FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome Back

Welcome back to our 2014 school year with a very special welcome to those of you who are here at Rostrata for the first time. Overall things have begun quite smoothly and we are looking forward to another very successful year.

Our new staff include Mr Phoebe who joins us as deputy principal, Mrs Scott (Year 4 and 7) and Miss Chambers (PP and support). As with most previous newcomers I’m sure once they have experienced the Rostrata ‘lifestyle’ they will not want to leave us.

As in the past if you have any concerns about your child’s progress the first and most important person to approach for an interview is the classroom teacher. If you would like further help or advice the deputy principals will be of assistance. Mrs Clarke is responsible for A cluster, Miss Capps for B, Mr Phoebe for C and Mr Proctor and myself for D.

One of our important priorities this year will be to increase the number of children who really enjoy reading. We have so many of them now who are focused on technology and spend much of their time on some device or other. One of the things we would like to do is set up classroom libraries where children can increase their borrowing opportunities. Please send any unwanted books (e.g. used book club stories) to your classroom teacher.

This year the National Day of Action against bullying and violence will take place on March 21st. Rostrata will again be involved in this important event. We would like all new parents to be aware of the fact that we have a ‘no tolerance’ policy with regard to bullying and encourage all families to report any incidents of concern to us.

Tom Campbell
Principal

Rostrata Primary School Board

As an independent school, Rostrata Primary operates with a School Board. The Board consists of the Principal, school registrar, four staff members, six parents and a community representative. The role of the School Board is to assist in setting the long term future for the school and maintaining oversight of the school's operation.

The School Board will be seeking to fill a recently vacated parent representative position. Any parent/carer who would consider undertaking this role at the school is encouraged to put their name forward when nominations are called for in the coming weeks. Positions on the Board for Parent representatives have a tenure for up to 3 years.

If you would like any further information please feel free to contact Tom or myself to discuss. For existing Board Members our first meeting of the year will be on Monday 10th March at 7pm.

Paige Jones, Chair, Rostrata Primary School Board
**CHOIR AUDITIONS**

This year there will be two choirs—Middle (Years 2 and 3) and Seniors (Years 4-7). Rehearsals will be held during school as follows:

**Middle:** Monday 2.10-3.00pm with Mrs Rankin / **Seniors:** Wednesday 2.10-3.00pm with Miss Genders

Auditions commenced this week. At the end of Week 3 or 4 the children will be notified whether they are successful or if they are invited to audition again next year. Students may need to purchase black shoes for performance purposes.

The children are given a probationary period of two rehearsals whereby they can decide whether to continue or not. Contact will be made with you to confirm if your child does not wish to continue.

We look forward to a great year of singing.

Leanne Rankin and Kendall Genders
Choir Directors

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**SWIMMING CARNIVAL NEWS**

The Year 4-7 Swimming Carnival will run in a different format this year. The carnival will be held over two days, with trials for champion events on one day and the finals and novelty events on the other.

**Trials:** 18th March (Tuesday, Week 7)
**Finals and novelty events:** 24th March (Monday, Week 8)

Only those students wishing to try out for a champion event will attend the trials in Week 7. **All students** from Year 4-7 will be expected to attend the finals and novelty events in Week 8.

Parents and students will be kept informed about the swimming carnival in the coming weeks. Please encourage your child to participate in the carnival and nominate themselves for a finals event if they have their achieved Level 6 certificate.

**WANTED: BRONZE MEDALLION PARENTS**

We are looking for parents or members of the community who have their Bronze Medallion or life-saving equivalence to help supervise BEFORE-SCHOOL SWIMMING TRAINING at Lynwood High School in Term 1 (commencing Tuesday 18th Feb at 7am-8am). If you have your Bronze Medallion, or know of anyone who does, please contact Linda Vedel. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Linda Vedel, PE Specialist

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**SCHOOL TOUR AND INFORMATION MORNING**

Come along to enjoy a tour of the whole school, see classes at work and hear about our school’s facilities, programs and services.

*All Welcome!*

Parents, Carers and Grandparents are encouraged to attend.

**Date:** Friday, 21st February 2014
**Time:** 9.00am – 11.30am
**Place:** School Library
To all Rostrata Parents and Families

P&C Annual General Meeting

Tuesday February 25th at 7.00pm
Rostrata Primary School Staffroom

The P&C is an integral part of the school community. It is the main fundraising group and also encourages parent communication and participation in many key areas of the school.

In 2013, the P&C provided many resources such as reading resources, the D block playground, Mathletics and many other important learning tools throughout our school.

The P&C manages the Canteen, organises the Year 7 graduation event, manages the Safety Houses in the school area, organises busy bees and also has a representative on the area council to discuss local issues for our schools. It is one of the best forums for being kept informed about how the school is operating and to have your say on many issues.

The AGM is an opportunity for all parents and carers to join the P&C and become active in their child’s school community. Membership is just $1 for the year.

In addition to the AGM, there is one General Meeting each term. Notification of meeting dates will be advertised in the school newsletter and term planner.

At the AGM, every position will be made clear and vacant. Please consider if you would like to nominate for any of the following positions (you are welcome to nominate for more than one position):

- President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer + 4 other Executive Committee positions
- Canteen Committee (4-6 members)
- Fundraising Committee (4-6 members)
- Grounds Committee (2-4 members)
- Safety House Committee (2-4 members)
- Year 7 Graduation Committee (4-6 members)
- Year 6 Graduation Committee (4-6 members)
- Uniform Shop Liaison (1 rep)
- Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Representative (1 rep)
- School Banking Representative (1 rep)
- WACSSO Representative (1 rep)

Nominations will be accepted and voted on at the AGM. It is imperative that the Office Bearing roles and the Sub-committees of Canteen and Fundraising be filled for the P&C to continue to be operational. The Graduation Committees must be filled to organise a Graduation Event.

We welcome your attendance at the AGM and encourage you to nominate for any number of the above positions.

We’d particularly welcome new parents. We have a good number of parents who haven’t been at the school very long, but who’ve come along and got involved at the earliest opportunity, including Megan Grant, Josh and Dawn Noonan, Vanessa Storer, Chee Wong, Shiyam Raveendranathan, Clare Baker and Elaine Choo. They all help to keep the P&C ticking along, so if you’re new to Rostrata and you’re interested in joining them and helping out, please come along on Tuesday the 25th.

If you would like any further information, please email rostratapandc@optusnet.com.au.
School Banking

Welcome back to school banking for 2014!

This year school banking will be on Thursday morning before school in the undercover area. There are some fantastic new reward prizes available for the students to claim with their tokens and we will have samples of these for them to see on Thursday mornings. If your child does not already have a Commonwealth Bank account and would like join in the school banking simply go to your nearest branch and ask to open a school savings account or alternatively on February 27th staff from the Commonwealth Bank will attend our school banking morning to open the account for you then.

Last year our school earned $2,355 in commissions from the bank to assist our school in buying resources for our children so we are looking forward to further success this year.

If you have any queries please contact Kathy on 0428 944 066.

From the Canteen Committee...

A huge thank you to all our wonderful volunteers who have joined us again this year to assist in the canteen. We appreciate it very much. If you are able to give just 2 hours once a term could you please contact Melissa on 9354 3332 or pop in to the canteen on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday to talk to one of our lovely staff.

Our popular Classroom Hero competition will be held on Monday, March 17th. One lucky class in each block will receive icy poles for everyone. Every lunch order placed for the day receives one entry into the draw so keep an eye out for the order forms coming home soon.

Please ensure that you are using the Summer menu for 2014 when you order as we hate disappointing the children when the item is not on the menu. You can avoid this issue by using our online ordering system at mykidslunchbox.com.au which allows you to upload funds and order on the website with the current menu. This also assists with ensuring that lunch orders are placed with the canteen, not left in school bags to be discovered at lunchtime. It is also a great timesaver for the canteen and assist us to keep our costs as low as possible. Hard copies of the Summer menu can be collected from the canteen or sent to you via email from rostratacanteen@hotmail.com should you need.

The canteen committee would also love a couple of fresh faces to join them for the year. Some of the current members are continuing so it is just a matter of more hands making lighter work for the two special canteen days held per term. If you are interested and would like to know more, please contact Jacqui on 0423878618.

Leavers Shirts and Jackets

Dear Year 6/7 Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the school year of 2014. It seems over the school break that a few students have shot up a few inches which means their shirts don't fit them any longer. As we only ordered the stock as requested we don't have surplus shirts and jackets available. To rectify this I would like offer:

Firstly a 'swap' day will be held on Monday 17th February from 8.30 - 9.30am at the canteen where you can bring your shirts in and exchange amongst yourselves.

Secondly I will be placing another order with our supplier over the coming weeks. Order forms will be available on Monday 17th February from the canteen and payment MUST be made on the day. Once I have 20 orders I will submit it.

Please note that this is the only day I will be taking orders for this term so please make sure you either come along or have your child bring the money to place an order.

Thank You

Melissa Giles
rostratacanteen@hotmail.com
YEAR 6/7 LEAVERS ORDER FORMS

LEAVERS SHIRT ORDER FORM
please hand in to Melissa @ canteen with correct money enclosed
GRADE:________________
Please make sure you put the correct year for your child or they will end up with the wrong shirt
NAME:__________________________________ CLASS:________________
SIZE:_________________________ HOW
MANY:__________________________
COST @ $25 each:_____________________________________
Please note that shirts may take up to 4 weeks to arrive and will be delivered to your Childs class.

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LEAVERS JACKET ORDER FORM
please hand in to Melissa @ canteen with correct money enclosed
GRADE:________________
Please make sure you put the correct year for your child or they will end up with the wrong jkt
NAME:__________________________________ CLASS:________________
SIZE:_________________________ HOW
MANY:__________________________
COST @ $35 each:_____________________________________
Please note that jackets may take up to 4 weeks to arrive and will be delivered to your Childs class.
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.
The following items are mentioned as community news and are not school endorsed activities.

**Tennis @ Rostrata**
Commencing each Tuesday from 11th February
7.45-8.30am
$75.00 for 8 weeks to 1st April
Takes place whether rain or shine—
In the event of rain lessons held in undercover area.
For further information phone
Tony Brown 0404 516370

**Rostrata Netball Club**

Is your child interested in playing Saturday Netball? They can join the Rostrata Netball Club in 2014 if they will be turning 8 or older this year! Registrations are now open (see our website)! To register in person please join us outside the Staffroom from 3pm on Monday 17th February.

Please visit our website at www.rostratanetball.weebly.com/ for more information or to register early.

NEW PLAYERS are always WELCOME!

Please contact the Fremantle Netball Association if your child will be turning 6 or 7 this year and you are interested in the Net-Set-Go netball readiness programme!

**Reds Hockey**
Willetton Reds Hockey Club is a strong advocate for active girls and boys. We have been providing active team sport for 40 years and will soon be starting our registration for junior hockey at our club. Our club has well structured coaching programs that include the involvement of both current and ex Olympic hockey players. We also have dedicated parents and young seniors giving their time to coach and provide kids with an enjoyable and safe sporting environment.

Registration for our Junior program (Yr 5 and above) is from 11am until 2pm on either Saturday 15th February at Trevor Gribble Reserve, Cnr Karel & Parry Ave's, Bull Creek, or Sunday 16th February at Aquinas Hockey Club Rooms, Mount Henry Road, Salter Point. Alternatively, you can register online at www.reds.com.au.

Minkey registration (PP - Yr 4) will be on Saturday 22nd March at Trevor Gribble Reserve from 11am until 2pm.

For more information, please visit www.reds.com.au or email president@reds.com.au or minkey@reds.com.au

**Play AFL**
Contact your local football club, Rostrata Junior Football Club, to join the team for fun and excitement during the 2014 season.
Contact Mike Sanders on 0421855404 or email registrar@rostratarhinos.org.au.
Prendwick Park, Willetton

**Curtin Uni Rugby Club—Juniors**
Junior rugby is modified to allow progressive skill Development, beginning with no tackling. The modified games are open to both boys and girls in teams from Under 6 to Under 12.
For further information go to www.curugby.com.au or phone Travis on 0437 245 891.

**Australian Girls Choir**
February Open Classes
Come along and try a free class at your local rehearsal venue at Murdoch College.
For more information contact 6365 2100 or www.aspagroup.com.au.

**Do you have room for a foster child?**
If you make room in your heart and home for a foster child, you’ll change their life forever. You’ll give them a chance to be safe and nurtured, as every child deserves to be. We need people like you.

Unable to foster but looking to get involved? As a Wanslea Foster Friend you can support foster families in your area by providing baby-sitting, meals, house duties, transport, mentoring, tutoring or donating clothing, toys or money. We also need your help to find more foster carers to meet the growing demand.

For more information, come to a Foster Care Information Session on Saturday March 15 from 12-2pm at Wanslea Cloverdale 311-313 Abernethy Road Cloverdale. To register call 9245 2441 or email: support@wanslea.asn.au