AS THE ‘DRY’ COMMENCES
Nearing the completion of my first year at Roebuck Primary School, I now get to see the change in weather and people as we move from one season to the next; the ‘wet to the dry’, and with it the change in pace and focus within Broome and across the Kimberley.

The advent of so many activities and events not only on the weekend but during the week make for a busy place and a little more crowded, too.

It is with this in mind as people begin to plan their busy schedules that I wish to highlight some events on our school calendar for this term.


Friday 30 May: School Development Day – Roebuck Primary School: Students do not attend school.

Monday 02 June: Public Holiday

The decision to have the Roebuck Primary School, School Development Day on the 30 May is to take advantage and follow up on the previous week’s professional learning cluster activities and put a Roebuck emphasis into our work. This will have impact on each and every classroom as the practice we are focusing on teaching styles.

The term calendar is full of many other whole school, year level and classroom events. Please check the annual calendar that was sent home last term or check our school website for the latest information.

SCHOOL BOARD
As an Independent Public School, the School Board, as one of its roles, is to review the effectiveness of the school and make recommendations to continue our improvement. Accompanying this newsletter is a hardcopy survey that I, on behalf of the Board, ask you to complete and return to the front office, so we may assess our school community perceptions on what it is we do. I thank you in advance for the return of this survey; as the more we receive the more accurate and informative this becomes in assisting our review.

I welcome Mr Wayne Lynch to the School Board. Mr Lynch is a parent of the school and brings his experience and financial background to the Board’s portfolio.

BROOME NORTH (PLANNING NAME ONLY)
Yes, Broome North Primary School is being built and planned to commence at the beginning of the 2015 school year. There will be information sessions over the next several months providing updates to the progress and appointment of the principal and staff to the school; including members of the public to commence the inaugural P&C and School Board.

Information out to the community will commence mid this term so please stay tuned.

STAFFING
There are several staff on or about to commence various leave (this term) and this not only means a change in staff but also the position they have within the school.

Mrs Parkinson-Varga (Registrar) replacing Mrs Oswald (currently on long service leave).

Mrs Sandy Kent – L2 School Officer

Mrs Atkins – L2 School Officer

Ms Maddy Fairweather – L1 School Officer

Miss Amy Joyce replaced by Mrs Amy Woodley (Congratulations on the nuptials)

Mrs Blackley joining Ibis 3 as Mrs Ross commences maternity leave at the end of the month

Mrs Penny joining Greenshank 4 as Ms Brealey commences long service leave

Ms Sukys will be commencing maternity leave at the beginning of July

Additionally, we welcome the following university students who are completing their teaching training:

Alice Turner - Ms Keeffe Year 2 class.
Lauren MacAulay - Ms Dearing Year 3/4 class
Carly Williams - Ms Bachman Year 6/7 class.

Kelvin Shem
Principal
Since the commencement of 2014, the Student Councillors have been meeting each week to formulate an Action Plan for the year.

As a follow up to the Leadership camp they attended in February, the students have been focused on examining ways in which their leadership group can contribute to the school, thus ensuring its efficacy.

We have been looking at the areas of:

- mentoring
- creating a school culture
- reducing bullying
- creating activity
- championing sustainability
- tackling the impossible
- fundraising
- representing the school in the community.

There have been many wonderful ideas put forward and these have been developed into our Action Plan for 2014.

The student leaders have already demonstrated their ability to ‘represent the school in the community’ by attending the ANZAC dawn service at Bedford Park. Twelve councillors marched in the parade and the two school captains, Jesse and Samuel laid the wreath.

‘Creating a school culture’ was evident in the exemplary manner in which the Student Councillors organised and ran the Roebuck PS ANZAC assembly at the end of last term. Jesse and Sam did a great job under immense pressure. Thanks are also extended to our flag bearers and the choir for their contribution to the assembly.

Last weekend, our student leaders also demonstrated their skill in “tackling the impossible”. For many years, there have been countless requests for the line markings on the netball court to be renewed. Our wonderful student leaders decided to take up the challenge and organised parent helpers to assist with this task. It was all hands on deck as the students worked side by side with the parents to tape off the lines and paint. The end result is amazing and we have many enthusiastic netballers who are looking forward to playing on the courts.

On behalf of the student councillors I thank all our parent helpers who assisted at the above events. Without parental support our student leaders would be limited with what they can achieve.

On behalf of the school community, I thank our student leaders for their enthusiasm, tireless efforts and action in demonstrating our school motto of “Working Together”.

Barb Gould
**DONATIONS WANTED**

The PEAC students need your help.

We would appreciate donations of the following items:

- 2L yoghurt buckets
- 10L ice cream buckets
- Cardboard rolls from paper towels, plastic wrap, aluminium foil etc.
- Flat styrofoam sheets (like you get with a new fridge)

*Any donations can be dropped off directly to the PEAC room—Corella 3*

THANK YOU!

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**BOOK FAIR!**

Yes it is back again!
Books covering ALL ages.

Selling will commence:
**TUESDAY, 20 May and finish THURSDAY, 22 May.**

Opening hours: 7.30am – 2.30pm each day.
Cash, cheque or credit cards.

Bring a bag and get a bargain!

Every purchase contributes towards a commission for the Library and ALL Roebuck students.

**BOOK FAIR - HELPERS NEEDED**
Parent helpers are required for the sale. If you can donate some time before or after school or at lunch time please see Malcolm.

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**2014 CHARGES AND VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS**

**VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS K-7**

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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

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**CHARGES – Extra Cost Options**

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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

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**Lunch Orders**

Last term a new lunch order menu was forwarded home. Could you please ensure that the **Term 2 Menu** is being used when ordering lunches. If you didn’t receive a copy you can collect one from the front office.

Thankyou—Roebuck Deli
Thank you for your support of our Easter Raffle. We managed to raise over $1800 which will be spent on school resources and projects to benefit your kids.

Our new P&C committee invites you to attend the next meeting on **Tuesday 13 May** from **6pm to 7pm** at the school staffroom. We are holding a 30 minute planning session for the P&C, including evaluating and prioritising all our fundraising ideas. If you have never been before but would like to become involved in some small way (your level of involvement is your choice) we would love to see you there. Also, if you have any good ideas or have an understanding of what has worked particularly well at other schools, we’d love to hear from you.

Our next fundraising venture is soon to be launched- keep an eye out for your St John’s Ambulance First Aid Kit Fundraiser order form coming home shortly with your children.

In addition to running the regular fundraising events and activities to reach our annual funding target of at least $20,000 (directly funding school projects and student resources), our P&C objectives for this year include:

- Better payment systems for P&C fundraising activities (e.g. Paypal, EFTPOS or other)
- More communication and engagement with parents about our activities and efforts
- Review of uniforms including pricing, quality, logos, suppliers, payment methods etc.
- Improved planning for events and recording event procedures for future P&C Committees so we don’t need to re-learn the process each year!

A reminder we have an excellent P&C Facebook page that you can follow by pressing the ‘like’ button. Just search Facebook for Roebuck Primary P&C into the search box. We have 86 followers so far! Keep in touch and we look forward to seeing you on the 13th May.

Melissa Hartmann
President

**Easter Raffle Winners:**

- **1st Prize**  Mrs Renee Bettink
- **2nd Prize**  Jaybien Buckley
- **3rd Prize**  Lewis Incerti
- **4th Prize**  Caitlin Bartlett

**HAPPY MOTHERS DAY**

**SUNDAY**

**11 MAY 2014**