



# ROSSMOYNE REFLECTIONS

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Virtue of the Month for July—Initiative

Next Newsletter—27 August 2021

*Together we empower global citizens.*

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

**Welcome  
back to  
Term 3!**

Welcome back to school. I hope you all enjoyed the holidays and are ready for another busy and exciting term!



### 2021 'Our School, Our Say' Forum

I am very pleased to advise that we are planning another 'Our School, Our Say' Forum. The inaugural forum was held in 2017 and was very successful. It was attended by 71 parents/carers and staff and provided important and valued feedback which has been used extensively to inform school decisions and initiatives in recent years.

**This year's 'Our School, Our Say' forum will be held on Wednesday 25th August in our library commencing at 6.30 pm.**



Please make every effort to come along to share your feedback. Our staff and School Board are very keen to hear your thoughts about what you think our school is doing well, what you think we could do to improve, and what you think we should prioritise in the coming years. Our staff and School Board will be developing our school's 2022 to 2024 Business Plan. The plan will outline the strategic direction of our school; describe the key focus areas and strategies that will be implemented over the next three years and

outline the targets we will strive to achieve. The feedback we receive at the forum will inform our decisions. Stay tuned for more information about the forum in the coming weeks.

### Phase 5 Guidelines

All schools are now following Phase 5 Covid-19 Operating Guidelines, which means we have almost returned to pre-lockdown conditions! The 2 square metre rule and capacity limits for events no longer apply. We are very excited to be able to welcome you back to our school, classrooms and to events such as assemblies and P&C Movie Nights. Even though we are in Phase 5, the following still apply:

- physical distancing measures between adults still apply;
- good hygiene practices are still being promoted and maintained; and
- visitors, parents/carers and students should not attend school if they are unwell.

Despite now being in Phase 5, we are still making sure we are well-prepared to ensure the continuity of teaching and learning in the event we encounter the disruption of another Covid-19 community outbreak.

### 2022 Planning

Believe it or not, our planning for 2022 has now commenced. If you know your child/ren will not be attending our school, can you please let us know, as having accurate student numbers greatly assists with our planning.

Also, if you know of anyone who resides in

our local intake area who hasn't already submitted their application to enrol, can you please encourage them to contact us or visit the school ASAP.

Room 19 and NAIDOC Assembly

As you know our Room 19/NAIDOC assembly was postponed due to Covid restrictions in the last week of last term. It will now be held on Thursday 26 August commencing at 8.45 am.

*Rochelle Williamson*

Principal

### Upcoming Events

- \* 2 August - P&C Meeting, 7 pm, library
- \* 3 August - Interschool League Tag
- \* 4 August - Year 4 PEAC testing
- \* 5 August - Rm 25 & 26 Assembly
- \* 6 August - P&C Movie Night (PP to Yr 3)
- \* 6 August - Book Club Orders Close
- \* 12 to 13 August - School Photo Days
- \* 13 August - P&C Movie Night (Yr 4-6)
- \* 17 August - Interschool Cross Country
- \* 19 August - Rm 10 Assembly
- \* 20 August - Whole School Science Week Activity
- \* 26 August - NAIDOC and Rm 19 Assembly

**Monday 9th August is a Professional Learning Day for staff. Students do not attend school on this day.**

### Our Current Priority Areas

1. Excellence in Teaching
2. Successful Students
3. Health and Well-being
4. A Connected Community

## Our Code of Conduct

School community members will display behaviours that uphold our four school values—integrity, respect, courage and belonging.



## Merit Certificates

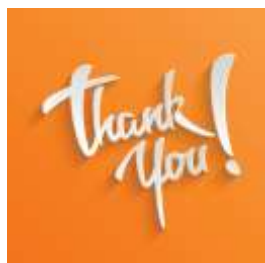
Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Certificates at last week's assembly. Keep up the great work!

Room 8 James Zac	Room 9 Felix George	Room 10 Olivia Khalil
Room 13 Grace Presto	Room 14 Ayva Caitlin	Room 15 Lucy S Lucy N
Room 16 Maira Samad	Room 17 Lucy Alby Kelsey Lucas	Room 18
Room 19 Sarah Lucas	Room 20 Jedd Chantelle	Room 21 Avahli Anisha
Room 22 Tejveer Seyur	Room 23 Frederick Maya	Room 24 Evie Ellie
Room 25 Christopher Warrick	Room 26 Mara Jack	



### Gilbert's Fresh Markets 'Support our Schools Program

Our school has recently joined the Gilberts Fresh Markets 'Support our Schools' program. Gilberts will donate 1% of the money you spend to our school every time you shop with them. Your support in helping us raise some extra funds would be greatly appreciated. Our closest Gilberts store is located at the Southlands Shopping Centre on Pinetree Gully Road in Willetton. You can sign up in store (at the checkout) - and you will then receive an SOS card for scanning each time you shop to earn funds for our school.



Thank You!

The Maths Committee would like to thank the fabulous parents who gave up their Saturday to help at the Maths Busy Bee held in the holidays. There was a great turnout and we got so much done! Your efforts were greatly appreciated!

There is still some labelling to be completed. If you are able to give up an hour or two to help with the labelling, Mrs Webb would love to hear from you. This work can take place during school hours on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday or after school on Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays in the coming weeks. If you're able to assist, please email Mrs Webb. ([sherylle.webb@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:sherylle.webb@education.wa.edu.au))

### Raising Resilient Children Workshop

Many thanks to the parents that attended the workshop run by Tom Lowther from Helping Minds on Wednesday 23rd June. It was great to get some helpful tips about how to help our children become more resilient. It was also a fantastic opportunity to introduce our Chaplain, Mr Choy Lee, to many parents. Chappy is at our school Wednesdays and Fridays.





2021 National Science Week

The theme for this year's National Science Week is 'Food—Different by Design'. We will be celebrating by building a whole school ice sculpture on Friday 20th August. Your child/ren are

asked to bring in a square 2 litre ice-cream container of SOLID ice to contribute to our school ice castle on THAT DAY! Miss Sas, Mrs Hill & Mrs Holtmeulen



### Megaband Performance

On Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June, the Concert Band from Canning Vale Primary School joined our school's Concert Band to form a MEGABAND. Our Megaband of 45 musicians performed two pieces for the school, "Celtic Ritual and Dance" by Mekel Rogers, and "Across the Serengeti" by Jack Wilds. Our instrumental students also got to showcase their instruments with favourites such as the "Stegasaurus Stomp" played by our Year 6 Clarinetists and "The Muffin Man" played by our Year 6 Flautists. On Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June, we then had the pleasure of visiting Canning Vale Primary School, to perform the same band pieces to their school community and hear the Canning Vale musicians showcase their pieces. Congratulations to all students involved and thank you for learning the pieces and committing to rehearsals and performances. Mrs Tran



### PEAC (Primary Extension and Challenge) Program

All Year 4 students will be participating in PEAC testing next Wednesday 4th August. The testing will identify students for selection into PEAC. The PEAC program provides part time extension and enrichment for **exceptionally able students in Years 5 and 6**. Please contact your child's class teacher or Mrs Ashby if you require any further information.



## School Photo Days Thursday 12th and Friday 13th August

Our school photo days are coming! Every student will bring home a personalised flyer from Kapture Photography which will contain your child's unique codes for ordering school photos online.

PLEASE ENSURE YOU KEEP YOUR FLYER SECURE!

*Kapture have advised that they will only issue the unique codes contained on the flyer once.*

Sibling photos can ONLY be ordered online. Once you receive the personalised flyer/s for your child/ren, it is imperative that you order sibling photos early to avoid missing out! There is a limit to how many sibling photos can be taken. Once the maximum capacity of sibling orders has been reached, no more sibling orders can be placed. If maximum capacity is not reached, sibling orders will close at 12pm midday on Wednesday 11th August.





### Waste Wise Wednesdays

Our Year 6 Environmental Advocates, who are part of our Student Leadership Team, are promoting Waste Wise Wednesdays as part of our school's commitment to reducing our waste to landfill. On Wednesdays, students will be encouraged to bring a waste-free lunch to school, commencing next Wednesday 4th August. A waste-free lunch is one that contains no throwaway packaging and produces no food waste. The typical waste-free lunch:

- is packed in a reusable lunchbox or bag rather than in a plastic bag;
- stores food in reusable containers rather than using single-serve snack items or wrapping food in disposable packaging such as glad wrap, zip lock bags or alfoil;
- has drinks in refillable bottles rather than using single use drink boxes, bottles or pouches; and
- includes reusable utensils rather than single use plastic forks and spoons.

Australia is one of the highest producers of waste per person in the western world. The average student's lunch generates around 3 kg of waste per school year. If you consider the impact of the collective lunches of your family, that's a lot of waste. But with your assistance, we can make a great contribution towards avoiding waste.

By helping your child pack a waste-free lunch you will help fulfil a number of goals:

- ✓ Learn about waste avoidance and recovery, including reusing and recycling.
- ✓ Reduce the 13 million tonnes of lunch waste currently going to landfill in Australia.
- ✓ Reduce the cost of waste disposal so the school's resources can be put to better use.
- ✓ Minimise litter around the school due to less waste becoming litter.
- ✓ Encourage healthy eating by avoiding pre-packaged foods which tend to be high in fats, sugar, sodium and artificial ingredients.
- ✓ Help you save money - an average waste-free lunch can save you \$10.50 per week or \$397.50 per year per child

Participation in Waste Wise Wednesdays is not compulsory, however children will be expected to bring home any packaging waste and uneaten food on Wednesdays, rather than placing it in the school bins. Thank you for supporting your child's participation in the waste-free lunch day and our school's waste and sustainability program.  
Greg Wilson



2021 Book Week - 21st to 27th August

**The theme for this year's Book Week is 'Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds'.**

Can you think of one of your favourite books that fits this theme? We will be having our Annual Book Week Dress Up Parade on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August at 9 am on the stage at the oval. All students are

invited to dress up as a character from a book and to bring along their book to share with their class. Parents are very welcome to attend. Our Book Week Parade will be a wonderful way to lead in to our Book Fair which will begin on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> August.



## Clubs

Library Club (Wednesday lunchtimes) and Running Club (before school on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays) are continuing this term and are available to all Year 1 to 6 students. However, the range of clubs available to our students has increased this term! The following clubs have now commenced - Dance Squad (Year 2), Mindful Movement Club (Years 1 to 3), Code Club (Year 4 and 5), and a Maths Enrichment Club (Years 4 to 6). They have all

commenced and our students are loving them! We hope to continue the clubs next term too. Here's what some of our students said about our new clubs:

- *"Code Club is the best thing I've ever been to".*
- *"I love learning new things at Code Club".*
- *"Dance Squad is awesome because the moves are groovy". (Tina)*
- *"I like Dance Squad because you get to do dance moves and dancing is fun". (Riley)*
- *"Mindful Movement Club makes me feel relaxed". (Tazmeer)*
- *"Mindful Movement helps me forget about me stress". (Lucy)*





# Friday Fun Day....

On the last Friday of Term 2, our students participated in Friday Fun Day. The students in each year group voted to choose what they would like to do, and some great fun activities happened around the school. The Pre-primary students had a Teddy Bears' Picnic and wore their pyjamas. The Year 1s and 2s learnt how to play Connect 4, used construction materials to create aliens and spaceships, played old fashioned games like skittles and elastics and created on the iPads. All the Year 3s squashed into Room 8 and worked together on iPads to create some interesting things. Students in Rooms 19, 20, 21 and 22 completed a Minecraft Challenge. They were presented with some problem solving scenarios, and worked collaboratively to plan, design and build their designs. The teachers let the students mix with their friends in other classrooms so they could work with different people.

Students in Rooms 23, 24, 25 and 26 also had a Technology Day and participated in some very creative activities.



# Talk for Writing

Did you know that the students and teachers in Pre-primary and Year 1 are BUZZING over writing, and some amazing writing has been happening in our classrooms? In May, our teachers were involved in professional learning about a writing program called 'Talk for Writing'. The implementation of this program followed lengthy research into a range of writing programs and discussions about which one would best suit our students.

The Talk for Writing approach enables students to read and write independently for a variety of audiences and purposes within different subjects. A key feature is that students internalise the language structures needed to write through 'talking the text', as well as close reading. The approach moves from dependence towards independence, with the teacher using shared and guided teaching to help the students develop their ability to write creatively and powerfully.

In Year 1, the students learnt to tell the story of Little Red Riding Hood. They were able to tell the story 'off by heart' using a picture story map. Next, they wrote the story on their own. This phase is called the *Imitation Stage*. In the *Innovation Stage*, the teacher supports the students to change some elements of the story such as the characters and the setting. The students put their changes into the picture story map and then orally told their new story. They then wrote their new story. In Pre-primary, the students are learning the story of the Little Red Hen. They have been acting out the story using props and then they will 'have a go' at writing.

Why does Talk for Writing work? By focussing on the oral elements of a story, students develop confidence in telling a story and the structured approach provides a scaffold for the students to follow. This is particularly important in the early years of schooling where students are navigating different writing genres such as narratives, recounts and reports, and are trying to focus on spelling and phonics and the actual mechanics of writing, all at the same time! By presenting writing in the *imitation stage* first, teachers can embed literary language such as high level vocabulary, story phrases and more complex sentences. In the *Innovation stage*, making changes to the already embedded story structure, takes away the pressure on younger students to think of all the ideas themselves. Hence, students write with confidence and experience success.

One of the key elements at the beginning of a writing unit, is to present a 'hook' to the students to engage them and motivate them to write. Last week, the Year 1 students had a very interesting 'dragon' sent to them in the mail. It was quite a mystery! The students are now learning how to write information reports.

You can find more information on the website – [www.talk4writing.com](http://www.talk4writing.com)





## Parents and Citizens' Association

*Supporting your school, enriching students' experiences.*

**BUT ONLY WITH YOUR SUPPORT**



The Second Hand Uniform Shop is open on MONDAY mornings between 8.15 to 8.45 am.

Issue 5 Book Club orders close next Friday 6 August.

The next P&C meeting will be held next Monday 2nd August at 7 pm in the school library.

P&C Movie Nights are being held on Friday 6th August (Pre-primary to Year 3) and Friday 13th August (Year 4 to 6).

Although these are FREE events, **BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL** via the 'Try Booking' website prior to the event either by scanning the QR code or visiting <https://www.trybooking.com/BTFJT>

The Movie Nights are FAMILY events.

**CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.** They cannot attend on their own.

**UNFORTUNATELY, THE PRE-PRIMARY TO YEAR 3 MOVIE NIGHT IS ALREADY FULLY BOOKED!**

However, the P&C will plan another Movie Night for those who missed out. Stay tuned for more information.

*Rossmoyne Primary*

# MOVIE NIGHTS

SCAN ME

YR'S PP - 3 FRIDAY AUGUST 6<sup>TH</sup>  
FROM 5:30PM

YR's 4 - 6 FRIDAY AUGUST 13<sup>TH</sup>  
FROM 5:30PM

The movie's will run on two separate evenings, starting at approximately 6PM. Families are invited to set up from 5:30PM.

There will be soft drinks, juice boxes and snacks available for sale by the P&C, along with lollies bags in support of "Project Numbat".

This is a family event. Children will need to be supervised by a responsible adult.

LOCATION: UNDERCOVER AREA

BOOK TICKETS NOW @ <https://www.trybooking.com/BTFJT>





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## Community Announcements



RAWA education services offer courses and workshops that cover a wide range of topics aimed at parents, couples and individuals. Whether you are starting to build a relationship, preparing to have children, wanting to learn more about parenting, dealing with separation, divorce, seeking a new partner, or just wanting to invest in your own personal development. Topics such as: communication skills, self-worth, emotional intelligence, anger management, understanding angry emotions, setting healthy boundaries, expressing yourself assertively, healthy conflict in **relationships, “accidental counsellor” skills or how to mentor adolescents to name a few.** Information regarding this term’s relationship and parenting education courses and workshops are available on the Relationships Australia WA website - [Upcoming Courses - Relationships WA](#) Should you have any questions or require further information, please call 08 6164 0239 or email [education@relationshipsaustralia.org.au](mailto:education@relationshipsaustralia.org.au)