Dear Parents

Welcome to Roebuck Primary School; our inaugural year as K-6.

It has been great to see familiar faces return in addition to welcoming over 60 new students and dozens of new families to our fantastic school.

Our enrolments are approximately 560; a reduction from the 735 in mid-October last year. People have already commented how much less student and vehicular traffic there is around the school and that there is a more relaxed pace and atmosphere. We are still experiencing some fluctuation in enrolments but hope that it remains at this level or higher; as the school class structure is dependent on a critical mass per year level. Our census is this Friday and we shall have it confirmed during Week 3 on exactly what is our first semester funding.

It has been noted by staff and parents alike that students have settled quickly into class routines and picked up on existing or are establishing new friendships. One thing staff have commented on is the improved level of achievement students have entered the classes with this year; a testament to the great work by staff and students over the past few years building on existing foundations to meet Roebuck’s high standards across all subjects.

Parent / Teacher meetings are occurring over the next few weeks. Please check with your class teacher as to these dates and times. During these sessions the specific expectations, class routines and school procedures will be shared with you.

We have many wonderful teaching, support and ministerial staff that work hard and give that ‘bit extra’ to make Roebuck Primary School a school of which we can be proud. A full list of staff is provided overleaf.

On behalf of our dedicated and professional staff, I welcome you to a new and exciting school year and invite you to part of the many planned events and encourage you to celebrate with your child/ren the highlights and achievements we will experience in our school program this year.

Kelvin Shem
Principal

School Development Days for 2015

2015 has one less School Development Day than previous years. Our nominated days are linked to whole school planning and focus and have been dictated to us by the availability of consultants who are providing specific training for staff.

The following three days impact on our school calendar. These dates have been endorsed by our School Board.

They are:

- 03 March – Tuesday (RPS)
- 20 April – Cluster (All Broome schools)
- 06 November – Friday (RPS)
Parenting WA CIRCLE OF SECURITY

A seven session parenting program for parents of aged 0-8

Would you like to understand:

- how children learn to feel safe
- the different ways your child responds to you
- how to help your child feel comfortable in the world
- what it is that you do well as a parent.

Where: Broome CIRCLE @ Broome Community House
Corner Frederick & Weld Streets.

When: 11 February - 1 April, 2015

Time: Wednesday's 9-12

Cost: Free

Creche: Provided

Contact: Tamara Austin 9193 8474 or 0437 055 192

Email - tamara.austin@dlgc.wa.gov.au
**CHARGES – Extra Cost Options** Estimated Maximum Cost

* $650 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.

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**2015 CHARGES AND VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS**

**VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS K-6 Curriculum Area COST**

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

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

Voluntary Contributions and Charges were approved at Board Meeting, 1 September 2014

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**Cyclone Procedures**

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.
On behalf of the P&C, I’d like to welcome all our new and old Roebuck parents to another exciting school year!

The P&C continues with its 2014 Committee, who include:

President: Melissa Hartmann
Secretary: Donna Cahill
Treasurer: Matt Sear
Uniforms: Lisa King
Facebook: Katy Crawford
Scholastic Co-ordinators: Lindsay Thorpe and Angela Crowe

Plus many more wonderful people who actively engage in P&C events. Our aim is to raise funds for a range of important school resources, infrastructure, programs and events that otherwise are not funded. Last year we raised over $25000, and our target (with reduced school numbers this year) is around $20,000. We also aim to provide RPS with a sense of community and generate some fun through events like the discos.

In addition to this newsletter snippet, we aim to keep all parents informed through: Email P&C newsletters (different from the school one). If you haven’t received an email yet, please send me one at roebuck.pandc@gmail.com and I will put you on the mailing list. We have over 200 parents already on the list, so don’t out miss all the important info!

Facebook – like our page to follow us. Search for Roebuck Primary and press ‘like’.

Our first 2015 P&C Meeting is at 7pm on 17 February in the staff room. We warmly welcome everyone to attend- we really value everyone’s input. You are only asked to do what you are willing to do – even if it is just to show up for meetings! It’s a great way to meet parents at the school and have your input into how the school progresses.

A Year 6 Camp sub-committee of the P&C has recently been set up, with the first fundraising effort for Year 6 parents to deliver all the Broome Directories around town for a cool $5000. They will also host the first disco of the year (March).

To all of those who bought a ticket in our “Chopper Drop” that became the “Crane Drop”(!), thanks for your support and it turned out to be a great spectacle. Congratulations to the Stone Family who won the $2000 prize. The P&C raised $5,500 from the Raffle, so a great end to the year.

A quick reminder that the uniform shop is open every Friday from 7:30am-8:15am and is located in the Whimbrel block with entry near the library.

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School Banking 2015

Dollarmites School Banking is back for 2015.

This year Dollarmites are on a mission to Planet Savings’

Every Thursday 7.40 – 8.00am in Whimbrel Wet Area

Come in and see Nic, Mel or Tracey to get and information pack if you would like to join.

A big congratulations to all the Dollarmites students from 2014 who raised $697.42 for the P & C!!

A great way to raise money for your school and learn valuable money saving skills!