Dear Parents / Caregivers

SCHOOL BOARD
Our School Board, led by Mrs Nicola Walters as Chair, has seen Roebuck Primary School complete its first three year Business Plan. I acknowledge and thank past and current Board Members for their time, dedication and commitment to our great school. Each meeting the Board has the opportunity to examine in greater detail our results and ask our school leaders, not just the administration team, how effective they have been and obtain more in-depth information from these staff leaders on the effectiveness and success of our school programs. Thank you to all involved and I believe the school community should feel comfortable in your dedication and commitment to Roebuck Primary School.

P&C
Ms Katy Crawford has led a very committed group of parents and community members to provide a range of fun fund-raising activities that have benefited our students and the school. This includes events such as the disco’s, movie nights and car rally. The P&C meetings are very relaxed and members share a common thread, supporting actions for the school’s benefit. If you feel you have something to contribute, please catch up with one of our P&C members or drop in to one of the meetings as advertised in the school newsletters or display boards around the school. The more the merrier!

SCHOOL STRUCTURE FOR 2016
Staff have completed our final draft of student allocation to classes for 2016 with staff being informed of their respective placement to classes this Friday. These remain as our ‘final draft’ until we return in January 2016 as our structure and staff placement is determined on our actual numbers AND this may change as it did this year when 50 students didn’t return to Roebuck Primary School.

SCHOOL COMMUNITY SURVEY
Thank you to those who completed the survey. This information will be shared with the School Board, assisting in future school planning and direction setting. Excerpts of this information will be published in our Annual Report, school website and future e-newsletters.

TRAFFIC SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATE: CROSSWALK SUBMISSION
The sub-committee did a thorough job on collecting the data and preparing the submission. Unfortunately for us the submissions did not meet the criteria for a funded crosswalk; enough pedestrian traffic but too few cars for the timeframe required! We have been asked to re-submit an application for a self-funded crosswalk attendant or a crosswalk with traffic slowing devices (speed bumps).

Kelvin Shem
Principal
WHAT HAVE OUR STUDENTS BEEN UP TO!!

Year 1’s: Poetry Presentations for Oral Language

The Year 1’s all chose their favourite poem to read in front of the rest of their class mates. Below is an example of a poem read by the Year 1’s:

I think mice
Are rather nice.
Their tails are long,
Their faces small,
They haven’t any
Chins at all.
Their ears are pink,
Their teeth are white,
They run about the
House at night.
They nibble things
They shouldn’t touch
And no one seems
To like them much.
But I think mice
Are nice.

VALUES AWARDS

Jack M.  Skyler W.  Jocelyn P.
Indi M.  Asha N.  Micah N.
Ayla A.  Ashlee S.  Lucye L.
Callum W.  Callum D.  Matilda L.
Mason W.  Vikrant B.  Grace S.
Eddie B.  Lily T.  Thomas C.
Tayah M.  Dustin L.  Blake G.
Poppie T.  Austin P.  Clancy P.
Alice C.  Jorja N.  
Peyton C.  Ryan W.  

SIX KINDS OF BEST

Tom H.  Indee W.  Ella J.
Clara P  Matilda S.  Poppy H.
Mason J.  Ben P.  Wil S.
Mitchell A.  Layla A.  Lucinda A.
Kelysse R.  Jake H.  Josh B.
Jackson B.  Saxon T.  Amelia B.
Ella L.  Riley O.  Zeb M.
Jed E.  Trigg B.  Lucas V.
David D.  Ryley A.  

MERIT CERTIFICATES

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Whimbrel 1 Assembly Item

Friday 20 November 2015, at Roebuck Primary School’s assembly, Whimbrel 1 did their amazing jungle themed item. Whimbrel 1 created a parody of the song ‘The Lion Sleeps Tonight’. They performed catchy lyrics that left me singing in my head all day! By Asha M. (Year 5)

Last Assembly for 2015

Friday 27 November Spoonbill 1 and Spoonbill 2 performed their assembly items.

Spoonbill 1 opened with a parody of ‘What Does the Fox Say’, instead singing ‘What Does the Teacher Say’. The students chose to use their knowledge of poetry to create their item and to innovate a well known song to suit their classroom. The bowties were absolutely awesome and the acting and singing was great. The coffee part was very funny!

Spoonbill 2 performed a song motivating the community to use canvas bags instead of plastic. The costumes were good, the drumming great and it provided an important message. Oh man, that song was stuck in my head for the rest of the day!

Well done to both Spoonbill 1 and 2. Congratulations also to all silver and bronze medallion recipients and merit certificate recipients. By Stephanie C. (Year 4)
STUDENT COUNCILLOR NEWS

Last term the Student Council invited teachers and students to complete a survey on their effectiveness as a Council.

The survey asked them to rate the Council on the following aspects.

The Student Council:
- clear structures and processes
- broad representative of all students
- reports to the students and gets advice from students
- deals with a range of issues
- trained to be effective
- has time to do its work and gets credit for its work
- is connected to the schools decision making
- has Teacher and Principal support
- has the resources it needs.

Overall the results were positive and anecdotal feedback has been well received by the Councillors who have worked very hard this year.

The Councillors have been reviewing these results over the last few weeks and brainstorming ideas to improve our Student Council for 2016.

Our biggest aim for 2016 is to extend and improve on the student voice at Roebuck Primary School. This means having more involvement in the decision making of the school and ensuring that all student ideas and opinions are represented to the Council. We are currently working on a range of strategies to achieve this goal and the current Councillors are excited at the changes we are hoping to make.

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!

2016 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 066 605
Account No. 10134441
Reference Please put your child’s name

ARE YOU LEAVING?

Are you leaving Roebuck Primary School at the end of year? If so, please drop into the front office to complete documentation or email us at: roebuckps@education.wa.edu.au

2016 CHARGES – Extra Cost Options

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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 by approximately $300 per student. This amount per child per annum is therefore dependant 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.

The finish line is in sight with just over 2 weeks left of school. A big thank you all the families who have been involved with the P&C in 2015. We will be announcing the final figure of funds raised this year at the School Presentation night on the December 8. The P&C not only hosts fantastic fundraising events but it is great way to get involved with the school and meet other families.

The P&C is asking for some final help with distributing book orders on Friday December 11. If you can help, please text Katy on 0417996779. With many hands this is usually a quick task.

A very important and sincere thank you to Lisa King and friends for managing the uniform shop. Lisa and co have done a marvellous job for the past few years and have showed up every Friday, volunteering their precious time. Always full of great advice and smiles, you really have gone above and beyond. Stay tuned for uniform shop news for 2016.

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Community Kind

The Values Action Team are collecting donations of non-perishable food items like tinned food, biscuits, tea and coffee to make up Christmas hampers. We are also looking for contributions of small gifts like stationery, for children.

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