FROM THE PRINCIPAL

National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence

Bullying. No Way! (Friday 15th March)

The National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence is an opportunity for students, teachers, parents and the whole community to take a stand together against bullying and violence. Tomorrow (Friday) we will be joining over 1400 schools across Australia in an endeavour to make this message clear at Rostrata. If you have an interest in this area visit the website www.bullyingnoway.com.au where there is an informative section for parents.

I would urge all families to help us with this and talk to the children about bullying over the weekend. We are as interested in reforming those who take part in these activities as we are in supporting the victims of bullying. Tomorrow the students might like to include orange (perhaps a t-shirt or piece of ribbon) in support of this important issue.

Schools and You Website www.det.wa.edu.au/schoolsandyou

The Department of Education parent website is designed for families with young children. The range of booklets includes:

• Learning at Home: A guide for parents of children aged 0 to 4.
• Hello school! A guide for parents of children in K to Year 1.
• Numbers: Showing children they count. Kindergarten to Yr 2.
• Reading: Light up your child's imagination. Kindergarten to Year 2.
• Writing and spelling: The world of words: Kindergarten to Year 2.

All of these materials provide great activities, games and ideas that children enjoy and parents can use to assist their child’s learning and success at school.

While I have always been concerned about children having too much homework I firmly believe there is a place for parents supporting their children at home, especially if they are experiencing difficulties. When my daughter was having a problem with spelling/reading I worked with her on one of the many published word lists that are available to teachers and parents. One of these lists (Oxford Word List) is very relevant to Australian children and can be used at home to help your child progress. The list and interactivities can be found at www.oxfordwordlist.com/pages/. Eventually children should know these words by sight. Take care not to overdo it though. In the near future we will provide you with some strategy ideas.

World Vision Captains’ Fundraiser

At their free dress last week the Captains raised $664.30. These funds will provide our World Vision Child, Akash (6 yrs), with all the essentials he needs for his schooling this year.

P&C General Meeting Tuesday

Most of you would be aware that at the moment the P&C is having difficulty filling some of its executive positions. I would urge interested people to come along to Tuesday’s meeting to help us ensure that the wonderful work of the P&C continues and the canteen remains viable. We can’t do what we do without our P&C support!

Tom Campbell
Principal

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PUPIL FREE DAYS FOR 2013
(Students DO NOT attend school on these days)

• Monday 6th May 2013 (Term 2)
• Monday 22nd July (Term 3)
• Monday 14th & Tuesday 15th October (Term 4)

Coming Events

Monday 18th March
⇒ Faction Swimming Carnival Riverton Leisureplex (Years 4-7)

Tuesday 19th March
⇒ Senior Assembly, C6 (Mr George)

Tuesday 19th March
⇒ P&C Meeting, 7.00pm, Staff Room

Thursday 21st March
⇒ Harmony Day

Tuesday 26th March
⇒ Junior Assembly, D5/D7 (Miss Zorn/Mrs Rudrum)

EASTER 2013—SCHOOL IS CLOSED
ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:
Friday 29th March (Good Friday)
Monday 1st April (Easter Monday)
Tuesday 2nd April (Easter Tuesday)
**Charges & Voluntary Contributions**

Dear Parents,

Many of you would have recently received home a statement for your child. The statement lists the School Voluntary Contribution of $50.00 and for the youngest family member, it will also include the P&C Family Contribution of $25.00.

Please read this information carefully.

In addition to these amounts, we also request that students from Year PP-3 each have a credit balance at the start of the year of $120.00 and $160.00 for students in Years 4-7. This covers the cost of various activities, such as incursions, excursions and in-term swimming lessons, that the students will participate in during the course of the year.

As each activity occurs you will be asked to give permission for your child to participate. The school will deduct the cost of the activity from the credit balance once you have given permission for your child to participate.

Should there be insufficient credit funds in the account, we will advise you, as your child may not be permitted to participate in the activity without payment being made.

Please contact the Registrar on 9457 9455 if you have any queries regarding this information.

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**Take a Stand Together iPhone app**

Students can download the free iPhone app Take a Stand Together to keep tips and advice on dealing with bullying close at hand.

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**Important Parent Information regarding Year 7 students for Year 8, 2014**

Willetton Senior High School is proud of the diversity of course offerings and services it offers students, and the success that its students achieve.

Due to the unprecedented demand for places at Willetton Senior High School, the Department of Education has designated the school as a local intake area school. Students and their families must live within the school boundaries at the time the enrolment commences. This boundary map can be viewed on the website [www.willettonshs.wa.edu.au](http://www.willettonshs.wa.edu.au).

As Year 7 students move into secondary school and onto the campus in 2015, Willetton SHS will be forced to introduce measures to reduce the intake of students. Consequently, from 2014 the following restrictions will apply:

- The multimedia strand of the computer scholarship will no longer be offered;
- Our specialised basketball program will be restricted to the equivalent of one class in each year group;
- Siblings of out of area students, while being considered on a year by year basis, are unlikely to gain enrolment in the next few years;
- Out of area students, including those attending local primary schools, will be considered at the time of application but are unlikely to gain enrolment in the next few years.

If you have any further questions regarding applications for enrolment at Willetton SHS, please contact administration on 9334 7200.
The Faction Swimming Carnival is a major event in the Rostrata sports program and involves children from Years 4 to 7. Students who have achieved Level 6 and above will participate in the morning trials, followed by the finals events in the afternoon, concluding with novelty races or a free swim if time permits. Due to regrettable changes to the way the carnival is run this year, it is a massive privilege to attend the carnival.

Children will need to be at school by 8.30am so that they can be organised to board the buses as close to 8.45am as possible.

The cost of $7 will cover pool entrance and bus fare. Fees will be taken out of students’ account. Please ensure you have credit to pay as your child cannot attend if fees are not paid by the day. If you are unsure, please check at the front office.

Please make sure children have:

⇒ Morning snack, lunch and adequate fluids (water is best), sunscreen and hat protection (for lunchtime), faction T-shirt and bathers suitable for racing.
⇒ Goggles are optional but highly recommended. A racing cap is optional.
⇒ Please ensure children with medical problems have their required medication, e.g. asthma puffer.

We would love to see all parents and relatives at the pool joining in the fun of the carnival and giving support to their children’s faction. There is a 

spectator fee of $2 to be paid on entry. At lunchtime (11:30am) parents and children may sit together for a picnic lunch. The canteen facilities will be unavailable for all students though open to parents. Please do not take canteen-bought food to children in the faction bays.

Students are to stay at the pool all day to cheer on their faction, and will return to school by bus at the end of the carnival. However, if parents elect to take their children home from the pool at the end of the carnival, please sign your child out at the sign-out table and let the faction teacher know so they can be recorded on their faction rolls.

A Carnival Events Program has been sent home with each child. Please bring this program with you to the Carnival, as there will not be any spare copies available.

The “Consent for Water-Based Excursions” form must be completed and held on file at the swimming venue before a child can enter the water. If this form has not already been handed in to your child’s teacher, please see Miss Vedel immediately.

Thank you,
Linda Vedel
Physical Education Specialist

Parent Update — LEAVERS SHIRTS (2nd Order)
Unfortunately the printer we use for the Leavers Shirts is extremely busy so our order is taking longer than anticipated. Thank you for being patient and I am hoping that the shirts will be finished in approximately 2 weeks.

Kind Regards,
Melissa Giles (Co-ordinator)

Kiss and Go - Concoraige Way
The Kiss and Go is still causing us some problems. We urge all parents to follow the few simple rules that make it safe for the children and less stressful for drivers. A recent parent concern revealed that children were dashing between moving cars on Concoraige to reach their family car. Please remind the children to wait until you gain a place in the drive-thru.

Mr Campbell
IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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

The next P&C General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 19th March.

At the recent 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. We would love to see new faces, as well as welcoming back previous members.

School Banking

Hi School Bankers, don’t forget school banking is held every Wednesday morning between 8am and 8.45am in the undercover area. There is a new range of rewards now available including money boxes, knuckles game, hand ball and a wallet and coming later in the year is a torch, calculator and earphones.

If you would like to start school banking and you don’t have a Commonwealth Bank account all you have to do is pop down to the Commonwealth Bank with your identification (for the parent) and your child’s birth certificate. They will give you a banking wallet which you just need to bring down to school banking on a Wednesday morning - it’s that easy. If you have any queries please contact Natalie on 0418 928 867 or come and see me at school banking.

Congratulations to Jack from D7 for winning banker of the month for February.

School Banking Team

KIDS cafe

Thank you to all who volunteer in our canteen. We are always looking for fun and friendly people to help out for an hour or so once or twice a term. Please fill out the form below and drop in to the canteen if you are able to help out.......

Name:________________________________________
Phone:_______________________________________
Email:_______________________________________

I can help out: (please circle)
MONDAY WEDNESDAY FRIDAY
Rostrata Organic Community Kitchen (ROCK) Garden Update

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

The Year 4s are learning how to use the large gardening tools safely and where all the main features of the garden are located. They are learning how to be water wise in the garden and how to feed the worms in our 10 worm farms. The Year 5s are consolidating their knowledge of the basic activities in the garden with an emphasis on composting and plant recognition. Year 6s are very experienced and we are able to get many jobs completed when they are in the garden. Year 7s have been gardening the longest and are using all their skills and knowledge to plan their own autumn planting of a 3m x 1.5m vegetable patch.

Thanks to the Hodgen 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 586 139.

If you are not able to look after the chickens you might like to sponsor a chicken for $25. Ring Rebecca Walker on 0409 566 935. The money will go towards buying pellets to feed them for the year.

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.

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

Hi everyone,

We had some delicious cherry tomatoes this week, which the students used in our “Sour Cream and Parmesan Dip”. Fabulous!

Our “Summer Stir Fry” with eggplant, zucchini and squash turned out well and the “Stuffed Ricotta Capsicum with Salami” was amazing too.

Congratulations to the Year 4s who have started their first cutting lessons, making a delicious “Fruit Salad with Yoghurt”. Well done!

Parents, we still need volunteers in the Year 6s and 7s to keep the program interesting and safe.

Have a wonderful weekend!

What you can do to help!

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

Gardening Timetable

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.

http://rostratagarden.weebly.com/
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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
**Puma U10 Basketball**

Our club plays at Willetton Basketball Stadium and we are currently looking for girls born in 2005 to join us. The girls train on a Wednesday afternoon at Leeming Recreation Center and their games are on Saturday early afternoon at Willetton Basketball Stadium. If anyone is interested they can contact Malira on mcocking@iprimus.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.

**Riverton Girls Brigade**

Riverton GB meets at Riverton Baptist Community Church on Wednesdays

Pre - Year 4: 4.30 - 6.15pm
Year 5 - 12: 6.30 - 8.15pm

Contact: GB Captain Brenda Martin: 9356 7379
Email: administration@girlsbrigadewa.org.au
www.girlsbrigadewa.org.au

**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

**Gravity Discovery Centre**

Visit The Gravity Discovery Centre over the April school holidays and have some Martian fun!!!

Monday 22nd April 2013 – Friday 3rd May 2013
10.30am – 12.30pm (Monday – Friday)

Make your very own Martian -
The best Martian will WIN a cool prize worth up to $100!
and will be featured on our website for all to see!
There are two age categories 5-8 year old and 9 years and above!

There are two activities to choose from over the holiday period:

Monday, Wednesday and Thursday – Martian making
Tuesday & Friday – Rocketry & Rocket making

Cost: $11 per child, Adults $16, Students & Concession $13 (no bookings required unless for large groups).

Get your mum, dad, grandma, grandad, aunty, uncle or friend to bring you along to the GDC so that you can get involved in this fab activity – all materials are provided! Parental supervision is required at all times please!

For further information visit www.gravitycentre.com.au or call (08) 9575 7577.

Were you born in 2000 or 2001, or in 2003 or 2004? The Rostrata Netball Club urgently needs YOU to join us!!!! We have too many players to put in one team for each of these two age groups, but not enough to make up two new teams. We'd love to have you, or a friend join our club, even if you've never played before, or even if your friend doesn't go to Rostrata Primary!! If you are interested, please email the club registrars URGENTLY at rostratanetball@gmail.com or call Cathy on 9457 7270 in the evenings.

**RSPCA WA April School Holiday Program**

School holidays are nearly upon us again! Are you wondering what to do with your kids? RSPCA WA has the answer with fun, interactive and educational holiday sessions. This is a great opportunity for children big and small to get up close and personal with some of our furry friends. Here is a sneak peak of some of our fabulous sessions:

- Come to our first ever RSPCA WA Big Day Out
- Get your hands dirty with Kids in the Garden
- Become the next Sherlock Holmes and crack the case in Pet Detective
- Animals have gone wild at the RSPCA WA, come and discover these creatures with Animal Trackers
- Bounce into Bunny Hop
- And lots of old favourite sessions too!

Bookings open on April 2, 2012.

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.
At Rostrata Primary School

When: Each Thursday after school
Starts: 4th April
Time: 3.00pm until 4.15pm
Where: Undercover area

At Rostrata Primary we will be running an after school SUPA Club.
The program, based on the values and virtues described in the Bible, will be taught by Scripture Union approved leaders (mainly from local Christian churches).

At Supa Club kids will be able to meet with their friends and enjoy a snack, stories, songs and fun activities such as craft, games and drama each week.

If your child would like to try this free club, then complete the details below and place the form in the labelled box in the front office at the school. Please do this ASAP so that we have an idea of the number of children to plan for. Children may also bring a completed form to the first SUPA club session.

REMEMBER: A COMPLETED FORM IS ESSENTIAL FOR PARTICIPATION!!!

ABOUT SCRIPTURE UNION (SU)
SU is a world wide, interdenominational movement whose mission is to introduce young Australians to Jesus, the Bible and the local church. For more information on SU, check out our website: www.suwa.org.au

For more information about the Rostrata SUPA Club you can:
- see Miss Capps
- call Louise Lathbury (parent contact) on 0402511986
- call the SUPA club co-ordinator on 93719100
- Email supa@suwa.org.au

Guest Helpers: At times, special guests will be joining in at SUPA Club. All helpers will hold a current Working with Children Check.

Children must be collected promptly at 4.15pm from the B block school gates.

Enrolment Form

Child’s name: _________________________________  Year: _____  Class: _______
Date of birth: __________________________________

Collect PP/Yr1 student from class YES NO

Parent/Care-giver details:
Name: _______________________________________
Phone: _______________________________________
Email: _______________________________________

Would you like to know more about being a support person? YES?

Emergency contact details:
Name: _______________________________________
Phone: _______________________________________

Do you permit SU to take photos at SUPA Club that include your child? YES NO

Please list any medical/physical conditions that we need to be aware of:
________________________________________________________________________________________________________

Permission to walk/cycle home alone after SUPA club has finished? YES NO

Parent signature: ______________________________________________________________