FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It is possible that not everyone is aware that we have a very significant staff retirement at the end of this term. Miss Barnes has decided that it is time to give up the ‘chalk and talk’ profession and take on more leisurely pursuits like gardening and travel. While clearly we wish her all the best in her new adventure, Miss Barnes’ departure is going to be a great loss for the Rostrata school community. She has been a wonderful administrator taking a key role in our endeavours to make Rostrata the very best school it can possibly be. As coordinator of our wonderful band and string ensemble she has been outstanding. And, whenever a need arose she has always been there for all children, staff and parents. Good luck Rhonda and thank you so much.

Chaplain

I am delighted to inform you that a new chaplain has been appointed to our school. We were so pleased that Karissa Sun agreed to take up this position. Karissa began duties with us last week and is currently getting to know us and appreciate how much we need pastoral support. We look forward to her contribution to our school culture and in particular the positive impact I am sure she will have on children at emotional risk.

Reports

The children’s reports will be sent home next week. I have been impressed with the dedication staff have given to providing you with realistic evidence regarding your child’s progress. I would encourage you to make an appointment with the class teacher early next term if you would like further clarification.

Tunes in June

Yesterday afternoon 81 band children played for a very appreciative audience. As we expected they were excellent and we thoroughly enjoyed the variety of tunes. It is very satisfying to know that our program is giving the children a great opportunity to access instrumental music. Since we began the program approximately 1000 children have taken up the opportunity to learn a musical instrument. A special thanks to Mrs De Hoog and her excellent team of tutors.

Busy Bee

The parent volunteers and children (16) who attended the busy bee last Saturday did an amazing job. In particular the ROSTRATA hedge on Bill’s Hill looks brilliant and the paving outside the administration has finally been completed. Possum is over the moon at what has been accomplished. Thank you to those who attended, we really appreciate your efforts.

Wishing you all a lovely time with the children over the holidays. I am especially looking forward to spending time with my daughter and two granddaughters.

Tom Campbell
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 could have up to 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. Please do not park in the Kindy bays unless you are collecting your child from Kindy on that day.
- 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.

![No Parking]

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

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### FROM THE SCHOOL CHAPLAIN

Hello Rostrata Primary School!

I am very happy to introduce myself. My name is Karissa Sun and I am the new School Chaplain. My family and I have been fortunate to live in this area for two years now and are loving it! It’s a very popular place to live!

My days at Rostrata will be Wednesdays and Thursdays. Please feel free to contact me via the front office any time you feel I can be of assistance in any way or just to have a cup of tea and introduce yourself. Being the new kid on the block I’d love to have a chat!

Kind regards,

Karissa

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### Voluntary Contributions and Charges

We recently sent out reminders to parents for ‘Unpaid Billing Items’. Thank you to all those parents who have made payment. For those parents who opted to pay in two instalments via credit card, we plan to process the second payment during the week starting 5th August 2013.

A reminder that we do ask for the students account to show a credit balance so that as incursions / excursions etc arise that funds are already on the account to cover the cost involved. A number of activities, including In Term Swimming, will be taking place during Term 3, so please ensure there is sufficient credit on the student’s account to cover these costs.

If you are unsure, please contact the school office and we will be able to advise you of your credit balance.

Helen Scott, Registrar

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### Willetton SHS 2014 Enrolments

A big thank you to all the parents/carers who have enrolled their children in Willetton SHS for Year 8 in 2014.

It would be appreciated if others, who have yet to put in their application, do so as soon as possible. We need to finalise our enrolments as soon as possible.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Dave Bonner
Deputy Principal, Willetton SHS

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### Missing Money

Unfortunately we have had an incident where a significant sum of money has been taken from the school.

Clearly at the moment we don’t have an idea of what has happened here, but we would appreciate any family support that may be forthcoming.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Tom Campbell
Principal
BAND BASH

The Intermediate Band performed really well at the “Band Bash” held at Winthrop Primary School on Wednesday 12th June. Leeming Primary School Band also attended. A great time was had by all. Each school performed two of their own pieces of music and then all 3 schools combined to make one massive band and play five pieces that they had all learnt. It was the first time they had played these pieces together and it sounded fantastic. The Concert concluded with a delicious afternoon tea that all Band members thoroughly enjoyed!

TRAINING BAND

Wow! The new Training Band has been finalised and we have 43 new Band members commencing tuition in Week 1 of Term 3. This will be the largest Training Band so far. It’s wonderful that so many students are going to have the opportunity of learning an instrument. The Band is nicely balanced with 10 Flutes, 10 Clarinets, 5 Saxophones, 10 Trumpets, 5 Trombones and 3 Drum/Percussionists. I’m really looking forward to starting the Band in Week 4 next term.

Annette De Hoog
Band Director

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.
**Positive Parenting Programme**

**Where:**
Rostrata Primary School

**When:** Wednesdays July 31, August 7, 14 & 21 2013 from 6.00pm – 8.00pm.

**Cost:** Free
Free TEA & COFFEE available
FREE WORKBOOK provided
Meet other parents
Experienced Facilitators

A parenting program for parents of children aged three to eight years.
The program aims to teach:
Keeping a positive parent-child relationship
Effective discipline strategies
Preparing your child for school

The Program looks at ways to help parents deal with:
Tantrums, Meal times, Bedtimes,
Sibling Rivalry, whinging, How to say “No”, and Encourage desirable behaviour.

If you would like to attend the four sessions please phone:
Rostrata Primary School Office: 9457 9455
Or Rhonda King: 0407 775 382 email: Jocinta.Russon@education.wa.edu.au

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**Life Education Van – Parent Information Session.**

The Life Education caravan will be visiting Rostrata on Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th July 2013.
Parents are invited to visit the van on either day between 8.30 am - 9.00am.
The van will be located in the Canteen Car Park.
Years 4 and 5 students will be visiting the caravan during these days for a 90 minute lesson.
2013 LEAVERS SHIRTS
There are a few assorted sizes (mainly 12/14 but some others) of the Year 7 Leavers shirts still available. If you would like another shirt for your child, please have them come to the canteen and see Mrs Giles. The cost of the shirts are $25.

UNIFORM SHOP
With the wet weather upon us remember to stop by the Uniform Shop and grab one of our fleecy lined rain jackets.

SCHOOL BANKING
The Commonwealth Bank’s competition closes next week so you have one more opportunity to make sure 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 your teachers. Please note as from next week (3 July) if you use the Express Banking box, the bank books will not be returned to the children until the following day (Thursday). Express bankers please ensure all deposit slips are completed and you 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.

GROUNDSCOMMITTEE

Have you noticed that parts of the school look different?

Look up onto Bill’s Hill and see the ROSTRATA name.
New paving alongside the Staff Room.
Less Bike racks and now it’s a handball area (D Block side).

And just a general tidiness to the school, thanks to the kids who ran around picking up lots of rubbish.
A big thank you to everyone who attended the Busy Bee on the weekend. We had such a great response and as you can see we achieved so much.
The committee would like to thank the following families: Hunt, Andrew, Mays, Bloxham, Jefferys, Hodgen, Nguyen, Brieffies, Lani and of course Possum. Everyone worked so hard and gave up their valuable time. It was so great to see the kids running around helping and at the same time having a ball.
Rostrata Organic Community Kitchen [ROCK] Garden Update

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

Thank you to the classes that helped out on Tuesday while I was away. You did a fabulous job.

Today, we had a wonderful time at gardening. Rostrata Senior Master chefs were excellent at collecting the worm wiz. Our Kitchen Rules were germinating the mung bean seeds. The Gardening Gurus were watering the plants. The Rotten Apples were collecting those naughty little bugs who were eating the vegies. Gardening Glovers were the B&Ps today. From B2

All the eggplant have been harvested now. The lettuce is still growing well and we have put in lots of peas, cabbage, broccoli, leeks, beetroot spring onions, more cape gooseberries, pak choi and other greens. The rhubarb that died has been replaced and there are good crops of broad beans coming on.

Thanks to the Hawke family who looked after the chickens on the weekend. We always welcome more families to join the chicken roster on weekends. There is still room in Term 3. Ring Karina on 0427 586139.

A big thank you to Miss Barnes for all her support of the garden and especially the chickens. There is one special chook who will be looking forward to a visit every now and again!

Rostrata Organic Community Kitchen [ROCK] Garden Update

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

We learnt a new technique this week called the ‘rubbing-in method’, commonly used in scone making. We made delicious fresh Herb Damper, which was also enjoyed with a wonderful Sweet Potato Soup. We have had a bumper harvest of sweet potato in all shapes and sizes. The damper was delicious. Students worked hard and kneaded a lovely soft dough that provided a small damper per child which they dipped in their soup.

Thank you to the amazing parents who are coming to our lessons. We have had two parents per table in the younger years, which makes for a relaxed, successful and fun class. Keep up the great work!

Thank you to the Giles family who donated lovely ornate storage tins and to the Bloxham family who donated a beautiful old soup tureen.

A big thank you to the Baker family for donating a bag of beautiful oranges, we will thoroughly enjoy them in our salad dressing.

What you can do to help!

Help out on the weekends looking after the chickens.

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.
Children With Type 1 Diabetes - Are You Challenged by Your Child’s Diabetes?
Research into parenting children with type 1 diabetes.

The University of Queensland is conducting research into parenting children with type 1 diabetes. Parenting a child with diabetes presents many challenges (everything from the regular blood glucose monitoring and insulin intake, to more general parenting tasks). The aim of this study is to understand the factors that make the management of childhood diabetes particularly difficult, and to use this information to develop strategies that might assist parents in managing their child’s diabetes.

If you are a parent of a 2 to 10-year-old child with type 1 diabetes, we would love to hear from you!

By sharing your experiences (confidentially), you will be making a valuable contribution to the development of much-needed childhood diabetes management strategies for parents.

To complete the online survey, please log on to: https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/type1diabetes

For further information about the project or to request a survey to be posted to you, please email Aditi Lohan (aditi.lohan@uqconnect.edu.au) or phone Amy Mitchell (07 3365 7305) at the Parenting and Family Support Centre in the School of Psychology at the University of Queensland, St Lucia QLD 4072 (Fax: 07 3365 6724).

Thank you for your time and participation.

Aditi Lohan, Alina Morawska, and Amy Mitchell
University of Queensland Parenting and Family Support Centre

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**Students leaving the school for part of the school day: Leave Pass procedure**

At the start of next term we will be streamlining the procedure for issuing Leave Passes when students need to leave the school for part of the day.

When parents complete a Leave Pass in the front office and it has been signed by the front office staff, parents will be provided with two copies. The yellow paper copy is to be handed to the teacher for record keeping and the white/blue card is to be retained with the student for the period of the absence.

Regular absences (e.g. PEAC) can be covered by one Leave Pass.

**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. 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.

*Linda Vedel (PE Specialist)*
The following items are mentioned as community news and are not school endorsed activities.

**Tennis @ Rostrata**
Term 3 dates Tuesdays 30/7– 17/9. $75 for an 8 week program. Racquets supplied. Registration forms in the school office. For further information call Tony Brown on 9525 0046 or 0404 516 370.

**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 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).

**Free Holiday Club**
You are invited to come one day or everyday!
When: July 15th-19th from 9am-12pm
Who: Children in Years 1-7
Where: Riverton Baptist Community Church
38 Modillion Avenue, Shelley
GAMES! CRAFTS! BIBLE LESSONS! MORNING TEA!
Register today on 94576135 or register on day by parent/guardian.
Enquiries: Sarah Sercombe 0405770128 or ssercombe@rivbap.org.au
Children are to be signed in and signed out by parent/guardian. All leaders have Working with Children Checks.

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

**Kidz ‘n Sport—July Holidays**
Basketball / Netball / Mini Hockey / Footy / Soccer
Movement / Teamwork / Self Confidence / Agility
Week1: Monday 8th - Friday 12th July or
Week 2: Monday 15th - Friday 19th July
at West Leeming Primary School,
Westall Terrace, Leeming
3 and 4 year olds: Skill Development
4 - 8 years old: Multi Sport and/or Specialist Basketball
Time and Costs
Skill Development: 9am -10.30am $25 per day
Multi Sport: 9am -12 noon $40 per day
Specialist Basketball: 12.30pm – 2pm $20 per day
Multi Sport + Basketball: 9am – 2pm $60 per day
(DiscOUNTs apply for bookings of more than 3 days)
Bookings: via www.kidznsport.com.au (search Willetton & Surrounds) or call James – 0447 416718 /
jamesh@kidznsport.com.au

**Champion Lakes Boating Club Inc**
Kayaking Lessons
At Champion Lakes Regatta Centre, Henley Drive, Off Lake Road, Opposite Camillo Drive, Champion Lakes
Ages: 8yrs and older (must be able to swim 50m)
Date: Sunday 21 July
Time: 1.00-2.00pm
Cost: $25
Contact: Robyn.L.Brown@bigpond.com

**Riverton Rossmoyne Junior Cricket Club**
Are you interested in playing cricket this summer? Would you like to be part of a friendly, family orientated club? Then come along and join Riverton Rossmoyne Junior Cricket Club!!
Players from 5yrs - 17yrs are welcome.
When: Sun 28th July
Time: 9:00am
Location: Riverton Reserve, High Road, Riverton
Registration forms can be completed on the day, or you can download a form from www.rrjcc.wa.cricket.com.au
If you require any further information, please contact: Joe Shipard (President) on: 0401 555630 or email: rrjcc.secretary@gmail.com