FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Class Lists
The first draft of the class lists has been completed by the teachers. All of the correspondence we have received has been taken into account in forming the lists. It is important to remind everyone that it has not been possible to accommodate any requests for particular teachers. At times it is also possible that a request to have particular children together is not in their best interest. They may, for example, be close friends but distract each other in class. Where this has been the case the child’s current teacher will make contact with you to discuss the situation.

It is also of interest to note that where we have composite classes (e.g. Year 4/5) the group is made up of children with mixed ability very much like a multi-age class.

The class lists will be displayed in front of the staff room windows on Friday 31st January from 12pm onwards.

Parent Thank You
We were delighted to see the number of helpers who were able to make it to our thank you afternoon tea last Friday. We don’t get enough opportunity to let everyone know how much we appreciate this support. It makes so much difference to so many children. I’m sure everyone would agree that our ensemble who played background music was excellent.

Of this group there were a number of parents who will be leaving us this year. Though I would like to name these great supporters, I would rather not take the risk of missing someone. We have had tremendous support from this group of stalwarts who have been with us from the time their children began kindergarten. Again, thank you so much!

Formula 1
There would be a number of you who are aware of our involvement in the recent Formula 1 competition. This is a great event which really challenges the children in so many ways. It begins with them having to design and make their cars, includes each group of students marketing their car and finishes with a racing event against other schools. We did well with one of our groups finishing within one point of winning their category. What has been most important though has been the process that they have been involved in. As usual events such as this owe their success to commitment of the staff. Mr Hill’s effort in ensuring the success of this project is very much appreciated.

PEAC
We are pleasantly surprised to hear that fifteen of our children have been selected to take part in PEAC (Primary Extension and Challenge) classes next year. Each year we are also very successful in winning a significant number of Secondary Gifted and Talented scholarships. This year we have thirteen children who were offered and accepted placements in a variety of schools which cater for gifted students.

Year 7 Camp
The food was great, the activities were fun, the children were outstanding and the teachers got to have some sleep. They are the ingredients of a very successful camp.

Tom Campbell
Principal
Everyone is welcome to come along and listen to Rostrata’s Training, Junior and Senior Bands perform at the ‘Twilight Tunes’ concert being held in the undercover area at school on Wednesday 11th December at 7.00pm. Please bring your own chair.

A BYO picnic tea will commence at 6.00pm for those who would like to come early.

If your child is currently in Year 3 and you’re thinking about them joining the Band next year, please come and have a listen. A new training band will commence in Term 3, 2014.

BAND PERFORMANCES

A few weeks ago the Senior Band performed at the Cannington Leisureplex on a Saturday morning for the City of Canning’s Act Belong Commit Schools Performance Concert and played magnificently. There was an opportunity for one school in each hour time slot to receive a $1,000 scholarship, by random draw, from the City of Canning and Healthways and Rostrata were fortunate to win this!! Congratulations to all Band members on a great performance and thanks to all members and parents for giving up their Saturday morning to attend.

On Wednesday 27th November the Senior Band Bash was held at Leeming Primary School. Our Senior Band attended along with the Winthrop Primary School Band. A great time was had by all. Each school performed two of their own pieces of music and then all three schools combined to make a massive Band and play three pieces that they had all learnt at their own schools but hadn’t rehearsed together. It all sounded fantastic! The concert concluded with a delicious afternoon tea which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

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

You are cordially invited...

The Year 7 Graduation Ceremony will take place at 9:00am on Friday 13th December in the undercover area.

An invitation is extended to all family and friends of our graduating students to attend the ceremony, followed by morning tea in the C Block wet area.

During the ceremony (approximately 9:15am), our 2014 School and Faction Captains will be receiving their badges from our outgoing captains. Parent of incoming captains are most welcome to attend the ceremony.
Thank you to all the Rostrata parents and students for supporting our fundraising week. It is part of our program to make a homemade product, market it and raise money for our budget once or twice a year on a small scale. Through this activity the students learn there is a high demand in the community for home made healthier alternatives, as we sold out within minutes each day. We raised in two days of baking an amazing $671.00. Outstanding!

Thank you to the wonderful year 7s who coordinated the event; Shauna B, Sheryl S, Ella G, Maria A, Carolyn M, Esther L, Nivek P, Eun P and Jade L. I also wish to thank one of our mums, Gailea, for offering to fix apron ties; it has been appreciated by myself and the students.

We have started some very festive cooking this week, making Christmas Spiced Apple Muffins and a colourful Christmas Salad. The combination of our home grown cherry tomatoes and basil in the salad has been a delicious addition. With the added bocconcini cheese and bright yellow capsicum it has been a very pretty dish.

Thanks to the Burge family for looking after the chickens on the weekends and also thanks to all the families who have volunteered over the Christmas holidays. Please see Karina before the end of the term (on a Tuesday or Thursday) if you need to learn how to look after them. Thanks to Glenn Pettersson for donating petrol and the container for our mower and doing a great job of the mowing on the spare block.

We are continuing to plant 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, 2014. The herb garden is ready to plant out and the garden paths are taking shape thanks to the generous assistance of the P&C.

We are going to bring the year 3s through the garden soon to prepare them for next year. The year 7s are looking forward to showing them around.

The Chickens

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. We are in need of the donations soon as they will need pellets for the holidays.

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.

What you can do to help!

Help out on the weekends or Christmas 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

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.
President’s Report

The Hawaiian-themed discos went off successfully on the 22nd. Along with a good number of P&C people helping out with supervision, on the door and in the canteen, we had some extra help to make sure it all ran smoothly. Thanks to Todd and Sharon, Brycelynn, Andrew and Lisa, as well as the P&C members, and anyone else I’ve forgotten who offered a couple of hours of their time.

School Banking

Term 4 Competition

The Commonwealth Bank Adventure Island competition closed on 30th November; all winners will be contacted directly by the Commonwealth Bank.

Everyone who has participated in school banking this year is going into the draw to win one of many school banking prizes which will be delivered to your classroom by Friday 6th December.

Please note the last school banking day is next Wednesday 11th December.

Congratulations to Kadie (A10) who won ‘banker of the month’ for November.

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.

We would like to wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a safe and happy new year.

Thank you
School Banking Team

Canteen Committee

You will hopefully have received the order forms via email for our final Pizza/Sushi lunch for the year on Monday, December 16th. Please note all orders are due back to the canteen by Monday, December 9th. We hope this is a more convenient way of sending the forms home as it reduces the need to use valuable teaching time and resources printing and distributing forms and also ensures that parents receive them. Forms can also be collected at the canteen if you know of anyone who may not have received the email.

Please note that the Kids Café canteen is closed on both Friday, December 13th as our staff would like to attend the Year 7 graduation and Wednesday, December 18th as class parties may be held on this day. Our last day of operating is the pizza/sushi lunch day on Monday, December 16th.

We are losing a few of our wonderful volunteers next year as their children head off to high school so please consider helping out for a few hours once a term. We are doing the 2014 first term roster soon so please call Mel on 9354 3332 or Jacqui on 0423 878618 if you are able to assist.

Many thanks to all the families who have utilised the Kids Café canteen over the year. We hope your children have enjoyed their food as much as we enjoy preparing it for them. Wishing all families a safe and happy festive season and summer holiday.
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.

**Carols in the Park**  
Prendwick Reserve, Willetton on Sunday 15th December.  
Come and enjoy our community carols!  
Come at 5.30pm for family entertainment including bouncy castles, family games, fairy floss and a sausage sizzle (gold coin donation).  
Carols begin at 7.30pm.

**Liquid Pool Party**  
Presented by the City of Canning Youth & Family Services at Riverton Leisureplex on Friday 31st January 2014 from 4pm—8pm.  
Entry only $5.00  
For more information call 9461 7182; permission form and payment due by Wednesday 29th January at Youth Centres in Lynwood, Bentley, Willetton or Canning Vale.

**Touch Football WA**  
Touch Football WA is excited to announce we have now released our School Holiday clinic dates for the 2013/14 summer school holidays. Please see the link below for more on what is covered and how to register your child.  

**Champion Lakes Boating Club**  
School Holiday Kayaking Lessons for children aged 8 years and over  
Venue: Champion Lakes Regatta Centre Henley Drive, Champion Lakes  
Dates: Mon/Wed 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22 January 2014  
Time: 8.30-9.30am  
Cost $25 per lesson  
Pre requisite: Must be able to swim 50 metres  
Qualified Level One Flatwater Instructor  
All gear provided (boat, paddle pfd)  
Bookings and Pre payment are essential (one week prior to lesson):  
Contact: Robyn Brown  
Mob: 0401 311 817  
Email: robyn.L.brown@bigpond.com

**South of Perth Yacht Club**  
January 2014 school holiday sailing courses, including Dinghy Program—Start Sailing 1 & 2.  
Check our website for accurate course dates: [www.sopyc.com.au](http://www.sopyc.com.au)  
Also, during Term 1 and 2 in 2014, we will be offering dinghy sailing classes on Wednesday afternoons between 4.00-5.30pm.

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**Stargazing Club Offer**  
FREE 1 month membership to Stargazers Club WA.  
Online and entertaining. Stargazing from your own backyard. No telescopes or astronomy knowledge needed! For more information: Carol (aka Galaxy Girl!) on 0427 554 035 or [info@stargazersclubwa.com.au](mailto:info@stargazersclubwa.com.au).

**Get Active Sports**  
Get Active Sports run introductory sports programs for 3 - 8 year olds on weekend mornings.  
$80 for 6 weekly sessions and a ball, bat or racquet for you to keep!  

**Riverton Library presents...**  
a free event for the whole family!  
Christmas Stories with Mrs Claus  
Date: Tuesday 10 December  
4pm—4.45pm  
Bookings essential on 9231 0944

**TFA Soccer Camp**  
The TFA Soccer Camp is open to all children (girls and boys) Kindy to Year 6, of all ability levels. Children will be placed in age groups with a maximum of 15 children with one coach.  
Where: Como Primary School, 29 Thelma Street, Como  
When: Tues 28th January to Friday 31st January 2014  
Time: 9.00am—2.30pm  
Cost $140 per player.  
Sign up online at [www.totalfootballacademy.com.au](http://www.totalfootballacademy.com.au) or contact Mark Flynn on 0410 899 819.