Dear Parents

NICOLA WALTERS—SCHOOL BOARD
SURVEY FEEDBACK

Many thanks to those of you who responded to the survey that went out to families earlier this term. There were a lot of very positive responses praising the friendly and genuine staff, lovely grounds and the amazing parents and students that make up our great Roebuck community.

There were also some comments regarding how Roebuck Primary School could make some improvements including the lack of adequate parking, size of classes, the lack of a language program and the request for progress on student performance during a term.

In response to the issues on parking and class sizes; Roebuck Primary School is at it’s largest this year, with reallocation of funding to the school and increasing numbers of students from Broome North families has placed huge pressures on Roebuck Primary School in 2014. Roebuck Primary School currently has 722 students enrolled. These pressures will ease from 2015 onwards with the Year 7 class level moving to secondary school and the Broome North School opening. The number of students is predicted to drop to between 525 – 570 in 2015. These numbers are predicted to continue dropping to around 450 in 2020. This natural reduction in student numbers will ease the car parking and class size issues.

Exposure to a Language has inherent positive outcomes on students and is something we are keen to have at school.

Previously, Indonesian was taught to students, though not necessarily across all year levels. Being in Yawuru country, we are keen to provide exposure to Yawuru as part of our cross cultural experience and meeting the needs of the Australian Curriculum. Currently, the school is investigating several options to provide exposure to Languages with the intent to have a sustainable program available from the beginning of next year with the available resourcing.

The request for progress on student performance during a term:

This response was mostly from parents new to the school with children in Kindy or Pre-primary. Many of the positive responses from parents indicated how accessible and helpful teachers are when approached by parents enquiring about school progress. As a parent I have always felt welcomed by my child’s teacher to approach them during the term to discuss my child’s academic progress. I am hoping that new and existing parents to this school will take advantage of this open door policy to enquire about their child’s progress during the school term.

Parents are welcome to review the survey responses. Copies will be placed in the Admin building.

KINDY ENROLMENTS CLOSE 25 JULY

Yes, it is that time again where parents of children who wish to enrol in KINDERGARTEN (Born between 01.07.2010 – 30.06.2011) for 2015 are asked to submit an application for enrolment with confirmation being confirmed by the school by mid August. For further information, please check the Roebuck Primary School’s website; the Department of Education at http://www.det.wa.edu.au/curriculum/support/earlychildhood/detcms/portal/ or speak to the friendly ladies at reception.

COMMUNICATION

Always a difficult aspect within and across the school to such a wide audience. We have started investigating and soon to trial several different options we can improve communication to the school community. Options include but not exclusive: change of format and frequency of the traditional paper newsletter; increase of noticeboards around each cluster; the introduction of a School App (Android and Apple) where family members have a personalised school app providing specific electronic information and school calendar at your fingertips.

ASSEMBLY POSTPONED

Our assembly (Years 3-7) has been postponed till Friday 26 as we have the students participating in a whole school incursion organised with Dr Graham Walker from Inspiring Australia. Mrs Haymes-Holder organised this as part of the school’s priority Science focus.

Kelvin Shem
PRINCIPAL
**SLINKIES ARE BACK**

Tuesday saw the start of slinkies used to peel fruit and make it more interesting for students to eat with a healthy focus. Feel free to bring a whole apple to have it turned into a slinky which is available every day at recess in your blocks undercover area for the next several weeks.

Community Action Team

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**Reporting Information Session**

A reminder to parents that the Pre-Primary and Year One teachers will be presenting an Information Session to explain the report format.

**Pre-Primary Parents**

When: Monday 30 June 2014
Time: 3.30 pm
Where: Whimbrel 2

**Year 1 Parents**

When: Thursday 26 June 2014
Time: 1.15 pm
Where: Staffroom

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**Greenshank 2 Year 3 and 4 Update**

To celebrate the wonderful work completed this term by the Year 3 and 4 students of Greenshank 2, a special Parent Morning is being held in Week 10 of this term. This will be hosted by the hardworking students of Greenshank 2, Mrs Dearing, Mrs Drew and student teacher Miss MacAulay.

When: Monday, 30 June 2014
Time: 8.45 am – 10.00 am
Where: Greenshank 2 Classroom/Wet Area

All family members of Greenshank 2 are very welcome to attend this open classroom event. Morning tea will be provided, made especially by the Year 3 and 4 students.

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**UNIFORM SHOP NEWS**

On Friday 27 June from 7.45am the uniform shop will be selling uniforms in the Kindy/Pre–Primary area. We will be selling all items in sizes 4 and 6. Please note that we only accept cash or cheque as payment.

Lisa King—Uniform Shop
ASSEMBLY REPORT - 5 JUNE 2014

Last week at the year 3-7 assembly we had two outstanding performances! In the first performance we had some very creative singing about having a very bad day. In the second item the class assisted the whole school in learning the ‘Sid Slide’. If you were wondering what the ‘Sid Slide’ is, it is a hip-hop dance involving sliding and granny turning! Well done to the students who participated in last weeks assembly.

Written by Eva - PR Action Team
**LAPATHON**

This is the P&C’s biggest fundraiser of the year, so please get behind us to make it a success. Help your kids get sponsored for the number of laps they do, or simply a donation for effort. They can wear their favourite team’s colours on the day. Every single dollar counts for us! If you need another lapathon form, drop into the front office or email us at roebuck.pandc@gmail.com

**PAYMENT DETAILS:** The form may be a bit misleading, so just to clarify -

- you can pay in cash by sending a sealed envelope/bag to school with your child.
- you can pay online via EFT direct deposit to our bank account (see detail on the form)
- you can pay with a cheque made out to Roebuck Primary School P&C Inc.

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**First Aid Fundraiser**

You hopefully have received our First Aid Kit fundraiser in the last newsletter... if not let us know and we’ll get you another. Please feel free to make orders for businesses, friends and family who want to take advantage of this great offer. The P&C will receive 25% of all sales so it could be a big one for us and you benefit from receiving a high quality St John’s First Aid Kit of your choosing. Orders are due back at school on **Thursday 26th June**... (and the following week for kids on camp). We have several payment methods including online payment.

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**Newsletter**

If you haven’t received an email from us recently, and would like to receive our regular online P&C newsletter via email, please email the words **SUBSCRIBE** in the subject line to roebuck.pandc@gmail.com and we’ll put you on the email list. Keep up to date with what is happening at school!