FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Overseas Visitors

Last week we had our annual visit from children who attend East Coast Primary School in Singapore. They were a delightful group of students who fitted in well in our year six and seven classes and had a thoroughly enjoyable time. As in past years East Coast has invited us to join them in Singapore and while this would be a great experience for our children previous investigations has found the cost to be rather prohibitive.

Captains’ Canberra Visit

While on the topic of visitations it is of interest to note that a question was put to me regarding this trip at the recent P & C meeting; that there is some concern regarding the Captains’ fundraising to support the costs to travel to Canberra. I felt that this was a fair question and given that they do a lot of fundraising for charity these other activities should be made transparent. Over the last few years the Captains have raised funds for their trip through three activities. They do a car wash for the teachers, hold a cake stall for the children and also a sausage sizzle which took place today. The funds raised help defray the costs to a limited extent (e.g. cost of hire for one of the vehicles). As I mentioned in answering the question it also places some of the responsibility for the cost of the trip on the captains.

Another related question was also one we had considered when we set up this travel program. That is, why is it not possible for all of the year seven children to travel to Canberra. Again I think this is a fair question. Our problem with it is a logistical one. We have over 100 students and would need a very costly staffing ratio to undertake the venture. I still think we should keep the notion in mind though and perhaps one day with some extra funding support and the required staff numbers give it a go.

Curtin University Students

It is also that time of year when we play host to education students from Curtin University. We really enjoy having them with us as I am sure the children do. It is our firm belief that we have an obligation to support the training of new teachers and our wonderful school environment provides the students the opportunity to practice their skills in an ideal setting.

Principal’s Conference

For three days of this week I will be attending the annual Principal’s Conference. At yesterday’s session we had a very interesting address from the Director General Sharyn O’Neill, who again talked about how important the quality of teaching is to the success of students. This should come as no surprise to anyone but whenever I hear key educators make this important point I reflect on how fortunate we are to have such outstanding teachers and non teaching staff at Rostrata.

Thomas Campbell
Principal
**My Rostrata Kitchen Rules (MRKR) News:**

The TV version might be over for 2013 but the second season of *My Rostrata Kitchen Rules* (MRKR) will heat up in Term 3. I need to hear from the home cooks amongst us who have a great recipe or technique to share. Last year we tried sausage making, cake pops, Sri Lankan curries, Indonesian delights and Sushi. It’s up to you what makes it on the menu this year! We supply the ingredients – you supply the skills!

For those new to Rostrata, MRKR is an opportunity for all in our school community to come together and share a cuppa while one of us cooks a dish, which we all get to taste, in a very friendly and supportive atmosphere. This year it will be fortnightly on **Wednesdays (Wks 1, 3, 5, 7, 9) of Term 3 from 9am to 10:30am**. Come to as many as you can!

Facebook page: Rostrata Kitchen Rules.

**Please call** Natalie Rechichi on **0421 843 519**.

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**IN THE KITCHEN WITH B7**

This week in cooking, B7 cooked an eggplant bake. It was cheesy and delicious. Each group had a certain job to complete to put the bake together. Two groups salted the eggplant to extract the bitterness. We then fried the eggplant to make it golden and crispy. While that was happening, the other groups were cutting and grating cheese, putting together the sauce and making bread crumbs for the crumbly topping. All the groups co-operated together to form this wonderful bake. After it was in the oven for ten minutes, we then were able to serve up a scrumptious, cheesy, eggplant bake. The best part was the oozy cheese.

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

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**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

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**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.

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**LOST PROPERTY**

Please remember to check Lost Property.

There are a lot of jumpers in Lost Property at the moment and with the cooler weather, they must be badly missed.
Last Thursday A9, A10 and A11 children had a fabulous opportunity to operate a real fire hose when fire-fighter (and Rostrata parent) Kris Trewhella visited their block. The students have been studying “People in Our Community” this term and Mr Trewhella kindly offered to come in to speak to them about fire safety and show them all his equipment – including his heavy breathing apparatus! The Pre-Primary and Year 1 students were able to try on his fire-fighting uniform, practise the “Stop, Drop and Roll!” safety procedure, use a fire blanket and fire extinguishers. It was a fun morning and could not have been so successful without the help of so many parents who helped the apprentice fire-fighters do their stuff! A huge thank you to Kris and our parent helpers.
Can you Donate Herbs to our Kitchen Garden?

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

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

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...

- **Chocolates** was a most successful fundraiser last year so we’ve decided to run it again in 2013! Be sure to look out for the opt-out form if you don’t want us to send home a box with your child. Opt-out forms will be sent home mid June. Please do consider taking a box to your work place. Chocolates will be delivered first week of July.

- **Entertainment Books** are available now from Rostrata Primary P&C. Order online at [http://bit.ly/15fzOmv](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.

- **Family Portraits** – don’t forget to keep July 27th free. That’s the date photographers will be at the school to take family portraits – these will come back just in time for Father’s Day. Look out for forms going home mid June. Great gift idea.

Grounds...

**Busy Bee**

We are going to tackle Bill’s Hill!!!

and

A Block Parents: Paving alongside the A Block

We would love to have some volunteers to help on Saturday the 22nd of June from 10am until 12pm. Helpers don’t have to stay for the whole two hours – 20 minutes would be a massive help!! No Eagles or Dockers on, so any amount of time you could give would be very much appreciated. Refreshments will be supplied with some yummy tasty treats!! Thanks, the Grounds Committee

School Banking...

Don’t forget the Commonwealth Bank’s 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.


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.

Congratulations to Holly who won Banker of the month for May.

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.

Parents please be aware of new Government laws being introduced that allow for any bank or investment account not used for 3 years to be automatically closed and the money transferred to the federal government. For more information please check with your financial institution.

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

Thank you

School Banking Team
IN THE GARDEN......with Mrs Martini

The Year 4s are very excited because we have just started to learn how to handle the chickens. The Year 5s are mastering all their skills. Year 6s almost completed their projects although winter may slow things down. Year 7s have planted the winning garden bed designs and we are looking forward to seeing how they grow.

Mr Baugh’s class has made a great start on the garden bed behind the awning. We are still harvesting spring onions, chokos, the last of the beans, basil, butterhead, cos and oakleaf lettuce. The last few classes have been bandicooting for sweet potatoes that were hiding under the fruit trees and in the garden beds. The size of some was astounding if not quite edible. Mrs Richards is looking forward to finding some delicious recipes for them.

Are you booked in to do the chickens on the weekends of the 22nd July and the 29th July? If so would you please ring Karina ASAP on 0427 586 139. Thanks to the McCay family who looked after the chickens on the weekends recently. We always welcome more families to join the chicken roster on weekends. There are still some days left on 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 0409 566 935. The money will go towards buying pellets to feed them for the year. Thanks to those that have already donated.

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

We have had a wonderful time in the kitchen. The sweet potato the students harvested has been a talking point with the unusual shapes presented.

Our delicious pumpkin muffins were a great hit. The students did a beautiful job learning new skills particularly the creaming cake method.

Tuna and bean salad was eaten well, look for the recipe on the web site. We made an amazing eggplant bake which the children asked for seconds.

Thank you to the O’Dell family who donated green beans, they will be added to a wonderful dish.

Congratulation to Miss Brennan’s class who had the most volunteers, in the senior school. The lesson was excellent and very rewarding for all that participated.

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

Gardening Timetable
http://rostratagarden.weebly.com/links.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.
The following items are mentioned as community news and are not school endorsed activities.

**Bring Cultural Exchange into your Home!**
STS Student Exchange are seeking Aussie families who are busy, friendly, interested in other cultures and willing to welcome an STS exchange student into their family. Aussie families come from all walks of life and all cultural backgrounds, that’s what makes up our country. Our volunteer host families provide room & board and treat their host son or daughter as a member of their own family. Exchange students have their own spending money and medical insurance. While your exchange student is learning about Australian culture, your family members will learn about theirs. What a great way for your children to learn about another country!

**Contact us today to start your adventure in student exchange!**
1 800263964 (charge free), 0401 741 754 (mobile)
Email: stsf@people.net.au
Web: sts-education.com/australia

**Parenting Seminar—Electronic Gaming**
The Department for Communities is hosting a Parenting Matters Seminar titled ‘What is electronic gaming doing to our children’. This seminar will provide a forum for parents to learn about and discuss the impacts of electronic gaming on children and young people.

The keynote speakers are Dr Wayne Warburton, Psychologist and Deputy Director of the Children and Families Research Centre at Macquarie University in New South Wales and Dr Glen Spoors, Lecturer in Games Design and Culture at Edith Cowan University.

Seminar details are as follows:
**Date:** Wednesday 24 July 2013
**Time:** 7:00pm to 9:00pm
**Venue:** Auditorium
Perth Modern School
Roberts Road
Subiaco

While there is no charge for the event, prior registration is essential and parents can register at [http://www.trybooking.com/CYBJ](http://www.trybooking.com/CYBJ) by 22 July 2013.

Should you have any enquiries regarding the seminar, please contact Sue-Ellen Middleton at: SueEllen.Middleton@communities.wa.gov.au or on telephone (08) 6551 8566 (Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays).

**Soccer for Juniors**
Term 3 registrations are now open!
Our Soccer for Juniors program is for boys and girls aged 3 to 8 years trying sport for the first time. Learn basic skills from experienced coaches using modified equipment.

Starts Sunday 28th July at
Leeming Rec & Sports Centre,
55 Farrington Rd, Leeming.

$80 for 6 weekly sessions and a soccer ball for you to keep!
For more information visit [www.getactivesports.com.au](http://www.getactivesports.com.au)

**Australian Girls Choir**
Junior@agc nurtures girls aged 5 to 8. She will blossom as she sings, dances and plays in our fun and inclusive classes.

**Open classes—Saturday July 6**
Come along and try a free class at your local rehearsal venue!

**For more information contact:**
08 6365 2100 or

**Nearer to Nature**
Don’t let the weather deter you, get out and about exploring nature these school holidays! During the winter break Nearer to Nature have some great activities for children and the whole family to enjoy. Hunt for fungi and frogs, discover some swamp dwelling critters, or take a watery journey with Dewy Droplet. To download a brochure visit [www.dec.wa.gov.au/n2n](http://www.dec.wa.gov.au/n2n) or call 9295 2244.

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