Dear Parents

STAFFING
Welcome to our third and what traditionally is our athletics term. Staff have been busy planning a variety of activities and excursions and training is well on its way for athletics events. I mention this to ensure parents are suitably stretched and trained for the parent / student / staff relay!

Welcome Mrs Fiona Butler who has joined the lovely ladies in the front office.

STUDENT WORK
I have some fantastic pieces of work produced by students from Wagtail 1, 2 and 3 being displayed in my office window. If you are wandering by please take a moment to check their efforts.

Digby from Whimbrel 6 shared his story about visiting the Dinosaur Museum in the holidays and Seth wrote a detailed recount about his motocross racing and spill with subsequent bruise; some very different but equally interesting stories.

Students in Ibis 1 shared their stories about what happened in the school holidays from fishing, camping, movies, sleepovers and much more. It sounds like there are plenty of mum’s and dad’s that are in need of a rest!

ATTENDANCE NOTE
In reviewing ‘best practice’ within a school environment and looking at the highest level of care and safety that we wish to achieve, we have introduced a ‘sign in/out’ note that all parents of students, K-7, are asked to present to a class teacher prior to a student being released from class during normal school hours. This includes students waiting at the office prior to being collected from the front office. As you can appreciate, with a student population of over 730 students; the highest in Broome, we have a large volume of pedestrian traffic to try and manage, and in our small administration area, the introduction of this process assists us to effectively and safely manage the movement of students around the school. I thank you in advance of your support and cooperation in working with us to assist in introducing this whole school practice.

OUR SCHOOL – WHERE ARE WE AT?
Since its inception, Roebuck Primary School continues to grow...and fluctuate. 75 students in 2000 to 732 in July 2014. February 2015 we expect to start with 550 students as Broome North opens (planning name only). I seek your support in informing the school of your intentions for 2015 to allow us to make the necessary adjustments to our staffing and school structure as we start to put plans into place.

Kelvin Shem

DATES TO REMEMBER
- Friday 1 August
  Whole School Assembly
- Tuesday 5 August
  P & C Meeting 7pm
- Wednesday 6 August
  Junior Athletics Carnival PP-Y3
- Friday 8 August
  Senior Athletics Carnival Y4-7.
- Wednesday 13 to Friday 15 August
  School Photos

SCHOOL PHOTOS
School Photos will be taken on
Wednesday 13 August to Friday 15 August.

Sibling photos are available again this year. A form for interest is located in Reception. Please notify the office by no later than Friday 8 August so we can allocate times.
**SPORTS NEWS**

The Athletics Carnivals are fast approaching. The following dates and information are important regarding the upcoming carnivals.

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<td>Wednesday 6 August</td>
<td><strong>Junior Carnival Day: PP/Yrs 1-3</strong>&lt;br&gt;Sprints/championship races/team games/relays&lt;br&gt;and novelty events (approx. 8am—1pm)&lt;br&gt;(please note Pre-Primary involved only until 10.30)</td>
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**What to bring:** all students are to wear **sunscreen** and **faction colours** on the carnival days and when competing in the jumps/throws. Children must have a **labeled school hat**, **water bottle**, **snacks** and **lunch**.

**Finish Times:** from previous carnivals it is anticipated that the Junior and Senior Faction carnival days are likely to finish earlier than a normal school day. If you wish to take your child home with you at the conclusion of the carnival you must consult with your child’s classroom teacher on the day or alternatively they will be supervised and dismissed at the normal school time.

**Help:** We are in urgent need of Parent help on all of the jumps/throws and carnival days. If parents are available to help on any of the days or with the set up of the carnival please leave your name at the front office.

An events program with **approximate** times will be available from the reception from Friday 1 August.

**Healthy food choices in schools**

- A healthy lunch should include fruit, vegetables, whole grains, meat or alternatives, dairy products and water.
- Ask your children what they would like (within reason!) in their school lunch.
- Keep lunch boxes interesting. Offer a variety of lunch foods including sandwiches, rolls, wraps and cold salads.
- Try not to include biscuits, cakes, chocolates, energy bars, chips and confectionery. They are not learning foods.

Miss Ritter is asking families if they have any empty shoeboxes at home, could they please donate them to her class for a Design and Technology project which they are doing later this term.

All donations can be dropped off to her classroom Whimbrel 5

Thankyou.
The Naidoc Cup was a HUGE success! The students and staff at Roebuck Primary School worked together to make the event a wonderful celebration to end a busy term 2. Students and staff supported their favourite teams in two very exciting games of football. In the 4/5 game the Goanna’s won and in the 6/7 team the Turtles won.

On behalf of the PR Team I would like to thank Miss Guthrie for her commitment to helping the girls choreograph awesome moves for the half time entertainment. I would also like to thank Mr Leslie, Ms Bettink, Mrs Evans and Mrs Knox for coaching the teams, Mr Fitts for umpiring and Mrs Blackley for goal umpiring. A BIG thankyou to all the parents, students and teachers for their support and sportsmanship throughout the day.

A HUGE thankyou to Mrs Forde for organising such a successful event.

Written by Bree.

NAIDOC ASSEMBLY REPORT

The last assembly of Term 2 was a ‘ripper’!!!

Mr Leslie’s Year 5/6 class worked hard all term to learn a local Broome song called ‘Goin’ Fishin’ which they were lucky enough to perform with Stephen Pigrim himself. The students played guitars, egg shakers, ukulele’s and djembe’s to entertain the audience.

We were then lucky enough to have Mr Pigrim perform two of his own songs and Uncle Bamba was at the assembly and performed his song ‘Bluebone Soup’. The Naidoc Competition winners were announced and

BOOK WEEK & NATIONAL LITERACY & NUMERACY WEEK
25 - 29 August

Theme:
Connect to reading - Reading to connect

This year we will have several events to celebrate these fantastic initiatives.

All students are invited to participate in the BOOK WEEK PARADE on Thursday 28 August. Come dressed as a character that you connect to through reading. It’s a fun and enjoyable way to share our love of reading!

Year K-2 students will also participate in a BOOKS AND BREKKY morning with their parents on Thursday 28 August. What a fantastic opportunity to read a book and enjoy some delicious breakfast with your child!
Looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting on Tuesday 5th August starting from 7pm in the Staffroom (this time we are holding an evening meeting).

We are trialling a new time slot—7.00pm to 8.30pm on Tuesday night. The aim is to try and encourage as many as possible to attend by alternating from a daytime (1pm) timeslot to an evening (7pm) - some can make it after work, others only during the daytime - our recent little Facebook survey demonstrated it very quickly! Even if you can only make every second meeting, we still appreciate your attendance whenever you can get there. We need a quorum of 10 people which doesn't sound like much with a school of over 650 students but it is usually a challenge! Everybody is welcome and the wider range of input and perspectives we can get, the better the outcome.

This meeting we would particularly like to discuss uniforms and the third term program. Kelvin Shem will also provide an update on broader school issues.

Don’t forget to sign up for our online P&C newsletter by emailing us “Subscribe” to roebuck.pandc@gmail.com

Thanks and see you next Tuesday!

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**Orange’ School Bus Services**

Is your child starting or changing schools in 2015 and are you seeking Transport Assistance on an ‘Orange’ school bus?

In 2015 all Year 7 students, will be attending high school as secondary students. This will have a substantial impact on the ‘Orange’ school bus network and will require significant planning. It is very important that Public Transport Authority establishes the number of eligible students requiring Transport Assistance.

The Public Transport Authority is requesting parents that have children starting or changing schools in 2015 and requiring bus travel to complete an online application for Transport Assistance at [www.schoolbuses.wa.gov.au](http://www.schoolbuses.wa.gov.au) by no later than 31 August 2014 for travel in 2015.

Please be aware; Transport Assistance is offered to eligible families in two forms, either by ‘Orange’ school bus or a Conveyance Allowance paid to parents to drive their children to and from school. The type of Transport Assistance provided to a family depends on many factors including, location and bus availability.

If your child is currently travelling on an ‘Orange’ school bus and they are not changing schools next year, there is no need to reapply or contact us as your transport arrangements as a rule will remain the same.

If you have any further questions please phone 9326 2625 or email schoolbus@pta.wa.gov.au

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**DOLLARMITE SCHOOL BANKING**

**Term 3**

**Banking day is now Thursday**

This is a reminder that banking days are now on Thursdays in the Whimbrel area from 7.40am -- 8.00am.

Please come in and see Nic, Mel or Elle if you would like an information pack.

We look forward to seeing you.

Happy Banking.