



**Roebuck**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

# Roebuck Primary School

An Independent Public School - Broome Cluster

NEWSLETTER 10 - 16 October 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

**Thursday 17 October**  
**Roebuck's Got Talent**  
8am

**Friday 18 October**  
**Assembly Whimbrel 2**

**Friday 18 October**  
**MultiSport Carnival @**  
**Broome PS**

**Tuesday 22 October**  
**Kimberley AFL 9's**

**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 we welcome the change in seasons, we move into *Laja* season—a time of warmth and increasing humidity in the Yawuru seasonal calendar. During *Laja*, the days become hotter, and we start to feel the build-up towards the wet season. It's a time of transition where the landscape begins to shift, and we are reminded of the deep connections between the environment and the community. At Roebuck Primary School, we recognise the significance of these seasonal changes and continue to weave them into our learning and activities.

This week is particularly special as we congratulate the Year 6 class of 2018, who will soon graduate from Broome Senior High School or St Mary's College as Year 12 students. We are incredibly proud of all they have achieved and wish them the very best as they step into the next phase of their lives.

In addition, we are all excited for *Roebuck's Got Talent!* I would like to extend a huge thank you to Mr Murnane and the Performing Arts Student Action Team for coordinating the auditions and for their hard work in bringing Thursday's show to life. The performances are sure to be wonderful, and we encourage parents and families to come along and join us for the event. The show will run from 8:05 am to 9:30 am, and we look forward to seeing you there to support our talented students!

Today is *Thank Your Cleaner Day*, and we would like to send a BIG THANK YOU to our amazing cleaning and gardening team. Their hard work keeps our school environment safe, clean, and welcoming every day, and we deeply appreciate their efforts.

Next Friday, we will also celebrate *World Teachers' Day*. I would like to take this opportunity to recognise and thank our incredible teachers for their passion and dedication. They play such a pivotal role in shaping our students' futures, and we are so lucky to have such a committed team at Roebuck Primary School.

Lastly, a reminder that on Monday, 28 October, we will be holding our *Open School Board Meeting* at 6:00 pm in the Roebuck Primary School Staff Room. We welcome all interested parents and community members to attend and be part of the discussion.



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# SCHOOL NEWS

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL CONTINUED

Our school's P&C is the heart of our community, working tirelessly behind the scenes to bring special events like the Disco, Colour Run, and other important fundraising activities to life for our students.

This small but dedicated group of volunteers can't do it alone—they need your support to keep these wonderful opportunities happening.

If you're able to lend a hand, we'd love to hear from you. Please reach out or join next Wednesday's P&C meeting (23/10) at 6pm in the staffroom. Your help, big or small, makes a huge difference for our students.



*Gala Mabui,  
Nikki Sandilands*

## AFL NEWS - CONGRATULATIONS MISS KELLIE



On the school holidays, I flew to Fremantle with a group of women from the Kimberley to represent the North West at the National AFL Masters carnival. Our team finished second overall for our age group, after winning 2 out of our 3 fixtured games against other competing states.

At the end of the carnival, an all Australian squad is named, and I was lucky and honoured to have been selected in this team.

*Education Assistant  
Miss Kellie*

## 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.



## ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION TEAM



### Roebuck Primary School Tackles Waste in Partnership with Parks & Wildlife

On Thursday 10 October, Roebuck Primary School's Year 5 students in Spoonbill 1 took a hands-on approach to environmental action by conducting a comprehensive waste audit, thanks to a special incursion from the Department of Parks & Wildlife. Alina and Ailsa, representatives from the department, guided the students through an educational and engaging process that helped highlight the importance of waste management.

During the audit, students emptied and sorted the rubbish from various school bins into specific categories, including paper, food waste, fruit and vegetable scraps, snack wrappers, and plastics. This activity not only raised awareness about the different types of waste generated at school but also demonstrated how much of it could be reduced, reused, or recycled.

The waste audit is a key part of Roebuck Primary School's broader sustainability goals. The school's Environment Action Team will use the data gathered to evaluate current waste levels and identify areas for improvement. This analysis will help the school implement new strategies to reduce waste, promote better recycling habits, and work towards earning their *Waste Sorted Schools* accreditation.

Through this initiative, the students learned valuable lessons about the environmental impact of waste, and they have taken a major step forward in helping their school become more eco-friendly. We're proud of their efforts and excited to see what positive changes will come next!

Stay tuned for updates as the school continues its journey towards a greener future.

*Mrs Guthrie*  
Environmental Team Leader



# 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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$60.00</b>

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.**

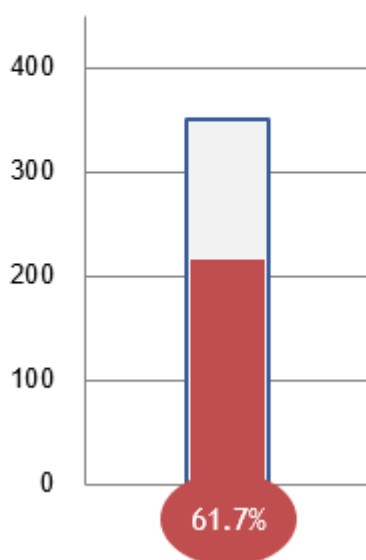
**Payment will be requested during the school year when costs and participation by students is confirmed.**

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](mailto:roebuck.ps@education.wa.edu.au) at any time.

### NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

We call on our community to 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



Hello, I am Samantha and I have 2 boys at Roebuck Primary School, Braxton in year 5 and Connor in year 2. The boys were born and raised in Broome and have both attended Roebuck since kindy.

I am new to the P&C this year and it has opened up my eyes as to why and how the events are run the way they are. There certainly is a lot of hard work from our volunteers that goes into fundraising for equipment and resources that all of our wonderful children get to enjoy. Funds were recently donated towards the beautiful new mural in the undercover area which will be enjoyed for years to come.



The much-anticipated School Disco will be held on Friday, 25 October 2024, one of the biggest events for the year and certainly a favourite amongst kids and parents. **The P&C are seeking volunteers to assist on the night for the canteen and supervising, so if you would like to help on the night, please get in touch with the P&C.**

The Christmas raffle will be held over 27-28 November 2024 and will be the last event for 2024.

If you have ever thought of joining the P&C, new members are always welcome and additional support goes a long way. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 23 October 2024 if you would like to come and see what it is all about, obligation free. Meetings commence at 6pm in the staff room.

If you have any queries or are interested in volunteering for the disco, please email [roebuck.pandc@gmail.com](mailto:roebuck.pandc@gmail.com)



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## 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

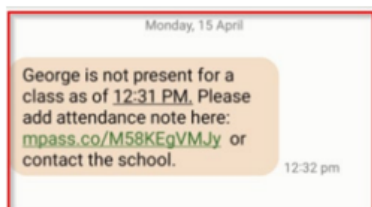
The new system will notify parents, guardians, and caregivers of unexplained absences or late arrivals.

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



Exclusions may apply



## DFES - NEW CYCLONE WARNING SYSTEM

### Western Australia has new cyclone warnings.

We're no longer using the old blue, yellow, red alert system.



#### ADVICE

An incident is active.  
Be aware and keep  
up to date.



#### WATCH AND ACT

There is a possible threat.  
Take action now  
to stay safe.



#### EMERGENCY WARNING

There is a threat  
to lives and homes.  
Take immediate action.

### UNDERSTANDING THE NEW WARNING SYSTEM FOR NATURAL DISASTERS

There are three warning levels which move up and down to reflect the risk to your life or property before, during and after a natural disaster. These are the same warning levels used for bushfires. The warning level will be followed by an action such as "Monitor Conditions" or "Shelter Indoors Now" giving you clear information about how to stay safe. Learning these three levels and how to respond to them could save your life.



For more information visit [EMERGENCY.WA.GOV.AU](https://www.emergency.wa.gov.au)

The Australian Warning System is a nationally consistent approach to keeping everyone informed, prepared and safe.