Dear Parents,

ASSEMBLIES
Our first 'whole school' assembly for this year entertained us with a great spread of performances by the students and Mr Fitts from Corella 5. With a relative short timeframe, the ease and confidence that the students performed is to be commended. Congratulations to all.

Please check the year planner that was sent home in the previous newsletter as it shows the changes we have made (for this year) regarding assemblies. There are going to be less whole school assemblies but more specific PP-2 and 3-7 assemblies. This format has been recommended as it allows us to be more specific and personalise aspects of the assemblies to the age group.

Whole school assemblies are a valuable part of the school culture and we continue to promote and celebrate these with a whole school emphasis and the 'community song'. Parents beware this is your time to shine in the 'community song' with the movin' and the groovin' and not just the students and staff!

IPS CLUSTER
As a member of the IPS Cluster incorporating Broome PS, Cable Beach PS and Broome SHS there are many commitments that we are doing collectively, including:
• Implementing the Cluster Vision as determined by the IPS Cluster executive in 2013
• Maintaining one staff meeting per term in ‘phases of learning’
• Continuing to build, under the leadership of Sam Price, the Broome Australian Curriculum English (BACE) professional learning community.
• Strong transition programs for students in the primary schools to Broome SHS.
• Sharing of resources and staff to better support transition programs
• Combining resources (funding and/or personnel) to gain greater benefit for specific programs.

Newsletter:

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 3 March
PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Friday 14 March
Assembly 3-7
Greenshank 2 & Corella 6

Monday 17 March
School Board Meeting
6:00pm

Tuesday 18 March
AGM P&C 6:00pm

Wednesday 19 March
National Ride to School Day

Friday 28 March
Whole School Assembly
Whimbrel 4 & Ibis 2

Thursday 3 April
Interschool Swimming Carnival
DISCO (Yr 6&7 Camp Fundraiser)

Friday 11 April
ANZAC Whole School Assembly

LAST DAY TERM 1

An action that derived from the IPS Cluster Strategic Plan was the reviewing of the logo of each of the member schools. We each wish to be united in the Cluster vision but retain our own, original identity. As such, each school has utilised the Department of Education’s Marketing and Communications branch to provide a high quality Broome Cluster image that can be used across the cluster whilst allowing each school to retain it’s original logo.

The Roebuck Primary School Board has endorsed the more contemporary image of our school logo and is seeking feedback from members of the community. The new logo will be included on our uniform in the near future and will not impact on the price of the uniforms. As in previous years where there have been slight changes to the uniform, a transition between the old and new is expected. The logos will be displayed in the front office for your perusal. Feedback can be directed to the School Board via email roebuck.ps@det.wa.edu.au.

Swimming Lessons
It was frustrating to cancel swimming lessons for this term. It is an on-going issue that the town has with the Department of Education qualified/employed swimming staff and an aspect of management beyond our control.

We, along with the other Broome schools, have had several discussions with managers in Perth but to no avail.

We continue to explore options and seek some resolution that is sustainable for schools and families.

Kelvin Shem
Principal
STUDENT LEADERSHIP CAMP 2014

Student leaders from Year 5-7 attended a Leadership Camp on 13 and 14 February at the Broome Camp School. During their two days away, the students worked extremely hard in developing the leadership skills of teamwork, public speaking, decision making, mentoring, creating a school culture and roles and responsibilities of the Student Council for 2014.

Many great experiences were had by the students who went home completely exhausted after their 12 hour days.

All our student leaders demonstrated exceptional ability in all areas and can be proud of their achievements already. I am excited about the year ahead and have no doubt that this wonderful group of students will reflect our school motto of “Working Together” and ultimately ensure our great school becomes even better.

MEET OUR STAFF

My name is Laurette Davey and I have just started as an AIEO here at Roebuck Primary School. I’m originally from One Arm Point Community but moved to Broome 4 years ago with my partner who has family here.

Last year during Semester 2, I worked at Cable Beach Primary School as an AIEO and Teacher Assistant. Prior to this I worked in the tourism industry at Kooljaman (Cape Leveque) and have been a stay at home mum.

I love playing basketball and enjoy watching cricket and football. On weekends I LOVE going out fishing and mud crabbing but when it’s footy season and the West Coast Eagles are playing I sit in front of the TV screaming.

YOUTHCARE SUPPORT CHAPLAINCY 2014

Support chaplaincy at Roebuck Primary School has gotten off to a good start and I look forward to being at the school again this year on a fortnightly basis. Every second Thursday will be the Chaplaincy day; my next visit is on 6 March 2014.

Please feel free to contact the school, telephone 9192 3377 if you feel I may be of help to you in any way. The staff will take the message and I will get back to you as soon as I am able to. I wish you all the very best for the year.

Suzy Anderson
YouthCARE Chaplain
Broome Primary School: Tue, Wed
Roebuck and Cable Beach Primary Schools: Alternate Thursdays
The Maths ‘Make and Take’ Resource Sessions are being held again this year. They are open to parents of Junior Primary (Pre-Primary to Year 2) and Middle Primary (Year 3 to Year 5) students. The resource ‘make and take’ sessions are an enjoyable and informative afternoon, with the purpose of providing support to those parents and carers who are looking to support their child with Maths at home. The sessions will be held in the staffroom over three terms, with each looking at a different aspect of Mathematics.

A note will be sent home with your child closer to the session time.

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Staff are required by law to keep accurate attendance records for every student enrolled at Roebuck Primary School from K-7.

They are required to record whether a student’s absence is authorised or unauthorised and to follow up on absentee notes. We ask for parent support in this matter by ensuring that their children are given a note explaining their absence, to be handed to the teacher upon their return to school.

If for any reason a note is not received, teachers have been asked to follow up with parents either by phone, email or letter.

Many thanks for your continued support,
Barb Gould

The following chart highlights the impact of non-attendance over time. Viewed in this context, the implications of regular absenteeism are startling. The chart shows the cumulative effect of persistent non-attendance over the period of compulsory schooling.

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**TAKING HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER**

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in July 2014 for their 3, 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Spain, Germany, Italy, Finland, Norway and Denmark will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaustr@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

Thanks and Kind Regards

**Genevieve Eyre**

Program Coordinator
Southern Cross Cultural Exchange
Tel: (03) 9775 4711 Toll-free: 1-800-500-501
Email: liaison@scce.com.au

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**Junior Netball Association**

**Junior Netball 2014 Registration Days**
Monday 24th & 31st March

**Registration & Activity Sessions**
4:30pm to 6pm @ BRAC Netball courts

**Fees:** $100 player
Payment methods: cash, eftpos, direct deposit

10U, 11U, 13U (girls & boys) - Competition nights Mondays
15 U (girls only) - Competition nights Tuesdays
Season starts 12th May

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**Broome Diamond Sports**

**PLAY MIXED**

**TEE-BALL**

**STARTING TUESDAY 11TH MARCH**

**Girls Come and Try T20Blast Night**

When: Friday March 7 2014,
Where: Nipper Roe Oval, BRAC
Time: 4.00pm-5.30pm

Come down and test your skills and have fun at Broome’s girl’s only junior cricket event!

Girls from ages 5-17 are encouraged to come down and have a blast!

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**Yoga 4 Kids**

2.30-3.30pm
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**Cooking Stars**

Please note all the above programs need 10 participants to run.

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Places are only secured once payment (+ EFT receipt number by email) and registration forms are received.

Methods of payment are cash or cheque (in person) or Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) via the internet.

Please note we do not have EFTPOS.

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