Dear Parents / Caregivers

GOODBYE MRS SMITH
As many of you are now aware, Mrs Smith won a promotion late last term and therefore had a quick ten days to get herself packed, say goodbye to many with whom she has worked, taught and shared more than a few laughs and relocate to Wongan Hills DHS to start day one this term. A letter from Mrs Smith was read to the school community at last week’s assembly and the popular community song was recorded for her to shed a tear as she watches our students dance and sing in the Roebuck Way.

The strong foundations that Mrs Smith has established in her role as Deputy Principal are being continued by the staff and will be supported with the appointment of a new Deputy Principal whose selection processes is currently underway.

BUILDINGS, GROUNDS AND FACILITIES REVIEW
Feedback, ideas and suggestions are welcome to assist in the school makeover. Mobile whiteboards are located in the Greenshank undercover area with ideas on them to assist people with developing their thoughts and concepts. This will finish this Friday and the final review presented to the P&C next Tuesday.

RETICULATION
Yes, our grounds are looking a little poorly due to our reticulation system being burnt out by a lightning strike early this year. This expensive repair job has been completed and we will be spending a bit more time watering, repairing and nursing our grounds back to health over the next few weeks ready for the school carnival.

LEARNING GROUPS
Teaching and learning is done by all staff at Roebuck Primary School with our fantastic and very talented education assistants supporting the rich classroom programs. Several parents help with regular sessions and small group work, too.

STAFFING
Roebuck Primary School welcomes back Ms Lisa Hailstone who will be teaching Whimbrel 1 and Mrs Skye Beatty to Whimbrel 2. In addition, Ms Georgia Cann is completing her final long-term teaching practicum in Ibis 3.

THANK YOU
A big thank you to Jason Perry from PPMC and Nathan Vomiero for installing and grouting the snake artwork proudly displayed in the undercover area.

Kelvin Shem
Principal
The following vacancies are now listed on the government website, www.jobs.wa.gov.au

Application closing dates vary. Please visit this website to obtain information, job description and application directions for the following positions:

- Gardener/Handyperson
- Cleaner
- Education Assistant—Mainstream
- Education Assistant—Special Needs
SCHOOL NEWS

LAPS Program

Are you interested in assisting Pre Primary staff in the delivery of the very successful Language Acquisition for Pre-primary Students (LAPS) program?

You are invited to attend a parent workshop presented by LAPS coordinator Debra Hannagan.

The workshop will focus on the following:

♦ A brief overview of some of the strategies teachers are using in LAPS.
♦ How to best support children’s learning at home.
♦ Ways to support the LAPS classroom as a parent helper.

When: Monday, 1 August
Time: 1.00-2.00pm
Where: Roebuck Primary School staffroom

Roebuck Primary School Spelling Bee

Friday 29 JULY

Year 5/6: 8.10 – 9.00
Year 3/4: 9.10 – 10.00
Year 1/2: 10.30 – 11.30

PEAC TESTING 2016

The Primary Extension and Challenge (PEAC) Program provides part time extension and enrichment for exceptionally able students in years 5 and 6. PEAC offers a range of courses that provide the most able students with work that is intellectually challenging.

All students in year 4 will have the opportunity to be assessed for suitability for the PEAC Program. Students who are performing well at school are possible candidates for the program. There are some students in year 4 whose potential is not so easily recognised. There may be students who are underachieving at school and there are some students who demonstrate certain skills and abilities more at home than at school. Together, we can ensure that all students who have the potential for high academic performance are identified.

All year 4 students will be involved in this year’s PEAC testing.

Testing at ROEBUCK PRIMARY SCHOOL will occur on Tuesday, 2 August

The test will measure the student’s ability to recognise patterns and to predict with speed and accuracy and measure each child’s ability to apply their knowledge and learning. The scores from the test will be used in the selection of students for PEAC courses and extension programs during 2017 to 2018.

If you do not wish your child to be included in the PEAC assessment please notify the school in writing by Monday, 1 August.

Yours sincerely
Bindi Forde
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

MERIT CERTIFICATES

Max M.       Jasmin C.       Cooper G.
Ratu S.      Torah P.       Ella T.
Ruby F.      Shelby V.     Callum L.
Spoonbill 3  Khairan O.    Brooklyn G.
May E.       Kayla S.      Benny L.
Ash S.       Lucas N.      Lily M.
Christopher W.      Poppi T.     Indi L.
Javarhn D.       Jordan A.     Jacob R.
Sophie W.      Joshua T.    Jorja N.
Amber M.      Imogen N.    Ella B.
Luke L.       Farron W.

SIX KINDS OF BEST

Leah S.        Benny L.        Jackson T.
Holly H.       Lily D.         Tarik H.
Spencer H.     

VALUES AWARDS

Indee W.        Taigh H.        Sophie N.
Caleb N.       Leah P.         Liam F.
Isabella L.    Charli B.       Drew P.
Tarik H.       William T.      Jack B.
Minaki C.     Giselle A.
Upcoming Events

Athletics and Jumps Carnivals

The Athletics Carnivals are fast approaching. The following dates and information are important.

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What to bring: All students are to wear sunscreen and faction colours on the carnival days. Children must have a school hat, water bottle, snacks and lunch.

Finish Times: The Roebuck Primary School Faction Carnival may finish earlier than the scheduled normal time. 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 and carnival days. If parents are available to help on any of the days or with the setup of the carnival, please e-mail: christopher.migliore@education.wa.edu.au

We would also like to have additional shade for students at the Athletics Carnival, so if you have a gazebo that could be used, could you please bring it along on the day at 7.00am.

BOOK FAIR WEEK 6
August 22 – 26

We are delighted to host the Scholastic Book Fair during Week 6 of this term. Books will be available to buy before and after school.

The library is looking for some adult helpers to assist at these times. If you can spare 30 minutes that week to help us either with setting up, assisting behind the desk, or helping shoppers, please contact Valerie Burgess, Library Officer (pop into the library between 7.30am and 2pm) or email: valerie.burgess@education.wa.edu.au

We look forward to seeing you at the Fair and remember that all books sold help towards funds to buy more books for the school library.
P&C NEWS

**Next P&C Meeting**
The next P&C Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 2 August.

**School Uniforms**
As of Monday, 1 August, Roebuck Primary School uniforms will be sold by Totally Workwear, located at 5 Haynes Street, Broome. Opening hours Mon-Thur 8-5, Fri 8-4:30 and Sat 8:30-noon. Ph 9192 7677.

COMMUNITY NEWS

**Whooping Cough**
Recently, there has been a case of whooping cough in the Broome community. It is highly infectious and can be life threatening to babies. Older children and adults can also become infected and while their systems are usually less severe, they can pass the infection onto others.

**Symptoms:** Whooping cough usually starts like a cold with a blocked or runny nose, tiredness, mild fever and cough. The cough typically gets worse and severe bouts of uncontrollable coughing can develop. The cough can last for many weeks and can be worse at night.

If you have any concerns, please consult your doctor.

**THE READING HOUR 2016**

**Shine a light on .... Reading Hour**
Tuesday 16th August 2016
6 - 7 pm

Bring your head torch/torch, pillow & favourite book, or come early to choose a book and snuggle down to read for an hour.

**Parking**
We have had concerns for children’s safety as parents are parking in non-designated drop off area’s in the Early Childhood car park and in the “Bus Only” zone on Sanderling Drive. This is causing congestion and is preventing the buses from parking correctly to ensure the safety of our children when boarding.

**Second-Hand Floor Mats**
Roebuck Primary School has a number of second-hand mats/rugs to give away. These could be used in the garden for weed prevention or in the shed. If you are interested please contact the front office on 9192 3377.