I am thrilled to have joined the Rossmoyne Primary School community and look forward to working with everyone in the years ahead. It has already become apparent to me that Rossmoyne Primary is a truly wonderful school with happy and caring students, dedicated staff and supportive parents and carers. Sincere thanks to everyone who has made me feel so welcome. Thanks also to Mr Anderson for ensuring all the necessary preparations were completed to ensure the new school year commenced so smoothly and for ensuring I received such a thorough handover in the holidays.

On behalf of the school community, I would like to give a special welcome to families who are new to our school and to our new staff, Ms Richardson (Year 3, Room 9) and Mrs Scott (Year 2, Room 8, Wednesdays and Fridays). I know you will find your experiences at Rossmoyne rewarding. Those new to our school will soon receive an invitation to a ‘New Parents’ Sundowner’ being held on Friday 11 March between 7 to 9 pm. This is a great opportunity for you to meet me, other new parents and some of our P&C representatives.

We have had a very positive start to the year. Our students are already working hard and are quickly learning the rules, responsibilities and routines of their new classrooms. They are be congratulated for their respectful behaviour, polite manners and for caring for each other.

School Board Vacancies
There are currently two casual Parent Representative vacancies (until the end of the 2017 school year) on our School Board. The Board is an important decision making group of our school comprising of staff, parent and community representatives. I urge you to consider nominating for one of these vacancies. Nomination forms are available at the front office or by emailing Kerry.Donovan@education.wa.edu.au

Nominations close at 9.00 am on Monday 15th February. If more than two nominations are received, I will conduct an election. Please don’t hesitate to contact me for further information or to discuss this opportunity.

P&C Information
Please make some time to read the information the P&C will be sending home with children early next week.

Parent Meetings
All teachers will be holding short Parent Meetings in the week beginning Monday 15 February to provide you with information about their classroom and how it will operate throughout the year. Please check the noticeboards outside classrooms for specific dates and times. These meetings are not intended for extended conversations, however individual meetings can be arranged if required.

As in previous years, the class teacher is your first point of contact to address the needs of your child. If you would like to speak with them, please arrange a time rather than having a conversation at the start of the school day. This will allow them to be adequately prepared and will also provide you with the opportunity to speak confidentially without interruptions.

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. One Epi-pen is given to every 544 children under the age of 10. In our school we have fourteen 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 food, 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.

Rochelle Williamson

www.rossmoyneps.wa.edu.au   SCHOOLWATCH: 1800 177 777   Rossmoyne.ps@education.wa.edu.au
STAFF CAR PARK
To help ensure your own and your children’s safety, please do not walk through the Staff Car-park.

TERM ONE PLANNER
Thanks to those who have informed us about the calendar on our school website not being accessible. We are working to rectify this issue. To assist you in the meantime, please find a Term One Planner attached to this email.

2016 CONTRIBUTIONS AND CHARGES
Invoices for this year’s Contributions and Charges were distributed to all children yesterday. Please note that any credits from 2015 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 child/ren with additional resources including new library books and art, music and physical education materials. Thank you in anticipation of your payment.

CONTACT DETAILS
If your contact details or those of your emergency contacts have changed, please ensure you advise us. It can be very distressing for children if we are unable to contact you when they are unwell.

COMMUNITY HEALTH
Welcome to the new school year. My name is Robyn Brown and I am the Community Health Nurse who visits your school. Community Health Nurses work in schools to promote healthy development and wellbeing so students may reach their full potential. A major part of my 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 provided are free and confidential.

If you have a concern about your child’s health or development, please contact me on 9258 8053.

MACBOOKS
Please be advised that there is a recall of certain Apple AC power adapters due to a risk of electrical shock. We recommend parents call Apple to see if their child’s Macbook is affected. The details can be found at https://www.apple.com/support/ac-wallplug-adapter/

COMMUNITY NEWS
ROSSMOYNE NETBALL CLUB
The Rossmoyne Netball Club are inviting girls and boys born in 2008 or earlier to join their wonderful club. Registrations for the 2016 season close on Monday 15th February! Information for new members including fees, playing times and uniform details are available via their website at www.rossmoynenc.com.au/content/information-new-members
Enquiries to rossmoynenetballclub@gmail.com

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES
Religious Education classes at Queen of Apostles Parish are held on Saturday mornings between 9:30 and 10:30 am for children from Year 2 to Year 6. Classes commence on Saturday 14 February 2016. Enrolment forms are available at the Parish Office or at http://www.queenofapostleschurch.org.au/pages3.html.

KEYBOARD
There are currently vacancies available for after-school keyboard lessons on Tuesdays or Wednesdays at 3.05, 3.35 4.05 or 4.35 pm. $17.00 for 30 minutes in a group of 4 students. Please contact Esther on 0449 757 553.

CANNING CITY SOCCER 2016 REGISTRATIONS—NOW OPEN!
Go to the MyFootballClub website to register online: www.myfootballclub.com.au
Canning City Soccer juniors play in age groups from 6 & under to 19 years of age. Our aim for players:
• To have fun and learn new skills
• To experience team spirit
• To play fair and respect the opponent
• To receive encouragement and feedback in their progression in the sport.
www.canningcitysoccer.org.au
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PERTH CHINESE
NEW YEAR FAIR

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12pm to 9pm on Sunday 14 February 2016 at James Street and Chinatown Northbridge

ATTR ACTIONS INCLUDE
Multicultural concert, stalls, cultural activities, lion and dragon dances, games, rides, and much much more.

Contact Chung Wah Association
Phone: (08) 9326 8657 | Email: chungwah@chungwah.org.au | http://chungwah.org.au

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DON'T MISS OUT! REGISTER NOW FOR TERM 1 2016!

IS YOUR CHILD 7 - 13 YEARS?
ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT THEIR WEIGHT?
- FUN, FREE 10 week program to help families to lead healthier and happier lives
- Build confidence and boost self esteem
- Get fit playing fun games and activities
- Meet new friends and learn new healthy eating and goal setting skills
- Set goals to reach and maintain a healthy weight

TERM 1 2016 PROGRAMS

Beechboro
Altona Park Leisure Centre
Tuesdays & Thursdays
4.00pm - 6.00pm

Cannington
Cannington Leisureplex
Wednesdays & Fridays
4.00pm - 6.00pm

East Victoria Park
Leisurelife Centre
Tuesdays & Thursdays
5.00pm - 7.00pm

Joondalup
HBF Arena Joondalup
Tuesdays & Thursdays
4.00 pm - 6.00pm

Mirrabooka
Herb Graham Rec Centre
Tuesdays & Thursdays
4.00pm - 6.00pm

Rivervale
Jump About Trampoline Park
Mondays & Wednesdays
4.00pm - 6.00pm

Rockingham
Mike Barnett Sports Complex
Mondays & Wednesdays
5.00pm - 7.00pm

South Lake
South Lake Leisure Centre
Tuesdays & Thursdays
4.00pm - 6.00pm

TERM 1 DATES: 01/02/2016 - 08/04/2016

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Facebook: Better Health Company
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