

# ROSSMOYNE REFLECTIONS

NEWSLETTER NO. 6

Friday 1 July 2016



Virtue of the Month for July - Initiative  
Next Newsletter—Friday 5 August 2016

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community Members

### Semester One Reports

This semester's reports and work sample folders were sent home with our students on Wednesday. I hope you enjoyed sharing them with your child/ren. When looking at the report, please take note of their attendance percentage. If it's below 90%, they are considered to be 'at risk'. Absences quickly add up! Every day of attendance contributes towards a child's learning. Any absence has the potential to adversely impact on their learning and development. Please ensure your child/ren attend school everyday unless they are unwell.



### Christmas Holidays

If you are starting to plan your Christmas holidays please endeavour to book them for the school holidays which commence on Thursday 15 December. It is important that all students attend school until this day. Please note that Semester 2 reports will be distributed during the last week of term and will not be available early or emailed to families who leave to go on holidays early. It is also really important that students return to school for the commencement of the 2017 school year on Wednesday

1 February. The beginning of the year is when class routines and expectations are established and term projects commence. Students are disadvantaged if they are not present to participate in these experiences.



### School Watch

Unfortunately, we have been experiencing some vandalism and damage over recent weekends. If you see anyone acting suspiciously or you see damage, please support us by contacting School Watch on 1800 177 777 or contacting Police on 131 444.



### Antonios Lunch Orders

**PLEASE NOTE THAT LUNCH ORDERS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE ON TUESDAY 19th OR WEDNESDAY 20th JULY BUT WILL RECOMMENCE ON THURSDAY 21st JULY.**

### School Choir

Sincere thanks to Mrs Oliver and our wonderful School Choir for singing at this week's Edu-dance Concerts. I know everyone who attended would agree that they were absolutely amazing! They sang 'One Small Voice' and then 'Rubber Ducky'.

These were the songs they sang at Songfest recently. Thanks to Mrs Oliver and to all Choir members for your time and efforts. Your commitment and hard work is certainly paying off. It's a pleasure listening to you.

### Staff Leave

Many of our staff are currently accessing Long Service Leave to comply with the Department of Education's requirement to clear all Long Service that accrued before 30 January 2014 by the end of this year. Please be assured that staff make every effort to ensure a smooth transition for their students. If you have any concerns, please discuss them with your child's class teacher or a member of our school's Administration Team.

### Staff Carpark

Please respect staff by not using the staff carpark.

### Happy Holidays

I hope everyone enjoys their well-earned break. Take care.

*Rochelle Williamson*

### Upcoming Events:

- 18 July - staff return to school
- 19 July - students return to school
- 21 July - Room 21 Assembly
- 1 August - P&C Meeting



### Merit Certificates

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded with Merit Certificates at our recent assemblies.  
Keep up the great work!

<b>ROOM 8</b> Mackenzie Esha Maylee Mia	<b>ROOM 9</b> Isabella Jacob Lisandhi Ruphie	<b>ROOM 10</b>
<b>ROOM 13</b> Sharon Stephanie Thomas Samantha	<b>ROOM 14</b> Zoe Cade Teagan	<b>ROOM 15</b> Anya Boran Sanuja Ella
<b>ROOM 16</b> Chyara Tanner Alston Joshua Jasiel Krystal	<b>ROOM 17</b> Amy Minzac Amber	<b>ROOM 18</b>
<b>ROOM 19</b> Ashton Ecclecia	<b>ROOM 20</b> Robert Sophia Ginella Tyler	<b>ROOM 21</b>
<b>ROOM 22</b> Maddison Saagar	<b>ROOM 23</b> Lucas Amy Tomo Brookelyn	<b>ROOM 24</b> Shafin Kaylee Zane Joshua
<b>ROOM 25</b> Mia Samuel	<b>Room 26</b> Charlotte Joseph Martina Derrick	<b>LOTE</b> Athena Christopher

### Opportunity to Participate in a Reading Aloud Survey

At this stage, not much is known about the current practice of reading aloud at school and at home in Western Australia. Your views are needed even if you have never read aloud to your child, or if you no longer read aloud to your child. This phase of the Western Australian Read Aloud Study seeks to discover the challenges and barriers to reading aloud at home. Your participation is greatly appreciated, and the responses you share will remain completely anonymous. The survey should take less than 5 minutes of your time to complete. The link for the survey is:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TDZC698>

If you have any further queries please do not hesitate contacting Sue Ledger on 9360 7476 or via email [S.Ledger@murdoch.edu.au](mailto:S.Ledger@murdoch.edu.au)



### FoodBank

Many thanks to all families who contributed to the 2016 Schools Appeal. Rossmoyne Primary met our target of 200kg of tinned food for distribution to the less fortunate of Perth. Thank you for maintaining our wonderful reputation of generosity and consideration for others in the community. Thanks also to Mrs Higgins for organising our school's participation in the appeal.

**Winter Carnival:** Congratulations to all the students who competed in the Winter Carnival. The day started really well with the bus driver announcing that we were the best school he'd ever had on the bus! Despite the rain and cold weather our teams performed well. Football and Netball 'A' finished second and all teams are to be commended for their sportsmanship.

### Willetton Dental Therapy Centre - Cold and Flu Season

As the Winter season has begun, we would like to remind parents to **rearrange their dental appointments if their child is unwell**. Contact us on 9457 4624 and we will reschedule your appointment. **STAFF ILLNESS=CLINIC CLOSURE!** Thank you for your understanding. Willetton DTC

## Kindy and Pre-primary Applications for 2017

close on Friday 22 July.

# Our 2016 Edu-dance Spectacular!



## 2016 Panda's Picnic

Some of our Year Five students attended this year's Panda's Picnic on 31 May, along with students from nine other schools at the South Perth Community Hall. The students interviewed each other in Chinese and participated in activities including writing Chinese characters on iPads, playing a chopstick game, making a shuttle cock and paper folding. They also participat-



ed in a Talent Show and watched a kung fu demonstration. Brookelyn and Jasmin were two of the Rossmoyne Primary students who attended. Brookelyn's favourite part of the day was the paper folding because she loves Art. Jasmin's group won the chopsticks game and her favourite part of the day was watching the kung fu.



## News from Room 19

The Room 19 students have enjoyed two excursions in recent weeks.

On Friday 10 June they visited Sherwin Lodge because they 'thought it would be a nice idea for the older people to have fun with us'.... and they were right! The Sherwin Lodge residents enjoyed chatting to them and listening to them singing. Our students also read their 'Would You Rather.....' books that they wrote and illustrated to the residents. The students hope to visit Sherwin Lodge again later in the year.

Last Thursday, Mrs Higgins, lots of parents and the Room 19 students also went to Fremantle. It was an extra special opportunity for some of the students as they hadn't been on a train before. Upon arriving in Fremantle, the students enjoyed a play in the park before going beach combing. They saw cuttlefish bones, coral and a blue bottle jelly fish. Chris even found 'something weird that was green'. When he squeezed it, green slime came out! Chris still isn't sure what it was but apparently his hands were really smelly afterwards. The group then visited the aquarium at Cicerellos, where they touched sea stars, sea apples and lobsters. Some of the mums even kissed a Port Jackson shark! After that, the students enjoyed feeding some fish, and many sneaky seagulls, from the jetty. After lunch, everyone then visited the Ship Wreck Museum. Our students looked at the remains of ships, discovered that the anchors were incredibly heavy and read about mythical creatures. Faith and Kelly also dressed up as mythical creatures that looked like mermaids, but apparently the best part was looking at the cannons.

Thanks to Mrs Higgins for organising these excursions, to all the parent helpers and to all the Room 19 students for doing such a great job representing our school while they were out in the community.