FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Last Saturday’s West Australian included a rather interesting article focusing on a school which has become concerned with the impact of children relying on positive accolades resulting in them often not being able to readily cope with failure. It is an interesting line of thought backed by some recent research. In my opinion it is something that we should take into consideration both as parents and educators. From a school viewpoint it is interesting to note that in recent years our staff has been concerned with what seems to be a lessening of resilience in some children. There tends to be an expectation that positive accolades will always be the norm and sanctions, for some, are difficult to deal with. Though it is unlikely we would put in place the strategies outlined in the article we are endeavours, through our virtues focus, to encourage children to become more resilient when things don’t go their way.

We are also being very proactive in the behaviour management area with our Positive Behaviour Support committee facilitating the establishment of a school-wide behaviour management framework which will impact on all students. I am very confident that this approach is going to make a significant difference to our school environment at Rostrata.

School Board

Our school board had its term meeting on Monday evening and discussed a variety of topics. In the near future information focusing on the issues addressed will be presented to the school community for comment. The board welcomed a new member, Damien Carter who will hold the position of community representative.

Annual Report

The 2012 Annual Report has been added to our website for parents and other community members to read. The report includes information on the school’s academic performance, gives a snapshot of the many activities undertaken by the children and provides financial information relating to the 2012 school year. Miss Barnes, Mrs Mott and the teachers have done a wonderful job in putting the report together and I encourage you to have a read of it.

Australian Curriculum

You may be aware that much of our focus in the last two years has been on the implementation of the Australian Curriculum. At this week’s staff meeting teachers from each of the year levels provided us with an overview of how this implementation has been progressing in History. I have to say that I was really impressed. We have some great things happening in this learning area which, I believe, will result in History becoming a subject really enjoyed by the children. For anyone with an interest in this, the content of the Australian Curriculum can be accessed on the internet.

B Cluster Performance

An exciting event coming up this year will be the drama performance at Penhros College by the children from B cluster. With the assistance of the teachers Mrs Jensen and Miss Genders have begun working on the production which will take place in August. I’m sure it will be a highlight for us this year and an event not to be missed.

Staffing Changes

Last week Mr Sprunt, our ESL teacher, took the decision to leave the Department of Education in search of further challenges in his career. We wish Mr Sprunt all the best in his endeavours and thank him for the contribution he has made to those children requiring extra assistance in language. We are currently seeking a replacement for Mr Sprunt and hope to have this appointment finalised within the next two weeks.

Thomas Campbell
Principal
YEAR 4-7 FACTION CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

The cross-country carnival will be held on Wednesday, 3rd July (Week 9) on the school oval. The first 5 boys and first 5 girls from each year group to cross the finish line will be chosen to represent Rostrata at the Interschool Cross Country Carnival on the 21st August. Please come along and cheer on your faction!

SCHOOL BAND INFORMATION EVENING

A band information evening will be held for all interested Year 4–5 parents. The meeting will be held in the Library on Wednesday, 5 June at 7.00—8.00pm.

All aspects of the band program (e.g. instrument choice, tuition, etc.) will be explained at this session by Mrs Annette De Hoog, the Band Director. The children will begin tuition next term.

Do you have a second hand flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone or drum kit you would like to sell?

A new Training Band will commence at Rostrata next term and many parents will be looking for a second hand instrument. If you have one of these instruments for sale please email the Band Director Annette De Hoog at: annette.dehoog@education.wa.edu.au

BEFORE-SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY TRAINING

In preparation for the Year 4-7 cross country carnival there will be before-school training sessions for those students keen on improving their endurance running. Training sessions will be held on Tuesday and Friday mornings, beginning next Tuesday (4th June). Students will meet on the oval at 8am for a 8:10 start. Parents are welcome to stay and watch or help supervise the course.

IMPORTANT SPORTS DATES

TERM 2

Friday 28th June—Winter Carnival (Years 6/7)

Wednesday 3rd July—Faction Cross Country (Years 4-7)

Linda Vedel
Physical Education Specialist

YEAR 4 PEAC TESTING

All Year 4 students at our school will be tested for PEAC on Wednesday 19, Thursday 20 and Friday 21 June. Testing will be done at our school.

PEAC is Primary Extension and Challenge, for students to be extended outside of the Rostrata Primary School setting. Parents of successful students will be expected to transport their children to and from their PEAC lessons and in some courses, an expense will be incurred to complete the activity.

Parents who wish to have their children excluded from the PEAC testing should see me before the date of testing.

Andrew Proctor
Deputy Principal

FREE DRESS DAY

Wednesday 5th June

Bring along a Gold coin donation for Free Dress day
All monies raised will go to the STARLIGHT FOUNDATION
**Can you Donate Herbs to our Kitchen Garden?**

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We would love some help from families to assist in enhancing the kitchen garden program by purchasing and donating a punnet of advance 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 at any time.

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

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### 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!
FUNDRAISING
The May 24 Winter Disco was a huge success. Every one enjoyed themselves. We raised over $2000! Thank you for your support.

Entertainment Books are available now from Rostrata Primary P&C. Order online at http://bit.ly/15fzOmv or email Rostratafundraising@iinet.net.au for a copy of the order form (for cash orders).

Woolworths Earn & Learn runs until July. Drop your completed sticker sheets into the Earn & Learn box at the front office. Last year, this program helped teachers purchase over $2000 worth of teaching aids. We want to do even more this year.

This will make a great Father’s Day gift. We’re doing the super popular family portraits from Advanced Life again this year. Forms will be going home mid June. Photo shoot will take place on weekend of July 27. Save this date now!

SCHOOL BANKING
This term the Commonwealth Bank has an exciting competition. All you have to do is make 3 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.

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 with us. 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 are recorded on the front of your banking wallet.

If you have any queries, please contact Natalie on 0418 928 8867.

Thank you
School Banking Team

GROUNDS
Busy Bee
We are going to tackle Bill’s Hill!!!
All parents are needed to help pave an area where your children play.

We would love to have some volunteers to help on Saturday the 22nd of June from 10am until 12pm. Any amount of time you could give would be very much appreciated.

Refreshments will be supplied with some yummy nourishments.

Thanks, the 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.

The Classroom Hero competition order forms should have come home this week for return by Wednesday, June 5. Please ensure they are returned by this date as we only have a small window for collating the orders. Your child’s order could win the whole class a Quelch Icy Pole each. 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.

UNIFORM
Remember that for all your uniform needs, that the Uniform Shop is open Wednesday and Friday, 8.30 –10.30 am.
IN THE GARDEN.....with Mrs Martini

The Year 4s have been learning how to germinate seeds. The Year 5s are learning to identify Autumn seedlings. Year 6s are continuing with their projects and the banana circle is progressing nicely (Mr Hill was in his element), while the picket fence painted by C3 has been completed and looks fantastic.

The model wicking bed is progressing nicely. Year 7s are planting the winning garden bed plans and will get the last plants in, in time for winter.

We are harvesting spring onions that have grown enormous with the timely rains, chokos, the last of the beans, basil, butterhead, cos and oakleaf lettuce. The last of the butternut pumpkins have gone up to the kitchen with a couple more JAP pumpkins to go. We have started our potato bed with Royal Blue potatoes.

Thanks to the Fletcher family and the Wong family for looking after the chickens on the weekends recently.
We always welcome more families to look after the chickens on weekends. We are looking for help in the school holidays too. Ring Karina on 0427586139.

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 0409566935. The money will go towards buying pellets to feed them for the year. Thanks to those who have already donated.

Another path was put in during this term. Thanks to the Ritson family for the pavers and thanks to Graham P for the great job done laying the path. We now have a continuous path to and from the school to the garden, so much easier for trolleys and stilettos.

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

Pumpkins....Pumpkins....Pumpkins

We have made the most delicious Pumpkin Muffins this week. The garden has produced a fantastic amount of pumpkins which have been very useful for this lean time of harvest.

Our winter vegetables are just starting to produce but patience is a virtue. The classes have made a lovely Tuna and Bean salad this week. Our green beans and spring onions have added a crunchy and nutritious aspect to the mix.

The Year 4’s have been learning to make Silverbeet fritters and the Master salad which has been very successful. Learning to measure, beat and fry are very useful skills. Well done.

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.

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

[Links]
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 Brave Team
A team of researchers (the BRAVE Team) at Griffith University and the University of Queensland is investigating internet-based programs for children suffering from social anxiety. Social Anxiety is extreme shyness, or fear of speaking or performing in front of others. The BRAVE Team is seeking children aged between 8 and 12 years to take part in an internet-based treatment study.

The treatment program involves 12 online sessions for children and 8 online sessions for parents, with each session taking approximately an hour to complete. Families are charged a one-off fee of $120 to assist in covering treatment costs. Families will also be asked to complete questionnaires and telephone interviews, but will receive a rebate of $25 in vouchers each time they complete a post-treatment assessment.

For more information contact the BRAVE Team:
Phone: (07) 3735 3312 or 3735 1807
Facebook: www.facebook.com/braveforanxiety
Email: brave@psy.uq.edu.au
Website: www.exp.psy.uq.edu.au/socialanxiety

Celebrate WA Day
Family fun picnic day, celebrating all things West Australian at the Kent St Weir Park. The park will be alive with fantastic activities for everyone, including Woodloes Museum, Canning River Region Park Volunteers, Castledare Railway and the Australian Model Ships Society Monday, 3 June, 11am - 3pm Kent St Weir Park, Wilson

New Stargazing Club
The “Super Moon” is coming! This month the Moon will be the closest it comes to Earth all year, coinciding with the full Moon making it a “Super Moon”! Be watching in the direction of east at 5.30pm, Sunday 23 June 2013. Visit www.stargazersclubwa.com.au to join Stargazers Club WA. Or for more information, contact Carol Redford (aka Galaxy Girl!), former owner of Gingin Observatory.
www.facebook.com/StargazersClub
info@stargazersclubwa.com.au
0427 554 035

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.
This year the Concert Band (Combined Senior and Intermediate Bands) will be playing in the WA Government School’s Music Society Concert at the Crown Theatre on Wednesday, 14th August (Could you please note this important date in your diaries!)

Tickets: $20 Available from Miss Barnes

Could the ticket orders be in as soon as possible please. Money will be posted off to the organisers on Friday 7th June. Therefore the final day for ordering tickets is Tuesday 4th June (Week 5).

The ticket allocation comes to approximately 2 tickets per performer in the first round of ticket allocations to the Crown Theatre. We will be advised at a later date if further tickets are available in round two. (Please pay for all tickets in advance. We will reimburse if tickets are limited.) Students participating do not pay and do not get issued with tickets.

Further information to follow closer to the date.

Thank you,

Rhonda Barnes
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

29th May 2013

To: MISS RHONDA BARNES

Music Festival Ticket Order

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TICKETS: $20 per person

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