**FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

**Parent Survey 2012**

We have now had the opportunity to analyse the information from our parent survey completed last year. There were many positive comments and also a sharing of some concerns which we intend to address.

Many parents agreed that the school had a strong community feel where parents and family members are encouraged to be involved in all aspects of their child's education. Comment was also made about the approachability of the teachers and administration staff, the way the school motto of C.A.R.E. is embraced, the focus on environmental issues, the buddy program and the high standards throughout the school.

As on our previous survey respondents were delighted with some of the programs we have in place, for example, the kitchen garden, science and music programs.

Other aspects where it was thought we should consider improvements included: consistency in handwriting policy, increased attention to the problem of bullying, more advanced notice for excursions, incursions and school activities, greater support and resources for children who were experiencing difficulties and for gifted and talented children, more feedback and greater consistency with homework across the school.

The most pressing of these was the concern that many people have with respect to our discipline policy. This, among other factors, has prompted a totally different approach to behaviour management which focuses on positive behaviour. Within the newsletter an overview of the program has been provided by teacher David Meyer, who is a member of the committee facilitating the introduction of the revised policy.

In term 2 we are organising a cyber bullying incursion which will also include an evening session for parents. On a slightly different note, were you aware that there are IT devices which allow parental control of when and what the children can access on the internet?

**Classroom Organisation**

I'm often asked the question of why we decided to change back to ‘straight’ classes after having been a multi-age school for some 11 years. The most obvious answer is that the new Australian Curriculum with defined content in each year level is much easier to manage in straight year levels. I also took account of what the teachers thought. There was a strong feeling that it would be a good time to change for this and other reasons. Interestingly the research shows that academically there is not a great deal of difference in children’s performance in the two strategies. Education though is not just about academics. There were positive reasons for implementing the former organisation of multi-age classes. For example, teachers had a very sound understanding of the children leading into the second year with ‘at risk’ children being at an advantage. There were also leadership opportunities for the children in the older year group and provision for peer tutoring, which is considered to be a particularly effective learning strategy.

This will be our last newsletter before the holidays so I trust you will have a wonderful time with the children.

Tom Campbell
Principal
**POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT**

Rostrata Primary is undergoing a transition from the current behaviour policy to becoming a PBS school. Positive Behaviour Support is a framework of explicitly taught behavioural expectations. The PBS committee along with the rest of the staff will develop a common language that can be easily understood and followed by all pupils. The behavioural expectations framework will be specifically designed to suit the pupils who attend our school.

The PBS support system is an evidence based programme that has been implemented in many schools in the USA and Australia with huge success. The implementation of this programme will take between 3 – 5 years and has become one of the top priorities here at Rostrata Primary. There will be regular updates, of our progress here in the newsletter, on our school website (in the near future) and on a bulletin board that will be set up in the next few weeks.

**David Meyer**

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**2013 VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS AND CHARGES**

Thanks to all who have already paid their $50.00 School Voluntary Contribution (72%). These funds help us to run the wonderful programs that your child participates in at Rostrata. Not only do these funds contribute to the programs in the classrooms, but also in the library, science, kitchen, garden etc.

Thank you also if your child’s account is in credit to cover the activities that are scheduled to occur during the year. So far we have had students participate in Dance Sport, Edu Dance, excursions to AQWA and Tranby House, the faction swimming carnival and the summer interschool sports carnival.

Having your child’s account in credit means that you don’t have to find the cash each time an activity arises. It also makes the processes at the school much less time consuming.

Although it is not our preferred system, if your account is not in credit when an activity arises, we will advise you in writing, via your child, so that you can pop in and pay at the office and ensure that your child does not miss out on the scheduled activity.

If you would like to make payments in installments, please contact the Registrar.

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**SUMMER CARNIVAL RESULTS**

- **Softball:** Girls - 1st Boys - 1st
- **Cricket:** Girls - 2nd Boys - 2nd
- **Basketball:** Girls - 2nd Boys - 2nd
- **Volleyball:** Girls - 3rd Boys - 3rd

Congratulations to everyone who participated on their fantastic results. Everyone showed an excellent commitment to their sport and demonstrated fantastic teamwork, made even better by the great display of sportsmanship from everyone involved.

**Linda Vedel**
PE Specialist

I had an enjoyable day last Friday visiting the various summer interschool sports which were being played across the district. Though I just missed the last game of volley ball the children mentioned that they had had a great day. I must say I was amazed at the skills I saw on the basketball courts and at the softball. We have some very talented sports people at Rostrata. What I am really pleased about, is that our children are great sports and whenever they venture onto the sporting field they always uphold Rostrata’s great name. It was terrific to win both the girls and boys softball trophies but equally to add that we had several close seconds. Well done to all of those who took part and thank you to the family members who made it along to the games.

**Tom Campbell**
Principal
ROSTRATA PRIMARY SCHOOL

ANZAC CEREMONY

THURSDAY 18TH APRIL 2013
2.00—2.45PM

Please be seated by 1.55pm

World Vision Child Sponsorship

This is our World Vision child Akash Molla. He is seven years old and our school regularly fundraises to help Akash by holding Free Dress Days and other fundraising activities. We thank you for your support of Akash.

World Vision is a worldwide community development organisation that provides short-term and long-term assistance to 100 million people worldwide (including 2.4 million children).

More than a billion people around the world live in poverty and struggle every day simply to survive. World Vision works with these poor communities at the grassroots level empowering them with the right knowledge, skills and resources to work their way out of poverty.
**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.

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**CHORI**

Choir will begin for Years 2-7 in Week 2 of Term 2.
Rehearsals will be on Mondays from 3.10pm to 4.00pm, and will be held in A5 (Kindy Stars) room.

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**Kiss and Go - Concraige 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 Concraige to reach their family car. Please remind the children to wait until you gain a place in the drive-thru.

*Mr Campbell*

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**SCHOLASTIC**

**Parent Help Required— Scholastic Book Club**

Due to work and family commitments, I will unfortunately no longer be able to coordinate the Ashton Scholastic Book Club for Rostrata.

We are looking for a parent that is willing to take on this role for the entire school, or alternatively, a parent volunteer to oversee each teaching block. I will be happy to help you learn all of the processes involved. Please see me in D Block if you can help.

*Jenni Hunt*

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**ARE YOU LEAVING US....**

As we are nearing the end of Term 1, if you are planning to leave Rostrata to attend another school, please remember to notify the Front Office, of when and where you will be moving.

Also remember to inform us of any changes to your details, address, phone numbers or email address.

*Front Office Ladies*
From the Fundraising Committee....

⇒ Don’t forget to order your entertainment book through the school. We’ve already received 10 orders in just 3 days but there’s a long way to go to eclipse the **156 books we sold in 2012**. Orders received in April will earn additional vouchers/discounts that are not in the book. Remember that money raised will go towards a new playground in D block.

⇒ It’s time to put on your dancing shoes again. Circle May 24 on your calendar. Junior disco from 5:30pm to 7pm. Senior disco from 7:30pm to 9pm. Rock on!

From the Kids Café Canteen....

Order forms for the end of term Pizza and Sushi day (Friday 19th April) have been sent home. Please return order to the canteen by **Monday 15th April**. Late orders will not be accepted and all lunches must be pre-ordered. Recess snacks (except cheesey) lunch snacks, ice creams and drinks will still be available for purchase as normal on this day. However, please note, hot meals and lunch items **will not** be available for purchase.

Term two will see us starting with our winter menu. We will have our lovely soups and toasted sandwiches back on the menu, a delicious hot chicken and gravy roll and other tastebud tempters for you to try. Please ensure you switch to the new menu after school holidays.

Please take 10 minutes to set up your My Kids Lunch Box account so you can order up to 4 weeks ahead, never scramble for small change and ensure there are no orders left in schoolbags. Visit www.mykidslunchbox.com.au

We are calling for more volunteers to assist one morning a term in the canteen from after you drop your children to class until approximately 11.00am. Please consider helping out – it is very rewarding and our wonderful staff make you very welcome. Please ring Mel on 9354 3332 or Jacqui on 0423 878 618 if you are able to assist.

Pertussis Facts

Pertussis (whooping cough) is an infection of the throat that can cause bouts of coughing, and sometimes breathing difficulties and vomiting. It can be a very serious infection in small children. The illness can last for many weeks. It usually starts with a snuffle or a cold.

Vaccination is the most important way to prevent pertussis so it is important to double check that your child is fully up to date with his or her vaccinations. For children in Kindy they should have received 3 doses of a pertussis containing vaccine at 2, 4, and 6 months of age, followed by a booster dose at 4 years of age. If in doubt, the vaccination status of your child can be obtained by phoning the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register (ACIR) on 1800 653 809 (free call). Parents and grandparents of babies and toddlers should also consider being immunised against pertussis infection. This is a single booster dose for adults. Discuss this with your doctor.

For additional information, visit www.public.health.wa.gov.au. You can also phone the South Metropolitan Public Health Unit in Fremantle during business hours (9431 0200) and ask to speak with the Disease Control nurse, or discuss this further with your doctor, school nurse, or community nurse.
Hello everyone,

We made an amazing Master Salad with fresh cucumber, capsicum and cherry tomatoes from the garden this week. We added special touches of crispy Turkish bread croutons, crispy noodles, fried cabanossi and sweet potato crisps. The students used our own garlic from the garden to make a delicious salad dressing with fresh donated limes.

We served our salad with Silver beet Fritters with lovely coloured chard from the garden and very green silver beet.

Our bell chillies are going to be turned into chilli jam. We may add our new nashi pears to the mix to make an interesting treat. We did however add nashi pear to our lovely Rockmelon Salad with Pomegranate Seed. It looked amazing and was all out of our very own garden. Our students are all very clever at growing fruit and vegetables!

Mrs Richards

The Year 4s are now learning how to water efficiently and look after the worm farms so they produce some healthy worm leachate (we sell as Worm Wiz). The Year 5s are showing us all how much they learnt last year by using all their gardening skills confidently. Year 6s are continuing with their projects and the banana circle is progressing nicely while the pickets are being painted by C3 to add to the fence constructed by our volunteer Mr Evans. The pickets were donated by Mr Jamieson (one of our community volunteers), Year 7s will submit their final garden bed plans to see which groups will plant them out.

We have been harvesting the last of the summer crops of eggplant, cucumber, tomatoes, and our first crop of nashi pears, pomegranate, and the last of the rockmelon. We’ve had a wonderful crop of bell chillies which may be turned into chilli jam.

Thanks to Jon Langford for his advice and assistance with pruning our fruit trees. Thanks to Sonja Langford for her regular help in the garden. Thanks to the Jeffreys family for looking after the chickens on the weekends. We always welcome more families to look after the chickens on weekends. We are looking for weekends in Term 2 to be filled. Ring Karina on 0427 586 139.

If you are not able to look after the chickens or volunteer in the garden, 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. Thanks to those who have already donated and thanks to the recent donations from the Hunt family (our wonderful vet), Calderbank family and Mr Proctor, all who generously donated.

Our bush tucker plants are starting to flourish and now we are looking for some advice on how to name these plants and how they can be used in the kitchen. Please ring the front office (9457 9455) with your contact details if you can help.

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

What you can do to help!

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

Help out on the weekends looking after the chickens.

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.
The following items are mentioned as community news and are not school endorsed activities.

**Tennis @ Rostrata**
Term 2 dates 14th May to 25th June.
$70 for a 7 week program. Racquets supplied.
Registration forms in the school office.
For further information call Tony Brown on 9525 0046 or 0404 516 370.

**Canning Arts Group Holiday Program**
Theme: New Beginnings
Enrolments start: Monday 8th April, 2013
Classes held at the Canning Arts Centre
72 Riley Road, corner High Road, Riverton
Classes commence on Monday 22.4.2013 until Friday 3.5.2013. $18 per session per child.
Please call the Canning Arts Centre on 9457 9600 to enrol or view our website for more details
www.canningartswa.org.au
Office Hours: Monday to Friday 9.30am to 2.30pm.

**Willetton Reds Hockey Club**
The Minkey program is for PP to Year 4 students.
The season starts on Saturday 11/5 and runs until 14/9.
Games are played at Trevor Gribble Reserve
(corner of Parry & Karel Ave Bull Creek).
If you are interested, please fill in the Registration form from the following link as soon as possible.
The forms can be emailed to minkey@reds.com.au.

**FREE 2 Months of Stargazing**
Stargazers Club WA has a special offer. Receive a two month membership for FREE when you join between now and the end of the April school holidays. Join at www.stargazersclubwa.com.au and use coupon code ‘stars1304’ to get started on your FREE two month membership trial. All are welcome to join!
This is a great way to find out more about what Stargazers Club WA offers and how easy it is to find out what’s up in the night sky, what stars to see and when.
No telescopes or astronomy knowledge needed! It’s great for children and beginner stargazers.
For more information please email info@stargazersclubwa.com.au or call Carol (aka Galaxy Girl!) on 0427 554 035.

**Canning River Eco Education Centre (CREEC)**
This Autumn school holidays the team at Nearer to Nature are providing children with an exciting range of nature-based activities at Canning River. Children ages 4-7 will delight in Lovely Ladybeetles or making a bush disguise in Camouflage Capers. For children ages 7-12 come along and discover more about Natures Kitchen or grab a scoop net and search for some of our reclusive swamp dwellers. These and many more great activities are on offer. To download a brochure visit www.dec.wa.gov.au/n2n or call 9295 2244.

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**NATIONAL TRUST**
This school holiday the National Trust is telling the story of one of Perth’s earliest farms, a Swan River Colony success. We’re inviting primary-aged children (5-12 yrs) to Peninsula Farm in Maylands to have some fun and learn about the tough life of the early days of the Swan River Colony.
Dates: Tue 30th April / Wed 1st May 2013
Venue: Peninsula Farm (Tranby) Johnson St, Maylands
Bring: Your own snacks and a water bottle
Time: 10 am – 12 noon
Cost: $8 per child, $5 National Trust members
Bookings: ESSENTIAL - Phone 9321 6088 office hours or email trust@ntwa.com.au
Tea rooms on site for parents to enjoy a coffee!
Choose from one or more of Western Australia’s National Trust heritage venues and join us for stories of the past and a drawing class that introduces techniques to capture the atmosphere and value of the place.
Workshops suitable for 10 to 17 year olds.
Max group size 12.
Local Venue: Saturday 4 May 1.30pm to 3.30pm at Samson House cnr Ellen St & Ord St, Fremantle
Cost: $25 per session, $20 per session for members. All materials supplied. Bring drink and snack. BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
Bookings: Phone National Trust on 9321 6088 during office hours.
Enjoy this special event as part of the 2013 Western Australian Heritage Festival.
Visit www.nationaltrust.org.au/wa to learn about more events.

**Mothers Day Classic**
Walk or run for breast cancer research
Sunday 12 May 2013
Walk or run 4km or 8km
Langley Park, Perth
From 7.00am
For more information or to register go to www.mothersdayclassic.com.au.
Dear Parent,

After-school chess club will commence starting in term 2 on Monday 13th of May and continuing every Monday of the school term except the public holiday until the 1st July from 3:30- 4:45pm. The chess club will be run by Dennis Holland of Total Chess.

The club will consist of a short lesson to teach chess skills and tactics, a tournament game where participants can win awards at the end of the term and a raffle quiz with questions about the lesson where prizes can be won.

The term fee will be for 7 weeks will be $35, which is $5 per session.

If you would like your child to take part please sign the slip below and return on the first lesson attended. Full payment must be made on the first lesson for the remaining weeks of the term.

For more information contact Dennis Holland at info@totalchess.com.au or 0432 935 088

Sincerely,
Dennis Holland
TOTAL CHESS
www.totalchess.com.au

REGISTRATION FORM: WILLETTON JUNIOR CHESS CLUB, TERM 2, 2013

Childs Name: ___________________________________________ Year: __________________________

Email: ___________________________________ Telephone: ________________________________

Date of Birth _____ / _____ / _________ Parent Signature: _________________________________

Payment is preferred in cash, cheques can be made out to TOTAL CHESS. Please enclose this slip and payment in an envelope with child’s name on the front.