Dear Parents / Caregivers

NEW FAMILIES JOIN ROEBUCK PRIMARY SCHOOL
I wish to welcome the 70 new students and dozens of new families that have joined our great school and thank the existing students and parents for making them so welcome.

When you think of it, 512 students and 40+ staff each day is a large school. When you add in all the individual, year level and whole school activities our school can look a busy place. In fact it is BUT it is all focused on providing the best learning programs for all students. To share more specifically what each class does and what your child will be doing in their learning program, teachers are inviting parents to a Parent Teacher Meeting to explain how they will provide your child with a strong, high quality learning program within a very caring, values focused class and whole school environment.

I hope you are able to attend and if not, please make a time to catch up with the teacher. I look forward to meeting you in and around the classes each day.

SCHOOL BOARD
Our School Board will meet on Monday, 22 February where three original members will be completing their tenure. Closer to the date I shall share more information about these great people. I do wish to highlight that the School Board is looking for nominees from within our school community to fill these soon to be vacant positions.

There is School Board training on Monday, 15 February at Broome North Primary School between 5pm – 7pm being conducted by Mr Geoff Metcalf, Principal Advisor, School Innovation and Reform who can explain in more detail the Board’s role. Attendance does not commit you to the Board but if you are curious and want to know more please contact me on 9192 3377 or email roebuck.ps@education.wa.edu.au

PAPERLESS NEWSLETTERS – GET THE APP
This is the last fully published paper newsletter as indicated last year, as we are publishing digital copies via the App and website. Hard copies will be placed on the Parent Communication noticeboard (the small square noticeboard) located on each block. Download information is contained on the back page of this newsletter.

SCHOOL STAFF 2016
I wish to introduce the staff who, Working Together, make Roebuck Primary School such a great place. For a full list of school staff please see page 2. I would also like to welcome new teachers to the school Chris Migliore, Lorelle Giesen (pictured top left) and Tiana Leak (pictured bottom left).

On behalf of our dedicated and professional staff, I welcome you to a new and exciting school year.

Kelvin Shem
Principal
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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

### CHARGES – Extra Cost Options

- **Excursions/Visiting Artists**: K-6, $80.00
- **Interschool Sport**: 1-6, $60.00
- **Swimming**: 1-6, $90.00
- **School Camp**: 6, *$650.00*
- **Leadership Camp**: 5-6, $60.00
- **Graduation**: 6, $55.00
- **Specialist Phys Ed**: 1-6, $45.00
- **PEAC**: 5-6, $200.00

* $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 cost 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.
Hello to all Parents & Guardians

With the start of a new school year I wanted to firstly introduce myself as Roebuck Primary School's new Physical Education teacher and give a friendly reminder in regards to your child's well-being during their Physical Education lessons throughout the year.

As you are aware, all classes from years 1-6 will be with me for one hour of specific physical education time per week. Additionally, years 5 and 6 will be with me and the senior teaching staff for Senior Sport.

Please be aware of the days your child has their Physical Education lesson as it is imperative they bring to classes the appropriate attire. All students are required to wear enclosed footwear (preferably joggers), comfortable clothing for participating in our warmer climate and a wide brimmed hat. Please refrain from sending your child to school with any jewellery or items that may fall off during physical activity. If possible please apply sunscreen to your child before sending them to school. Sunscreen is available in our classrooms for your child to apply themselves. Most days during Term One we will spend the majority of our time in the undercover area, however there will be times when we venture out onto the oval for our lessons.

Lastly, our Interschool Swim Carnival is the first major sporting event on the calendar for 2016 and Roebuck Primary School will be the hosts. As in previous years, the school has held swim trials prior to the carnival, further information about the trials will be sent home with your child in the coming weeks. I would like to gather a contingent of parents or helpers who may be interested and available for jobs during the trials. If you think you may be available in helping for the upcoming swim trials, please forward an email to myself or contact me at the school with your details.

Swim Trials
Date: March 3, 2016
Time: 8:30am – 10:30/11am

Interschool Swim Carnival
Date: March 24, 2016

If you have any further questions, concerns or ideas about our carnivals, please contact me via my e-mail below. I look forward to meeting with you all at some stage during the year.

Kind Regards,

Chris Migliore
Physical Education Teacher
Roebuck Primary School
christopher.migliore@education.wa.edu.au

‘EARTH AND SPACE’ SCIENCE OVERVIEW

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.

Renee Bettink
Science Specialist
SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATE

FOOD SERVICE Provision
The committee met in the final weeks of last term to update and make recommendations to the School Board on the school Healthy Food and Drink policy. The community survey provided valuable information on what parents felt were the best options for their children regarding preferred drinks, foods and days of the week they wish a canteen to operate. Currently, the committee is investigating the process to review our service provider.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS
It was decided by the P&C last year to look at finding a local supplier to manufacture and sell the Roebuck Primary School uniform. Information will be published in a forthcoming edition of the Broome Advertiser and expressions of interest discussed with the prospective businesses.

P&C and COMMUNITY NEWS

P&C NEWS
The first P&C Meeting for 2016 is to be held 7pm, Tuesday, 16 February in the staffroom. The AGM will take place first to appoint new members / office bearers, followed by the general meeting. We warmly welcome everyone to attend as all input is valued. It is also a great way to meet other RPS parents.

A Year 6 Camp Parent Meeting was recently held, and the first fundraising effort for Year 6 parents to deliver all the Broome Directories around town for a cool $5,000 was organised.

CYCLONE RELOCATION KITS
Preparing your family and your home for a cyclone is important if you live in a cyclone prone area. However, not all homes are a safe place to be during a cyclone. Having supplies ready to relocate to safer accommodation during a cyclone could save you and your families lives.

Be Cyclone Smart by preparing a relocation kit in addition to your family’s emergency kit.

Relocation Kit items could include:
♦ Essential medications
♦ Driver’s license, passports & insurance papers
♦ Cash, debit and credit cards
♦ Warm/spare clothes
♦ Sleeping bags and bedding

For more information on how to be Cyclone Smart:
• Visit the DFES website at www.dfes.wa.gov.au
• Contact DFES Community Engagement on 9395 9816

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Where: Whimbrel Wet Area

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