From the Principal

Welcome back students and staff. This is a nine week term and as you can see from our Term Planner it’s another busy time for everyone. The school has had a smooth start to the term. We have twenty new enrolments and our current enrolment is now eight hundred and four. We welcome all our new students into our Rostrata school community.

First Aid Focus

St John Ambulance as part of their First Aid Focus program has been conducting a free session on basic first aid in all classes from Kindergarten to Year 7. This program in the younger years ranges from staying safe and how to call for an ambulance to dealing with an unconscious casualty in the older classes. It is important that children and adults have access to vital first aid knowledge.

ANZAC Service

Thank you to all who attended our special ANZAC service. I am sure you would have been very impressed with the input from all our students, from the children who made the wreaths and doves, to the MC’s who represented all our classes from Year 4 to 7 and our captains. The behaviour was exemplary. We especially thank our two buglers Zachary Ogden and Jordan Hoffman who, along with the Senior Band, performed magnificently. In addition we wish to thank Peter Judge who read the “The Ode” and to Mr Baugh who spoke about what ANZAC meant to him. Copies of this moving account have been requested by many teachers.

NAPLAN

We were really pleased that our NAPLAN testing went smoothly with little apparent stress for the children. It is our intention for it to be low key and our expectation was for each child to have an opportunity to do their best. NAPLAN tests fundamental skills rather than specific content, and as such is not a test for which students could study or drill.

Remember that NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australian children. It also provides valuable information to help the school allocate resources and therefore support both students and the programs provided at Rostrata.

Rhonda Barnes
Acting Principal
**Why does it rain at 3:00pm??**

With the start of the rainy weather, the school would ask all families to consider the following for the safety of our students and community.

- There are now over 800 students at Rostrata, and over 550 families.
- When we have wet weather we can have 550 cars all trying to collect their children from as close as possible to the school.
- Unfortunately we cannot cater for the demand for parking bays.
- Can we suggest you make ‘wet weather’ arrangements with your children so that they know where to wait for or meet you if it is raining at home time.
- Kiss and Go pick up areas do not open until 3:05pm each day. Parents are not to park in these areas and wait for their children.
- If you have older children, perhaps ask them to wait somewhere dry for 15 minutes and then meet them at 3:15pm when some of the traffic congestion has eased.
- With so many cars manoeuvring around the school, please ensure that younger students are closely supervised and that all students know not to dash between cars.

**We ask that you be considerate of others to ensure the safety of all.**

---

**Can you Donate Herbs to our Kitchen Garden?**

- Curly Parsley (3 punnets)
- Marjoram
- Lemon Balm
- Pineapple Sage
- Thyme
- Coriander (3 punnets)
- Lettuce (mesclun mix or combo punnets)
- Flat Leaf Parsley (3 punnets)
- Lemon Grass
- Sage
- Lemon thyme
- Chives (not garlic chives)
- Vietnamese Mint
- Oregano

We would love some help from families to assist in enhancing the kitchen garden program by purchasing and donating a punnet or advanced seedling of specific herbs. Please nominate the herb you would like to purchase by writing your name beside it on the list of herbs located in the office. Plants can then be placed by your children in the boxes outside the kitchen next week 20-24th May at any time.

*Thank you very much for your support of this wonderful program.*
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.

Captains' Cake Stall is on Thursday 23rd May.

Bring some coins to purchase some yummy morning tea from 50c upwards. Held in the undercover area.

2014 Kindy & Pre-Primary Enrolments

Kindy enrolments for 2014 are now open. Children whose birthdates fall between 1 July 2009 and 30 June 2010 are eligible to enrol in our Kindergarten program in 2014.

Application for Enrolment forms can be obtained from the front office. The closing date for applications is Friday 26th July 2013. 'Guidelines—Application for Enrolment at Rostrata Primary School' will be supplied to all prospective parents due to specific original documentation being required as part of the enrolment process. As Rostrata Primary School is a designated 'local-intake area' school, priority will be given to students living within the school's set boundary.

Children whose birth dates fall between 1 July 2008 and 30 June 2009 are eligible to apply for our Pre-Primary program. Students currently enrolled in Kindy at Rostrata will receive information through your class teacher very soon regarding Pre-Primary in 2014. Applications from students not living within our local intake area will be assessed after 26th July 2013. The school is required to confirm the number of local intake enrolments, in order to determine if there is any spare capacity, before out of area applications can be accepted.

Once students have been enrolled into Pre-Primary they are no longer required to complete applications each year.

If you are currently in Kindy and you are NOT planning on applying to enrol your child into Pre-Primary at Rostrata for 2014, we ask that you please advise the school office as soon as possible.

Please ask the friendly ladies in the front office if you have any questions!

Parent Help Still Required—Scholastic Book Club

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

Thanks to the volunteers that have already come forward.

We are still looking for parents that would be willing to take on this role for B, D and C Blocks. I am happy to help you learn all of the processes involved.

Please see me in D Block if you can help.

Jenni Hunt
FUNDRAISING

"Woolworths Earn & Learn" is back again for another year! Make sure you are collecting your points (1 point for every $10 spent at Woolworths) and sticking them on to the points sheet. Copies of the points sheet are available at your local Woolworths or at the front reception. You can also download and print them off here: http://www.woolworths.com.au/wps/wcm/connect/website/woolworths/about+us/community/woolworths+earn+and+learn/pointscard. When your points sheets are completed, drop them into the P&C box at the front office. Please drop any extra stickers off too and we can stick them for you. All points go towards obtaining new educational resources for the school!

The Entertainment Books 2013/2014 have arrived! They will be sent home with students soon. Those who ordered a book in April will also receive a sheet of bonus offers worth over $65. If you would still like to order a book please contact Chee - chee@wongs.com.au.

Get ready to put on your dancing shoes because the first disco of 2013 is just around the corner!! It will be held on Friday 24th May. May's disco theme will be “Hooray Hoary', The Snowy Disco, Let's Welcome the Winter”. Junior disco is from 5:30pm to 7pm. Senior disco is from 7:30pm to 9pm.

SCHOOL BANKING

Welcome back to term two. This term the Commonwealth Bank has an exciting competition. All you have to do is make three deposits at school banking during term 2 and you are automatically entered into the competition to win:

1st Prize - $5,000 Family adventure to anywhere in Australia with $500 spending money.
25 x runners-up prizes – Awesome kid’s packs worth over $700.00, they’re jam packed with:
  . A Wii U
  . Walkie Talkies
  . Night Vision Goggles
  . A Waterproof Camera
  . A Razor e spark electric scooter.

Go to www.commbank.com.au/adventureisland for all terms and conditions.

Congratulations to Cam from A9 who won ‘Banker of the Month’ for March and Alice from C7 who won ‘Banker of the Month’ for April.

If you would like to start school banking and don’t have a Commonwealth Bank account, all you need to do is ask mum or dad to go down to the Commonwealth Bank with sufficient identification for mum or dad and your birth certificate and the Bank will be able to open an account on the spot. Then all you need to do is bring your bank book or banking details down to school banking and you can start banking. If you already have a Commonwealth Account but have never been to school banking before, come down with your book or details and we can get you started immediately.

Please ensure all deposit slips are completed prior to coming to school banking as we are getting quite busy and it just saves a little time.

School banking is held every Wednesday in the undercover area from 8am to 8.45am. If you would like to avoid the queue please come before 8.30am or we have our express banking box where you can drop your banking off and we will return your bank book to you the same day. Express bankers please ensure all deposit slips are completed and your class number recorded on the front of your banking wallet.

Should you have any queries, please contact Natalie on 0418 928 867. Thank you, School Banking Team

GROUNDS

The grounds committee are seeking donations of any large concrete pavers (500x500) in good condition that families no longer require. If you have any, please let Possum our wonderful gardener know and she will arrange a place they can be left. This will help pave a strip beside the A Block. We need approximately 60 slabs. Thank you in advance, Grounds Committee.

CANTEEN

We hope you have printed off a copy of the Term 2 and 3 Winter Menu which was sent to all families on the last day of term 1. If you do not have a copy, it can be downloaded off the school website or a hard copy can be picked up from the canteen. There are a quite a few changes so please, please ensure you are using the correct menu otherwise our staff have to attend your child’s class to organise an alternative.

The menu is always updated on the website so take 10 minutes to sign up to www.mykidslunchbox.com.au and this should never be an issue for you. Using this website means lunch orders are never left in bags, small change is never an issue and our costs are kept down as orders are collated electronically and banked electronically.

Any volunteers who can spare a couple of hours once a term would be gratefully appreciated. Please call Mel in the canteen on 9354 3332. We look forward to another delicious term with all our lovely Rostrata families.
IN THE GARDEN......with Mrs Martini

The Year 4s are now learning how to harvest the last of the summer crops. Year 5s are learning to identify seedlings. Year 6s are continuing with their projects and the banana circle is progressing nicely while the picket fence painted by C3 has been completed and looks fantastic. Year 7s have submitted their final garden bed plans and the winning groups have started planting out their design.

We have harvested the last of our tomatoes and Jerusalem Artichokes and are now picking the butternut and JAP pumpkins to store for use later this term. Our first ever chokos are starting to ripen along with plenty of lettuce now the hot weather has really gone. The Granny Smith apples and the pink ladies are also waiting to be harvested and used in the kitchen.

Thanks to all the families who looked after the chickens on the holidays. We always welcome more families to look after the chickens on weekends. We are looking at 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.

Thanks to Bunnings for the donation of tools and carts we received recently. They are a timely replacement for some well used and worn out tools. Thanks to Maya and Mike for putting the cart together.

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

Congratulations to all of our avid gardeners; the Jerusalem Artichokes that came up to our kitchen were fantastic! We were able to make Jerusalem Artichoke and Sweet Potato Soup. Delicious!

Our Vegetable Pasta Medley was lovely and our salad with the lime dressing was also delicious.

Congratulations to our Year 4s, who are coming along famously. Their skills are improving week by week. I have a colleague from Beldon Primary coming on Thursday to watch Rostrata in action, so lets do our best work as usual. This person has heard how wonderful our kitchen and students are and would like to get some great tips for their own kitchen.

Please parents, put your names down—we are desperate for Kitchen volunteers in each year level.

What you can do to help!

Help out on the weekends looking after the chickens.

Volunteer in the garden with your child’s class.

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.

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
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.

**Basketball Vacancies**
The Jets Basketball Club at Willetton Basketball Stadium is seeking just three or four more 2004 born girls and one or two more 2001 born girls to fill the only remaining vacancies in our many junior teams. No previous basketball experience is required, but athleticism and ball handling skills would be an advantage as the teams have been playing for several weeks. The current season continues through to mid September. If interested or require more information contact Rob Heron on 0422 705 840 or attphys@iinet.net.au

**Parent-Teen Connection - Saturday 18th May @ West Leederville 9.30- 4.30 Cost: $50 pp/$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.

**Raising Teenage Girls - a workshop for Dads - Wednesday 22nd May @ Fremantle. Cost: $25**
The father-daughter relationship is particularly important during the teenage years to help girls navigate this difficult time. Find out how you can build a more rewarding relationship with your teenage daughter.

**Kids and Today’s Technology - Wednesday 5th and 12th June @ Fremantle**
Cost: $35 per person/$50 per couple
This two week course is for parents of kids between ages 2 and 18 years. Technology is now being used by very young children and most teenagers are proficient users of many aspects of technology. Your knowledge of what's out there, how it's being used and how you manage it in your home will have a direct impact on your kids' learning and safety.

**Riverton Calisthenics Club**
Seeking new members for Tines (3-5 years) Wandarrah Hall, Edgewater St, Lynwood on Saturdays from 9-10am and Sub-Juniors Div 3/4 (6-7 years) Queen of Apostles Hall, Tudor Avenue, Riverton on Saturdays from 9-11am. Come and try before enrolling. www.rivertoncalisthenics.com or email info@rivertoncalisthenics.com

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

**City of CANNING**
**Creating a Sustainable Canning With You!**
Register Now to Live Smart!
The City of Canning is proud to present to you the Living Smart Course, an award winning sustainability education program designed to help you live more sustainably. In the seven week Living Smart course you will learn practical techniques to make a positive impact on your home and community while creating a happier and healthier lifestyle. Course topics include energy efficiency in your home, waste and recycling, gardens for biodiversity and food, being water wise and healthy homes and lifestyles.

**Where:** Canning River Eco Education Centre, Kent Street Weir, Wilson
**When:** Tuesday evenings 6.30pm-9pm from 7 May to 18 June 2013
**Cost:** Only $40 (for entire course plus field trip)
To enrol and for more information visit: www.livingsmartcanning.eventbrite.com.au or call Jane on 0422 460 598 or email jgenovese@murdoch.edu.au

**Take Home a Big Brother or Big Sister**
Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional 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, 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.sccce.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!

**Parenting WA—Term 2 Workshop**
**Promoting Positive Behaviours (Ages 0-12)**
A one session workshop aimed to help parents and carers understand why their children behave in certain ways and strategies to promote positive behaviours.
**Parenting WA Cannington**
Brookman House Child & Family Centre
25 Brookman Ave, Langford 6147
**Monday 17th June 2013**
9.30am – 11.30am
**Cost—Free; Limited crèche available**
Bookings are essential on 9351 8266

**65 Roses Day**
Friday 31st May is the national day of awareness for Cystic Fibrosis. Please visit www.cysticfibrosis.org.au/wa/ for more information.

65 Roses Day Friday 31st May is the national day of awareness for Cystic Fibrosis. Please visit www.cysticfibrosis.org.au/wa/ for more information.
Child Health Seminar #2
Infectious Disease & Vaccination

The Experts. The Facts.

Hear the facts about vaccination and infectious disease from some of Australia’s leading experts...

- **Professor Jonathan Carapetis**: Paediatrician and infectious diseases specialist; Director of the Telethon Institute for Child Health Research
- **Associate Professor Peter Richmond**: Consultant Paediatrician and Paediatric Immunologist, Princess Margaret Hospital for Children
- **Associate Professor Chris Blyth**: Paediatric Infectious Diseases Physician and Clinical Microbiologist, Princess Margaret Hospital for Children

**Free Public Seminar: Infectious Disease & Vaccination**
6pm to 7.30pm
Tuesday 14 May, 2013
Telethon Institute for Child Health Research
100 Roberts Rd, Subiaco, WA 6008
Free parking available
RSVP to 9489 7779 or events@childhealthresearch.org.au