Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community Members

P&C Association
I am very pleased to announce that all P&C positions are now filled. On behalf of the school community I would like to sincerely thank the outgoing members for their time, efforts and contributions and welcome our returning and new members who are acknowledged later in the newsletter.

Student Safety
To assist us in ensuring your child is safe please remember that students must not arrive at school before 8.30 am and need to be collected promptly at the end of the school day. Staff are not rostered on duty during these times. Should your commitments make this difficult please arrange for your child/ren to attend OSH Club who can be contacted on 9261 3200. Your support in reminding your children that the playgrounds should not be used before and after school would also be appreciated.

Commencement of the 2017 School Year
All government schools will be required to participate in a Student Census on 17 February next year. The number of students we enter in the census determines the funding our school will receive throughout 2017. To be able to include your child in the census, they need to have attended school between 1st to 14th February 2017 or we need to have written communication from you explaining why they are away and when they will return. If this relates to your family, please ensure you submit this to the front office before the end of this year. All students are expected to attend school from the beginning of the school year. This is a really important time as assessments are completed, routines are established and expectations are negotiated. Your child will be affected if they miss the beginning of the school year.

Late Notes
Students arriving after 8.45 am are now required to attend the office for a late note before going to class.

Medication
Your support in ensuring no medication other than asthma puffers are kept in your child’s school bag or lunch box would be greatly appreciated. Any medication required by your child needs to be stored in the office. Should medications need to be administered at school, please complete an Administration of Medication form which is available from the front office. This procedure ensures the safety of the child taking the medication and also ensures medications are not readily accessible to other students.

Sick Children
While regular school attendance is extremely important, students should not be sent to school when they are unwell. They will recover a lot quicker and will be less likely to make others at school unwell if they stay home to rest. Some illnesses require students to stay away even after they feel better as they are still infectious. Your support in asking your doctor or chemist when your child can safely return to school would be greatly appreciated.

Rochelle Williamson

Upcoming Events:
- 24 Nov. - 2017 Pre-primary Parent Induction
- 25 Nov. - Orchestra Performance, RSHS, 7 pm
- 28 Nov. - P&C meeting, 7.30 pm
- 28 Nov. to 2 Dec. - Year 6 Big Week Out
- 5 Dec. - Year 6 transition at RSHS
- 5 Dec - PP to Yr 2 Circus Workshops
- 7 Dec - Year 5 excursion to Kings Park
- 8 Dec - Room 13 and 14 Assembly

ANTONIO’S

Please be advised Antonio’s will not be open for lunches on Wednesday 23rd November 2016 due to roof renovations.

Apologies for any inconvenience.
Interschool Basketball
Monday the 31st of October saw two RPS basketball teams head off to Lakeside Recreation Centre for the Annual Lakeside Association Cup. Thanks to Mike Pailthorpe and Jae Flynn who were amazing coaches on the day and to all players for applying a fantastic effort. Our Rossmoyne teams both ended up in the grand finals. The boys were triumphant over All Saints and will now represent our school in the State competition. Although the girls put in their all they were beaten by the better team from West Leeming. Thanks also to Kristy Williams for her help at training and to all the parents that came to support us. I was so proud of all the students and it was great to see them out enjoying sport. Keep smiling. Mrs Flynn

MUSIC COUNT US IN
Thursday, 3rd November was Music Count Us In Day. All over Australia, students were singing the song at 12.30 EST, which was 9.30 am our time. In 2015 there were more than 2 400 schools, 7 000 teachers and 550 000 students involved in singing the song. Each year music students are invited to apply to be on the composition team, and this year two of the four students involved in composing “Let It Play” were from WA. Rossmoyne is one of only 20 schools in Western Australia to have been part of Music Count Us In since its inception 10 years ago. This year it coincided with Room 24’s assembly and they were performing a mini-musical, so it teamed beautifully for the whole school to watch the live stream from the Opera House and sing whilst watching it being performed on TV. Mrs Oliver
CAPTAIN SIMPSON’S VISIT TO ROOM 16

Last Friday Kai’s dad, Captain Simpson came in to talk to us about being a pilot. He told us that a pilot has four stripes on their uniform. Captain Simpson told us he flies 737 planes. We dressed up in some old uniforms and pretended to fly to Tokyo. I found it interesting because I have never been on a plane. (Keelie)

On Friday 4 November Captain Simpson came to Room 16. Our class got to dress up in his old uniforms. Captain Simpson flies 737 planes. It was fun listening to him. I really loved it. (Sophia)

Last Friday Captain Simpson came to our class. He was not just any old pilot! He was a Qantas pilot. He let us play with his old uniforms. It was awesome and we had lots of fun pretending to fly to Tokyo. (Matthew)

On the 4 November Captain Simpson came to talk to our class about Qantas planes. He showed us some videos of flying near thunderstorms. Kai was flying a plane with his brothers in the back ground. We got to dress up as pilots, flight attendants and ground crew. It was a really interesting visit. (Emily)

YEAR 6 MATHEMATICAL EXTENSION PROGRAM

Part of our Year 6 mathematical extension program involves students participating in the Australasian Problem-Solving Maths Olympiads and the Australasian Mathematics Competition (AMC) sponsored by the Commonwealth Bank. Class teachers use past papers to select a team of approximately thirty students. As the formats for each are different, the teams can be similar but not necessarily the same. This year’s Olympiads involved a set of five word problems held on five separate occasions throughout Terms 2 and 3. Our team received eight distinctions and seven credits. Evander was the highest scorer from Rossmoyne Primary in the 2016 Olympiads.

The AMC competition was held on July 28th 2016. It consisted of approximately sixty questions which got progressively harder. This year we entered some Year 5 students as well as some Year 6 students. Each year group completed their year level test. Out of thirty students, seventeen were awarded distinctions. Caroline was the highest scorer from our school and she received a High Distinction. All students should feel proud of their inclusion in our teams. Congratulations to each and every award winner. Mrs MacDonald

The Pre-primaries are re-gifting for the

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal — Can you help?

Now is the time of year that we go through our present boxes and sort out things we no longer need. Sometimes we receive things that we already have or that we don’t really need or want and sometimes we receive gifts that we don’t get around to using.

Our Pre-primary children are collecting “as new” presents for the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal as a part of learning to be altruistic, caring and responsible citizens. Please place your gifts in the box outside Room 17. Of course if you wish you can buy a gift to put in the box to surprise someone less fortunate on Christmas morning. The gifts are for all age groups.

Help us to make the festive season special for all Aussies.

From the children & staff in Pre-primary

thank you!
LOTE
The Chinese Language Teachers’ Association organised the WA Speaking Competition (for non-Chinese speaking background students) and the Chinese Writing Competition in late September 2016. The following are the winners from our school:

Writing Competition

Speaking Competition

From left: 1st place - Sophia (Rm 20), Excellence Award - Aimeline (Rm 24), 3rd place - Jasmine, 3rd place - Sidney (Rm 24), 5th place - Lucy (Rm 21).

From left: 4th place - Isobel (Rm 24), 2nd place - Hannah (Rm 23), 3rd place - Vuyi (Rm 21), participant - Tania (Rm 25).

Our RPS Orchestra
Sincere thanks to Dr Rebecca Meegan-Lowe and all members of the Orchestra who performed for us this morning. They have obviously practised extremely hard throughout the year. It was an absolute pleasure listening to them. Congratulations and thank you!

Our Nature Playground is Taking Shape!
President - John Coombe
Vice-president - Shelley Stokes
Treasurer - Darren Blankley
Secretary - Kylee Paul
Executive Members - Jade Furness, Rowan Stokes & Sharon Ware
Disco Coordinator - Hayley Wiggers
Fundraising Coordinators - Sarah Haddow & Kate Sewell
Grounds Coordinator - Darren Wiggers
School Banking Coordinators - Kate Sewell and Debbie Flegg
Book Club - Cindy Lewis
Second Hand Uniforms - Cindy Lewis
Class Helpers’ Coordinators - Cindy Lewis and Camilia Marriott

The next P&C meeting is on Monday 28 November at 7.30 pm in the school library. Please mark this date in your diary and try to attend. We need 10 people to be present for the P&C to have a quorum and be able to make decisions. Attending the P&C is a great way to learn about what is happening at our school, meet other parents and have a laugh or two along the way.
Reading Aloud Survey

The Principal of your child’s school and the Department of Education have given approval to be involved in our WA Reading Aloud Study. Not much is known about the current practice of reading aloud at school or at home in Western Australia. This study aims to collect views from children, parents and teachers in order to gain a better understanding of the challenges and barriers to reading aloud. The survey below should take less than 5 minutes of your time to complete. The survey provides a consent notice and detailed information about the study.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TD2C698

Your participation is greatly appreciated, and the responses you share will remain completely anonymous and extremely valuable. Dr Susan Ledger and Dr Margaret Merga, Murdoch University, Collier Charitable Funded Research Program.

Give your child the challenges they need to thrive

Applications for Gifted and Talented Secondary Selective Entrance Programs are now open for children with exceptional academic ability and creative talent. These academic, arts and languages programs are designed to challenge them to achieve at the highest level. If your child is going into Year 6 in 2017, applications are now open for entry into Year 7 in 2018. Limited places may also be available for children going into Years 9, 10 and 11 in 2018. Programs are available at 18 select secondary schools. Applications must be made online and close on Monday 6 February 2017. For more information and to apply visit www.education.wa.edu.au/giftedandtalented

More information is also available by contacting the Gifted and Talented Selection Unit on 9264 4307 or gtsu@education.wa.edu.au

COMMUNITY HEALTH NEWS

Colour blindness

Colour blindness means that a person can’t distinguish some colours or sees the colours differently to other people. Very few people who are colour blind are ‘blind’ to all colours. Commonly, the colours seen differently are greens, yellows, oranges and reds. An information leaflet on colour blindness has been distributed to all Year 6 students. Please take the time to read the pamphlet.

Scoliosis

Scoliosis is an abnormal sideways curvature of the spine. It can be detected by a simple examination of the back. The normal spine has three curves – one in the neck, one in the upper back and one in the lower back. These curves can be seen from the side, but when you look from behind the spine should appear straight. If the spine has a sideways curve, this is scoliosis. An information leaflet about Scoliosis has been distributed to all Year 6 students. Please read through the information provided and check your child for scoliosis as described in the leaflet. If you have any concerns, please contact your General Practitioner or Community Health Nurse, Robyn Brown on 92588053.

VACSWIM SUMMER 2017

Give your child the opportunity to learn vital swimming and water safety skills.

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Early Start Program: 40 Minute Lessons

Start date from Monday 57 to Friday 29 December 2016

Entries: Close Monday 13 December 2016

Enrol online at education.wa.edu.au/vacswim or telephone 9401 6412.

ARE YOU BUSHFIRE READY?

https://www.emergency.wa.gov.au