

ROSSMOYNE REFLECTIONS

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Virtue of the Month for August - Excellence

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



National School Opinion Survey

Earlier in the week you would have received an email inviting you to participate in the National School Opinion Survey. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey. **It's important that we know what you think** we are doing well and what we can improve in. The results of the survey will be presented and discussed by staff and the School Board and will inform our future planning and initiatives.

2019 planning

Our planning for 2019 is already well underway. If your children will not be returning to our school next year, can you please let us know. Having accurate student numbers allows us to plan effectively.

2019

School Board Update

The School Board met on Monday evening. At the meeting, the revised Homework Policy was discussed and ratified and the Board were presented with an update of our **school's financial position. The updated Homework Policy** will be available on our school website next week. The next policy to be reviewed by staff and our School Board is our Dress Code policy. Our current policy is available on our school website. If you have any feedback regarding our Dress Code, please contact one of your Parent Representatives—George Atartis, John Coombe, Jessica Nailer, Kasia Deery, Patrick Chen and Leia Hunt.

The next Board meeting will be held on Monday 10 September and is our Annual

Public Meeting. All parents are invited to attend. Mr Atartis, our School Board Chair, will present an Annual Report and other agenda items will include the 2019 Contributions and Charges and the 2019 Personal Items Lists.

Science Laboratory

Primary principals were recently invited to submit applications for a grant to refurbish an existing room in their school to a Science Laboratory. Successful schools will also receive \$25000 to purchase science resources. As an improvement area **suggested at the 'Our School, Our Say' Forum** held last year was to improve our **school's physical environment, I submitted an application for our school. I'll be sure to advise you of the outcome when it's announced.** Fingers crossed!



Meeting with Teachers

Parent communication with teachers is encouraged. If you would like to speak with **your child's teacher, please arrange a mutually convenient time** with them, rather than just popping in at the beginning of a school day. This will allow them to be adequately prepared and will also provide you with the opportunity to speak confidentially without interruptions.

NAPLAN ONLINE - School Readiness Test

You may have heard that NAPLAN Online was introduced in 2018, with 274 Western Australian schools participating. Our school will be transitioning to NAPLAN Online in 2019. NAPLAN online will provide better assessment, more precise results and faster turnaround of information. **Your child's results will be returned to the school faster, within a few weeks rather than a few months.** This trial, called the School



Readiness Test (SRT), will enable us to assess our technical readiness to implement the new online assessments. In addition it will give us a chance to try out the new national online assessment platform in a real-life classroom environment. On Wednesday 5 September, some students in Years 3 and 5 will participate in a trial of the assessment platform, by undertaking online readiness tests that include examples of the new NAPLAN online questions. Each test will take about 45 minutes to complete. Participating in this trial is important as it will help us ensure we have adequate internet connectivity. During the trial, our teachers will have the opportunity to practise managing the classroom logistics for an online assessment and the new test administration processes. The readiness test has not been constructed to assess curriculum knowledge, but rather to provide students with an opportunity to experience the *types* of questions that will be included in the new online assessments. As such, reports will not be provided. Participation in the SRT is a key step to ensuring a successful NAPLAN online experience in 2019.

Rochelle Williamson
Principal

Upcoming Events:

- * 27 to 20 August—Book Fair
- * 3 Sept.—P&C Meeting, 7.30 pm
- * 5 Sept.—Great Vegetable Lunch, recess
- * 6 Sept.—Room 8 Assembly
- * 10 Sept.—School Board Meeting, 7.30 pm
- * 12 Sept.—Faction Athletics Carnival
- * 13 Sept.—Massed Choir Festival
- * 19 Sept.—New Holland Consort Performances
- * 19 Sept.—Learning Journey, 5 to 7 pm
- * 20 Sept.—Room 24 Assembly

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Merit Certificates

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

ROOM 8 Avahli Zoe Orlando Ellie Jessica	ROOM 9 Benjamin Amity Lincoln Jack	ROOM 10 Yasna Kevin Christopher Ava
ROOM 13 Bethany Mateo Harrison Stella	ROOM 14 James Ananya Camille Mitchell	ROOM 15 Brodie Ellie Tabitha Harry
ROOM 16 Jordan Karisa Neranda Toby	ROOM 17 Risa Maya Olivia Rylee Lale	ROOM 18 Harrison Thomas Yardley
ROOM 19 Chloe Taj Charlize Priyana Shelby	ROOM 20 Grace Brandon Ruphie Oolka Aretha	ROOM 21 Matthew Celeste John K-Jay Veronika Tanner
ROOM 22 Kiara Daniel Harriet Steven	ROOM 23 Jai Sanisha Gerda Spencer	ROOM 24 Rupak Oisin Brendan Riley
ROOM 25 Yuri Revya Evangeline Ashton	ROOM 26 Lucy Alex Dylan Briony	LANGUAGES (Chinese) Connor Saagar



Our 2018 Learning Journey

Wednesday 19 September
5.00 to 7.00 pm

Come along and join in the fun!

More information will be provided
through Connect.

Looking for **Parent**
Volunteers!

Lunchtime Chess Club

One of our students would like to set up a lunchtime Chess Club one day per week. If you are able to assist with teaching and supervising the club, can you please let Kerry in the front office know. Thank you!



Science Week

Our Science Week tabloids were a huge success! Read about some of the fun in the recounts below that have been written by students from Room 20.

- Oolka**—Today we had Science Tabloid Day and we had a ton of fun. It was entertaining and educational. We were divided into different groups to do different activities and learn about different things. The groups had a range of different students. The activities my group did were: light spinners, slime and bubbles. It was fun, entertaining and one of the best "Science Weeks" in the history of Rossmoyne Primary School. It was amazing!
- Anna and Ruphie**—On Friday, we had a Science Tabloid morning. We went to three lessons with different teachers each time. We were in a group of twenty people aged from Pre-primary to Year Six. Mrs Marshall ran the first lesson that we went to. We made ooblek and we had to help the younger kids. It got really messy and it was really fun. The second lesson we went to was with Miss Tran, and we made musical instruments. We made them out of pipes, sticky tape and half of a balloon. They made loads of different sounds and we had a lot of fun just messing around and playing with them. The third lesson we went to was with Mr Bycroft. It was surprisingly musical with glass cups. In groups, we had to play a tune/song with pencils. Ruphie's group came second while Anna's group came first proving that there is a lot of talent in Room 20. At the end of our last lesson, we were sad to stop doing science. This science day was such a good idea and we both had loads of fun!
- Grace and Eleanore**—On Friday, the 10th of August we had our Science Tabloid Day. Grace and I (Eleanore) went to different rooms to see science experiments. First, we went to Room 18 to make clucking-noise cups. Next, we went to Room 17 and experienced making paper bridges and supports. Finally, Grace and I walked to Room 16, where we made wind up cars. We ended up helping little kids with some activities. We enjoyed some very fun science investigations.
- Ashton**—On Friday the 10th of August, everyone in the school, went to different classes to try experiments for Science tabloid day. The groups started at 1 and went all the way up to 21. It was such fun. Students from Grade One all the way up to Grade Six joined in. We each went to three groups. We made slime, trumpets and ooblek and we all really enjoyed ourselves.
- Ryan and Riley**—On Friday, we made three spectacular science items, including a lava lamp, a balloon zip-line and tank racers. We were in Group 7, we were with Mrs Scott, Mrs Stringer and Ms Thomas. Our favourite activity was making the lava lamp with Ms Thomas but we enjoyed them all though.
- Ben**—Last Friday, we had Tabloid Science. I had so much FUN. The first activity I did was with Mrs Webb and Mr Byron and we learnt about physical sciences. After recess, we went to Ms Sas' class to learn about earthquakes and then we went to Mrs Marshall's room to make ooblek. I did not have a favourite one - I loved all of them.
- Rhiannon and Kate**—In Group 12 we did many intriguing activities all with similar concepts - reactions and mixtures. Starting with slime; made out of shaving foam, eyewash, PVA glue and food colouring. The slime was made by mixing all of these together creating a special mixture - the eyewash was the activator. With the other activities, vinegar and bicarb soda were playing the main roles. These two cause a chemical reaction....a bubbly one too. We ended up having lots of fun and making lots of mess.



Book Week

Thanks for your support everyone!



What's Been Happening in Languages—Chinese?

Year 6 “Engaging China Project” Visit

This event was run by the volunteers from the Australia China Youth Association and Chinese Language section on 25 July 2018. The aim was to provide the opportunity for our Year 6 students to enhance their understanding of Chinese culture through hands on experiences and through listening to the presenters.

My favourite activity was....

- So Won, Room 2....**Chinese calligraphy because I learnt the 4 treasures in a traditional Chinese study room** and it was fun writing my own name in Chinese calligraphy. I also learnt the correct sitting posture and how to hold the brush properly. It was a challenging activity but also great fun!
- Jamie, Room 26....**making jianzi (shuttle cock) because we learned about what Chinese kids used to do in the past to entertain themselves.** It was very fun to try out.
- Yuri, Room 25....**chopstick games because it was exciting and we had lots of fun competing against each other.** I also learnt more about chopsticks.
- Lillian, Room 24....**martial arts because it was a fun and relaxing.** I learnt that a lot of people in China do this to live longer. I liked all the activities but the exercise was my favourite activity.
- Fatima, Room 25....**Chinese calligraphy because it was really fun and once you got the hang of it, it was really easy.** I have never tried Chinese calligraphy before but I turned out to be really good at it. It was cool and felt different from writing!



Language Perfect World Championship 2018

Congratulations to the following students who achieved various awards:

- * Gana (Room 25) - BRONZE AWARD
- * Saagar (Room 25) - CREDIT AWARD
- * Emily (Room 8) - CREDIT AWARD
- * Sophie (Room 10) - CREDIT AWARD
- * Aimee (Room 26) - CREDIT AWARD
- * James (Room 26) - CREDIT AWARD



A Message from Miss Tran



Massed Choir Festival Soloist and Compere Audition Results

I would like to extend an exuberant congratulations to Nethuli (Rm 24) and Sienna (Rm 25) for representing Rossmoyne PS at the Massed Choir Festival Soloist and Compere Auditions on Saturday 11th August 2018. Both girls did an amazing job, so much so they were given parts in the concert! Nethuli will be one of two comperes for the evening and Sienna has been given a **solo part in the song 'Moondyne Joe'**. **Congratulations girls!**

If you would like to see the girls and the Choir in action, you can get tickets from <http://bit.ly/ticketsMCF2018>.

Please make sure to purchase tickets for Concert 2 – 13th September 2018. When booking tickets, please note that when looking at the stage, RPS will be on the left hand side. See you there!

What's Been Happening in Sport?

- **Morning Fitness Club:** The morning fitness club is up and running again on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 8:15-8:30 am. Please come along and kick start your day with some exercise and earn your classroom more laps towards the total.
- **Interschool Cross Country:** Interschool Cross Country was on Tuesday 14th August. Selected students competed very hard and did our school proud. Well done to all competitors. Overall as a school we finished in 3rd place out of 7 schools and we came 1st in the meritorious shield. The following students finished in the top 3 of their races, which is an outstanding achievement as each race had 35 students in it.
 - * Ruby, 1st place
 - * Kayla, 3rd place
 - * Kate, 3rd place
 - * Lillian, 2nd place



Lillian and Oisin accepting the meritorious shield.



- **Faction Athletics:** Our Faction Carnival is on Wednesday September 12th. Training for Athletics has begun in classes. Jumps and Throws dates are still being finalised. If you are a parent and would like to help with any of the Athletics, please contact Mr Bycroft or Mr Wilson.

Wellbeing

Wellbeing and Life Satisfaction

A recent article titled, 'Making a Difference to Student Wellbeing' explains that there are several factors that make a difference to student wellbeing. It discusses factors related to schools, classrooms and teachers but also talks about the importance of parental involvement and how parents can influence a child's well-being and life satisfaction. Suggestions made in the article include:

- spending time just talking every day
- eating main meals together around a table
- being involved in children's interests and concerns
- discussing how they are going at school
- being aware of the challenges children face at school
- encouraging children to trust in their ability
- encouraging children to be confident and motivated
- developing a positive relationship with your children's school

