Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community Members

Have Your Say! National School Opinion Survey
All Australian schools are required to distribute this survey to seek feedback from parents, staff and students this year. I strongly encourage you to take the time to complete the survey and provide your feedback. Parents can access the survey via https://www.schoolsurvey.edu.au/s/7SuY9AhV

If you have more than one child attending our school, it is recommended that you focus on your oldest child in the school when responding to the survey. The survey is also available in 14 different languages. Please let the office know if you would like to access the survey in a different language. The information gathered from the survey will inform future school planning. The data collected from all schools will also be reported centrally to assist in determining system satisfaction and to shape and guide system responses. The results of the survey will be presented to staff and our School Board and will also be reported to the community in our school’s 2016 Annual Report. The survey will be available until Friday 19th August 2016.

School Board Meeting
The next School Board meeting will be held on Monday 22 August commencing at 7.30 pm in the Staffroom. Agenda items will include the proposed 2017 Personal Items Lists and Contributions and Charges, the Pastoral Care and Head Lice Policies and our 2015 to 2017 School Plan. All members of the school community are welcome to attend as this is our Annual Public Meeting.

2017 Planning
School planning for 2017 has already commenced. If you know your children will not be attending our school in 2017, can you please let the front office of the school know as soon as possible. Having accurate student numbers will help us structure our classes appropriately and reduce the likelihood of us needing to restructure throughout next year.

School Photos - Change of Date
Our school photos will now be taken on 24 and 25 August. The date has been brought forward to ensure the photos are available in time for our Year 6 Yearbook to be published. More information is included later in the newsletter.

Sick Children
While school attendance is extremely important, please do not send your children 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.

Before and After School Care
Please remember that children should not be arriving at school prior to 8.30 am unless they are attending special events such as Choir or Orchestra. Children should also be collected promptly at the end of the school day. If your commitments make this difficult, please arrange for your child to attend OSH Club.

Personal Items
A gentle reminder that children should not be bringing personal items such as Pokemon cards and sporting equipment to school. It can be very upsetting for them if they are lost or broken. Parents are reminded that the school accepts no responsibility for items that children do bring to school.

Thanks!
Thanks to everyone involved in helping the P&C raise over $1200 on Election Day. What a great effort!

Nature Playground
Our school is currently working with a company called Childscapes to design and install a Nature Playground. Read more about nature playgrounds and their benefits later in the newsletter.

Rochelle Williamson

Upcoming Events:
- 11 August - Room 15 Assembly
- 16 August - Interschool Cross Country
- 19 August - students visiting from China
- 22 August - School Board meeting, 7.30 pm
- 23 to 26 August - Book Fair
- 24 to 25 August - School Photos
- 25 August - Room 17 Assembly
WHAT’S ON IN SPORT?

- **Faction Cross Country** - this event which involved students from Years Three to Six was run on Friday. The first 5 place getters in each year level will now run in the Inter-school Cross country event.

- **Inter-school Cross Country** - The South Canning Inter-school Sports Association Cross Country Carnival will be held at Burrendah Reserve on Tuesday 16th August, 9-12.

- **State Cross Country Championships** - Primary Schools: This event is on Friday 12th August. Typically children who are elite runners in Years Four, Five and Six compete in these races at McGilvray Sports Park. Parents can enter their children via the School Sport WA website. Please note, the school does not enter a team so parents are responsible for transport and supervision.

- **Faction Athletics Carnival** - Wednesday 7th September, all day at school.

- **Inter-school Athletics Carnival, Riverton Primary School** - Tuesday 18th October (am only) - distance races, jumps and throws; Thursday 20th October - all day, track and team game events.

- **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.

RIVER RANGERS

The River Rangers meet on Wednesday afternoons after school. The teachers and students volunteer their time to learn about the environment and implement environmental projects. We have another exciting range of activities planned for this term. We will be learning about the macro-invertebrates in our frog pond, birds of prey (including Auzzie the Eagle) and carrying out water quality testing in the Canning River. We’ve also been carrying out research to find out how best to encourage students to use rubbish bins.
SCHOOL PHOTO DAY IS COMING! (24th & 25th August)

Our school photo day is coming! Approximately two weeks prior to photo day every student will bring home a Kapture Photography order envelope. The recommended method of ordering your photos is online through Kapture’s website as your payment is secure and can be easily verified at any time. Alternatively you can pay by cash and return the provided envelope to the school on the photography day. **If you place your order online please DO NOT return your envelope to school.**

Any parent who forgets or is unable to supply their envelope on the photo day will have five (5) days to complete an order online. Late payment envelopes cannot be accepted by the school office or by Kapture.

You also have the option to order a sibling photo package online, however please be aware there may be a limited number of sibling orders that can be placed due to time constraints on photo day. We suggest you place your online sibling order as early as possible to avoid disappointment.

**Please note sibling orders close @ midday sharp Tuesday 23 August 2016**

Kapture offer a money back guarantee for any parent who is not fully satisfied with their photo package. Should you have any queries before or after photo day, please direct them to the Kapture office on 9240 1714 or email enquiries@kapture.com.au

*All students will be photographed individually on photo day for school administration records AS WELL as included in their class group photo available for purchase to all families. Should there be any reason why your child should NOT be included in the photo shoot – please contact the school office.*

**THE BENEFITS OF NATURE PLAY**

There is currently a large international movement to get children involved in the outdoors and active play. This is being called ‘Nature Play’. Research indicates that it is nature that is beneficial to children; showing better motor skill development in children who played in nature than in traditional playgrounds. Despite the popularity of installing manufactured playground equipment in local parks, schools and early years settings, research by Freeman (1995) and Sobel (1996) clearly indicates that children prefer to play in natural outdoor spaces where they can manipulate their environment and elements including water, sand, soil, mud and grass, have trees to climb, and have resources such as berries, stones, flowers and wildlife to explore.

Richard Louv reports that children are now spending far less time outdoors than previous generations and that this decline in contact with nature may lead to what he terms ‘Nature Deficit Disorder’. Louv believes this syndrome is causing a diminished use of the senses, attention difficulties and higher rates of physical and emotional illnesses in children. Indeed, Louv’s book has been partly responsible for an international movement to get children back in touch with nature, including re-introducing gardens.

Following this current movement, there has been research into the addition of natural spaces in schools and early years settings, with a growing body of literature focused on the positive impact of nature and in particular, gardens on children’s health, enjoyment, and pleasure (Green, 2013). Research implies that gardens and nature play can positively influence children’s behaviour and their development in terms of mental health, social and emotional relationships and provide stimulating, sensory experiences. Natural play spaces are again emerging as one of the most compelling outdoor play spaces that can be created for and with children.

Rossmoyne Primary School will be installing a nature play space within the school. We will let you know more details as the design and construction proceeds.

Kimberley Beasley (MPhil, Ed)  
Children’s Landscape Designer at Childscapes
Community Announcements

Cyber Safety Seminar
On Tuesday 30 August at 7pm the Rossmoyne Shelley Scout Group is hosting a free seminar on Cyber Safety. This has been put together by a joint venture of the Australian Federal Police, Microsoft Australia, Datacom and the Commonwealth Bank. Information on the presentation is included below.

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KEYBOARD LESSONS
There are vacancies currently available for keyboard lessons. Cost: $19.00 for 30 minutes (4 students)
Where: Instrumental Music Room
Please contact Esther on 0449 757 553.

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1-2-3 Magic and Emotion Coaching Parent Course
To help manage difficult behaviour in children 2 to 12yrs. All 7 to 9.30pm. Wed 3rd, 10th & 17th Aug
Thurs 18th, 25th Aug & 1st Sept (focus on 2 to 5 year olds)
$180pp or $340 per couple

Protective Behaviours
$65pp or $120 per couple, Tue 6th Sept, 6.30 to 9.30pm.

Engaging Adolescents (11 to 16yo)
$150pp or $270 per couple, Wed 31st Aug & 7th Sept

Parenting Information Session (Including 10 take home tips)
This 2 hr seminar is designed to improve your knowledge and confidence as a parent. In House only.

Private consultations available.
To enquire/register call 9382 1182 or www.behaviourtonics.com.au

AUGUST 9 IS CENSUS NIGHT.
OUR MOMENT TO PAUSE AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

Look out for your household's Census letter. Use the unique Census Login to complete your Census online on August 9, or follow the directions to order a paper form.

Get online on August 9.

#MyCensus

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**Corinthian Park Tennis Club - Calling all Rossmoyne Kids**

Corinthian Park Tennis club would like to invite you to join our junior tennis club. If you love tennis and want the opportunity to play games and have fun, then CPTC junior club is where it happens. Junior club runs on Friday evening in term 4, 2016 and term 1 in 2017 from 4:30 to 6:30 PM.

Throughout the two terms there will be theme nights including prizes, competitions, a quiz and sausage sizzle. Before the games begin there is a warm up and group coaching.

CPTC is located on the corner of Leach Hwy and Beatrice Ave in Shelley. The cost to join the Junior Club is $120 for two terms running from October to April with a Christmas break. The fee also covers club membership until June 2017.

For those who want more serious competition, CPTC offers junior pennants that runs on a Sunday morning in term 4 2016 and term 2 2017.

Global tennis provide coaching if you are starting out on your tennis journey or just need to brush up your skills. Please contact our club Coach Nathan Nelmes on 0426166131 or at nntennis@hotmail.com

CPTC is your local tennis club and we would like to invite you to come down and play this fantastic sport. You never know, mum and dad might want to start playing tennis too.
Community Announcements cont.

Parkwood Primary School Family Science Night, Friday 19 August 2016
National Science Week – Drones, Droids and Robots
Please return this form to Parkwood PS office by Wednesday 17 August 2016.
All children must be accompanied by an adult!

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External Families (Not Parkwood PS)

Name: ___________________________ School: ___________________________
Address: _____________________________________________________________________________
Contact: ________________________________

I would like to purchase _______ Adults _______ child/ren tickets @ $5 per person = Total $ __________

Family Science Night Dinner Menu
Orders need to be back to the canteen by Wednesday 17 August 2016

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(A variety of juice, cans and water will also be available)

Name: ___________________________ Area: _________
School (If not Parkwood PS): ___________________________

TOTAL $ __________

Are you or your child interested in playing tee-ball, baseball or softball?
**Willetton Baseball Club** is a local club with members from 4 years of age. Registration Fees start at just $120 for the season.
To register or find out more information, go online at [www.wbc.wildcats.com.au](http://www.wbc.wildcats.com.au) or come along to our **Registration Day**:
Saturday 13th August from 8.30am to 12.00pm at Willetton Scout Hall, Apsley Road, Willetton.