children up at a realistic time. There have been occasions when the only staff members present are our school cleaners and they are not likely to be in the area where the children are waiting. You would probably be aware from the media that schools can be quite dangerous places in the late afternoon with a variety of individuals making their way through the grounds.

Incursion - Paint Storm
You had to be there … it was fantastic! The cost for the students was only $3.00; when compared to the important messages that were portrayed, is real value for money. Be sure to ask your child all about it.

Tom Campbell
Principal
**D Block Playground**

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**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](http://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.

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**Leaving Rostrata?**

Will your child be attending Rostrata Primary School in 2014?

To assist with class allocations for next year, please call into the school office and sign a clearance form before 25th November if your child will be leaving Rostrata Primary School.

This includes current Year 6 students who will attend private secondary schools from Year 7.

Thank you!

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**Voluntary Contributions and Charges**

If your child will not be returning to Rostrata in 2014, please visit the school office to discuss your student's account.

This could be to settle any unpaid amounts or to organise a refund for any unused credit on the account.

Helen Scott
Registrar

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**School of Instrumental Music (SIM) Strings Program**

During Term 4 the children in Years 2 and 3 will be participating in the School of Instrumental Music test. This enables us to select students to participate in the violin (Year 2) and cello (Year 3) instrumental programs in 2014.

Final selections are not made until early Term 1, 2014.

Leanne Rankin / Kendall Genders
Music Teachers

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**VacSwim Dec/Jan School Holiday programs**

VacSwim enrolments for 2013 - 14 January programs are now open. 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 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](http://www.det.wa.edu.au/swimming).

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This week is ‘fundraising week’ in the Kitchen. Students are learning how you can make a delicious homemade product, market it and then sell to the public. We are discussing market demand for homemade products and the students take pride in making them. This supplements our program in a small way but offers much more, including fun, to the students.

The students loved selling their wares on Tuesday and will be doing so again on Thursday at recess and lunch time.

Thank you to all parents for your support; this has been a very successful lesson and it is greatly appreciated.

Thanks to the following people for their wonderful assistance: the Barnett and Hartl families for looking after the chickens on the last two weekends; Ron Truscott for fixing the chicken run gates to prevent further break-ins; the families who constantly bring in extra food for the chickens, worms and compost; the many parents and grandparents who come in to the garden to volunteer.

We are now planting tomatoes, basil, pumpkin, eggplant, rockmelon, cucumbers, sweet corn, lettuce, beans and the rest of our herbs. Most of these will be ready to harvest in Term 1 of 2014.

The Chickens
We are looking for families to help with the chickens on the weekends in Term 4 and school holidays over Christmas. Remember no experience needed. Are you able to sponsor a chicken in 2014? We are looking for families to donate $25 per chook to help pay for their laying pellets – this amount is enough to feed one chicken for a year. Ring or SMS Karina on 0427 586 139.

Do you read the Sunday Times? If you do not want the free seed packets being offered, would you donate them to the kitchen garden? Bring packets down to the garden or pass on to your child to hand in when they have their next gardening class.

Herb seedlings are for sale at our assembly stalls, along with Worm Wiz.

Don’t forget to volunteer in the garden with your child’s class.

What you can do to help!

Help out on the weekends or Christmas holidays looking after the chickens.

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Kitchen/Gardening Timetable
http://rostratagarden.weebly.com/links.html
Do you know when your child is in the kitchen or garden?
Use the link above to help you work out which week is gardening or cooking so that you can help out.

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
President’s Report
Last week we held our last meeting for the year, and a few people will be stepping down from the P&C, in most cases because their time as Rostrata parents is coming to an end. The positions of President, Secretary and Treasurer will all become vacant after the AGM at the start of Term 1 in 2014, so the school will need someone to step forward and fill those roles. Also, because both the Year 6 and Year 7 classes will be graduating next year, there’ll need to be two graduation committees, each with 6 or 7 people. So if you’d like to get involved with all that the P&C does for the school, even if it’s just for one year, please have a think about making yourself available at the start of Term 1.

Kevin Lathbury

Fundraising
The end-of-year disco is planned for this Friday 22nd November.
Junior Session - Kindy to Year 3 Only - 5.30 to 7pm sharp
Senior Session - Years 4 to 7 Only - 7.30 to 9pm sharp

At the moment we could still do with a few more volunteers for both discos, for tasks such as supervising on the dance floor and serving in the canteen. There is a minimum number of volunteers needed so we can meet our duty of care (the alternative is to cancel the disco), so please contact Kevin on 0434 000217 or let the office know if you’d like to help out.

School Banking
Term 4 Competition
The Commonwealth Bank has launched a new competition and are giving away 60 x Apple iPod touch 16GB and 100 Kid’s Adventure DVD Pack including Despicable Me 2 & Hop. For your chance to win, simply make two or more School Banking deposits from 21 October to 30 November and you will be automatically entered into the competition. For more information visit www.commbank.com.au/adventureisland.

It’s time to trade in your Dollarmites tokens for a reward.
If you have been saving this year with school banking and collecting your silver Dollarmite tokens, then now is the time to redeem them for a reward before you miss out. Although the Bank had previously advised students were not allowed to carry over their tokens to next year, this has been changed and they can now carry over a maximum of 9 tokens only to next year. Therefore, if you have in excess of 9 tokens you need to redeem them. 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.

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.

We are looking for a new School Banking Co-ordinator for next year; if you are interested or even in job sharing with another friend please contact Natalie on 0418 928 867 for information on what the job entails.

From the Canteen Committee...
We would like to say a huge thank you to all the families who supported our Classroom Hero competition. Congratulations to our Senior winners Ezra from B5 and Sage from C1. The Junior winners will be announced at next week’s assembly. We would like all families to also be aware that we do not offer our usual menu on our Classroom Hero and Pizza/Sushi (end of term) lunch days. These days are special menus only and we also ask that families please take note of the date the orders are due. We had a large number of late orders and orders from the normal menu on the last Classroom Hero day and as volunteers, this makes our job very hard to do.

We also have quite a few of our wonderful long-term volunteers finishing up with the school so if you can give just a couple of hours once a term to assist we would be most grateful. Please call Mel in the canteen on 9354 3332 or pop in and leave your details so we can get back to you.
APPLICATIONS FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED PROGRAMS NOW OPEN FOR YEAR 7 IN 2015

With Year 7 students moving to secondary school from 2015, Gifted and Talented Secondary Selective Entrance Programs will start a year earlier. This is an exciting opportunity for you, our parents, as you consider secondary school opportunities for your children.

Gifted and Talented academic, languages and arts programs provide a unique and challenging curriculum designed to bring out the very best in your child. These elite programs are available at 17 select public secondary schools, and you can apply no matter where you live in Western Australia.

If your child is in Year 5 now, you can apply for entry into Year 7 in 2015. The selection process will take place in 2014 when your child is in Year 6.

Limited places may also be available for children entering Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 in 2015.

Applications close 12.00noon on Monday 10 February 2014. All applications must be made online.

For more information and to apply:
W: det.wa.edu.au/giftedandtalented
E: gate@education.wa.edu.au
T: 9264 4307
The following items are mentioned as community news and are not school endorsed activities.

**RSPCA WA January School Holiday Program**
Here is a sneak peak of some of our fabulous sessions:
- Three, full day sessions - RSPCA WA Big Day Out and Animal Apprentice
- Learn about dogs in Canine Capers, Doggie Delights and Give a Dog a Bone
- Cats are back in 2014 with Cats 101 and Furball and Friends

Bookings open in December and places fill quickly, so call 9209 9325 to secure your child’s spot. Further information on sessions is available on the website: www.rspcawa.asn.au

We also have two pre Christmas full day sessions on December 19 and 20 bookings open November 27 all themed on animals and Christmas.

**Willetton Stadium**
Did you know that Willetton Stadium runs a "Girls Only" PINK BALL training session every Friday afternoon during term time? Classes begin at 3:40pm and there is no need to book, just come along. Classes are for girls 9 years old and over and cost $7 a session. They run for 50 minutes. For further information please ring the stadium on 9310 3388.

**Curtin University Robo Fair**
*Date:* Sunday, 24th November  
*Time:* 10am - 2pm  
*Location:* Curtin University, Bentley, Building 215  
For more information, visit http://engineering.curtin.edu.au/outreach/robofair/

**Southern Cricket Holiday Program**
Safe, fun, indoor and outdoor activities for ages 6-17 years. See our website for details of programs available: www.scholidayprogram.net or 9310 2670.

**Information Technology Programs for Young Children**
(Ages 7 To 14 years)
*Location:* Perth Modern School (Subiaco)  
*Dates:* 06 Jan 2014 To 24 Jan 2014  
*Full Day (Mon-Fri) Programs of 1 week - 3 weeks Delivered by JIT school, Contact Telephone Numbers: 9456 0968 / 6143 7798  
*Email:* enrolments@jitschool.com.au  
*Website:* www.jitschool.com.au

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**“Understanding Stepfamily Relationships”**
Saturday 7th December from 9.30am to 1pm;  
$35 per person or $50 per couple.  
Stepfamilies and blended families operate in a different way to intact biological families. The dynamics of a stepfamily are more complex and there is a need for special understanding and management from both biological and stepparents working together for a healthy stepfamily growth to happen. For further information and to enrol please phone 9489 6322.

**“Mums Raising Boys - up to the age of 12 years”**
Monday 9th December from 6.30pm to 9pm;  
$25 per person.  
However well-prepared mothers are logically, the emotional response to having a boy is often still 'Wow! This is unknown territory.' It is true that for many mothers, the idea of raising a son carries its own set of worries. As the primary female role model in a boy's life, mothers play an important role in the development of their son's identity including their ability to be nurturing. This is turn effects how they relate to others, particularly to girls and women. For further information and to enrol please phone 9489 6322.

**“Mums Raising Teenage Boys”**
Tuesday 10th December from 6.30pm to 9pm;  
$25 person.  
As the primary female role model in a boy’s life, mothers play an important role in the development of their son’s identity including their ability to be nurturing. For teenage boys in particular, this on-going relationship with their mothers has long term implications. This in turn effects how they relate to others, particularly to girls and women. For further information and to enrol please phone 9489 6322.

**Master Mind Australia – Academic Pathways January Jump-Start Program**
Study Skills – Essay Writing – Subject Revision  
For all students from Year 6 - 7  
This revision program aims to prepare students for Term 1 (2014) before the academic year begins. The program will include courses in Study Skills, Writing and Mathematics Skills. Courses will be conducted at: Christ Church Grammar School, Hale School and Willetton Senior High School  
Early Bird enrolment discount of 10% before 20th December, 2013

For more information contact Dr Robert Hallam at Master Mind Australia on 9486 1377 www.mastermindaustralia.com.au