Welcome back! I hope you all managed some rest and relaxation over the holidays and your children have enjoyed the commencement of the new school year. 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. I know you will all find your experiences at Rossmoyne Primary very rewarding and enjoyable.

Thanks to all staff who worked very hard to ensure their classrooms were organised and welcoming for the students' return to school. 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 30 and 31 January before the students returned to school. These included discussing our School Vision, commencing our review of the Reporting to Parents Policy, reviewing our 2015 to 2017 Business Plan and drafting our 2017 Operational Plans for each of the priority areas outlined in our Business Plan - WA Curriculum, ICT and Early Years. We also drafted a Student Attendance policy. If you would like to read and provide feedback on this draft policy please contact the school office so a copy can be forwarded to you. Once feedback has been collected and considered, the policy will then be presented to the School Board for ratification.

School Board Parent Representative Nominations
There is currently a Parent Representative vacancy on our School Board for 2017 due to the resignation of a Parent Representative in late 2016. The Board is an important decision making group of our school comprising of staff, parent and community representatives. Nomination forms are available at the front office or by emailing Kerry at kerry.donovan@education.wa.edu.au Nominations close at 9 am on Friday 17 February 2017. If more than one nomination is received, I will conduct an election. Information about our School Board such as its roles and responsibilities is available on our school website.

2017 Contributions and Charges
Invoices for this year's Contributions and Charges were sent home with all children today. Please note that any credits from 2016 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.

Thanks P&C!
Thanks to our P&C for organising the magnets that were distributed to students today. The first P&C meeting for this year is being held on Monday night commencing at 7.30 pm in the library. I hope to see you there.

Student Arrival and Collection Times
Please help us to ensure the safety of your children by ensuring they don't arrive at school before 8.30 am and by collecting them promptly at the end of each school day. As staff are not on duty before 8.30 am or after school, students are not permitted to play on the playgrounds. If your commitments make this difficult, please arrange for your child to attend OSH Club.

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

Rochelle Williamson
Principal

Upcoming Events:
- 1 March - Labour Day Public Holiday
- 10 March - Student Leadership Conference
- 13 Feb. - P&C meeting, 7.30 pm, library
- 14 Feb. - Wenqin Art Troupe Performance, 9.15 am, Year 2 to 6
- 16 Feb. - Rm 25 and 26 Assembly
- 18 Feb. - Rm 20 Assembly
- 22 Feb. - Swimming Trials
- 24 Feb. - Interschool Cricket Carnival
- 1 March - Faction Swimming Carnival
- 2 March - Rm 20 Assembly
- 3 March - Clean Up Day
- 6 March - P&C meeting, 7.30 pm, library

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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.

- Rm 8, 9 and 10  Monday 13 February, 6.00 to 6.30 pm
- Rm 13, 14 and 15  Tuesday 14 February, 6.00 to 6.30 pm
- Rm 16, 17 and 18  Wednesday 15 February, 6.30 to 7.30 pm
- Rm 19 and 22  Wednesday 15 February, 6.30 to 7.10 pm (doors open at 6.20 pm)
- Rms 20 and 21  Wednesday 15 February, 6.00 to 6.30 pm (doors open at 5.50 pm)
- Rms 23, 24, 25 and 26  Tuesday 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.

A Note from the Community Health Nurses
Welcome to the new school year from Robyn, Fiona, Lily, Pauline and Kellie. We are the Community Health Nurses who will be visiting your school this year. Community Health Nurses work in schools to promote healthy development and wellbeing so students may reach their full potential. A major part of our work is focused on early intervention and the School Entry Health Assessment program. Community Health Nurses serve as a health contact point for children and their families, providing information, assessment, health counselling and referral. The services are free and confidential. If you have a concern about your child’s health or development, please contact us on 92588053.
2017 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 Heather Thomas and Mrs Karen Kunnen
Year 1, Rm 13 - Mrs Kylie Lawer
Year 1, Rm 14 - Mrs Anne Johnson and Mrs Karen Kunnen
Year 1/2, Rm 15 - Mrs Beth Stringer
Year 2, Rm 16 - Mrs Janet Clark and Mrs Monique Hill
Year 2, Rm 8 - Mrs Leonie Morrell and Mrs Deb Holtmeulen
Year 2/3, Rm 9 - Mrs Shelley Dowell
Year 3, Rm 10 - Mrs Tamara Vermeulen and Mrs Claire Scott
Year 3, Rm 19 - Mrs Robyn Higgins
Year 4, Rm 20 - Mrs Jennie Richardson and Miss Lauren Wells
Year 4, Rm 22 - Mrs Selina Valentine
Year 4/5, Rm 21 - Mrs Julie MacDonald and Mrs Amy Padfield
Year 5, Rm 24 - Mrs Jill Yates and Mrs Sheryllie Webb
Year 5/6, Rm 23 - Mrs Julie Royal and Mrs Sue Baldock
Year 6, Rm 25 - Mrs Adele Combe and Miss Nousha Sas
Year 6, Rm 26 - Mrs Sue Marshall and Miss Nousha Sas
EAL/D - Mrs Di Williams
Music - Mrs Wendy Oliver
Physical Education - Mrs Rebecca Goodacre and Mrs Lisa Flynn
LOTE - Mrs Ge Ching Foo
DOTT Teachers - Mrs Jodi Pailthorpe and 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
Ms Emma Seck
Mrs Melissa Stephens
Mrs Claire Veen
Mrs Brigitte Hoskins

GARDENER & HANDYMAN
Mr Neil Critchley (Mr Brenden Flatman in Term 1)

TECHNICAL SUPPORT OFFICER
Mrs Ashlynn Z Whang

CLEANERS
Ms Shaylene Coulson
Ms Sharna Coulson
Ms Jane Ahmed

SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST
Ms Jessica Phillips
THANK YOU
Thank you to all the students and their families who donated to the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Gifts Appeal. Your thoughtfulness and generosity amazed the workers at the St Vincent de Paul depo when I handed over more than 100 gifts for all genders and ages. The 2016 Pre-primaries, now Year Ones, very much enjoyed the experience of learning about altruism. Lee Banks and the Pre-primary Team.

LOTE
Welcome to the Year of the Rooster! Our school will be hosting a Chinese Art Performance by Wenqin Art Troupe from Zhejiang University in China from 9.15 am to 10.15 am next Tuesday 14 February. The performance will cover a selection of traditional and musical pieces. Each piece will be introduced by an MC and there will be opportunities for students to ask questions. All parents and visitors are welcome.

WHAT’S ON IN PHYSICAL EDUCATION?
All classes from Year 1 to 6 have started a Team Building & Cooperation Unit. It is great to see students reflecting on what it is to be resilient and to have integrity. Students in Rooms 8, 10 and 16 have had a soccer taster with Nick Corrigan’s Soccer School. Rooms 22, 20 and 21 will be involved in this next Thursday. Rooms 21, 24 and 23 can look forward to two taster sessions of Golf with WA Golf at school in weeks 4 and 5.

WHAT’S ON IN SPORT?
- School Swimming Trials for Year 3 to 6 - Wednesday February 22nd
- Interschool Cricket Carnival - Friday February 24th
- School Faction Swimming Carnival - Wednesday March 1st - Year 3 to 6 students who qualified from the trials
- National Ride to School Day – Friday March 17th – more information to come!
- Interschool Swimming Carnival – Tuesday April 4th

If any parents are able to offer their expertise with clubs either at lunchtime or after school or just have ideas about what clubs they would like to see running at Rossmoyne Primary School, please come and have a chat. Mrs Goodacre and Mrs Flynn
Community Announcements

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Interested in finding work? Can you see yourself as a Gardener/Handyman or Cleaner?
Starting in 2017 North Metropolitan TAFE (RTO code: 52786) are running a 1 semester course on the skills required to be a successful gardener/handyman or cleaner. The course is a preparation for entry into gardening, handyman or cleaning work.

Entry requirements:
- Strong work ethic
- Good oral and written communication
- Must be able to read procedures, safety sheets and chemical bottles
- Successful completion of an entry interview
- Working With Children Check and a Police Clearance

Course details:
- Full time - 3 days per week - 20 week course duration
- Days - Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 9:15 until 2:45
- Cost - $169.74 (course fee for 20 weeks)
- Based in Leederville and on site

If you would be interested in this course then please email Chris Hodson at chris.hodson@nmtafe.wa.edu.au

Canning City Soccer Club
Apsley Road
Now accepting registrations for the 2017 Season.
Places are limited!!
Registration is for boys & girls, ages 6-19
For further information and to register, please visit http://www.canningcitysoccer.org.au
Any queries, please contact ccscregistrar@gmail.com

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NETBALL IN 2017

Interested in playing Netball?
Netball is played on Saturdays from May through to September. The Rossmoyne Netball Club plays at the Fremantle Netball Association, Gibson Park Reserve, High Road, Fremantle. Training is at the Shelley Reserve, Koolan Drive, Shelley.

Players Born 2009 or earlier are eligible to play Netball in 2017.
Registration opens on 1st January 2017. For Further information visit our website at www.rossmoynenc.com.au
Any questions please email the club at rossmoynenetballclub@gmail.com
Subscribe to our club on the home page of our website to receive email notification about news and events at the club including registration information.
Look forward to seeing you at netball!

Islamic Girls Netball Uniform
Playing netball is a fun and healthy team sport where you can make great friends and develop great skills. At the Rossmoyne Netball Club we would like to encourage any Islamic girls who would like to play netball to register with our club. No previous experience required and all skill levels welcome.
If you have any questions about the uniform, please email me at rossmoynenetballclub@gmail.com

Have your say on Our City: Our Future
What kind of city do you want for your children? Let’s make Canning thrive! Tell us what’s important to you by taking part in the City’s major review of the Strategic Community Plan - Our City: Our Future by completing our survey on or before 28 February 2017.
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