Dear Parents,

To assist in our planning for 2016, it would be appreciated if parents can advise the school of their intention to leave Roebuck Primary School (i.e. not returning for 2016). At the beginning of this year we experienced an added 50 students leaving Roebuck Primary School unexpectedly which caused restructure and some community angst. Your information is non-binding but does provide us an opportunity for more accurate planning for classes and staff numbers. If you can please inform us of your (possible) intention via our school email address roebuck.ps@education.wa.edu.au it will be greatly appreciated.

Principal’s Presentation – Q&A

30 minutes prior to the P&C meeting I am available for parents to attend and ask specific questions about the school or school direction / planning. If you do have a specific question, please drop it into the Q&A box located in the library or email it to the school by 2pm Tuesday, 27 October. This allows you to retain your anonymity and gives me a chance to ensure I can provide the information if not immediately at hand.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 27 October starting at 6.30pm in the staffroom. One of the topics will cover the process for setting classes for 2016 and school structure and what is happening as our enrolments continue to decline.

Surveys – Appreciate your input

With this newsletter are links to two surveys where we are seeking your input to assist in school decision-making.

The first survey on our school provides a great deal of information to guide us in our management and planning for the next two years across a range of areas. This information is published on the school website and School Report to share with the community. The survey link is:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/roebuckadminfeedback

The second survey is about the provision of school lunches from 2016. The School Board via a sub-committee is reviewing the current service of school lunches to students. This is part of the cyclic review and will guide the School Board and P&C in its decision making for the next few years. If you have FEEDBACK or wish to GUIDE the school in its management of the supply of lunches to your child/ren, please complete the survey https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YM87XDV

Both surveys close Friday, 30 October 2015

Dates for your diary!

Friday 23 October
Whimbrel 2 Assembly

Friday 23 October
I/S Multi Sports BRAC

Monday 26 October
School Board

Tuesday 27 October
P&C Meeting 6pm

Friday 6 November
School Development Day

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

The next School Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, 26 October 2015 commencing at 6pm in the school staffroom. This meeting is open to the public and it is where the Chair of the Board will present the performance of the Board’s functions in addition to the normal agenda items. As per the constitution, attendees of the public aren’t eligible to vote or enter into discussion.
WOW! This year’s Roebuck’s Got Talent went off with a bang!!! It was a fantastic way to finish a very busy Term 3. All of the acts were amazing this year, from the funny to the magical and we got to see just how much talent Roebuck Primary School students have.

The theme this year was sibling acts. We had over three acts being performed by siblings from our school. Instrumental music also played a large role in the acts this year with a lot of students demonstrating their musical talents with an instrument. There were song writers, acrobats, dancers and even funny, red dancing men.

Well done to all of those students who showcased their talent on the day!

Congratulations to the Community Team who gave up so many of their lunchtimes to hold the auditions, plan and prepare the event on the day; doing a wonderful job.

In Term 4, Year 6 students will be participating in growth and development lessons with our school health nurse, Vera Barrington. During these lessons the following topics will be covered:

- Healthy Bodies
- Puberty
- Anatomy
- Menstruation
- Conception
- Healthy relationships

Consent forms will be sent home this week with students. Any questions please do not hesitate in contacting me.

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Student Council elections for 2016 are coming up and the timeline of events is listed below.

All students from Year 4 and 5 are welcome to nominate for a position on our 2016 Student Council. Detailed information will be passed on to all students in these years on Friday, 30 October 2015.

Parents are asked to discuss this process with their children and encourage all students to participate.

Student Council Vision statement:
Student leaders at Roebuck Primary School will work together to make our school an encouraging, safe and welcoming learning environment for students, staff and community members.

As Student Leaders we will endeavour to be positive, fair and responsible role models for all students at Roebuck Primary School.

If further information is needed, please talk to a current Student Councillor or see Mrs Smith.

Student Council Election timeline – 2015

Student Councillor Talk:
2015 Student Councillors will address all Year 4 and 5 students on Friday, 30 October. They will share information about their role as a student councillor during this time. This will be held in the Assembly area at 8:00am – 8:30am. Nomination forms and information for parents will be handed out to interested students.

Nomination forms:
All nomination forms are due into Mrs Smith by Thursday, 5 November 2015. These nominations must have signatures from the student, their parents and two teachers.

Speeches and voting:
Successful nominees will prepare a speech to be given to all Year 4 and 5 students on Wednesday, 11 November 2015 (Year 4 students) 8am -10:00am and Thursday, 12 November 2015 (Year 5 students) in the Assembly area at 8:00 – 10:00. (They will be given guidelines on presenting their election speech.) Following the speeches, all students and staff will vote for the student councillors for 2016.

Election Results:
Results of election will be announced at the Presentation assembly on Tuesday, 8 December 2015 and all students will be presented with a certificate acknowledging their election into the Council for 2016.

WHAT ARE WE LEANING IN SCIENCE THIS TERM?

Term 4 Earth and Space Sciences Overview
This term the students in each year group will be looking at the following topics in Science.

Year 1 – Up, Down and All Around
We have a constantly changing world. This unit provides opportunities for students to explore natural, manmade and managed features that undergo change. Through outdoor observations and photographic records, students will investigate the daily, weekly and seasonal changes in their environment.

Year 2 – Water Works
Water is essential to life. This unit provides opportunities for students to develop an understanding of, and appreciation for this natural resource. Through investigations, students will explore how water is used, where water comes from and how to use it responsibly.

Year 3 – Night and Day
The rising of the Sun and Moon are daily reminders of the wonder and power of the universe. Studying the relationships between the Sun, Earth and Moon helps us understand how we experience day and night on Earth. Students will explore the sizes, shapes, positions and movements of the Sun, Earth and Moon.

Year 4 – Beneath our Feet
We live in a world that is constantly changing. This unit provides opportunities for students to explore how natural processes and human activity shape their surroundings. Students will investigate soils, rocks and landscapes and how they change over time. Students will also investigate factors that affect the erosion of soils.

Year 5 – Earth’s Place in Space
Scientists have used observations of the day and night sky to understand our place in Space. This unit provides opportunities for students to explore how the patterns in the sky relate to days, months and years. Students will also investigate the elements of our Solar System and Earth’s position within it.

Year 6 – Earthquake Explorers
Major earthquakes cause dramatic changes to the Earth’s surface; greater understanding of their causes helps scientists estimate the locations and likelihood of future damaging earthquakes. Throughout this unit, students will develop an understanding of the causes of earthquakes and investigate, explore and draw conclusions about earthquake magnitude and data from Australia and neighbouring countries.

STUDENT COUNCILLOR NEWS

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Are You Ready?
Roebuck Primary School is going Paperless!

Download the RPS App today.
Roebuck Primary School now has a new mobile APP which allows pop-up messages and instant alerts to remind parents of upcoming events or changes. It also includes sick notes and parents are able to access the school newsletter at the touch of a fingertip. You can download the new APP by going to your APP store and searching for Roebuck Primary School or by scanning the bar codes below with the QR Reader. It's that easy!

P & C NEWS

A reminder that, for duty of care reasons, the Department of Education requires us to differentiate between school organised, P&C organized, and business/community activities.

Next P&C meeting……..

The next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday, 27 October 2015 in the staffroom at 7pm.

It will be a great chance to catch up about the upcoming term and to start thinking about 2016! New faces are always welcome.

30 minutes prior to the meeting, our Principal Kelvin Shem will be available to discuss any issues in a Q&A forum. Please email any questions you would like discussed or alternatively drop into them into the office.

If you would like to attend the Q&A session please come along to the staffroom at 6:30pm on Tuesday, 27 October.

As always, thanks to the many super P&C members who volunteer their time in supporting our school. Your ongoing efforts are valued by everyone and we appreciate all contributions.

Don't forget to like our P&C facebook page.

VacSwim December/January school holiday swimming programs

It is important for every child to learn to swim properly and develop essential water safety skills. VacSwim’s December/January school holiday swimming programs are conducted by qualified instructors who teach children the skills to be confident swimmers and safe in the water.

This year there has been a small price increase from $10.00 per enrolment to $12.50 per enrolment (family enrolment for three or more children living at the same address is now $34.50). For program locations and to enrol visit education.wa.edu.au/swimming