PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

We have experienced a very smooth start and our students and staff are already working very hard. On behalf of our school community, I would like to give a special welcome to families who are new to our school and to our new staff. We are very fortunate to have many student teachers completing their practicums with us throughout the year, most of whom have already commenced.

Thanks to all staff who worked very hard to ensure their classrooms were organised and welcoming for the students’ return to school, despite significant ceiling works being completed throughout the holidays. Thanks also to parents and carers for ensuring your children were so well prepared and organised. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Professional Learning Days
All staff were involved in a range of professional learning opportunities on 29 and 30 January before the students returned to school. These included a focus on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths), discussions about our school’s 2018 to 2020 Business Plan and a presentation about Connect. Connect is an integrated online environment developed by the WA Department of Education for staff, students and parents in public schools.

School Board Parent Representative Nominations
There are currently four Parent Representative vacancies on our School Board. The School Board is an important decision making group of our school comprising of staff, parent and community representatives. Information about our School Board such as its roles and responsibilities is available on our school website. This semester, the School Board will be involved in a range of tasks including participating in the review of our school vision and the development of our 2018 to 2020 Business Plan. Nomination forms are available by contacting the front office. Nominations close at 9 am on Monday 19 February 2018. If more than four nominations are received, I will conduct an election.

2018 Contributions and Charges
Invoices for this year’s Contributions and Charges will be sent home with all children shortly. Please note that any credits from 2017 have already been deducted and the P&C Contribution has been adjusted based on the number of children per family. These contributions are an important element of our school’s finances and allow us to provide your children with additional resources and opportunities. Thank you in anticipation of your payment. Please bring your invoice with you if you’re paying at the office as each invoice is individualised.

Student Arrival and Collection Times
Please help us to ensure the safety of your child/ren by ensuring they don’t arrive at school before 8.30 am and by collecting them promptly at the end of each school day. If your commitments make this difficult, please arrange for your child to attend OSH Club.

Playgrounds - Before and After School
As staff are not on duty before 8.30 am or after school, students are not permitted to play on the playgrounds. Please support us to keep our students safe.

I look forward to sharing another great year at Rossmoyne Primary School with you all.

Rochelle Williamson
Principal

Upcoming Events:
- 12 Feb. - P&C meeting, 7.30 pm, library
- 12 Feb. - Peter Combe performance, PP- Year 3 students
- 21 Feb. - Swimming Trials, selected Year 3 to 6 students
- 22 February - Rms 19 & 20 Assembly
- 23 Feb. - Interschool Cricket Carnival, selected Year 4 to 6 students
- 28 Feb. - Faction Swimming Carnival, selected Year 3 to 6 students
- 2 March - Schools’ Clean Up Day
- 5 March - Labour Day Public Holiday
- 6 March - Professional Learning Day (students do not attend school)
2018 STAFF

PRINCIPAL
Miss Rochelle Williamson

DEPUTY PRINCIPALS
Mrs Joanna Ashby and Mr Greg Wilson

TEACHERS
Pre-primary, Rm 17 - Mrs Lee Banks and Mrs Sonya Bennett
Pre-primary, Rm 18 - Mrs Karen Kunnen and Mrs Jodi Pailthorpe
Year 1, Rm 13 - Mrs Kylie Lawer
Year 1, Rm 14 - Mrs Anne Johnson and Ms Nina Thomas
Year 1/2, Rm 15 - Mrs Beth Stringer
Year 2, Rm 16 - Mrs Monique Hill and Mrs Claire Scott
Year 2, Rm 8 - Mrs Leonie Morrell and Mrs Deb Holtmeulen
Year 3, Rm 9 - Mrs Shelley Dowell
Year 3, Rm 10 - Mrs Tamara Vermeulen
Year 3, Rm 22 - Mrs Selina Valentine
Year 4, Rm 19 - Miss Lauren Wells
Year 4, Rm 21 - Mrs Julie MacDonald
Year 4/5, Rm 20 - Mrs Jennie Richardson
Year 5, Rm 23 - Mrs Julie Royal and Mrs Jill Yates
Year 5/6, Rm 26 - Mrs Sue Marshall and Mr Joel Birch
Year 6, Rm 24 - Mrs Sheryllee Webb
Year 6, Rm 25 - Miss Nousha Sas and Mr Joel Birch
EAL/D - Mrs Di Williams
Music - Miss Natalie Tran
Physical Education - Mr Mitchell Bycroft
Languages - Mrs Ge Ching Foo
DOTT Teachers - Mrs Sonya Bennett

MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES
Mrs Sabrina Blankley

SCHOOL OFFICER
Ms Kerry Donovan

LIBRARY OFFICER
Ms Peta Buller

PARA-PROFESSIONALS
Mrs Maryanne Brentson
Mrs Cheryl Ericsson
Mrs Melissa Stephens
Mrs Claire Veen
Mrs Clare Baker

GARDENER & HANDYMAN
Mr Neil Critchley

TECHNICAL SUPPORT OFFICER
Still to be advised

CLEANERS
Ms Shaylene Coulson
Ms Sharna Coulson
Ms Jane Ahmed
Ms Stacey Taylor

SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST
Ms Jessica Phillips

SCHOOL CHAPLAIN
Mrs Renee Shapcott
What’s On In Sport?

Cricket trials: This week selection trials were held for boys and girls from Years 5 & 6 for our inter-school cricket teams. The teams will be finalised next week.

Inter-school Cricket Carnival: Friday 23rd February, Parkwood Primary school.

Swimming Trials: Will be held at Riverton Leisureplex for students from Years 3-6 on Wednesday 21st February, 9-11.30am.

Faction Swimming Carnival: Will be held at Riverton Leisureplex for students from Years 3-6 who were selected from the trials. This event will be held on Wednesday 28th February, 9-11.30am.

Inter-school Swimming Carnival: Students selected from the Faction Swimming Carnival will compete in the Interschool Swimming Carnival at Fremantle Aquatic Centre on Thursday 5th April, 9-11.30am.

School Chaplaincy Service

One of the possible improvement areas identified by parents and staff at the ‘Our School, Our Say’ Forum held in October last year was ‘school resourcing and services’. Two strategies that were suggested were to increase our School Psychology Service time and to appoint a School Chaplain. I am very pleased to advise that we have already implemented both of these strategies. Our School Psychologist will now be available for an additional day per fortnight and Renee Shapcott has joined our school team as our Chaplain. Our School Chaplaincy Service is provided through YouthCARE and will become an important part of our school’s Pastoral Care strategy. YouthCARE chaplains provide holistic pastoral care to students, school staff and members of the community, irrespective of their faith or cultural backgrounds. The pastoral care provided has a broad scope and includes individual and group sessions to address physical and mental health issues, social and values education, behaviour management, emotional support and professional referrals amongst other roles. Although our school strongly supports Renee, we understand that you, the parent, may have objections to your child/children interacting with or accessing the services of our Chaplain. If you do object, please visit the office to complete an Opt-Out form. As YouthCARE Chaplaincy is an ‘Opt-Out’ programme, if you do not complete an Opt-Out form, we will assume that you give permission for your child to access chaplaincy services if needed.

A Message from our NEW SCHOOL CHAPLAIN!

Hello! My name is Renee and I am very excited to start at Rossman Primary School as your Chaplain. The role of a chaplain is to assist with the school’s plan for the pastoral needs of the children. I also serve as chaplain to the staff, families and the wider community. Chaplaincy looks at the social and emotional wellbeing of individuals and promotes healthy social connections. It is about journeying through life together with a community.

I have been a chaplain for three years. I am married to Jason and have three daughters (lots of nephews) a very naughty dog called Bella and an equally cheeky rabbit called Peggy. I bring to chaplaincy a love for people and a desire to care and nurture and love. In my spare time I love camping with my family and trying my best to dance and sing! I look forward to meeting all the students and learning all their names! I am available on Mondays.
Parent Information Meetings
All teachers will be holding Parent Information Meetings next week to provide you with information about their classroom and the year ahead. These meetings are not intended for extended conversations, however individual meetings can be arranged if required.

- Room 8, 9, 10 and 22  Monday 12 February, 6.30 to 7.00 pm
- Room 13, 14, 15 and 16  Monday 12 February, 6.00 to 6.30 pm
- Rooms 17 and 18  Monday 12 February, 5.30 to 6.00 pm
- Room 19, 20 and 21  Wednesday 14 February, 5.00 to 5.30 pm
- Rms 23, 24, 25 and 26  Wednesday 14 February, 6.00 to 6.30 pm

We are a Nut Aware School
We have a significant number of children in our school with severe nut allergies which can cause life threatening anaphylactic reactions. To avoid any likelihood of a tragic outcome, please avoid sending nuts and nut based products to school in your children’s lunchboxes including muesli bars. For some children the slightest brush with nut residue on their hands can lead to a reaction. Severe nut allergies affect up to 3% of children, with peanuts the most common food associated with food related anaphylaxis. An epi-pen is needed by one in every 544 children under the age of 10. In our school we have seventeen students who have nut allergies requiring epi-pens. We all have a responsibility to ensure the safety and well being of students so there are a few things we can do to help. In the first instance, parents of those children spend a lot of time educating their own children, friends and relatives about what to do in an emergency and how to prevent allergic reactions. Food prepared at school adopts a nut free policy with respect to ingredients and cooking products. The rest of us can help by being ‘nut aware’ and refraining from having nut products at school. We can teach our children to read the labels and ingredients on pre-packaged foods. We can educate our children that sharing / swapping food should be avoided and we can make a point of getting to know the children who have these life-threatening allergies. All of this goes some way towards minimising the risk of an anaphylactic reaction. We take this matter very seriously and we are asking for the school community as a whole to do the same.

Attendance - Every Day Counts!
Regular attendance at school is fundamental to student learning and any absence has the potential to adversely impact a child’s learning. The Department of Education considers students with attendance below 90% to be at risk. That is, if they miss one day per fortnight or 20 days over the course of the school year. Where possible, your support in organizing appointments outside of school hours and planning family vacations for the school holidays will assist in making sure your child isn’t at risk. Please remember to contact the school via phone, email or note each time your child is away from school.

Parking
Safety around our school is of the highest priority to us and also the City of Canning. Please be advised that officers from the City of Canning will be conducting parking patrols at our school and schools in the district. In an effort to educate drivers, cautions will be issued for a short period but infringement notices will be issued after that. Please take a moment to read the Safety Around Schools brochure included later in the newsletter.
Thank you to everyone who donated Christmas gifts and re-gifts to the Saint Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal. Your kindness and generosity made all the difference at Christmas for many families.
From all the 2017 Superhero Pre-primary students and teaching team.

Roosmoyne Primary School
Parents and Citizens’ Association

The first P&C meeting for this year will be held next Monday 12 February at 7.30 pm in the school library. We would love to see you there.

Second Hand Uniforms
We would gratefully appreciate any donations of second hand uniforms. These can be dropped off to the front office of the school. Until we have replenished our stocks, the Second Hand Uniform Shop will not be operating.

A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE
Isabel Longbottom
2017 Roosmoyne Graduate Beazley Medal ATAR Winner
Selected Mathematics Specialist Program Student

Approved Specialist Programs
Classical Music, Mathematics and Volleyball
Applications for selective entry into our Approved Specialist Programs for Year 7 in 2018 are now open.
Please visit www.roosmoyne.wa.edu.au to apply. Applications close Friday 13 April 2018.
For enquiries contact Tracy Bruinsma, Enrolment Officer. T: 0250 2215 E: tracy.bruinsma@education.wa.edu.au
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The Perth Scorchers love playing cricket and we hope you do too! If you’re a girl aged 8-12 years old and would like to play like your favourite Scorchers player, why not try MILO T20 Blast? There is a program on Wednesdays 4:30-6pm at Laurie Packham Oval starting 14th Feb (week 3). Find out more information or register now at http://www.playcricket.com.au/club-finder/club-details?id=30412
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CirQuest Circus
CirQuest Circus is starting the new year with a bang! CirQuest HQ, in North Perth, is a FringeWorld Festival venue with a huge season of four fantastic circus shows for the whole family from February 1-11. CirQuest’s hugely popular circus classes for children and adults start on February 12, so there’s still plenty of time to book!
Classes are held on Mondays at Blue Gum Community Centre, with morning sessions for children aged 18 months – 3 years at 9.00am, and for children aged 3-4 years at 10.00am. After school classes start at 3.30pm for children aged 4-7 years, and at 4.30pm for children in the upper primary school years. To find out more, go to https://www.cirquest.com.au/our-classes.