Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community Members

School Board
On behalf of the school community I would like to congratulate Amanda Spencer-Teo, Mark Gelman and Chinar Goel for being elected as Parent Representatives on our School Board. The next School Board meeting will be held on Monday 23 May.

Collection of Students at the End of the School Day
Please help us to ensure the safety of your child/ren by collecting them promptly at the end of the school day. As staff are not on duty after school, students are not permitted to play on the playgrounds or wait for extended periods of time to be collected. Students who are not collected promptly, will be asked to wait in the office. If your commitments make this difficult, please arrange for your child to attend OSH Club. Please remember that school closes early (2.40 pm) on Monday afternoons.

Every Day Matters!
Regular attendance at school is fundamental to student learning and any absence has the potential to adversely impact a child’s learning. So far this year, 225 students have already been absent from school! Research has shown that children are placed at risk if their school attendance falls below 90%. That is, if they miss 1 day per fortnight or 20 days over the course of the school year. While our school’s overall attendance rate is currently at 96.11%, many students’ individual attendance rates have already fallen below 90% for Term One. Where possible, your support in organising appointments outside of school hours and planning family vacations for the school holidays will assist in making sure your child isn’t at risk.

Illness
While school attendance is extremely important, please do not send your child/ren to school when they are unwell. They will recover a lot quicker and be less likely to make others at school unwell if they stay at home to rest.

New Parents’ Sundowner
Thanks to our wonderful P&C for organising another successful New Parents’ Sundowner. Thanks also to everyone who was able to attend.

NAPLAN
NAPLAN, an assessment of Literacy and Numeracy, is undertaken annually by all Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students throughout Australia. This year NAPLAN is being held between 10 to 12 May. Please don’t hesitate to make an appointment with your child’s teacher if you would like more information.

Long Service Leave
As all Department of Education staff are required to clear all Long Service Leave accrued by 30 January 2014 by the end of the 2016 school year, many of our staff will be taking leave throughout this year. Please be assured that thorough handovers will be completed to ensure students experience minimal disruptions to their learning programs and to the routines established throughout Term One.

Happy Holidays
As this is the last newsletter for Term One I would like to wish everyone safe and relaxing holidays. See you back on Tuesday 26 April for the commencement of Term Two.

Rochelle Williamson

Upcoming Events:
- 5 April—Interschool Swimming Carnival
- 6 April—ANZAC Service, 8.45 am
- 8 April—Term One concludes
- 26 April—Term Two commences
- 28 April—Dental screening, Year 3 & 6
- 5 May—Room 20 Assembly
- 9 May—P&C Meeting, 7.30 pm, library
- 10 to 12 May—NAPLAN
- 19 May—Room 23 Assembly
- 20 May—P&C disco
- 3 June—School Development Day (students do not attend school)
**Willetton Uniforms**
Please be advised that Willetton Uniforms are currently unable to supply microfibre jackets but the polar fleece jackets are still available for purchase. At this stage, microfibre pants are still available and the microfibre jackets will be available again once Willetton Uniforms have secured a new supplier.

**No Dogs on School Grounds**
Following concerns expressed by parents, I would like to remind everyone that dogs are not permitted on school grounds at anytime. Thank you in anticipation of your cooperation.

**Road Safety**
Please remind your child/ren about staying safe on and near roads as concerns about our students’ behaviour have recently been reported to me. Did you know that research has shown that pedestrian accidents are the leading cause of death for one to 14 year-olds in Australia? Kids aged under 10 years are particularly vulnerable because they’re small, their ability to judge distance and the speed of cars has not developed and their peripheral vision - the ability to ‘see things out of the corner of their eye’ - isn’t as good as an adults. **Kidsafe recommends that children under the age of 10 shouldn’t be crossing the road without an adult.** While older kids (10 to 14 years old) have better movement and perception skills, they tend to be more reckless than younger kids. They may know about the risks, but ignore them.

**Harmony Day**
Once again, Harmony Day was a huge success. Thanks to the staff who organised our special day and to everyone who was able to attend. If you haven’t already, don’t forget to view the wonderful Harmony Day displays in our library.

**Display Boards**
When you’re next at school, don’t forget to view our display boards for information from our P&C and local community groups and businesses. A lot of information is currently displayed including details about an upcoming Skate, Scoot and BMX Competition and the City of Canning’s April School Holiday Program and Liquid Pool Party/Disco.

**Merit Certificates**
Congratulations to the following students who were awarded with Merit Certificates at our recent assembly. Keep up the great work!
GRIP Student Leadership Conference

On Friday 12th March, ten Year Six students from Rossmoyne Primary School accompanied by two teachers went to the Perth Convention Centre to attend the Grip Student Leadership Conference. The main sources of transport were trains and walking that day. To start with we all met up at the Bullcreek Train Station and then departed on a train to the Convention Centre. As soon as we arrived I saw hundreds of students from different schools rushing hurriedly to get some spots. I was really amazed to see about one and a half thousand people all in one room because that’s the most people I’d ever seen gathered in one place. The conference had three main topics about leadership: How to Grow as a Leader, Bye Bye Bullying and People to Influence. In between each lesson we had little activities to do as a group — my favourite one was ‘Loud Noises’. Also when we did something correctly or won one of the games we would earn badges. Overall I think this was a great and fun experience and I would recommend this to everyone as it helps you to improve your leadership skills.

Written by Evander Agung, Room 26

2016 Easter Raffle

Last Thursday the annual Easter Raffle was drawn, a highly anticipated event which is run annually by the Year Six students and student leaders. The money raised is used to support our World Vision Child, Edman Rechart in Sri Lanka. A big thank you to all involved.

Rossmoyne Primary School
Parents and Citizens’ Association

Firstly, a big thanks to Rochelle Williamson and Joanna Ashby for giving the P&C some noticeboard space to advertise information to the school community! We have been allocated the big noticeboard at the gate near the Pre-Primary classes, and a portion of the long noticeboard located on the corridor near to the library. Please have a look occasionally at the boards to see what is on offer!

‘WALK TO SCHOOL’ BUS

Currently, we are canvassing interest for a coordinator and volunteers to operate ‘Walk to School’ buses.

A walking school bus is a group of primary school children who walk to and from school accompanied by a minimum of two parent driver/supervisors per ‘bus’. One parent ‘drives’ at the front of the bus, while the other parent supervises at the rear. The walking bus picks up students along a designated route at specific ‘bus stops’. The service would be free and every student welcome to join the bus.

The frequency and route for the ‘buses’ is yet to be determined and based on interest and volunteer availability. Sadly, if we do not have volunteers we will not be able to deliver this service. If you would like to register your interest to become involved as a volunteer please email the Secretary on rossmoynepandc@gmail.com.

MOBILE PHONE TOWER

As you may be aware, Optus/Vodafone are looking to install a mobile phone tower on the roof of the Rossmoyne Bowling Club. In an effort to fight this installation there is an online petition at Change.org and you are welcome to add your signature. Each signature generates an automated email to Vodafone.

In addition, you are encouraged to voice your concerns via email to our Member of Parliament Dr Dennis Jensen at dennis.jensen.mp@aph.gov.au and Minister of Communications, Mitch Fifield at minister@communications.gov.au. Further, Vilma Velletri is composing a letter to Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency (ARPANSA) requesting information on the potential impact of the tower on our community. You are invited to offer questions for inclusion in this correspondence by emailing vilma.velletri@gmail.com.

Anyone who would like to become more involved in the matters relating to the mobile phone tower are encouraged to contact Vilma Velletri.

NEXT P&C MEETING

The next P&C Meeting will take place in the school library at 7.30pm on Monday, 9th May 2016. It is a wonderful opportunity to hear a bit about upcoming plans and offer your ideas and thoughts. We aim for lighthearted, friendly and not over long meetings – and hope to see you there!
WILLETTON DENTAL THERAPY

Screening will be held on the 28th April 2016 for children in years Pre-Primary, Years 3 & 6.

The Willetton DTC will be closed during the school holidays on the following days;

Week One- Wednesday 13/4/16 and Thursday 14/3/16  
Week Two- Wednesday 20/4/16 and Thursday 21/04/16

In case of an emergency ONLY during this time, contact the following clinics;

Week One:  Riverton DTC 9457 5262 8am – 4pm  
Week Two :  Excelsior DTC 9256 4170 8am -4pm

Outside working hours you may contact 9325 3452 or your local private dentist.  Thank You.

Willetton DTC

RIVER RANGERS

River Rangers provides an opportunity to care for the environment as a team in an exciting way. In the past week we went for a bike ride to Lo Quay Café. I cant wait to see what comes next. We also love to recycle and make cool sculptures from recycled materials.

Acasia Lee

LOTE:  Year of the Monkey Art Competition

The prizes for the competition will be presented to the winners from Pre Primary to Year 6 early next term.

Some excellent art work from Oberthur Primary School, Bannister Creek Primary School and our school will be displayed in the Willetton Library from next Tuesday, 5 April to 14 April and in the Riverton Library from 16 April to 1 May 2016.

Global Tennis Holiday Clinics

April Holidays

Cottesloe Park Tennis Club  
Clinic 1: Monday April 18th to Thursday April 21st
Clinic 2: Monday April 18th - Thursday April 21st

Red Ball (5-8 yrs.) 8:00am-9:00am  
$75 per day or $80 for 4 days

Yellow Ball (9-18 yrs.) 9:00am-12:00pm  
$120 for 4 days or $35 per day

Special Discount to all Rossmoyne Primary Students!!!
Book in for the Whole week and get 20% OFF

3 hours of tennis Monday to Thursday, Coaching, games, match play and a lot of fun!!!
Bring a snack for morning tea

Bookings are essential!!!
Please email Nathan to book in nztennis@hotmail.com  or call 0402616131.

Cake Stall

Saturday 19th March

8am-1pm (or until sold out)
at Rossmoyne IGA entrance

We are walking 60kms on April 2nd and 3rd in The Weekend to End Women’s Cancers, raising funds for Harry Perkins Institute of Medical Research.

We have agreed to raise $2000 each and we would love your help!!

We are the walking team ‘Super Ks’: Kate Sewell, Kasia Kalczyńska & Kat Franklyn

We will have a lovely variety of home-made goodies for you to choose from, with all funds raised going directly to the Harry Perkins Institute.