Dear Parents

Over the next few weeks the teachers are beginning to write the final student reports for 2015. During this time, they will be completing their final assessments across all learning areas, ensuring they have detailed information for each student. With this in mind, please be aware of the importance of your child’s regular attendance at school to ensure he/she completes the units of work as required by the curriculum and thus giving him/her every opportunity to demonstrate their skills.

Last week our wonderful school choir attended the Broome Camp School to work collaboratively with the choirs from Broome PS and Cable Beach PS. All students worked with the different music teachers in mixed school groups. The students were involved in a range of musical activities developed by each of the music teachers. Mrs Forde and Mrs Guthrie participated in this event and assisted with the combined schools “Count Us In” music event held in the Cable Beach amphitheatre. This was filmed and a live stream of the performance was sent to the national organisers of “Count Us In”.

Last Monday, a representative group from the Student Council addressed the School Board about the significance of the Student Council and its impact to Roebuck Primary School. The students presented an audio-visual presentation explaining the vision of the Student Council and their achievements for 2015. Information from a school survey on the Student Council was also shared with the Board and the analysis of this data has given the Student Council explicit information on how they can enhance and promote the development of a student voice at Roebuck Primary School. Thanks go to Bree Potter, Riley Forde, Max Beadle, Lucy Fisher, Lexi Fox and Sophie Fadaely for giving up their time to discuss our Student Council.

This Friday is a School Development Day for Roebuck Primary School. (Students get to have a sleep in!!) Staff will be involved in presentations from our Curriculum Leaders who have gathered and analysed data about their specific learning area. The use of whole school testing in different learning areas guides our decision making by giving specific information about student progress and areas requiring improvement or consolidation. This information will be used by the curriculum committees to set new targets and goals for our new Business Plan for 2016 – 2018.

Planning for 2016 will also be undertaken to ensure the best educational outcomes for all students. A number of factors such as gender, academic ability and social/emotional needs will be taken into consideration when placing students into a class that best suits their needs. In this regard, if you have any educational concerns for your child that may impact on their placement for 2016, please email roebuck.ps@education.wa.edu.au or Barbara.smith@education.wa.edu.au stating your request. Consideration will be given to accommodating your request if it is in the best interests of the student and the school. Only requests which identify an educational reason will be considered.

Have a great fortnight everyone,

Barb Smith
Acting Principal
WHAT HAVE OUR STUDENTS BEEN UP TO!!!

Choir

Last Thursday, 29 October was the MUSIC: National Count Us In day of celebration across Australia. All of the Choirs from the Broome Cluster schools celebrated by meeting at the camp school for a day of musical workshops and a special performance of this year's song 'GOLD' on the grass at the Cable Beach Amphitheatre. Students were lucky enough to do drumming, drama, musical games, ukulele, vocal/percussion and dance workshops during their day at the camp school. At 9.30am all of the Choirs came together to represent Broome in the singing of the national song with the rest of the country.....except I have to say we had the most spectacular location!!!!

Thanks go out to Mrs Guthrie for supporting Mrs Forde by teaching all schools the Roebuck Primary School community song, as well as Tom and his amazing staff at the Broome Camp School for hosting our day.

Written by Campbell Knox and Caelum Lee-Chi.

Kimberley Primary School Sports Association Multisport Carnival

On Friday the 23rd of October, an excited group set off from Roebuck Primary School to participate in the West Kimberley Primary School Sports Association Multisport Carnival. We took two soccer and three cricket teams. When we got there, everyone was enthusiastic. In the soccer, the two RPS teams played very well. It was great to play against other schools such as Derby, Cable Beach and St Mary’s. All the teams played fairly and we would like to thank everyone who helped in the carnival.

Written by Campbell Knox and Caelum Lee-Chi.
STUDENT COUNCILLOR NEWS

Student Council elections are underway for 2015. Last week the student leaders spoke to all students in Years 4 and 5 about nominating for Student Council in 2016. They talked about the Leadership Camp and the training and support they receive during the year. They also discussed some of the achievements of the Student Council during 2015 and encouraged all students to have a go at a leadership position.

Parents are asked to encourage their children to nominate for a position on the student council and remind them of the deadline for nomination (Thursday, 5 November).

Last week some of the Student Councillors joined with the Environment Action team to participate in the Keep Australia Beautiful campaign. Two groups of students worked together to clean up areas around Roebuck Estate. Miss Greenhalgh took a group of students to clean up the perimeter of the school and Mrs Smith supervised a group of students who cleaned up at Cygnet Park. These two areas were selected as they are both well utilized by our students and they felt responsible for cleaning these areas.

Six of our student leaders also presented a review of the Student Council to the School Board last week. They spoke of the achievements of the Student Council and the impact it has to Roebuck Primary School. They also shared the data gained from a school survey on the impact of the Student Council and explained the future directions of the student leadership for 2016 and beyond.

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!

### Charges and Voluntary Contributions

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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

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* $650 is the expected total cost inclusive of all activities, accommodation, transport and food for a five (5) 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

Voluntary Contributions and Charges were approved at school board meeting held on 31 August 2015.
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, 24 November 2015 in the staffroom at 7pm.

It will be the final chance to catch up this year and to start thinking about 2016! A quorum of 10 members is required to ensure financial decisions can be actioned so please come along. New faces are always welcome.

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

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**Parenting WA - Tuning in to Kids Emotionally Intelligent Parenting**

An Expression of interest for dad’s, pops, uncles and blokes

A six session parenting program for parents of aged 3-9 years

Would you like to learn how to:

- be better at talking with your child?
- be better at understanding your child?
- help your child learn to manage their emotions?
- help to prevent behaviour problems in your child?
- teach your child to deal with conflict?

Tuning in to Kids shows you how to help your child develop emotional intelligence.

Children with higher emotional intelligence:

- have greater success with making and keeping friends
- have better concentration at school
- are more able to calm down when upset or angry
- tend to have fewer childhood illnesses,
- Emotional Intelligence may be a better predictor of academic and career success than IQ!

When: Term 1, 2016 (times & dates TBC) – please contact Tamara Austin to register a day or a parenting program would better suit your needs.

Cost: Free (refreshments provided)

Where: TBC

For more information, please contact:

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