Term One is now well underway and it has certainly been a busy start to the new school year. Thanks to everyone in the school community for their support and efforts so far.

School Development Day
Staff were very busy on Tuesday’s School Development Day. We reviewed our students’ performance against the targets included in our school’s 2015 to 2017 Business Plan. These targets relate to NAPLAN, the grades in student reports, student attendance and the attitude, behaviour and effort indicators in our school reports. Staff have adjusted some of these targets for this year. They also wrote Operational Plans for each of these targets as well as Operational Plans for each of our priority areas - WA Curriculum, ICT (information and Communication Technologies) and Early Childhood Education. I would like to thank staff for their active involvement and commitment throughout the day. Later in the year we will commence the collaborative development of our school’s 2018 to 2020 Business Plan.

DES Review
As this is our school’s third year operating as an Independent Public School, the DES (Department of Education Services) will be conducting an intensive review of our school in May. The reviewers will compile a report about our school which will be made publicly available. Their report will be considered when we develop our 2018 to 2020 Business Plan.

Student Update Forms
It is very important that we have accurate contact details for you and up to date medical information about your child. Consequently, a Student Update Form was sent home with all students today. Please take a moment to check all of the information and make any necessary changes. All forms need to be returned, whether corrections are required or not. Please take special note when reviewing the health conditions section of the form. Forms can be returned to your child’s class teacher or to the front office.

School Board
Congratulations to Jessica Nailer who was appointed to the casual Parent Representative vacancy for 2017. The other parent representatives on the School Board are George Atartis, John Coombe, Rowan Stokes, Mark Gelman and Amanda Spencer-Teo. Fiona Feist is also continuing on the Board this year as a Community Representative.

Congratulations also to Joanna Ashby, Leonie Morrell, Di Williams and Lauren Wells who were recently elected as staff representatives.

The first School Board meeting for 2017 is being held next Monday evening. The agenda items include the Attendance Policy, an update on our school’s 2017 Student Centred Funding, the 2016 Annual Report, reviewing the Community Use of School Facility Agreements currently in place and discussing the results of the 2016 survey of Board members. George, Joanna and I will also be reporting to the Board on the Board program we attended last Thursday and Friday. We are committed to increasing the rigour of the Board’s involvement in our school regarding issues such as our strategic direction and development of our 2018 to 2020 Business Plan.

School Attendance and Vacations
Our students missed a staggering total of 1391 days due to vacations throughout 2016. Only 412 of these days were ‘authorised’ by the school. Where possible, please endeavour to take family vacations during the school holidays. Your child’s progress and achievement will be affected by absences from school.

Already this year, 24 of our students have missed a total of 105 days due to vacations! I cannot promote the message, ‘everyday matters’, strongly enough. So far this year, vacations have resulted in some of our students not being able to nominate for leadership positions, not being considered for the instrumental music program, missing important classroom assessments and not being involved in the important task of collaboratively establishing classroom rules, expectations and routines.

New Parents’ Sundowner
Invitations for this year’s New Parents’ Sundowner being held on Friday 17 March between 7 to 9 pm have been sent to all families new to our school community this year. Please contact us if you are new to Rossmoyne Primary this year and haven’t received an invitation.

Rochelle Williamson
Principal

Upcoming Events:
* 13 March - School Board meeting, 7.30 pm
* 16 March - Harmony Day
* 17 March - Ride to School Day
* 17 March - New parents’ sundowner, 7 pm
* 20 March - P&C meeting, 7.30 pm
* 20 March - Easter raffle commences
* 4 April - Interschool Swimming Carnival
* 7 April, ANZAC Service
Semester One Student Leadership Team

Congratulations to our Semester One Student Leadership Team:
* Student Councillors: Anastacia, Lucas, Jeffery, Jesryl, Zane, Shafin, Joshua, Angelina, Tammy and Chanida
* Peer Mediators: Melody, Oliver, Aidan, Caleb, Ryan, Sidney, Beth, Tomo, Vuyisile and Kade
* Faction Captains and Vice Captains (VC):
  - Blue Jannah, Noah, Chloe (VC) and Tyler (VC)
  - Red Ashlee, Miles, Evangeline (VC) and Israel (VC)
  - Green Maya, Dulina, Maddison (VC) and Oisin (VC)
  - Gold Jasmin, Archie, Lillian (VC) and Ramon (VC)

Robotics

Our thanks to Karmel from Rossmoyne IGA who has donated $1000 from the IGA Community Chest so we can purchase additional robotics equipment to help our students learn about the skills of coding and programming in a fun and exciting way. Many of our students have already had the opportunity to learn more about coding using our BeeBots, iPads and Dash robots. With the financial support of businesses like Rossmoyne IGA, and with the great wealth of expertise being offered by our parent community, Rossmoyne is well on its way to teaching our keen students the skills they need to take on the jobs of tomorrow.
Miss Richardson

Thanks Rossmoyne IGA!

No Dogs on School Grounds

Following several recent parent complaints about dogs and dog faeces on school grounds, I would like to remind you that dogs are not allowed on school grounds. Following a recent incident on school grounds involving dogs, the City of Canning rangers will be conducting additional patrols of our school. Thank you in anticipation of your cooperation.
On 14 February, the Wenqin Art Troupe from Zhejiang University in China visited our school to perform to our Year 2 to 6 students. The troupe played a selection of musical pieces using a range of Chinese instruments. Each instrument was introduced to our students, they had the opportunity to ask questions and some students even had the opportunity to have a go at playing some of the instruments. Attending the performance has enhanced our students’ understanding of the Chinese culture. Sincere thanks to the Confucius Institute of WA for offering our school the opportunity to host this special event to celebrate the Year of the Rooster. Thank you also to Mrs Foo for organising for the Troupe to visit our school.

Here’s Keelie and Willis’ (Room 19) recount of the performance.
‘Today, the Wenqin Art Troupe came to our school. They played the most beautiful music together and solo. It was joyful music. It didn’t put you to sleep. The instruments had a great sound and some were loud. Some people got to play the instruments. It was interesting to learn about the instruments, which were all Chinese. It was great because I had never seen something like that before. I loved it and felt happy because I heard new instruments.’

Through this year, all of our students will participate in a series of lessons with the Young Engineers. The Young Engineers provide theoretical knowledge and practical implementation in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) through the use of K’nex®, Engino® and LEGO® bricks. So far this term, Room 25 and 26 have participated in lessons. They have learnt about aerodynamics, belt and gear transmission and gravity. They have enjoyed constructing helicopters and building a crane. Next week, students in Rooms 13, 14 and 15 will commence their lessons with the Young Engineers.
What's been happening in Physical Education and Sport?

Interschool Cricket Carnival
The Interschool Cricket Carnival was held on Friday the 24th of February at Parkwood Primary School in a scorching 37 degree heat. We took a girls and boys team made up of Year 5 and 6 students to the event. Mr Wilson and Mrs Goodacre would like to commend both teams for their excellent dedication to training and for being great ambassadors for our school during the carnival. The boys placed 5th and the girls placed 3rd overall. A big thank you to Mrs Clark for her help coaching the girls team and thanks to parents who came down to watch during the carnival.

Golf with Golf WA Junior Development Officer
Students in Rooms 21, 24 and 23 have been ‘wowing’ me with their golfing swings during Physical Education Lessons. Students have been learning the art of hitting a ball with accuracy and distance.

Team Building
Students from Year 1 to Year 6 spent the first 3 weeks of school participating in Team Building and Cooperation activities. They learnt about resilience and ways to make it easier to be resilient such as joining in, using a kind voice, being a positive person and complimenting others.

Faction Swimming Carnival
The carnival showed the hours of dedication and determination students put into swimming and squad sessions. The way the students conducted themselves before races is to be commended. The sportsmanship displayed after races was a true testament to the Rossmoyne Primary School spirit. Thanks to all those in our school community who were involved in making a successful event to showcase all of our swimmers talents. A special thank you to Mr Wilson who led the planning and organisation. A big thank you to our parent helpers; Cassie, Kristy, Dionne, Wendy, Emma and Camilla. Without parent support, carnivals would not be possible!

Mrs Goodacre, Mr Wilson and Mrs Flynn

Overall Results:

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Harmony Day
Harmony Day occurs in March each year and coincides with the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. Our school is celebrating Harmony Day next Thursday 16 March. Children and family members are asked to wear national costume or an orange item of clothing as orange is the colour of Harmony Day. Our day will start with a Harmony Day assembly commencing at 8.45 am. You are also invited to join your children for a family picnic lunch commencing at 12.05 pm. Please join us!

Student Attendance

**INFORMATION FOR PARENTS**

**THE IMPACT OF HOLIDAYS DURING SCHOOL TIME**

Developing the habit of going to school every day is vitally important so your child does not miss out on important ideas and skills they need for future learning.

That is why we strongly encourage you not to go on family holidays during school time.

**Why is going to school regularly so important?**

At school, many concepts particularly in literacy and numeracy are taught in a sequence. Missing school means missing out on learning – which can often make it difficult to catch up later. This is particularly important in the early years when essential foundation skills are being taught.

Going to school every day helps children learn the important life skill of ‘showing up’ – at school, at work, to sport and other commitments.

Research from the Western Australian Telethon Kids Institute shows that every day at school counts towards a student’s learning. Students who attend more, generally do better at school and in life.

The School Education Act 1999 does not allow principals to give permission for families to take holidays during the school term. As students are required to attend school every day, time off for holidays is recorded as an absence.

**What can you do?**

While it can be tempting to take advantage of discount offers for accommodation and flights, we strongly encourage you to organise holidays during school holiday periods to make sure your child doesn’t miss out on school.

Please email Mrs Ashby, Deputy Principal, if you have been considering taking a holiday during the school term.

Joanna.ashby@education.wa.edu.au
OSHClub have already had a busy start to the new school year. We have been working hard to organise activities for the children that they have suggested. We always aim to work around a theme and then plan activities accordingly.

We have had an increase in enrolments this year which is great to see. The educators at OSH love to see new children and we try our best to make it fun and enjoyable for them.

We have been getting lots of GREAT donations from some of our families. The children have loved some of the games, clothes and arts and crafts that have been donated. Many thanks for that to all the parents but also the children for parting with their possessions.

We ran our pupil free day on Tuesday 7th March and it was a huge success. We hope to get your continued support with this in future.

We look forward to the year ahead and would like to thank you for you continued support. If you have any feedback or suggestions please do not hesitate to contact us.

Next week is Fantasy and Adventure Week suggested to us by Daniel Secrett in Year 1. During this week the children will complete a number of activities that include:

- Fancy dress (making their own costumes)
- Cooking (hero snacks)
- Arts and Crafts (masks and equipment)
- Story creations
- Construction with recyclable items

Parent Information

OSH program phone: 0478 182 380
Coordinator: Roisin Devine
Assistants: Danni Zhang and Lucinda Spence

OSHClub Head Office: 03 85649000
All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember this is Free!! Please create an account online at www.oshclub.com.au
All bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account. For on the day bookings please contact the Coordinator direct at the program.
RIDE 2 SCHOOL DAY – Friday 17th March 2017

Jump on a bike or a scooter and ride to school before joining your friends for breakfast at school in the undercover area. Breakfast will be served from 8 am. Don’t live in riding distance from the school? Then you might like to drive and park away from the school and ride the rest of the way, or organise to leave your bike at a friend’s house the day before and ride to school with them. Riding and scooting are great ways to get around and get out in the fresh air and it is also great for the environment and your health.

PLEASE NOTE: Children aged 10 years and under must be accompanied by a parent when riding to school.

Thanks to the P&C for funding the breakfast! We hope to see you there!

Mrs Goodacre, Mr Wilson and Mrs Flynn

Community Announcements

Calingiri Primary School Centenary Celebrations
This year Calingiri Primary School and community will hold a Centenary Celebration. The event will be held on 14th October 2017. This will be a major event for Calingiri that will attract ex-students and residents (and their families) to the town. Our most recent school/community anniversary was held 25 years ago to recognise the 75th Anniversary of the school. We are gathering support from current and past students, staff and former staff, along with local residents and their families to purchase a paver and have it included in our proposed “Centenary Pathway” which will replace the old and tired school entry path. We will also incorporate our school logo in the “Centenary Pathway”. Have your name (or your family group) etched in history and come along on Saturday 14th October 2017 to what will be a great event for our school and wider community. Paver Order Forms can be obtained by contacting Calingiri Primary School on 9628 7030.

St Thomas More Religious Education Classes 2017 for Bateman Parish Children
Enrolments for classes will be on Wednesday 1 Feb 2017 between 4 - 5 pm.
Sacrament Dates for 2017:
  Sacrament of the Eucharist - 24 & 25 June 2017
  Confirmation - 19 & 20 August 2017
  Reconciliation - 14 & 21 October 2017
Students must attend from the beginning of the year to be eligible to receive the Sacrament. For enquiries please contact Jenny Figliomeni on 9310 1747 or 0435 695 399.

Request for Information
If you witnessed 2 staffies on our school oval on Tuesday 21 February at approximately 8 am, please contact Craig at the City of Canning on 9231 0521.

From the Community Health Nurses - Screen Time
Children and adolescents should not spend more than two hours a day on screen based activities. Excessive screen time often leads to poor health, poor fitness and overweight. Activities like surfing the net, social networking, watching TV and playing screen games can be educational and fun, but all involve sitting still for long periods of time. Set family rules around screen time and encourage your child to try a range of active pastimes, especially during daylight hours.

From the Dental Therapy Centre
The Dental Therapy Centre offers enrolment to all students from Pre-primary to year 11 (5 - 16 years of age). Enrolment forms are available from the centre which is located at Willetton Primary School, Woodpecker Avenue, Willetton. They can be contacted on 9457 4624.

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Community Announcements cont.

2017 Somers Team Sprint Cup
Now in its tenth year, we are proud to announce that the Somers Team Sprint Cup is back for 2017! Having raised $980,000 for Autism West since inception, help us break the $1,000,000 mark by entering a team in this year’s event!
To be held on 2 April 2017 at Christ Church Grammar School swimming pool, we invite all schools across WA, and people of all swimming levels, to enter teams into the following categories:
- Junior: Years 5-6 - Team of 6 - $240
- Middle: Years 7-8 - Team of 6 - $240
- Senior: Years 9-10 - Team of 6 - $240
- Year 11 & 12 Dash - Team of 6 - $240
Due to its success in 2016, we are also holding the Family Dash: Team of 4 - $160
With a DJ, photo booth, live music, food and drink, a slip and slide, and more, this is a fun day for a great cause, with plenty of prizes to be won plus our annual Autism West raffle!

World Autism Awareness Day
The Somers Team Sprint Cup coincides with World Autism Awareness Day, an international day dedicated to advancing the rights of individuals with autism and ensuring their full participation and inclusion as valued members of our diverse human family who can contribute to a future of dignity and opportunity for all.

For further information, or to find out other ways you can get involved - like volunteering on the day - call Gabriella on 08 9383 6123 or email us at info@autismwest.org.au. To register your team, please visit our website to register now or directly here: [https://www.trybooking.com/Embed.aspx?eid=247082](https://www.trybooking.com/Embed.aspx?eid=247082)

All Saints Swimming Club
Join us for a fun afternoon, Saturday March 25th at the All Saints Swimming Club for the Splash and Dash and Carnival! The Splash and Dash Carnival is a chance for novice swimmers whom are under the age of 14 to experience racing in a fun, relaxed and exciting environment. Swimmers of all abilities are welcome! Participating swimmers will receive a free swimming cap and water bottle for their great efforts. Please contact Sarah.Lawrence@allsaints.wa.edu.au for more information.