TERM 3

This term looms as a very busy and exciting one. Early on years 5 and 7 students undertake assessments in science and society and environment then in weeks four and five we have science week and book week. There are many activities planned for each of these weeks including a whole school ice castle construction on Friday 16th August. The inter-school cross country takes place on August 20th and our choir is involved in the massed choir event on the evening of Wednesday 28th August. These events are followed by the faction athletics carnival in week 8 and the interschool carnival in week 10. In—term swimming for students from P — 3 takes place in the last two weeks of the term.

Interspersed amongst these activities are maths olympiads and a number of excursions and incursions.

My purpose in highlighting these is to encourage parents to use the school calendar on our website to keep up to date with activities as they are added. This ensures you are kept informed of all coming events that may affect your children.

Last term reports went home and if you need to see the teacher to discuss an aspect of your child’s report please make an arrangement to establish a mutually convenient interview time. I also ask that evidence files are returned promptly so that teachers can begin including second semester samples. I look forward to an exciting term.

2014

Every year we seem to need to start planning a little earlier. This year again we are commencing our planning early largely because of changes to the way system staffing operates. This means we need information from parents about any child who will be leaving the school in 2014. We are aware that a few students leave us in year 7 and that some families need to move for business or work purposes. If you know your child will be leaving at the end of 2013 I would ask that this information is provided to us in writing as soon as possible and sent to the office. This helps us plan our class structures and establish our staffing needs and thus ensure a smooth start the following year.

Kindergarten, pre primary and out of area enrolment applications closed last Friday but if you have forgotten please bring them in urgently.

Later in the term, when we have a clear picture of projected enrolments, opportunity will be provided for parent input into class placements and information about our placement processes will be provided. In addition I plan to provide an insight in to how any mixed year level classes to operate at Rossmoyne.

At this stage we anticipate enrolments to be about 450 very similar to our numbers at the beginning of 2013.

TRANSITION YEAR 7 TO SECONDARY

With the move of year 7 students in to the secondary environment in 2015 next year looms as a unique one for all primary schools as we will have two cohorts of students leaving primary school at the same time. We have had many conversations with Rossmoyne Senior High School about what this might look like and will continue to do so over coming months to ensure the best possible transition for our students. In addition we have already begun talking with each other at RPS about the implications for us. Things such as graduation, student leadership, classroom structures and so on. Once we have some clear thoughts about these things we will be putting out draft proposals to parents for their consideration and invite discussion at a parent meeting most likely in term 4 of this year. This is a significant change for our system and I urge parents to visit the department website, the RSHS website and ours for links to information about the changes and what it might mean. If you have any queries please feel free to ask.

“We are planning now for 2014. If your child is leaving us at the end of the year please write to us and let us know”
**WHATS ON IN SPORT**

For your diary.

**Interschool Cross Country:** Morning of Tuesday 20th Aug, Burrendah Reserve. The first 5 placed students from each of our Faction Cross Country races will represent the school at this event.

**Faction Athletics Carnival:** Wednesday 11th September

**Interschool Athletics Carnival:**
Jumps, Throws & Distance races, Tuesday 24th September,
Track & Team Game events, Thursday 26th September.

**Interim Swimming, PP-3:** Monday 16th-Friday 20th September & Monday 23rd-Friday 27th September

---

**SCIENCE WEEK - Mon 12th - Friday 16th August**

For Science Week this year we plan to build an ICE CASTLE.

Each child will need to bring an ice block (from a 2L square ice cream container) on Friday 16th August.

Rooms 19 and 20 will be presenting the Travelling Science Circus to all classes to celebrate scientific literacy.

*Thank you for your support - Monique Hill*

---

**MULTICULTURAL FOOD FESTIVAL AT ROSSMOYNE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Come and celebrate United Nations Day with us!

**Sunday 27th October 2013** from 2.30pm - 5.30pm.

Bring some food from your country of origin to sell on the day.

For more info email Sarah at ozigavina@yahoo.com.au

---

**ENROLMENTS 2014**

Enrolments for *Kindergarten, Pre-Primary or for out of intake area* for 2014 are now closed. The outcome of applications will be advised by August 16th. forms.

---

**LOST KEYS**

We have a set of keys in the office with dual ‘Eiffel Towers’ on the key chain. If you have lost these please enquire at the office.

---

**SCHOOL PARKING AND ROAD SAFETY**

**STUDENT SAFETY THE PRIORITY**

In the interests of the safety of our students, parents are asked to abide by the following common sense rules. This is especially important in the winter months when there is an increase in traffic around the school.

The acronym **CARE** developed by Rossmoyne Senior High School equally applies to us:

- **C**omply with the road traffic signs
- **A**void U-turns on Second and Third Avenues
- **R**efrain from entering the staff car park
- **E**ncourage your child to walk, ride or use the walking to school bus

Thank you for supporting our **CARE** traffic policy. Your courtesy and respect of the road rules makes our school safer for our students, families, staff and community. [courtesy RSHS]

---

**NUT AWARENESS**

There are increasing numbers of students with severe peanut allergies in schools which can result in anaphylactic shock from even the slightest exposure to nut based products. We strongly encourage parents to avoid including items in school lunches containing nut based ingredients. Your co-operation in ensuring student welfare is appreciated. We seek to ensure Rossmoyne is a ‘**Nut Aware School**’
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to Damon and Allen who came third and fifth respectively in their individual division and third overall as a team at the Golf WA / School Sport WA Primary School Golf Championship 2013. Well done!

Congratulations also to Brianna and Ellen who represented WA in the Australian Callisthenic Championships during the semester break. Their team came second in the junior section and Ellen came first as a junior graceful soloist.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Riverton/Rossmoyne Cricket Club - Registration Day, Sunday 28th July & Sunday 18th August, 9am - 11am (both days) at Riverton Reserve, High Road. For more info contact Joe Shipard on 0401 555 630 or email on rrjcc.secretary@gmail.com

Canning Cougars Tee Ball Club - Registration Days are Sunday 4th and Saturday 10th August from 10am - 2pm at the Club Rooms, Centenary Park, Centenary Avenue in Wilson. Fun for girls and boys from 5 - 12 years of age. Register on the day, via post or email. Forms are available at www.cctbc.com.au or contact Paul on 0438 869 537 or email registrar@cctbc.com.au

Singing Lessons available - for years 1 & 2. Basic music and fun songs, learning pitch, rhythm, hearing (aural). Cost is just $15 per half hour onTuesday or Wednesday afternoons, in room 5. Contact Esther Kim on 0449 757 553 to register or for more info.

Short Courses for the Community and Workplace - Challenger Institute of Technology. Enrolments are now open for a diverse range of courses in leisure, lifestyle, business and employment based training. Courses held weekly or on weekends at conveniently located venues. On line training is also available. www.shortcourses.challenger.wa.edu.au or 1300 300 252.

Murdoch University - is offering Preparatory Chemistry, Mathematics and Physics classes for Primary and Middle School Students (ages 10ys and above) . To enrol and obtain registration forms please contact: Adjunct Professor Jennifer Searcy on email - j.searcy@murdoch.edu.au or phone 0407 982 349 or 9386 4783.

Willetton Dental Therapy Centre - will be closed on Fridays in Term 3. In case of an emergency ONLY, contact the Leeming Dental Therapy Centre on 9332 3194.

INSIGHTS

by Michael Grose - No.1 parenting educator

What bullying isn’t, and what to do when it happens

Bullying should not be confused with teasing, rejection, random acts of violence or physicality and conflict. While children will often tease or fight, this bickering should not be confused with bullying.

Bullying is a world that’s wrapped in emotion. For many people bullying is associated with sad childhood memories. It’s been estimated that around 40% of people have experienced some type of bullying in the past.

Bullying is an insidious behavior that undermines children’s natural right to feel secure and safe. It can adversely affect their learning, emotional well-being, further peer relations and their sense of self.

Bullying takes many forms and guises including, physical and emotional abuse, intimidation, harassment and exclusion.

It now has a well-publicised cyber dimension which has moved the problem for many kids. In the past children could escape bullying behaviours they may have experienced by being at home. Cyberbullying now means that kids can’t escape the bully like they once could.

Bullying is not the domain of one gender. Girls bully just as much as boys but they do it in less physical ways. While boys use physical intimidation or verbal abuse to wield power, girls are more likely to use exclusion or social sanctions to assert themselves.

Bullying should not be confused with teasing, reaction, random acts of violence or physically and conflict. While children will often tease or fight, this bickering should not be confused with bullying.

Bullying is about lack of power: as one person is powerless to stop the teasing or physical abuse. Bullying is the selective, unprovoked, repetitive aggression of one person by another person or group.

If you think your child is being bullied then handle with care as children often don’t want to admit they are on the receiving end of bullying.

Some kids keep it close to their chests so it helps to be on the lookout for warning signs such as: kids being absent, changing the route to school and withdrawal from usual activities.

If your child is being bullied:

1. Listen to their story. Children who are bullied need someone to believe their story. Tell them seriously and avoid dismissing complaints as self-delusion. Use common sense to differentiate between bullying and more random, non-selective antisocial acts. Kids can be easy to each other, yet this doesn’t constitute bullying.

2. Deal with their feelings. A child who is bullied probably feels scared, angry and sad. Boys are more likely to display anger and girls claim they feel sad. The degree of emotional intensity is an indicator of the amount of bullying. Recognize and validate their emotions. Let them talk about how they think remember boys respond better to ‘hawk’ language and feel. It’s normal to feel sad, scared or just plain confused.

3. Get the facts. Get a clear picture of what happens, including who is involved, the frequency and what happens prior to any bullying. Get your child to be as specific as possible by asking good questions. An accurate picture will help you determine your next course of action.

4. Give them coping skills. With a clear picture you can start giving your child some help about how to or the way they deal with bullying including avoiding strategies, being more observant and changing poor body language.

5. Get the school involved. Bullying is best handled when parents and teachers are involved. Approach your school through the appropriate channels, make yourself aware of your schools anti-bullying procedures and programs, and be willing to work within these guidelines.

6. Help build your child’s support network. Kids need a group of friends to support them when they experience bullying to look for practical ways to broaden friendships groups.

7. Build their self-confidence. Provide children with systematic encouragement. Let them know through your words and treatment of them that they will get through this period.

It’s worth remembering that children who experience some form of bullying often come out stronger and more resourceful because they have experienced difficulties and they know they can defend themselves.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Last term we published several articles relating to the potential dangers of some aspects of social media. This is an ever-changing realm of the world of technology and pretty hard for all of us to keep up with. I was recently alerted to two things that lack the privacy settings necessary to protect children from predators and a combination of the two can lead to serious consequences such as being stalked online by unwelcome predators. Instagram and KIK combined can be just that. The use of ‘avatars’ allows predators to look appealing and remain anonymous. Social media can be fun, but if you don’t know how you can protect your children, it can be very dangerous. We urge you to remain vigilant.
NOW FULLY OPERATIONAL

New Before & After School Care at Rossmoyne PS

From Term 3, 2013 there will be a brand new Before and After School Care program at Rossmoyne PS run by OSHClub. OSHClub programs are great fun programs as there is so much to do, heaps of things to play with and they are staffed with wonderful, experienced and trained people.

Check out our mega toy boxes full of brand new fun stuff:
> Loads of toys and cars
> Board games
> Art and craft materials
> Dress ups
> Games
> Sports gear

Join in our exciting activities:
> Science
> Art/Craft
> Drama
> Cooking

Both permanent and casual or last minute bookings available.*
Book as much or a little as you need, whenever you need it.

The program will be open as follows:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Fee **</th>
<th>Opening Hours</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Before School Care</td>
<td>$5.71 to $17.50</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>After School Care</td>
<td>$7.77 to $25.50</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>After School Care (Mondays)</td>
<td>$8.64 to $28.35</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

* A late booking fee of $3 applies to all bookings made within 24 hours of the session. Fees subject to change.

** Families can apply for Child Care Benefit and the 50% Child Care Rebate so the actual fee payable will vary between these amounts depending on individual families’ circumstances. The CCR is not means tested which means just about all working or studying parents are eligible to receive it.
Call 13 61 50 to register.

Please enrol and book at www.oshclub.com.au to secure your places for Term 3. Enrolments are now open. Make all your bookings online except for last minute bookings which can be made by calling our office on the number below.

www.oshclub.com.au
08 9261 3200