



Roebuck
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Roebuck Primary School

An Independent Public School - Broome Cluster

NEWSLETTER 12 - 11 December 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 12 December
Students last day Term 4

Monday 3 February
RPS Staff Development Day

Tuesday 4 February
RPS Staff Development Day

Class lists on Connect
(after 2pm) and in
classroom windows



Wednesday 5 February
Students first day Term 1



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Ngaji Gurrjin,

As we step into the Mangala season, the sound of thunder in the afternoons and pitter patter of rain, re-energises and uplifts the spirits after some very hot and humid days. This time of year, as the glimpses of green begin to cover the land, it reminds us of the vibrant energy and strength of our Roebuck community.

As 2024 comes to a close, I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to our Year 6 graduates. Your achievements, leadership, and resilience throughout your primary school journey have been outstanding. We are incredibly proud of you and wish you every success as you transition into high school.

This time of year also brings a moment to acknowledge and celebrate the contributions of our dedicated staff. Your tireless efforts and commitment to our students and school community have made this year a resounding success. Thank you for inspiring excellence and nurturing a culture of care and high expectations.

We would also like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the staff members who are leaving us or taking leave in 2025. Mr Ryan Kent, Ms Rachel Northey, Ms Tammy Kenworthy, and Ms Kristy McSherry, we deeply appreciate your invaluable contributions and wish you all the best in your future endeavours next year and beyond. To Ms Marley Negus, who will be taking maternity leave, we send our warmest wishes and look forward to welcoming you back in due course.

To our families, thank you for your unwavering support and involvement throughout the year. Your partnership plays a vital role in fostering a positive and thriving school environment. Whether through volunteering, attending events, or supporting learning at home, you make a significant difference in the lives of our students.

Looking ahead, we are excited to welcome students back to school on Wednesday, 5 February 2025. The school office will reopen on Thursday, 30 January to assist with any queries. Student class lists will be available on Connect the day before school resumes, ensuring everyone is ready for an exciting start to the new year.

As we bid farewell to 2024, we hope you enjoy the festive season and take the time to connect with loved ones, recharge, and reflect on a remarkable year. On behalf of the Roebuck Primary School team, I wish you all a safe, joyful, and restful holiday break.

Thank you for another incredible year of Working Together. I look forward to continuing to work alongside our staff students and families next year and beyond.

Galiya

*Gala Mabu,
Nikki Sandilands*



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SCHOOL NEWS

YEAR 6 GRADUATION



The 11 December marked a major milestone in our Year Six students' lives with their graduation from primary school. It was a morning of mixed emotions as we said goodbye and good luck to our graduating cohort as they embark on a new journey in their education.

Three of our students were recognised for their excellence in Mathematics, Citizenship and across all learning areas with the Dux award. **Allyson Stewart Excellence in Mathematics Award** - Savanah B. **Citizenship Award** — Charlee F. and **Dux Award** - Brody B.

It has been a joy watching these students grow and learn together over the years and we wish them all the very best for the future, whatever it may bring for them.



At Roebuck Primary School we value the knowledge and cultural practices and language of the local Yawuru people.

Next year, our block and classroom names will be referred to by their Yawuru names. While the birds themselves remain the same, classes and blocks will now be known as:

Marraga (Whimbrel)

Minarla (Ibis)

Guwayi (Greenshank)

Balybaly Nilirr (Spoonbill)

Classroom numbers will remain the same. You will see your child's new class names on their Connect class, just before school begins next year.

Keep an eye out on our Facebook page as our students introduce our new block names and their pronunciations.

Gala Mabu,

Galiya,

Nikki Sandilands



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ALADDIN



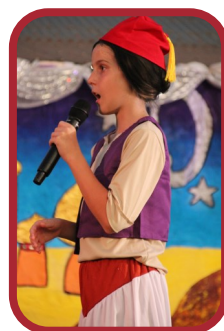
What a presentation night! There really is nothing that our students can't achieve in the performing arts through hard work and commitment. From Kindilink all the way to Year Six, it was a night to remember for some time to come and really showcased our singing school.

A huge thank you and congratulations to our main role actors for their efforts to learn the parts and deliver such phenomenal characters on stage! 12 consecutive lunch time rehearsals, practising together every recess, sourcing costumes, and bringing their A game to the stage for show time. It was so special to see where we started on the first read through to where it got to for the performance.

There have been so many kind words and feedback provided from the school community about this year's presentation night. A huge thank you to everyone involved in it to support putting on a production. The level of performance we all enjoyed was the result of many hours in the heat rehearsing and putting our best foot forward every time.

Mr Murnane

Music Education Specialist



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CHOIR

We celebrated a wonderful year of music making together on Friday with a pancake feast morning. The choir members have shown outstanding commitment with the new timeslot of 7:15-7:45 on Friday mornings, as have our parents who make sure our singers are here every week. It was a fun celebration before the crazy hair, crazy socks and class parties all took place to celebrate the PBS reward.

The choir performed brilliantly at Town Beach for the Broome carols on Sunday evening. How sensational to see them in the new uniforms proudly singing the beautiful song 'Carol of the Birds' and representing our school so well in public.

We have had a solid group of 20 members this year and can't wait to see that grow next year! It is open to all students in years 4-6 and it would be brilliant to see the group closer to 40 next year. Time to get those current year 3's excited for joining next year!

Mr Murnane

Music Education Specialist



ASSEMBLY WHIMBREL 4 15 NOVEMBER 2024



Certificate Recipients

Jett W	Sienna F	Kristian R	Marlin K	Gabriel G	Oliver B
Kohen M	Florence P	Ariana S	James A	Jasmine C	Hugh S
James L	Paige C	Aston H	Oliver M	Paige C	Nathan B
Billie D	Charlie M	Jo-Ellen C	Georgia C	Jackson L	Makenzie H
Bambi F	Harrison W	Stella B	Mila W		

Specialist Awards

Science Spoonbill 3	Indonesian Spoonbill 4	Music Ibis 4	Phys Ed Ibis 3
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A TASTE OF JAPANESE CULTURE IN WHIMBREL 4



Whimbrel 4 had the privilege of a special cultural visit from Tommy's mum, Ms. Saori Caiolfa, who introduced the students to the art of sushi-making. Each student selected their own ingredients and learned how to roll their own sushi, guided by Ms. Saori's expertise.

As a heartfelt gesture, Ms. Saori spent her weekend folding delicate paper cranes, gifting one to every student a beautiful symbol of Japanese tradition. To make the day even more special, students had the chance to try on one of her traditional kimonos, further deepening their connection to Japanese culture.

Thank you, Ms. Saori, for this wonderful and memorable experience. Whimbrel 4 truly enjoyed learning about your culture!



ENVIRONMENT ACTION TEAM

Gurlibil (Turtle) Monitoring: A Morning of Discovery at Cable Beach

On the morning of Monday 2 December, the Environment Action Team had the privilege of collaborating with Alina and Ailsa from Parks & Wildlife on an inspiring conservation initiative at Cable Beach. Arriving at 6:00 am, we set out to survey the stretch of beach north of the rocks, immersing ourselves in the vital work of marine conservation.

We were well-prepared for our survey, thanks to Jess from Parks & Wildlife, who visited us last week to share her expertise on turtle nesting. She taught us about the different turtle species that nest on Cable Beach and how to recognise their tracks, nests, and any signs of predator disturbances. Her insights gave us the skills and confidence to identify and document our findings during the morning's monitoring.

Our early start was rewarded with some exciting findings:

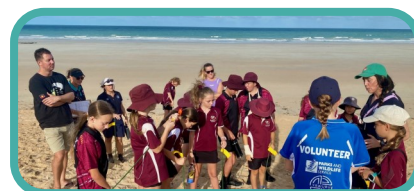
- **3 confirmed turtle nests**
- **1 unconfirmed nest**
- **1 false crawl** (when a turtle begins to nest but doesn't lay eggs)

A rare occurrence: one nest appeared to overlap with or be positioned directly next to another!

This hands-on experience offered a unique opportunity to learn more about the nesting habits of turtles and the ongoing efforts to protect these incredible creatures in Broome.

It was a morning filled with discovery, teamwork, and a deeper connection to the natural world—highlighting the importance of safeguarding our local wildlife for future generations.

Let's continue to champion marine conservation 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

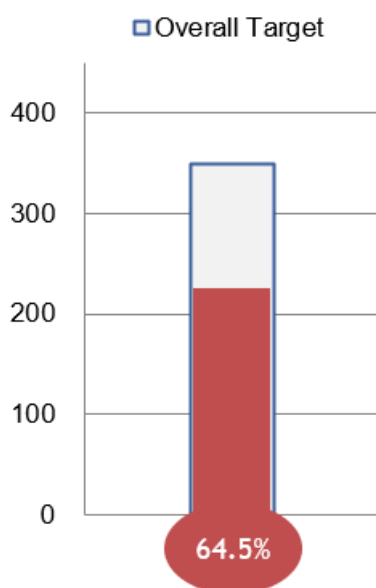
***\$650 is the expected total cost inclusive of all activities, accommodation, transport and food for a five day camp. Parent fundraising has historically reduced the contribution to approximately \$300 per student. This amount per child per annum is therefore dependent and directly related to the effort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



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 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.

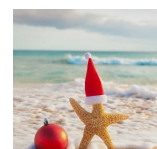
SCHOOL BUS SERVICES



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](#)



COMMUNITY NEWS

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 14:00pm:

- Schools will be closed the following day.
- 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



Hi, my name is Kate Shipley and I have been on the P&C for the past 7 years, and president for 5. The P&C has given me the opportunity to contribute to the experience and enjoyment for our children at Roebuck Primary School, and provided an opportunity to meet other parents.

This year the P&C raised over \$32,000 for the school, through raffles, the colour run, the disco and the sale of second hand uniforms and faction shirts. This money provided the beautiful mural in the undercover area as well as some school beautification projects organised by the student leadership teams, and the purchase of spelling mastery books that all of our children have benefited from.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the 2024 P&C members, who have all given up their time, and worked incredibly hard to put these amazing events on for us all to enjoy. I would also like to thank our sponsors and donors in 2024, as well as you, the school community for attending our events, and buying our raffles tickets.

On a personal note, 2024 is my last year on the P&C as we are leaving Broome, I look forward to hearing all about the wonderful things the new committee do in 2025. Being on the P&C was so incredibly rewarding and is something I would encourage anyone to consider.

Wishing you a happy and safe festive season. Kate x

