



Roebuck
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Roebuck Primary School

An Independent Public School - Broome Cluster

NEWSLETTER I - 14 February 2025

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

Wednesday 19 February
P&C Information Session
6pm Staff Room

Thursday 20 February
Student Leader Elections

Friday 21 February
Balybaly Nilirr 3 Assembly

Thursday 27 February
Swimming Trials Yr3-6

Monday 3 March
Labour Day Public Holiday

Wednesday 5 March
P&C AGM 6pm Staff Room

Friday 7 March
Minarla 3 Assembly
Leadership Day @ Broome
Camp School

Monday 10 March
School Board Meeting 6pm

Wednesday 12 –21 March
NAPLAN Yr3&5

Friday 21 March
Harmony Day

Friday 28 March
Interschool Swimming
Carnival Yr3-6

Thursday 3 April
West Kimberley Basketball
Competition

Friday 4 April
Minarla 6 Assembly

Friday 11 April
Last day of term



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Ngaji Gurrjin,

As we settle into the new school year, we are experiencing Laja, one of the Yawuru seasons, marked by strong winds, storms, and much-needed rain. This season brings renewal and change, much like the beginning of a school year—a time for fresh starts, new friendships, and exciting learning opportunities.

It has been wonderful to see our students return with smiles on their faces, reconnecting with friends, and embracing their learning with enthusiasm. The energy around the school has been fantastic, and it's clear that students are happy, engaged, and ready for a great year ahead. A warm welcome also to our new families—we are so pleased to have you join the Roebuck community.

We are also excited to welcome Ms Tash Richardson-Cooke to our team as our Science Specialist Teacher. Additionally, we are delighted to see the return of Ms Jess Hull (Year 1), Ms Josephine Eastwood (Kindergarten), and Ms Fiona Ward (Pre-primary). We look forward to the wonderful contributions they will bring to our students and school community.

Next week, we will be holding Parent-Teacher Meetings, an important opportunity for families to hear about the routines, expectations, and learning programs in place for 2025. These sessions will provide valuable insight into your child's classroom experience and how we can work together to support their learning and well-being. Please keep an eye on Connect for details about your child's meeting date and time. We encourage all parents and caregivers to attend and connect with their child's teacher early in the year.

As we begin the year, I also encourage all families to get involved in school life. One of the best ways to do this is by joining our Parents & Citizens' Association (P&C). The P&C plays an essential role in supporting our school through fundraising, organising events, and strengthening the connection between families and the school. Whether you have been involved before or are thinking about joining for the first time, we welcome new and returning members to come along, share ideas, and be part of shaping the future of Roebuck Primary School.

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Thank you for your ongoing support - we look forward to another fantastic year of learning and working together as a strong school community.

*Gala Mahu,
Nikki Sandilands*

2025 STUDENT LEADERS

On Thursday 20 February, student leader nominees will present a short speech to their peers detailing why they should be elected as a student leader. Speeches commence at 8:15am in the undercover area. Student council nominees will present their speeches first, followed by faction captain nominees. Parents and carers are very welcome to attend. Voting will occur immediately following the councillor and faction captain speeches.

Successful candidates will be announced at our assembly on Friday 21 February at 8am. The parents/carers of elected leaders will be notified by telephone and invited to attend the assembly.

Should your child not be elected as a student leader, there will be other opportunities for them to be involved in extra-curricular activities throughout the year, particularly our Action Teams.

*Riki Burton
Deputy Principal*

SWIMMING TRIALS YR 3-6

The Roebuck Primary School swimming time trials will be held on Thursday 27 February 2025 at the BRAC from approximately 9.00am – 11:30am. The aim of the time trials is to select our swimming squad for the Interschool Swimming Carnival to be held on Friday 28 March.

Expression of interest forms must be returned to the office by Monday 17 February.

*Mrs O'Neill
Sports Education Specialist*



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WELCOME TO OUR SCHOOL CHAPLAIN

We are delighted to announce that Roebuck Primary School now has a dedicated school chaplain joining our team two days a week. Please join us in welcoming **Lexie-Jane Hendry** to our school community. Lexie will play a key role in supporting the social and emotional wellbeing of our students and staff. A letter explaining Lexie's role was emailed to parents and carers on Thursday 13 February, with an opt-out option if you did not want your child accessing the chaplaincy service. Please contact the school if you didn't receive the letter.

Hi All,

My name is Lexie-Jane Hendry (nee Tang Wei) and I am very excited to be starting as the YouthCARE Chaplain at Roebuck Primary School this year.

I am a born and bred Broome girl and come from a local family. My cultural background is of Aboriginal, Chinese, French and British descent. I attended Cable Beach Primary School as a student and am excited to be working as Roebuck Primary School's Chaplain. I have been working in the Broome schools as a chaplain since 2018. I also have a Bachelor of Education – Kindy to Year 6 degree, and have worked in the Broome schools as a teacher for the last 11 years.

A School Chaplain is part of the pastoral care team; we strive to care and support the whole school community, staff, parents and students. I have been a school chaplain since 2018, I love my job and always endeavour to provide a listening ear, calming and caring presence and a safe environment for all to share. As chaplain I facilitate pastoral support programs, e.g. Seasons for Growth and GRIT. A chaplain can discuss many different situations with their students, including friendship troubles, changes in life, schoolwork troubles or anything else that may be impacting a child's ability to learn or their well-being.

I'm happy to come to work as a chaplain, as I know I will always receive a friendly 'hello, how you going?', amazing smiles and enthusiastic waves.

If you have any request for individual support for your child, please direct these to your child's teacher and they will contact me as needed. If you see me in the school grounds, please don't hesitate to come and have a chat to me, I'm always happy to talk.

I'm very excited and looking forward to the year ahead as Roebuck Primary School Chaplain.

*Lexie-Jane Hendry
Chaplain*



SCHOOL NEWS

2025 CHARGES AND VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS K-6 Curriculum Area COST

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| 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

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| 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 AND CHARGES

If you would like to make payments by EFTPOS please contact our office on 9195 1900.

SCHOOL HATS

Please send your child to school with a labelled broad-brimmed hat every day — remember our school has a 'No Hat—No Play' policy.

STUDENT LATE ARRIVALS

Just a reminder to all families that students who arrive after 8:15am need to be signed in at the office by a parent or caregiver before going to class.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Are you interested in undertaking casual relief Education Assistant or Special Needs Education Assistant work? If so, drop in your resume to the front office. Assistance can be given to obtain Working with Children and Department of Education Clearances.

NO DOGS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS



Please remember to keep your family pet at home when dropping your children to school and picking them up. Also, if you use the school oval or grounds to walk your dog outside of school hours, ensure you carry a doggy litter bag with you to remove any dog waste. Broome Shire provides a 'red' bin in the Spoonbill car park.

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NEW CYCLONE WARNING SYSTEM

ALERT LEVEL - ADVICE

If an Advice warning is declared, schools remain open and students are to attend as per normal.

The frequency of the updates will depend on the type of cyclone warning (ABC Radio official broadcast). The Department of Fire and Emergency Services information line phone number is 13 33 37.

The cyclone warning advice line phone number is 1300 659 210.

Check [Main Roads WA website](#) for possible road closures.

All information and updated reports relating to the warnings and school closure are also issued on ABC Radio.

Secure loose items and make the site ready for the cyclone.

ALERT LEVEL - WATCH AND ACT

If a Watch and Act is declared during a school day, the following will occur:

Watch and Act warning before 12:00pm:

- Students can be picked up immediately from the school.
- The school will close at lunch time.
- School bus operators will be informed of changes to normal operations.
- Students will not be sent home until collected by bus operators, or instructions are received from carers.

Watch and Act warning after 12:00pm:

- Students can be picked up immediately from school.
- The school will close at the normal time.
- Students will not be sent home until instructions are received from carers.

Watch and Act warning at or after 14:00 hours:

- Schools will be closed the following day.
- School to continue to listen to the radio to receive information as to when schools will open.
- The closure advice will be repeated each morning until a decision to reopen is announced based on official advice from the Department of Fire and Emergency Services.
- A decision to reopen the school is made by the Deputy Director General Schools, in consultation with the director of education.

ALERT LEVEL - EMERGENCY WARNING

If an Emergency Warning is declared, the school will remain closed.

In the event that an Emergency Warning is cancelled by the Department of Fire and Emergency Services, the director of education, in consultation with the Deputy Director General Schools, will advise when the school can re-open. This will happen only after the site has been inspected by officers from the Department of Finance.

The school will communicate school opening days/dates via SMS and email to the community.

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



Come and join the friendly P&C volunteers for a casual information session to learn how the P&C works on Wednesday 19 February. Learn about the various roles within the P&C, what being a member entails and how we fundraise for additional resources that enhance and support your child's learning journey at Roebuck Primary School.

The AGM will be held on the Wednesday 5 March at 6pm in the staff room.

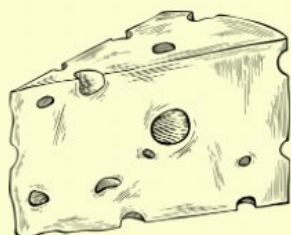
We look forward to welcoming some new faces this year.

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Roebuck P&C presents

**A Cheese and Treats
Information Session**

**6PM WEDNESDAY
19TH FEBRUARY
IN THE STAFF
ROOM**



Drinks and
Nibbles
provided

