



Roebuck
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Roebuck Primary School

An Independent Public School - Broome Cluster

NEWSLETTER 5 - 4 June 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

Thursday 5 June
Interschool Cross Country

Monday 9 June
School Board Meeting 6pm
Staff Room

Wednesday 11 June
P&C Meeting 6pm
Staff Room

Friday 13 June
Assembly Balybaly Nilirr 1

Thursday 19 June
Derby Cup

Friday 27 June
Reconciliation Walk

Monday 30 June
NAIDOC Week

Assembly Marraga 1

Friday 4 July
Students last day Term 2



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Ngaji Gurrjin

As we move into the Yawuru season of Wirralburu, we feel the cooling change that arrives around May. This is the beginning of the strengthening southeast winds—a very dry period with typically no rain, making last week's downpour, quite unseasonal. While the days remain warm, the evenings are becoming more pleasant. Wirralburu is marked by the flowering of the inland bloodwood, along with acacias such as the soap tree and pindan wattle. Bush onions are ready for harvest, lizards begin their hibernation, and traditional food sources like the kangaroo, agile wallaby, crested pigeon, and honeyeaters are in abundance.

It is also a time of reflection. Last week, we marked Sorry Day and National Reconciliation Week. These moments in our calendar invite us to listen, to learn, and to recommit ourselves to the journey of reconciliation. Through classroom learning and whole-school engagement, our students and staff have been exploring what it means to walk together with courage towards a more inclusive and just future.

We were also proud to have our staff attend the Broome Cluster Schools Conference, last Friday. This year's theme—The Strength of Culturally Connected Schools—was brought to life by inspiring keynote speakers including Professor Fiona Stanley, Daniel Principe, and Steph Armstrong OAM. Their powerful messages reinforced the importance of community, culture, and relationships in the work we do every day.

A big congratulations to all of our Cross Country participants! We were thrilled to see so many students give their best effort, and the community spirit was felt strongly with so many families attending to support. A special thanks to the parents who volunteered on the day—your generosity helps create these memorable experiences for our students.

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Lastly, thank you to all the families who completed our School Community Survey last term. We are currently unpacking the feedback with our staff and School Board, and using your insights to guide improvements to the way we operate and communicate as a school. Your input is valued, and we are committed to making meaningful changes based on what you shared.

Gala Mabu,

Galiya,

Nikki Sandilands

SCHOOL BOARD

My name is Caroline Gregory but the kids at Roebuck call me Bu Gregory as I am the Indonesian Teacher here. I have lived in Broome for 6 years and this is my 4th year teaching Indonesian at Roebuck Primary School which I have thoroughly enjoyed. I have particularly enjoyed watching my students grow and learn, and most importantly getting to know them over the years. I also have 3 children who I have the pleasure of parenting and who keep me very busy outside of teaching. They are in Year 4, 6 and 7. I decided to join the School Board to give back a little from both a parent and teacher perspective.



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YEAR 2 CROC WISE INCURSION

On Friday May 8, our Year 2 students from Minarla 1 and 2 were treated to a fascinating and informative incursion led by Ailsa from the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions. The session focused on the differences between **saltwater and freshwater crocodiles**, their unique behaviours, and most importantly, how to stay safe in crocodile habitats—particularly in the Kimberley region.

Ailsa's engaging presentation included eye-opening facts about crocodile conservation and the vital role these reptiles play in their ecosystems. Students were captivated by real-life examples and safety tips for exploring the natural environment responsibly.

This experience ties directly into our literacy program, as students will now be using the knowledge they gained to craft persuasive texts. Their writing will aim to inform and convince others about why crocodiles are the best animals in the world!

A big thank you to Ailsa and the Department for delivering such an educational and memorable session.

Mrs Guthrie



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CROSS COUNTRY



Thursday 22 May saw students participate in the Roebuck Primary Cross Country. It was a wonderful day where students gave it their all and did their very best. The students display of sportsmanship on and off the track with peers and students from other years levels was second to none. Whether it was a high five, a handshake, a hug, a cheer or an extra run to support others, it was noticed!

To the parents that were out on the course as marshals – Merrin Andrews, Sarah Owen, Bel Davies and Nikki Sarginson, thank you very much!! They made sure everyone stayed safe on course. If you do see them around, please thank them because without them being on course we would not be able to have the cross-country course that was run.

Thank you to the efforts behind the scenes of the Faction Captains. They worked extremely hard, coming very early to set up, help pack away, cover marshal positions we didn't have adults for and just being huge supporters to everyone running around the oval. As much as this is their job as Faction Captains, they went above and beyond, and I can't thank them enough.

Well done to all the winners and congratulations to Marraga who took out the 2025 Roebuck Primary School Faction Cross Country.

For the Years 3-6 students who came in the top 4 have been invited to attend the Interschool Cross Country tomorrow at McFarlane Oval, BRAC. Acknowledgement of Country and Race Briefing Address at 9am. First event is due to start at 9.30am.

Mrs O'Neill

Sports Education Specialist



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AFTER SCHOOL

We would like to remind families that Mulberry Tree Child Care (MTCC) has a license to use designated areas within our school grounds **Monday to Friday from 2:00pm – 5:30pm.**

To support their supervision and care of enrolled children, we kindly ask that all students and families vacate the premises promptly at the end of the school day. However, students are welcome to return with parental supervision to play on the oval, but we ask that they do not remain around the school buildings to allow MTCC staff to carry out their duties without disruption.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

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ASSEMBLY MINARLA 1 9 MAY 2025



Certificate Recipients

Ryan H	Shymek H	Sonny C	Mackenzie T	Zylah F	Manny A
Nina A	Billy S	Max G	Hank A	Leah G	Roman C
Freya C	Hadley M	Ivy L	Jasmine C	Mitch M	Hannah S
Ella O	Boyd R	Haley L	Kimahri M	Kya W	Lewis W
Grace H	Mia M				

Specialist Awards

Science Minarla 3	Indonesian Balybaly Nilirr 4	Music Minarla 2	Phys Ed Marraga 4
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ASSEMBLY MINARLA 4 23 MAY 2025

Certificate Recipients

Ivy A	Henley B	Peach H	Skylah L	Marlin K	Willow C
Jo'Sarhni C	Ariana S	Florence P	Tessa O	George P	Joanna N
Mac W	James L	Luka M	Savannah W	Mabel B	Chuck J
Seth T	Thomas C	Pia D	Joshy M	Bo T	Marley G
Ally P	Zoe H				

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NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORY TIME 2025



I liked it when the man lost his cat. It was very sad that part. *Lily*

On Wednesday 21 May 2025, Marraga 4 and Marraga 5 went to the pergola. We heard 'Truck Cat'. We read it outside. We loved it. *Charli*

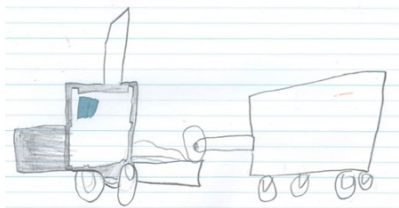
Mrs Duffield read the whole book. I liked the cat because the cat loves different places. The cat is very funny. I felt very relaxed on the stage. *Willow*

I liked the whole book. I felt amazed. We were at Roebuck Primary School with a teacher called Mrs Duffield. *Ariana*

I liked the part when the cat was catching the butterfly. *Sienna*

I liked the cat. It was amazing. It was the best part for me. *Ezra*

I loved the way that the owner found his cat. I felt happy and I loved the book. *Ava S*



CULTURAL VEGETABLE GARDEN

Calling All Plumbing & Reticulation Legends!

Our school is setting up an exciting new **Cultural Vegetable Garden**, and we're on the lookout for **family volunteers** with **plumbing or reticulation experience** to help bring it to life!

If you have the skills (or know someone who does!) and are willing to lend a hand, we'd love your support in setting up the garden's water systems and infrastructure.

Please contact:
Alex Guthrie

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Let's grow something amazing together!



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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.

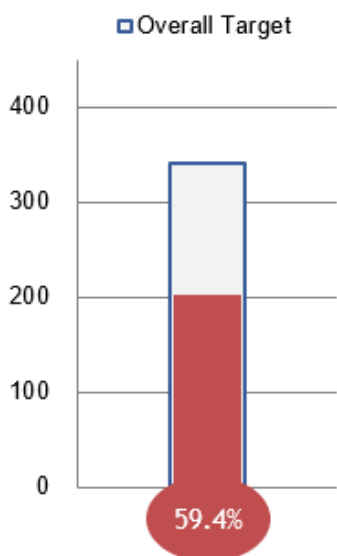
Please note that transport costs related to any excursion are non-refundable.

REMINDERS FROM ADMINISTRATION

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS AND CHARGES

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

Voluntary Contributions



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 Balybaly Nilirr car park, and inside the gate next to the ECE..

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DOLL DONATIONS

Help Bring Smiles to our Junior Primary Students.

Dear School Community,

We are reaching out to our amazing school families to ask for donations of dolls for our Junior Primary classrooms.

Our youngest learners benefit greatly from imaginative play, and dolls help support their social, emotional, and language development. Whether it's caring for a baby doll, creating stories, or learning to share, these simple toys can make a big impact.

What We're Looking For:

- Gently used or new dolls of any kind (baby dolls, multicultural dolls, etc.)
- All sizes welcome
- Clean and in good condition

Accessories (like clothes or bottles) are a bonus!

Donation Drop-Off:

Please bring your donations to Mrs Guthrie in Minarla 2.

Let's work together to enrich our children's learning through play. Your support means the world to us, and to them!

Thank you for your generosity and kindness 😊

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 2025



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



Hello I'm Anita and I have 3 boys, 2 attend Roebuck Primary in Year 4 and Year 2 and my youngest will join them at Roebuck for Kindy in 2026. My P&C journey started just over 4 years ago when I decided to be a part of the team to help raise funds for our school to ensure all children are provided with the best educational experiences with all necessary resources. During my time on the P&C we have ran many successful fundraising events and these were all organised by parents volunteering their time. We always need more volunteers in order for these events to go ahead so please come along to the next meeting to see what we are about and where you can provide help, big or small. We love hearing fresh new ideas on how we can continue fundraising efforts for our amazing school.

Our next meeting is **WEDNESDAY 11 June** in the staff room.

Keep an eye out on the schools Facebook page for more P&C News and events.



**Next P&C Meeting
Wednesday 11 June
In the staff room
All are welcome!!**

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COMMUNITY NEWS

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If you haven't already claimed your Student Assistance payment, jump online before Friday 4 July — **71.73% of our families have made a claim.**

If you need any help processing your claim, please contact our office staff on 9195 1900.



Department of
Education

The WA Student Assistance Payment

Helping you get
the things you need
for your kids.

\$150

For each Kindergarten
and primary school student

\$250

For each secondary
school student

To help ease cost-of-living pressures on families with school-aged children, a second round of the WA Student Assistance Payment is now available.

This payment is to help you get the things you need for your kids. From new school shoes, backpacks and sports equipment to uniforms, healthy meals, school excursions and more.

Claim now

Claim through the ServiceWA app or visit education.wa.edu.au/wasap for other claim methods.

What you need

Each student's 8-digit WA student number (WASN).

You'll find it on:

- school reports
- previous NAPLAN results
- secondary student's SmartRider

If you cannot locate the WASN, contact your school for assistance.

Claims close Friday 4 July 2025

For more information about the WA Student Assistance Payment and how to claim, go to education.wa.edu.au/wasap

Claim on the
ServiceWA app

