Dear Parents,

What a start to 2014!

Six weeks into term one and our staff feel as though they haven’t been on holidays. Roebuck Primary School staff have tackled the new year with enthusiasm, professionalism, and a commitment to improve your child’s education across all areas of their schooling. This is not to say there hasn’t been that effort in the past just that we as an Independent Public School, are going through a period of radical change.

Along with the normal day to day classroom teaching, teachers have been involved in many extra curricular meetings and Professional Learning.

Staff meet every Tuesday 2:15pm for 60 minutes being either a general staff meeting or collaborating to formulate operational plans in all curriculum learning areas.

Data gathering through standardized testing in reading, maths and spelling which will become the basis for where all children’s educational needs will be formulated ie: programs designed to suit the individual needs of all students.

These plans, data gathering and analysis are at the forefront of 2014 Term one aims.

The early years teachers have been busy conducting ‘on-entry’ assessments. This provides these teachers with a basis to plan and progress the children's education.

Seven staff members attended a full day professional learning; “Team Teaching” this is a course designed to provide teachers with skills in detecting the triggers that lead to acceleration in behaviour, how to manage and the methods to address this.

Holly Ann Martin ran professional learning meetings with staff and parents, and visited most classrooms to up skill teachers and provide the children with mechanisms for how to deal with unwanted overtures in regard to their personal safety. (See page 4)

This week Rod Elmer from “Dare to Lead” visited Roebuck Primary School and met with groups of children, staff, parents, (indigenous and non-indigenous) along with administration staff to compile a collegial school snapshot of Aboriginal Education.

From this audit we will be able to assess what the school needs to do in the areas of Indigenous Education and how it relates to the implementation in Australian Curriculum and Roebuck Primary School.

All teachers have conducted parent meetings. Senior staff also attended the annual Leadership camp organized by Deputy Barbara Gould.

All parents and carers can see the staff have been extremely busy and tackled all activities with the professionalism we expect. Thank you staff.

These extra curriculum planning sessions and professional learning meetings are all in place to enhance the learning outcomes of your children. Please support the classroom teachers in their endeavours.

Greame Gordon
Deputy Principal
Zerlinda Gorring

Zerlinda has been appointed to Roebuck Primary School as a Support Teacher for Year 4-7 students. She will be working with small groups of students to further develop specific skills in Literacy and Numeracy.

Zerlinda will be based in Corella 2 and will be working closely with all teachers to ensure that her programs address the academic needs of selected students.

Teachers are busy gathering data on all students to ensure that accurate information is gained and the selection of students is appropriate.
Kira
Maisy
Jacob
Naomi
Brianna
Courtney
Hudson
Peyton
Allyra
Riley
Trent
Oliver
Jack
Molly
Rowan
Chelsea
Michelle

Isabella
Cameron
Lewis
Max
Kiara
Louis
Benjamin
Emily
Jonathon
Monique
Lexi
Stella
Jimmy
Indee

**AGM 18 MARCH 2014 AT 6.00PM**

The P&C AGM will be held in the staff room on Tuesday night. Joining the P&C is a great opportunity to be involved in your school through fundraising for additional resources for our kids and we would encourage all parents and carers to come along and participate.

**Easter Cake & Treat Stall.**
Saturday 5 April 2014
8:00am - 2:00pm
Boulevard Shopping Centre

**Year 6/7 Camp Fundraiser**

**CAN YOU help to ensure Book Club continues at our school?**

We are looking for a new Book Club Organiser to manage the Book Clubs here at Roebuck Primary School.

You can keep the reading momentum rolling at our school by helping provide children with more access to self-selected independent reading material all year long.

Running Book Clubs, benefits everyone—every Book Club order earns Scholastic Rewards which help purchase additional learning and literacy resources for our school.

When the brochures arrive at our school, a Book Club Organiser distributes the brochures to students and advises them of the return-by date.

As a Book Club Organiser, placing class orders on behalf of the teachers is simple, and done either online or by phone. When the orders are placed by class, the books arrive back at the school and are then distributed back to the classes!

Interested in making a difference at our school?
- Provide continuous access to the best books at the best prices for families!
- Help to feed readers with regular access to independent reading material.
- Earn free books for the school!

If you are interested in becoming the next Book Club Organiser, please contact Daphne 0419 100 210 or Sam 0430 442 664.
COMMUNITY NEWS

A reminder that, for duty of care reasons, the Department of Education requires us to differentiate between school organised, P & C organised, and business/community activities. All non-school activities are listed directly below our Community News header.

Safe4Kids is a Western Australian (WA) organisation which specialises in child protection education. The distinctive programmes delivered by Safe4Kids are specifically designed as a preventative measure to combat child abuse by providing children with clear messages regarding inappropriate behaviour. This allows them to identify unsafe situations and seek help immediately - and to persist in seeking help until they feel safe again. This educational approach emphasises that should anyone suffer unwanted touching, it isn’t the recipient’s fault, and that they have every right to have this situation dealt with. In many circumstances, protective behaviours is introduced to children after a critical incident has occurred, and whilst these important life skills are valuable for all children at all times, the strength of protective behaviours lies in empowering the children themselves to be proactive about their own safety before a crisis develops.

Last week, Roebuck Primary School had Holly-ann Martin from Safe4Kids visit our school. She visited many classrooms, spoke with all the staff during their professional development and held two parent information sessions.

“It was my very great pleasure to work with most of the students at Roebuck Primary last week. The children participated with great enthusiasm and I truly hope they went home and discussed what they had learnt with family and friends. I was also inspired by the response from the teachers and parents who attended the training sessions. I have great confidence that children attending Roebuck primary will continue to be taught Protective Behaviours.”

“One of the things I spoke with the children about was what to do if they should come across private pictures. I’ve asked the children to tell an adult about what they have seen. Children can be exposed to these images by accident but many told me they would not tell an adult for fear of getting into trouble or fear of having the technology taken away from them. Parents please talk with your children about this and reassure them that you will always listen to them.”

For further information you may like to check out my Facebook page or my website:

https://www.facebook.com/pages/Safe4Kids/118883254812505
www.safe4kids.com.au

Very kind regards
Holly-ann Martin

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BROOME AUSKICK REGISTRATION DAY

When: Saturday 22nd March 2014
Time: 9.00 am – 11.00 am
Where: BRAC (Pat Medlend Pavilion Undercover Area)
Cost: $70 includes Auskick Pack Forms Avail at Sportspower

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2014 CHARGES AND VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

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Cash or cheques (payable to Roebuck Primary School) are accepted, EFTPOS or a direct credit to school bank account:-

A/c Name       Roebuck Primary School
Bank           Commonwealth Bank
BSB            066 505
Account No     10134441
Reference      Please put your child’s name

CHARGES – Extra Cost Options Estimated Maximum Cost

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* $600 is the expected total cost inclusive of all activities, accommodation, transport and food for a five (5) day camp.

Parent fundraising has historically reduced the contribution to approximately $300 per student. This amount per child per annum is therefore dependant and directly related to the effort and energy of the fundraising.

Prior to camp, payment plans may be negotiated with the Principal.

Payment will be requested during the school year when costs and participation by students is confirmed

Approved at Board Meeting, 2 September 2013