



Roebuck
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Roebuck Primary School

An Independent Public School - Broome Cluster

NEWSLETTER 9 - 18 September 2024

School Vision: Working together with high expectations; through quality teaching and leadership, Roebuck Primary School students will be positive, resilient, inclusive and successful citizens.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 7 October
Students return for Term 4

Friday 11 October
WA Beach Clean Up
Environmental Action Team 6am

Friday 18 October
Assembly Whimbrel 2

Wednesday 23 October
P&C Meeting 6pm

Friday 25 October
P&C Disco

Monday 28 October
School Board Open Meeting 6pm

Friday 1 November
Assembly Whimbrel 3

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Ngaji Gurrjin,

As Term 3 draws to a close, I want to take a moment to reflect on the many achievements and milestones we've celebrated at Roebuck Primary School, these past few months.

Firstly, a big congratulations to the Year 6 students who have been selected for the Big History Academic Extension program at Broome Senior High School next year. This is a tremendous accomplishment, and we are incredibly proud of you. We know you will continue to excel and make the most of this fantastic opportunity.

A highlight of the term was the completion of the amazing mural in the undercover area. This beautiful piece was a collaborative effort between our student leaders, the Cultural Awareness Action Team, and talented artists Aisha Valenti and Jarred Franey. The mural depicts our school values and highlights our strong connections to the community and the local Yawuru Country on which we have the privilege to learn. It's a wonderful representation of our shared vision, and I encourage everyone to take a moment to admire this stunning addition to our school. A massive thank you to our P&C for their generous donation which allowed this project to come to life.

The Year 6 camp at Broome Camp School was another memorable event. Our students had a fantastic time, engaging in activities that built teamwork, resilience, and lifelong memories. A heartfelt thank you to the staff and volunteer parents who gave up their time to make this fun-filled event happen. Your dedication and support were key to the camp's success.

I would also like to acknowledge the hard work and enthusiasm of all students who participated in the in-term swimming lessons. It was great to see the progress made by each student as they developed their swimming skills and water confidence.

To our parents and caregivers, thank you for your ongoing support throughout this busy term. As we head into the holidays, I wish you all a restful and enjoyable break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday, 7th October, for the start of Term 4.

Enjoy the holidays, and stay safe!

*Gala Mabu,
Nikki Sandilands*



Broome Cluster of Independent Schools

Yawuru Country - Cnr Spoonbill Ave & Sanderling Dr DJUGUN - PMB 4000, BROOME WA 6725

SCHOOL NEWS

BOOK WEEK BREAKFAST



Reading is Magic: A Delightful Morning of Books, Brekky, and Bonding!

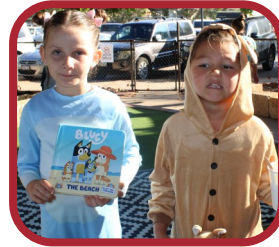
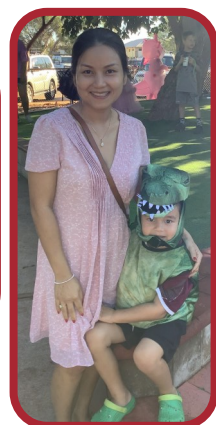
Students from Whimbrel Block joined in the Early Childhood area for an event that combined the best of both worlds: delicious breakfast treats and enchanting tales. As families gathered, they enjoyed a scrumptious spread of cereals, fruit and muffins and immersed themselves in captivating stories, making it a morning to remember.



A special shout-out goes to our incredible Early Childhood Staff and the dedicated Health and Wellbeing Action Team. Their support and enthusiasm helped turn this event into a magical experience for everyone involved.

Thank you to everyone who participated, created fabulous costumes, and made the morning a delightful celebration of reading and community!

*Mrs O'Neill
Whimbrel 1A & B*



SCHOOL NEWS

Kindergarten Sports Carnival: A Day of Fun, Family, and Fitness!

On Wednesday August 28th, our Kindergarten students laced up their sports shoes and stepped onto the field for a day packed with energy, excitement, and enthusiasm! It was a carnival like no other, where tiny athletes showcased their skills in a series of thrilling events.

The day kicked off with a high-spirited running race, followed by the challenge of hurdling over obstacles. The laughter was infectious as students balanced eggs on spoons and leaped into action during the sack races. The competitive spirit didn't stop with our young champs, though. The dads took centre stage next, going head-to-head in their own running race, and the excitement soared even higher with the hilarious piggyback race!

The grand finale brought everyone together as families joined forces for a lively Hokey Pokey dance, wrapping up the carnival with smiles and cheers. To top off this unforgettable day, we all gathered for a delightful Father's Day picnic, enjoying delicious food and cherished moments together.

A huge thank you to our dedicated Health and Wellbeing Action Team, whose support made this event a fantastic success. It was fantastic to see such incredible sportsmanship and resilience from everyone involved.

Mrs O'Neill
Whimbrel 1A & B



SCHOOL NEWS

R U OK? Day: A Heart-warming Lunchtime Celebration of Connection



On 12 September, the Health and Wellbeing Action Team hosted a special lunchtime gathering in the Greenshank area to mark R U OK? Day. The event was a vibrant celebration of connection, kindness, and support.

Students were engaged in a variety of uplifting activities. They played cheerful games, expressed their creativity with colourful mindfulness colouring, chalk drawings, and crafted heartfelt positive messages for their friends.

It was a nice way to reinforce the importance of checking in and supporting one another. Let's continue to spread kindness and care every day!

*Mrs O'Neill
Whimbrel 1A & B*



SCHOOL NEWS

INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Roebuck recently participated in the West Kimberley Interschool Athletics carnival held at St. Mary's. The Carnival was spread over two days, with students competing in throws, jumps, sprints, middle distance races, team games and relays. 38 students competed in the competition on the Thursday, with 31 students selected to participate on the Friday. The students were selected based on their outstanding performances at the Roebuck PS Faction Athletics Carnival, and it was evident when they arrived at the Interschool Carnival that they were ready to step it up to the next level. Students competed in the vortex throw, long jump and triple jump on the Thursday with some outstanding results and new records to go along with it. Friday saw students compete in 400m, 200m, 100m, 75m and 50m hurdle relay, flag relay, leader ball, and sprint relays, finishing the day with the Grand Relay. When all the points were tallied, Roebuck finished a strong second overall, an outstanding achievement! A big thanks to the teachers and parents who attended to support their students on each of the Carnival days.

Mr Kent

Sport Education Specialist



SCHOOL NEWS

NEW MURAL



It's Finished!

Our fabulous new mural in the undercover area is now complete and we LOVE it! Thank you to our P&C for supporting the installation of this beautiful art piece. Thank you to the artists, Aisha and Jarred, for your collaboration and incredible work of art.

Well done to our Student Councillors and members of our Cultural Awareness Action Team. Their suggestions and input gave Aisha and Jarred loads of inspiration to create a design representative of Roebuck Primary School, and they also helped Aisha and Jarred with the painting!

Every element of the mural represents an aspect of our school culture and priorities. If you haven't had the opportunity to see it yet, check it out during our Open Night tonight!

A description of the design elements and their meanings is listed below:

Stage Backdrop Mural

This design brings together the school's faction colours and bird mascots, all converging at the centre to represent unity. An additional turquoise hue is included to symbolise Broome's vibrant turquoise waters, which surrounds and connects our town. The other elements depict the mudflats and Roebuck Bay.

Green Design:

- Represents the engagement and support the school provides to its students.

Red Design:

- Symbolises friendships both within and outside of school, emphasising mutual support among peers.

Yellow Design:

- Reflects family dynamics, particularly the nurturing and support that foster growth and independence in our children.

Blue Design:

- Highlights the community's connection to the school, welcoming everyone to the grounds.

The plane, people, fish and tree symbols represent our connection to the airport, the school's theme of flight, and learning about and being on country.

Front of Stage Mural

This section features our school motto, 'Working Together' in Yawuru and our Gouldian Finch mascot, Pilot, signing our core values.

Riki Burton

Deputy Principal

SCHOOL NEWS

YEAR 6 CAMP



2024-Year 6 Camp Highlights

by Stevie

Monday: Our very first activity was raft building. Mr Roger taught us how to tie a reef knot then he split us into groups of four. I was with Aubrie, Angel and Alyssa. We then got given pipes, rope, and two boogie boards. We then had to build a raft that could float up and down the pool without sinking, we also had two races.

One of the things I was looking forward to had to be the whale watching which, lucky for us, was our second activity for the day. We went to the Port where we boarded a small tender and drove out to the bigger boat. We then began looking for turtles, rays and dolphins.

Each night we would do a night time activity. Today's was a quiz night. We got to pick a group of five. I went with Marli, Dillon, Stella, Savannah, we then got questions on different topics and whoever got the most right won. Overall, my group came second.

Tuesday: Four thirty, what a great time for my whole dorm to wake up at! Four thirty is the time that they all annoyingly decided that they would start slamming the door, and then everyone woke up and waited three hours until breakfast at seven thirty.

Our first activity of the day was fat bike riding. First, we got our helmets, vests, and our bikes, then Jason (our instructor) gave us a low down on all the gears and how to ride the bike. We then made our way down to Cable Beach where we mainly rode. Once we rode enough down Cable Beach we started riding back, it was so hot. When we got up the top of Cable Beach, we realised we still had half an hour until lunch, so Jason took us into Sunset Park where we rode around. When we got to the grassy park, we had some races. There was a speed race and a slow race, we then made our way back.

Our night time activity was a games night. We got into groups and then did rotations. The rotations were celebrity heads, ping pong, Jenga or twister, checkers, chess, bocci or quoits and Uno or Numero. We rotated through playing all the games before writing our recounts and going to bed.

Wednesday: The thing I was most excited for was rock climbing. We were first instructed on how to put on the harness and helmets. Then we talked about how to be resilient. Then we were shown how to properly clip onto the wall. Finally, it was time to climb. I started on number three with Mason belaying me. I was a little scared at first but soon got the hang of it. Roger, the guy running the rock climbing, said the time we spent felt so much shorter because I was having so much fun. Soon it was time for our last climb. Roger asked if I wanted to climb number seven which was normally locked off but he said I could do it. I was nervous to do it but I still got to the top and I was very proud of myself.

Our next activity was archery with Miss Carmel. We first got into groups of three and I was with Dillon and Nevaeh. Miss Carmel then taught us how to hold the bow and also how to load the arrow safely. We then started practising shooting at the board getting ready for the competition round. I wasn't shooting well, it was my first time.

After some practise we started the competition. We got five arrows each and then tallied up our score. Somehow, I managed to get a bullseye and scored my group ten points. I was confused on how I did it because I didn't score more than a five with any of my other arrows. At the end of the round my team ended up with sixty four points and the winning team scored one hundred and something.

SCHOOL NEWS

YEAR 6 CAMP

Thursday: My groups first activity was tie dyeing with Miss Carmel. We got our aprons and gloves on and then she taught us how to roll the shirt and how to put the rubber bands on. Then we got to pick out our colours and designs. I went with pink and purple it was going well until Miss Bel put the wrong colour in the wrong section, but it still turned out good.

In the afternoon, that day my group went to the museum, we were given a work sheet that we had to fill out and answer the questions. We looked around the building filling out questions and looking at the displays. For me, the most interesting thing to look at was the giant shell collection. There were so many shells it was very pretty.

After everyone had finished their work sheet, we all went over to the Town Beach playground where we started to play. Some kids from my group went on the swing they were going really high, so Mr Wolfe told them to stop. A few minutes later some other kids, including a girl from another school, went on the swing and they were going really high then she slipped off and did a big belly whacker onto the sand and ran off crying. I felt bad but it was bit funny.

Tonight was the talent show. Lots of people entered the contest but there was a selected few that had some talent in them. I entered with some of my friends, and we sang Love Is An Open Door from the Frozen movie. Harper took out the win with her diabolo, and Stella Savannah, and Maddie came second my group came third.

Friday: It was our last day of camp, so Friday was a fun day. We started off with laser tag. We had to put on these head bands with sensors on them and that's what we had to aim for. There was the blue team and the red team. I was on the blue team. The aim of the game was to get the most kills in a certain amount of time. The red team won all of the rounds. At the end, we did one last round where we did everyone's against everyone, but you can team up. I teamed up with Dillon and we hid in a tent. I killed Alyssa and Scarlett before I got killed by Marli. Marli ended up winning the round.

The next activity we did was milk crate mountain. It's where someone's harnessed up and you're in a team and the team have to build a mountain made of milk crates. When it was my turn to go up the mountain, I got all the way up to twelve milk crates. It was kind of scary but it was really fun coming down because I got to knock all the milk crates over.

Our last activity for camp was the low ropes course. I had Marli, Alyssa and Aubrie in my group. We were a good team, but there was one challenge that we couldn't do, we tried all different strategies, but nothing worked.

It was an amazing week, but very tiring and I really enjoyed going on Camp and doing all the awesome activities.

While on camp I showed respect, responsibility, and resilience by:

Respect: I showed respect by listening on the boat tour and the Willie Creek tour.

Responsibility: I showed responsibility by going to bed when I was told and not staying up.

Resilience: I showed resilience when I was really tired at the end of the week, but I kept going.



SCHOOL NEWS

ASSEMBLY 23 AUGUST 2024



CERTIFICATE RECIPIENTS

Alli L
Oakley H
Callum C
Elsie C
Hugo W
Jackson A

Lachlan C
Fletcher M
Evie L
Lebron B
Brax B

Leo R
Benjamin F
Freya E
Charlie C
Henry S

Hattie B
Levi C
Chuck J
Kya W
Oliver W

Leah G
Bryce R
Tayo C
Tia M
Harper J

Specialist Awards

Indonesian Ibis 4 - Phys Ed Whimbrel 5 - Science Spoonbill 2 - Music Spoonbill 3



SCHOOL NEWS

ASSEMBLY 23 AUGUST 2024 - IBIS 1 STUDENT RECAP



On Friday we had an assembly. It was about Simple Things. It was nice. I enjoyed it. I felt nervous. I was next to Evie. I really hoped I was next to a friend. I liked the assembly. Clara

On Friday the 23rd our class did our assembly item. I felt magnificent. Amelie

At the assembly I felt scared because when you go to a new school and do an assembly, you feel scared. Jack

When it was my assembly item, I was feeling excited. Jasmine

I felt nervous but after the assembly I felt great. Kai

I felt nervous. Bryce

I felt nervous and happy at 23.8.24. It was amazing and beautiful. Luka

I was proud of myself. Levi

I felt very scared. Nova

I was very, very, very scared. But it was fun and scary at the same time. It is good to have an assembly. And fun to see your parents. And fun singing and it was fun. Alec

My assembly was a blast. The microphones worked, but the bad thing was I was at the back of the rows. Charlie

I felt nervous to go on stage because there was a lot of people. Connor

I felt a bit scared, and I was a bit excited. James

I was scared and excited at the assembly. Savannah

I felt very scared at the start because I thought the teachers were going to tell us to go and watch some other people sing. Hadley

LOST PROPERTY



A reminder that all lost property is stored in the library. Please check the box regularly.

We also have all lost property items on display at every assembly.

Please help us return your child's lunchboxes, water bottles, bike helmets and clothing to them by ensuring that all items are labelled with your child's name or initials.

SCHOOL NEWS

2025 CHARGES AND VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS K-6 Curriculum Area COST

The Arts	\$10.00
English	\$20.00
Mathematics	\$5.00
Science	\$5.00
Physical & Health Education	\$10.00
Library	\$10.00
TOTAL	\$60.00

Cash or cheques (payable to Roebuck Primary School) are accepted, **EFTPOS** or a direct credit to our 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

Voluntary Contributions and Charges were approved at School Board meeting held on 26 August 2024.

CHARGES

Extra Cost Options Estimated Maximum Cost

Excursions/Visiting Artists	K-6	\$150.00
Interschool Sport	1-6	\$60.00
Swimming	1-6	\$130.00
School Camp	6	*\$650.00
Leadership Camp	5-6	\$60.00
Graduation	6	\$60.00
PEAC	5-6	\$200.00
IMSS	5-6	\$200.00

***\$650 is the expected total cost inclusive of all activities, accommodation, transport and food for a five day camp. Parent fundraising has historically reduced the contribution to approximately \$300 per student. This amount per child per annum is therefore dependent and directly related to the effort and energy of the fundraising. Prior to camp, payment plans may be negotiated with the Principal.**

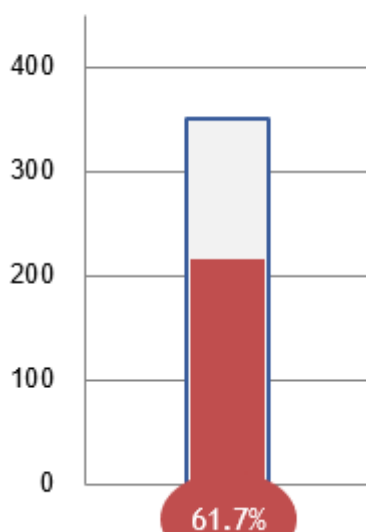
Payment will be requested during the school year when costs and participation by students is confirmed.

Please note that transport costs related to any excursion are non-refundable.

REMINDERS FROM ADMINISTRATION

Voluntary Contributions

Overall Target



HAVE YOU MOVED OR ARE YOU LEAVING?

It is important that the school has up-to-date information for all our students. If you have changed address, phone number or any other details, please contact the office as soon as possible to update your information. You are welcome to send an email to roebuck.ps@education.wa.edu.au at any time.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

We call on our community for report any after hours antisocial behaviour or vandalism within our school direct to our security department on **1800 177 777**, who will reach out to either our local security provider or the Police.

SCHOOL BUS SERVICES



School Bus Services (SBS) is encouraging parents to submit applications for transport assistance before 15 November 2024 to save their child a seat for 2025.

Click the link to register SBS for 2025

[School Buses > Home](#)

PLEASE NOTE: The Department of Education requires us to differentiate between school organised, P&C organised and Community events



A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Father's Day Raffle, either with donations of prizes, or by buying tickets! We are thrilled to announce that we raised over \$1,700 for the school. Your continued support makes such a difference, and we truly appreciate it. Stay tuned for more exciting events ahead!

Hello Roebuck PS Families!

I'm Steph, a mum of two with one of my kids just starting Pre-Primary this year. Jumping into the full-time school routine has been a wild ride, but it's also been such a fun and rewarding experience to get involved with our amazing school community. Between parent life and running two small businesses, I've managed to find little moments to pitch in with the P&C, and it's been incredible to see how even small efforts can make a big difference!

As we wrap up the year, we've got some exciting events ahead, including a **Disco** in late October and the **Christmas Raffle** in November. These events are such highlights for the kids, and they wouldn't be possible without the energy and support of our wonderful parent volunteers.

We'd love for more of you to get involved! Our next (and final) P&C meeting for the year is on **23rd October**—this is your chance to see what's discussed and find out how you can help out. Whether you can spare an hour or two for an event or just want to contribute ideas, a little really does go a long way!

Next year, we're looking to recruit **two reps from each year level** so every year group has a voice in the P&C. If you're keen to join or just want more info, shoot us an email at roebuck.pandc@gmail.com. We'd love to have you on board!

See you at the next meeting!

Steph
Roebuck P&C



COMMUNITY NEWS

JOIN OUR LOCAL CLEAN-UP

LOCATION: Gantheaume Beach

MEETING POINT: Gantheaume Beach, below the beach access ramp

DATE: Friday October 11th **TIME:** 6.00-7.00am

To register and for more information:

CONTACT: Alex Guthrie

alexandria.guthrie@education.wa.edu.au

TANGAROA BLUE FOUNDATION WA BEACH CLEAN-UP

2024

20 YEARS PROTECTING OUR OCEANS



TANGAROA BLUE **AUSTRALIAN MARINE COASTAL INSTITUTE** **Keep Australia Beautiful WA** **TALLWOOD Custom Built Homes** **CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE** **SOUTHERN PORTS** **GHD**



Department of
Education

Parent Information Booklet: Attendance SMS

Transitioning to the new System

Roebuck Primary School is transitioning to a new system, this means all Attendance SMS messages will now come from a new contact RoebuckPS

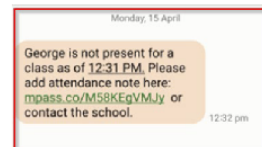
The new system will notify parents, guardians, and caregivers of unexplained absences or late arrivals.

What will change for Parents?

The new system starts on 28/10/2024. It will send parents an SMS on their mobile phone when their child is marked absent without an explanation.

Parents should delete the old Absentee SMS number to avoid confusion. They should not use it to communicate with the school.

This is a sample message. Parents will get this SMS with the link if their child is marked absent without an explanation. Parents should use this link to add attendance notes about their child's absence. Please note that the link will be valid for only 48 hours. Do not reply to this message via SMS as the school will not receive it. The school will receive your response via the link provided. Ensure the phone is connected to an Internet data plan or has WIFI access to use the hyperlink.



If the child is absent again without a prior explanation, parents will get a new one-time link.

If parents do not use the link provided, they can notify the school of their child's absence via telephone or email.

If you have any other questions regarding the Attendance SMS Communications, please call 9195 1900.

28/10/2024



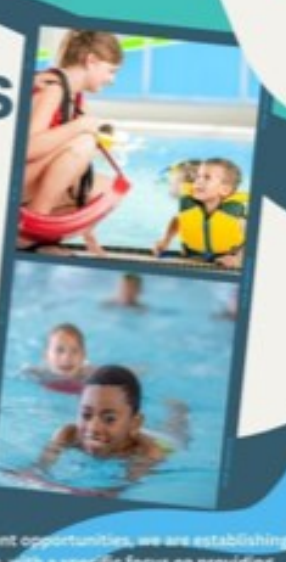
Water Skills 10-13 YEAR OLDS

Junior Life Guards Club are seeking younger swimmers who want to improve their pool and surf skills by participating in our inclusive and culturally safe program. With a focus on water safety, surf skills, basic rescues and first aid education.

The program is free, however you must have intermediate swimming skills and be accompanied by an adult.

ROYAL LIFE SAVING
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Investing in our local community, through training and development opportunities, we are establishing a talent pool of individuals wanting to work in the aquatic industry, with a specific focus on providing pathways for Aboriginal young people.



Save your seat!



2025 School Bus Transport Assistance

Apply before November 15, 2024 at
schoolbuses.wa.gov.au

