Dear Parents,

I wish to extend my appreciation and thanks for the collective support from parents, students and staff in response to the disruption we had with the restructure.

Due to the professional approach of the entire staff there has been minimal disruption to the high quality teaching program as staff continue to work collaboratively; completing the screening assessments across all classes with information shared and moved with the students. The continuation of very engaging class programs and routines is to be commended.

The current school / class structure was created to minimise disruption from our original set up. I do understand and appreciate that not all outcomes of this move have met with approval and parents have exercised their right to enrol elsewhere. While we respond and adjust to these movements away from Roebuck Primary School, I shall endeavour to cover the pressure this places on our school. I believe that all student placements have been or are currently being addressed and that staff placements and changes will be kept to a minimum.

Student Councillors
The Student Councillors had their leadership camp during the second week of term1 and introductions to the school community and presentation of badges was completed at last week’s assembly. Congratulations to these students who have already demonstrated qualities of leadership and maturity beyond their years. A special mention to our School Captains: Bree and Riley.

School Development Day
Roebuck Primary School development day is next Tuesday, 3 March, backing on to the Labour Day long weekend. Students return to school on Wednesday, 4 March. Staff will be participating in professional learning focused on classroom observations and professional feedback on teaching practice. This focus is something that is being promoted by the public schooling system as evidence indicates that to improve student learning and outcomes, staff must be more aware of their teaching styles and engagement of classroom practice. Staff at Roebuck Primary School already work collaboratively and this classroom observation and feedback is an extension of high professional commitment by staff.

Students Do Not Attend school these days.
Monday 2 March 2015 Public Holiday
Tuesday 3 March School Development Day
Attendance at Roebuck Primary School

The School Education Act 1999 requires compulsory aged students to attend school, or participate in an educational program of a school, on the days on which the school is open for instruction, unless an alternative written arrangement has been entered into for the student.

Why is it important to ensure that your child attends school regularly?

- Apart from the legal requirement to attend, it is vital that children attend every day for the sake of their future successes, academically and emotionally as well as in regards to employment choices.
- It is very important that parents help children to develop a good attendance career from the very beginning by ensuring that they attend kindergarten or school whenever possible.
- Current research points to a strong link between regular and consistent attendance patterns established in the early years of schooling and those patterns continuing throughout a student’s career.

The Telethon Institute for Child Health Research report, Student Attendance and Educational Outcomes; Every Day Counts on Western Australian students clearly shows that every day counts in terms of a student’s achievement and that those students who miss any school have reduced academic outcomes compared with those who attend regularly.

- The impact of absence on achievement is greatest for students who are already at educational disadvantage.
- Unauthorised absences have a greater negative impact on student achievement than authorised absences.
- Being half an hour late to school each day from Year 1 to Year 10 is approximately equivalent to missing one year of schooling.
- A student who is absent 1 day a fortnight will, by Year 9, have missed 1 year of schooling.
- The negative effect of absence on achievement is cumulative over the course of a student’s attendance career.

Teachers have a legal obligation to complete a class roll twice a day to ensure accurate records are retained for student absences. Teachers are also required to follow up with parents with regard to notification of reasons for a student’s absence. Please supply a note to the class teacher on return of your child to school. If a note is not supplied, teachers are obligated to follow up with a letter/phone call/email to you for information regarding the absence.

The Director General of Education, Ms Sharyn O’Neill, has stressed the importance of improved student attendance in our school and has made this a focus for 2015.

Students must attend school on a regular basis to gain the maximum benefit from schooling and optimise their life opportunities. Research has established that every day counts and that there is no safe level of absence from school.

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Clancy
Austin
Bailee
Lani
Corella 1
Daniel
Jack
Connor
Cate
Charlotte
Micah
Indee
Zachary
Poppy
Trigg
Leo

Kobe
Ben
Phillip
Kira
Giselle
Tarik
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Zachary
Astyn
Jesse
Cindy
Jade
Manaia
Joshua
Lucy

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Ella
Callum
Paige
Amali
Tayla
Layla
Toby
Riley
Casey

Poppy
Mackenzie
Millie
Madison
Harri
Hayden
Lucy
Brandon
Emma

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Roebuck APP

Roebuck Primary School now has a new mobile APP which allows pop-up messages and instant alerts to remind parents of upcoming events and changes. It also includes absence notes and parents are able to access the school newsletter at the touch of a fingertip. You can download the new APP by going to your APP store and searching for Roebuck Primary School, its that easy!
**2015 CHARGES AND VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS K-6**

**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:

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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* $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.

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

Voluntary Contributions and Charges were approved.

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**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

Roebuck Primary School currently has two vacancies:
- Level 2 Library Officer .87FTE and a
- Level 1 Cleaner — listed as a Pool

More information and applications for these roles can be gained from accessing [www.jobs.wa.gov.au](http://www.jobs.wa.gov.au) clicking on “jobs” and selecting Location Region “Kimberley Region”, Agency “Education, Department of”, search.

Applications close Wednesday, 4 March 2015 at 2pm

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**P & C NEWS**

A reminder that, for duty of care reasons, the Department of Education requires us to differentiate between school organised, P&C organized, and business/community activities.

Can you believe it’s March already?! Thanks to those who attended last week’s P&C meeting, we managed to get a quorum which is always a good thing! The next meeting is our AGM so we look forward to seeing you there.

Well done to parents of Yr 6 students who have delivered 18 pallets of Broome directories in the heat of February to all of Broome. The effort has raised a cool $5000 for the Yr 6 camp. The Yr 6 group will also host the first disco of the year in March.

The P&C is looking for someone to help run the Footy Tipping Competition for 2015. Online tipping software should make it a fairly easy process, so if you are willing to help please let us know: roebuck.pandc@gmail.com. Also if there are any families with companies out there willing to sponsor a portion of the prize money that would be very welcome!

Don’t forget - if you, or someone you know, is looking for a home or business loan then see the NAB here in Broome and mention Roebuck Primary School. We won’t know who you are, how much you’re lending or any details, but we will receive a nice ‘spotters fee’ as part of our NAB community partnership.

*Melissa Hartmann*
IS my child eligible for Transport Assistance?
Before applying for Student Transport Assistance, we need to determine your eligibility. **School Bus Service** will assess your application against the appropriate criteria to determine eligibility for travel on a school bus or a Conveyance Allowance.

Mainstream Schools
- Is your child enrolled at their nearest appropriate school?
- Is your child aged between 3 years and 6 months and 18 years of age?
- Will your child use the school bus for at least 6 trips per week?
- Do you reside more than 4.5 km from your child’s school?
- Do you reside outside a designated Public Transport Area? For information on Public Transport Areas, please visit [www.schoolbuses.wa.gov.au](http://www.schoolbuses.wa.gov.au)

Swimming Instructors Required
If you are available for swimming lesson instruction or are keen to become a swimming instructor please call Ricinda Cook on 0407 557 479. Swimming Lessons will be timetabled for Yr 1 students early in term two.

Foster carers are urgently needed in your community—Come and find out more at Fostering Service **Open Day** 11 March at Lotteries House 3pm—6pm.

- Bouncy castle
- Sausage sizzle
- Guest speaker
- Face painting
- Community connections

Register now for the 2015 Auskick season:

1. Go online to [www.aflauskick.com.au](http://www.aflauskick.com.au) to register and pay online (register on-line before 14.03.15 for your chance to win an AFL footy jumper from Sportspower. 4 to give away!).
2. Come to Registration day at BRAC on 21 March from 9.00am – 11.00am.
3. Register at Sportspower stores.

**Pre-primary (5 years old) to Year 3**
**Season dates:** start Friday 24.04.15 – 04.07.15 (then every Saturday morning after that)
Like Broome Auskick Facebook page for further information.