Dear Parents,

Welcome to Roebuck Primary School community for 2014.

2014 holds many personal challenges and adventures for all our students; in-particular the 77 students starting Kindergarten in our early childhood classes and the 136 year six and year seven students who leave us at the end of this year as primary education moves to a K-6 format. The students within these bookend years have their respective opportunities as they enter a new year that holds many prospects personally, socially and educationally.

Teachers are organising their parent / teacher meeting that will occur over the next two weeks. Please endeavour to make this meeting as many items for class routines, expectations and curriculum are included on the agenda. It is also a chance to meet in a more relaxed setting. The establishment of contacts, routines and learning new expectations assist in the development of a school partnership to support the child's education journey and I encourage you to support and work with the class teacher and enjoy this part of your child's life.

Staff are always available to briefly meet with parents before or after school; alternatively, if a meeting requires more time, this can be arranged and the conversation given its due attention.

As a parent as well as a principal, I share the same trepidation as you as my own children enter a new school year. No matter what year; primary or high school, the sense of apprehension, uncertainty and excitement are all part of the education package. I see it as parent training for when our children become teenagers!

Remember: Don't always believe what your child says about the teacher; as the teacher doesn't always believe what your child says about you!

Term / Annual Planner
To assist with whole school (and long-term) planning, attached with this newsletter is the annual school plan. This document has locked in many important dates that should assist families with the planning of home / school commitments. Please note the change of School Development Days moving from what traditionally were always on a Monday; to this year, predominantly Friday. This move assists with the sharing of school resources and staff as we maximise our opportunities with the other schools in Broome.

School Board
As an Independent Public School (Broome Cluster) we have greater flexibility with aspects of school operations. I look forward to implementing greater aspects of school governance with the Board and seek parent / community input on aspects of school direction.

Parents & Citizen Association (P&C)
The P&C meetings are held Tuesday in Week 3 and Week 7 of each school term, commencing 6:00pm. This is an energetic and vital part of the school where parents and members of the wider school community can contribute to enhance and support student activities. It is not a huge commitment of time or energy BUT the assistance of a little by many goes a long way in achieving a lot.

Disco's are a fun and integral part of the student activity calendar. This year the disco organisation has been allocated to year levels. ie Parents from specific year levels are asked to contribute. The duties include assisting the P&C organisers in setting up; managing and packing away the disco. Further details to follow.

Kelvin Shem
Principal
EARLY CHILDHOOD NEWS

The early childhood area has recently had a very thorough sort and tidy up of their resources and have many, many puzzles with pieces missing. If you have a dad, grandad, uncle, brother or family member who is good at woodwork and may be able to help us with some repairs please have them contact Tracey Turner in Whimbrel 2. We would provide the materials and get students to fill in the missing picture but require a shape to be made to replace the puzzle pieces. Thank you.

MEDICATIONS

Parents / Carers

If you child has a medical condition ie Asthma, allergies, it is important you come to the office to complete the relevant documentation.

All MEDICATION is to be retained at the front office in the Medical Room. Thank you for your prompt attention to these details.

SWIMMING LESSONS

Swimming lessons scheduled for Week 4 beginning 24 February, HAVE BEEN CANCELLED due to lack of qualified instructors. Should this situation be rectified all parents will be informed.

LUNCH ORDERS

LUNCH ORDERS ARE AVAILABLE AT ROEBUCK PRIMARY SCHOOL ON MONDAY / WEDNESDAY / FRIDAY

PEAC MESSAGE—ERICA ROWLEY

The PEAC Parent Meeting will be held on Wednesday 19 February, not Tuesday 11 February as
Dear Parents, Grandparents, Uncles, Aunts, Cousins and Neighbours,

It’s great to be needed!

BOOK CLUB is on again for 2014! AND WE NEED YOUR HELP!

There are so many vital tasks you could undertake! Helping with Book Club doesn’t have to take up a lot of your time… it could be as little as a few hours per term. Book Club is all about bringing children and books together; there is nothing more precious than the gift of reading. PLUS running Book Club rewards both the school and the students with FREE resources.

Contact Daphne 0419 100 210 or Sam 0430 442 664 for details.

......And thank you in anticipation!

Dollarmite School Banking
is back for 2014!

Every Friday 7.40 – 8.00am
in Whimbrel Wet Area.

Please come and see Nicole, Elle or Mel to get an information pack if you would like to join. Last year the P&C was commissioned $522.64 by the Commonwealth Bank, well done kids!

This money was raised by new enrolments for Dollarmite and a percentage on deposits deposited for the year. A great way to teach kids about saving and also raise money for the school.

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The next P&C Meeting will be held in the staffroom on Tuesday 18 February at 6:00pm.

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2014 CHARGES AND VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS K-7
Curriculum Area COST

| The Arts       | $10.00 |
| English       | $10.00 |
| Mathematics   | $10.00 |
| Society & Environment | $5.00 |
| Science       | $7.00  |
| Technology & Enterprise | $7.00 |
| Physical & Health Education | $3.00 |
| Language      | $3.00  |
| Cooking       | $5.00  |
| TOTAL         | $60.00 |

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

| Excursions/Visiting Artists | K-7 | $60.00 |
| Interschool Sport          | 1-7 | $6.00  |
| Swimming                   | 1-7 | $90.00 |
| School Camp                | Years 6 & 7 | $600.00 |
| Graduation                 | Year 7 | $35.00 |
| Specialist Phys Ed         | 1-7 | $5.00  |
| PEAC                       | 5-7 | $100.00 |

* $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

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WANTED
ICECREAM CONTAINERS
JARS

Please drop to Science
Thank you Mrs Haymes-Holder

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INTERNATIONAL ANGELMAN DAY FEB 15
The following is an outline of the school Cyclone Procedures (Revised 22 Nov 2013):

**BLUE ALERT**

The school is open and students attend their regular classes.

**YELLOW ALERT**

If a Yellow Alert is called before school: Students do not attend school.
- Bus runs are automatically cancelled.
- Parents are notified of Yellow Alert by the media (local radio as part of the standard SES message).

If a Yellow Alert is called during the school day: students are sent home.
- Parents are notified of Yellow Alert by the media (local radio as part of the standard SES message).
- The School Bus Coordinator informs the bus company to collect bus students.
- Parents collect students as soon as possible.

Parents need to monitor media messages regarding school for the following day.

**NB:** Parents unable to collect their children must contact the school so that alternative arrangements can be made.

**RED ALERT**

Schools are closed during a Red Alert.

**AFTER THE CYCLONE**

The school will be closed for at least the following day to allow for assessment and repair of serious damage.

Parents continue to listen to the radio to receive information as to when the school will open.

If you require further information please do not hesitate to contact the school.