FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Our School board had its first meeting last week. As with our most recent staff meeting the members spent time considering the formulation of a vision statement befitting of our newly acquired Independent School status. It would come as no surprise that while we would like to add some new vigour to our purpose of what we do at Rostrata, there is little doubt that our focus on CARE will be an integral part of our new direction. As an Independent School we are obliged to develop a Business Plan outlining the areas of improvement we will focus on in the coming three years. The School Management Committee has begun setting the targets which will form the basis of this plan.

It is important to note that in addition to Literacy and Numeracy one of our primary targets will be Health and Well Being. This fits well with the feedback we received from your surveys last year. Many respondents emphasised the fact that they were happy with their children's progress but remained concerned about behaviour management. This is something we aim to address through our plan.

School Tour

Our annual school tour for new parents was again a very successful event. It was an excellent opportunity for everyone to gain some first hand information about the operations of our wonderful school. A special thanks to the parents and Miss Barnes who organised the morning. The feedback has been very positive. What we would like to think is that those of you who attended will see the value in becoming even more involved in our school activities. Volunteering in the canteen, the classroom or kitchen garden program are great ways of supporting your children.

National Assessment Program: Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)

Later this term parents will receive brochures outlining the Naplan testing program for Years 3, 5 and 7 students in Term 2. For your information the tests will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (14—16 May). All students are expected to participate in the tests unless parents sign a consent form to withdraw their child/children from the program.

Year 6 and 7 Graduation Year: 2014

2014 will be a very big year at our school when the Year 6 and 7 students graduate. Our planning for this important year includes the provision of school camps for both groups and two graduation ceremonies. During the year the children from both groups will also have an opportunity to hold leadership roles. We aim to make this a memorable year for all of the Year 6 and 7 students. Further details will be provided to parents and students later in the year.

Tom Campbell
Principal
Important Note to Parents—Anaphylaxis

Dear Parents,

This year there are students at Rostrata who have the potential to suffer an anaphylactic episode. This condition can result in a sudden, severe allergic reaction that requires immediate medical treatment and is potentially fatal.

Letters have been sent home to parents of specific classes, however we are seeking the support and co-operation of ALL families to minimise the risk of these students coming into contact with specific foods. Therefore, we request you follow these simple steps:

- Please don't give your children food containing nuts to bring to school
- Be aware of foods that may contain nuts
- Please encourage your child to thoroughly wash their hands and face if they have eaten these foods just before coming to school
- Please be aware of the dangers of cross contamination

Thank you for recognising the need for ongoing vigilance to minimise the potential life threatening risk to our students.

Annabella Clarke, Deputy Principal

CHANGE OF CONTACT DETAILS?

Please keep us informed....

If any general information has changed regarding your child, such as home address details, and emergency contact phone numbers, please inform the school office immediately so that our records can be updated. Thank you.

Charges & Voluntary Contributions

All families should have recently received information re: Charges & Voluntary Contributions, in the mail.

Please read this information carefully.

To save you queuing time:-
For payments by cheque and credit card, the forms can be placed in an envelope and put in the secure box in the front office.

Please contact the Registrar on 9457 9455 if you have any queries regarding this information.
DEVELOP THE POTENTIAL IN YOUR CHILD

Applications for placement to Gifted and Talented programs are now open. The Gifted and Talented programs offered at 17 select public secondary schools are for:

- children entering Year 6 in 2013 – for entry into Gifted and Talented programs in 2015 when they start Year 8; and
- children entering Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 in 2013 – for ‘top-up’ places in select programs in 2014 where vacancies may become available.

For more information please visit, [det.wa.edu.au/giftedandtalented](http://det.wa.edu.au/giftedandtalented). Applications close at 12.00 noon on Tuesday, 5 March 2013.

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IMPORTANT SWIMMING CARNIVAL INFORMATION

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Due to the closure of the Canning Aquatic Centre, the Faction Swimming Carnival has been moved to the Riverton Leisureplex. As the Leisureplex is much smaller and only permits hire of the 50m pool, we have had to limit the numbers of those who attend the swimming carnival. Therefore, this year’s carnival will be attended only by those students who are competing in the 50m heats and finals. **Only students who are Level 6 and above will be attending the 2013 swimming carnival.**

Students who are **Level 5 and below** will remain at school, and will attend as a normal school day. To increase student participation, Level 5 students who believe they are confident enough to swim 50m are invited to join in at the early-morning training sessions at Lynwood High School, where they will be assessed by the supervising staff.

This is a temporary situation and we plan to have this rectified in 2014 and return to our normal swimming carnival program.

Kind regards,
Linda Vedel
PE Specialist

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B Cluster Recycling Station

A big thank you to all people who have supported the B Cluster Recycling Station during the last few years. We regret to say, this service is NO LONGER available.

Year 4/5 Teachers

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Happy Healthy Have a Go Day

Sunday February 24th, Centenary Oval North
Centenary Avenue, Wilson, 11am-1:30pm

There will be sausage sizzle available. Free Event to participate in.

Come down to experience what local clubs in Canning have to offer. Canning has an array of activities to try out and ask about and if you like what you see you can even sign up to become a member on the day! To keep you hydrated and sunburn free there will be water and sunscreen available. Activities include: 8 ball, lawn bowls, men’s shed, hockey, callisthenics, golf, personal training, badminton, rugby union, youth services and softball!

For more information contact michelle.francis@canning.wa.gov.au
WE ARE ONE BUT WE ARE MANY AND FROM ALL THE LANDS ON EARTH WE COME.

We share a dream and sing with one voice “I am... You are... We are AUSTRALIAN”

HARMONY DAY
Thursday 21st March

SOME FUN ACTIVITIES YOU MAY LIKE TO DO:

Share a meal from another culture
Sing songs from other countries & Australia
Learn a folk dance. Share & read stories.
Make a harmony kite in science (recycling)
Make a poster with harmony message
IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Positions Vacant: President, Vice President, Fundraising Sub-committee members

The P&C Annual General Meeting was held on Tuesday 26th February. At the AGM, every position was declared clear and vacant. There has been no expression of interest for the positions of President and Vice President. There are also vacancies on the fundraising and grounds committees.

Please consider if you would like to nominate for any of these positions (you are welcome to nominate for more than one position).

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 2012, the P&C provided many resources for our school such as Smartboards, paving in the kitchen garden, reading books, Mathletics for every child 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.

It is imperative that the Office Bearing roles and the Sub-committees, including Fundraising, be filled for the P&C to continue to be operational.

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

SAVE THIS DATE!!!
Rostrata’s Outdoor Movie Night
When: Friday 22nd March
Time: 7pm
More information coming soon!

Canteen News
Keep an eye out for the “Classroom Heroes” order forms coming home soon!

Have you tried online ordering yet? This fantastic service makes ordering easy and is great for little ones as there is no need to remember to place the order. Please go to www.mykidslunchbox.com.au and follow the directions to sign up.
Hi everyone,

Mrs Martini and I had a wonderful time in Melbourne last week. We have both returned back to Rostrata with extra enthusiasm and motivation to further enrich our program.

We started cooking in the Kitchen this week with the Year 5, 6 and 7's. A simple dish of salad and cheese wraps, with a sour cream and mayonnaise sauce, to ease students back into routine.

I welcome parents of Year 4 to volunteer and put their name down for the kitchen. The classes will be having another theory lesson (all volunteers welcome) but thereafter will be their first cutting session in which I request one parent per table, otherwise the class will not be able to proceed.

Remember Year 6/7 parents we have a shortage; please approach the teachers and put your name down.

Thanks to the How family and the Berge family for looking after the chickens on the weekends. We are looking for more families to look after the chickens on weekends. Young children really enjoy the experience and I will show you what to do if you have never tried it before.

Ring Karina on 0427 586139.

If you are not able to look after the chickens you might like to sponsor a chicken for $25.

Ring Rebecca Walker on 0409 566935. The money will go towards buying pellets to feed them for the year.

Mrs Richards and I had a wonderful time in Melbourne visiting a number of SAKG schools and have come back with lots of ideas to use in our programme here. We also came back knowing how lucky we are to have the support from teachers, parents and the P&C to make our version of the programme work for our school. I think we can all be proud of our collective efforts.

All children years 4-7 should have their own pair of gardening gloves (on booklist) by now. They do not need to be expensive but they should fit them well so they are able to use small items and provide them with adequate protection.

Help out on the weekends looking after the chickens.

Volunteer in the garden with your child’s class.

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

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.

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

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

What you can do to help!

Gardening Timetable
Willetton Senior High School
A Leading School Celebrating Achievement

Computing Specialist Program – Year 8 for 2014 - 2016

Applications are invited from current Year 7 students with proven mathematical ability who would like to develop their computing skills to a high level. The program entitles students to secure enrolment in Computer Science from 2014 - 2016. Selection of students will be based on their school record, results from written aptitude test and the Personal Statement Validation. The Prospectus and application forms can be viewed and printed from the Willetton Senior High School website: www.willettonshs.wa.edu.au

The closing date for applications is Friday, 22 March 2013.
The program is available to any eligible student throughout Western Australia.

Specialist Basketball Studies 2014

Willetton SHS is offering current Year 7 to Year 11 students with proven basketball talent the opportunity to develop their potential through expert coaching and intensive tuition. Selection will be based on students having academic record, good personal character references, athletic talent and a commitment to basketball. The Prospectus and application forms can be viewed and printed from the Willetton Senior High School website: www.willettonshs.wa.edu.au

The closing date for application is Friday, 28 June 2014.
The program is available to any eligible student throughout Western Australia.

Extension Art Studies – Year 8 for 2014-2016

Willetton Senior High School operates an Extension Art Studies program for students within the Willetton SHS local intake area. Selection will be based on a drawing skills test and demonstrated enthusiasm and talent for art. This program is only available to students who live within the school boundaries or to students who gain entry through the Gifted and Talented Program, the Specialised Basketball Studies Program or the Computer Science Specialist Program. Please note students who are making a cross boundary application will not have their place confirmed until cross boundary decisions are made in September 2013. The Prospectus and application forms can be viewed and printed from the Willetton Senior High School website: www.willettonshs.wa.edu.au

The closing date for application is Friday, 22 March 2013

Website : Willetton.SHS@education.wa.edu.au
Opportunities → Specialist Basketball/Computing

Willetton Senior High School
Pinetree Gully Road, Willetton WA 6155
Email : willeton.shs@education.wa.edu.au

Fax: 9333 4907
Ph: 9334 7200
The following items are mentioned as community news and are not school endorsed activities.

**Melville Golf Centre**
Term 1 2013, Junior Golf Program
8 week after school programs commencing Week 2
Choose either
Wednesdays or Fridays
4pm – 5pm
$100.00 pp inclusive of all equipment
Great fun, great opportunity!
Call Brad 0422 084 481
Register now – Spaces limited!

**Curtin Rugby Club**
Seeking boys and girls for the upcoming season. Visit www.curugby.com.au,
Juniors contact Paul Mullins on 0420 997516 or email juniors@curugby.com.au.

**PARENT TEEN CONNECTION** -
Commencing 11th March x 3 weeks
at 15 Cambridge Street, West Leederville
$50 per person, $75 per couple
We have all come through adolescence –
do we remember? It has always been a challenging,
sometimes frustrating period of life’s journey.
Thankfully, today’s parents are usually more inclined to
listen. Living with teenagers can be confusing and even
worrying, but also rewarding. This course reduces
stress and teaches parents to communicate, negotiate
and minimize conflict.
For further information please phone 9489 6322

**DO YOUR CHILDREN HAVE ALLERGIES? VISIT OUR NEW AGE HEALTH EXPO**
SUNDAY 17TH MARCH

9.30AM TO 4.30PM
Exhibition Centre, Cannington Greyhounds
cnr Station St & Albany Hwy, Cannington
$6 Entry – Proceeds to Beyond Blue
Improve your health, come and see how to look
after your mind, body and spirit through natural
therapies and natural products.
Also giftware and organic/healthy food.

DEMONSTRATIONS & SPEAKERS ON THE DAY
FOR MORE INFO CALL 0412944550 OR 0414898179

**Stargazers Club WA**
Receive easy to understand information on what
stars to see and when; fun stargazing from home; no
telescopes or astronomy knowledge needed; great for
kids and beginner stargazers; free children’s activity
every month. For more information visit:
www.stargazersclubwa.com.au

**Canning City Soccer**
Registration for soccer now open for the 2013 season.
Please refer to our website
www.canningcitysoccer.org.au for
information on how to register online.

**Take Home a Big Brother or a Big Sister**
Give your children the wonderful
opportunity to have an international big brother
or big sister by hosting one of our international students
arriving in Australia in July 2013 for their
3, 5 or 10 month programs.
Our international students from France, Germany, Italy,
Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Japan, and Spain
will live as a local, attend a local secondary school,
arrive with their own spending money and
comprehensive insurance cover –
all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange.
Visit us at www.scce.com.au,
email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on
1800 500 501, request our
international student profiles, and capture
the spirit of family and friendship!

**Lynwood United Soccer**
Your local soccer club Lynwood United, based at
Hossack Reserve, Parkwood
is looking to recruit new players, especially boys and
girls aged 5-7, for the coming season.
Our program is overseen by Tony
Campbell from the Lynwood SHS Soccer Academy
and supplemented with young junior coaches.
In 2013 our young players will be training
Tuesday nights 4-5pm and will also play games each
Sunday morning (Late April - End of September).
If you wish to take this opportunity to
register your child for our football program
please contact the club registrar on
0400 767261 and leave a message.