



ROSSMOYNE REFLECTIONS

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Virtue of the Month for September—Perseverance
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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Well, after a very busy and exciting term, the school holidays are almost upon us. I hope everyone has the opportunity to rest and recharge before returning to school. Take care and I look forward to seeing everyone back for Term 4.

Term 4 Staffing Update

Mrs Vermeulen is having an extra long holiday as she is accessing long service leave throughout next term. On behalf of the school community, I would like to wish her all the very best for her well-earned break. We look forward to hearing about all her adventures when she returns to our school in 2022. Room 9 families will be advised about who is replacing Mrs Vermeulen throughout Term 4 as soon as possible.

School Board

Several items were discussed at Monday night's School Board meeting including our school's Remote Learning Plan and our Homework Policy. Both were endorsed by the Board and are now available in the Connect Library. The Board also discussed the 'Our School, Our Say' forum and received a school budget update. The next Board meeting will be held on 1 November. The agenda items for this meeting will include the 2022 preliminary budget and discussions about our school's 2022 to 2024 Business Plan.



Parking and Road Safety

I would like to again appeal to everyone in our community to take care and be patient around our school at the beginning and

end of school days. Despite my Connect notice last week, some parents/carers are continuing to engage in unsafe practices including double parking, going on the wrong side of the road to overtake cars, and entering car bays from the wrong direction. PLEASE help us keep our students safe.



2021 NAPLAN Reports
Last week, the 2021 Year 3 and Year 5 NAPLAN

reports were sent home with students. Please **don't hesitate to see your child's teacher with any queries.**

School Review Visit

All WA public schools are included in a schedule for Public School Reviews. The reviews are held to provide assurance to the Minister of Education, Director General and school communities about the performance of public schools. Feedback from the review visits are designed to help support schools to improve their performance.

Our school's last review was held in 2017 and our next review will be held next term on Thursday 4 November. Mr Lou Zeid, from the Department of Education's Public School Accountability directorate, and a principal from another school, will be conducting our review. After the review, a report will be provided to the school. This will be analysed by both staff and our School Board and will **also be made publicly available. I'll be sure to let you know when it's available.** After the conclusion of the review, a timeframe of return of either one, three or five years will be determined for our next review visit based on **what is in the best interests of our school's students, staff and community.**

11 October Professional Learning Day
Staff will be participating in a Professional Learning Day on Monday 11 October. The agenda for the day includes preparing for our School Review Visit; analyzing the feedback received at the recent 'Our School, Our Say' forum; examining this year's NAPLAN data; and discussing our school's 2022 to 2024 Business Plan.

2022 Planning

Having accurate student numbers allows our school to plan effectively. If you know your child/ren will not be attending our school, can you please let us know. 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.



Rochelle Williamson

Principal

Upcoming Events

- * 22 September - Learning Journey
- * 12 October - students return to school for Term 4
- * 14 October - Room 22 Assembly
- * 19 & 21 October - Interschool Athletics
- * 25 October - P&C Meeting



Students return to school for Term 4 on Tuesday 12 October.

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 our recent assembly. Keep up the great work!

Room 8 Artin Cooper	Room 9 Ethan Ayana	Room 10 Lale Arav
Room 13 Helena Oakley	Room 14 Charles Levi Hailey	Room 15 Fergus Sebastian
Room 16 Lexi Aaron	Room 17 Shiv Arvin	Room 18 Ariana Aidan
Room 19 Stella Danielle	Room 20 Ananya Ezekiel	Room 21 Jordan Kaushi
Room 22 Harry Ian	Room 23 Maya Ahliya	Room 24 Ahmed Adriaan
Room 25 Raj Samantha	Room 26 Jayden Isaac	Languages (Chinese) Keeyahna Pilot

ENJOY THE LEARNING
JOURNEY

This Wednesday 22 September, 5.00 to 6.45 pm

I hope you can come along to:

- listen to the Junior Choir perform at 5.15 pm in the undercover area;
- **share some of your child/ren's work with them;**
- participate in some activities with your child/ren;
- **visit the library to read the feedback received at the 'Our School, Our Say' forum;**
- visit our specialist classrooms;
- interact with others from our school community, including School Board members; and
- have a chat to representatives from some local sporting clubs, Rossmoyne Senior High School, OSH Club and Helping Minds.

The Rossmoyne Community Kindy will be selling sausage sizzles for \$4 - gourmet beef and chicken sausages (which contain no pork products whatsoever), premium bread rolls and steaming hot onions will be on offer, plus a wide range of condiments for you to select from.

Ice cream and coffee vans will also be available throughout the evening.





2021 'Our School, Our Say' Forum

Sincere thanks to everyone who attended the 'Our School, Our Say' forum held on Tuesday 7 September. The forum was attended by 74 people. 67 participants provided feedback at the end of the forum which was very positive. It indicated that:

- 100% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed that the forum was worthwhile;
- 95% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed that they contributed their ideas at the forum;
- 97% of respondents agreed that the forum achieved its intended purpose of allowing the community to contribute to our **school's 2022 to 2024 strategic direction; and**
- 99% of respondents agreed that the process used at the forum was effective.

Some of the comments provided by those who attended the forum included:

- 'The feedback from the previous forum was very inspiring'.
- 'Interesting, encouraging and constructive feedback'.
- 'It was great having discussions with staff and other parents and hearing a variety of points of view'.
- 'It was very well organised and the activities allowed everyone to give their opinion'.
- 'I felt voices were heard and listened to'.
- 'The facilitation and process of the whole meeting was outstanding'.
- 'It was a very informative session and it was worthwhile attending'.
- 'Everyone felt safe to air their views'.
- 'Great opportunity for sharing ideas from different perspectives'.
- 'Good ideas. Great positive feel.'

The comments received suggested that the forum was a little rushed and that more time was needed. One respondent said, 'Our group could have talked for hours!'

The first activity at the forum, asked everyone to consider, 'What is our school doing well?' and 'What could our school do to improve?' The most popular responses received to the question, 'What is our school doing well?' were:

- our focus on both academic and non-academic experiences;
- our focus on developing the whole child;
- **our school's sense of community and open door policy;**
- our health and well-being, pastoral care and mindfulness initiatives;
- the communication from classroom teachers;
- that individual students being well catered for; and
- **our school's YouthCARE Chaplaincy Service.**

The most popular responses received to the question 'What could our school do to improve?' were:

- more Education Assistant time;
- more academic support for students, including high achievers, students at educational risk and those in Upper Primary;
- common teaching programs and assessments in Spelling and Maths;
- the safety of the school, including the openness of the school and the surfaces children are playing on; and
- improving our facilities such as having outdoor learning spaces.

The second activity focussed on our school's current priority areas, which are:

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

Participants were asked to consider what we are doing well and what we could do to improve in each of these areas. The most popular responses are outlined in the table on the next page.





2021 'Our School, Our Say' Forum cont.

Priority Area	What's our School Doing Well?	What Could our School do to improve?
1. Excellence in Teaching	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - allocating time for staff collaboration; - introducing whole school teaching and learning strategies including Letters and Sounds; - consistently implementing evidence based writing programs (Talk for Writing & 7 Steps to Writing Success); and - integrating technology throughout all year levels. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - introducing consistent whole school approaches for Maths, reading and Year 3 to 6 spelling; - implementing whole school assessments so we are better able to track students through their primary years; - utilising consistent assessments across classes of the same year level; and - making decisions, (eg: selecting whole school approaches) in a more timely manner.
2. Successful Students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - effectively managing our school's transition to NAPLAN online; and - teachers giving meaningful feedback to students. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - providing more support so teachers can differentiate curriculum, eg: for gifted students, extending middle students to reach their potential, and more small group work to support children.
3. Health and Well-being	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - our YouthCARE School Chaplaincy Service; - our mental health and mindfulness initiatives; - provision of an inclusive environment where children feel safe, comfortable and nurtured; - ensuring our school values are embedded and understood; - ensuring parents feel comfortable at our school and comfortable approaching teachers; and - implementing the Protective Behaviours program. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - providing more Chaplain and School Psychology Service time; and - increasing our school community's cultural awareness, eg: acknowledging more cultural celebrations, being more aware of different cultures throughout the year.
4. Connected Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - communication; - use of Connect and See Saw; and - holding lots of events for children, eg: Book Week, NAIDOC assembly. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - having more parent/carer involvement, eg: P&C, in upper school classrooms, excursions; - giving more advanced notice about P&C events when parent help is needed, and providing a calendar of P&C events for the year; - introducing a Facebook page to promote the school; and - offering more specific opportunities for parents to help in classrooms.

If you are interested in reading all of the comments received at the forum, they will be displayed in the library at this Wednesday evening's Learning Journey. Also on display will be a summary of the improvement areas that were suggested at the inaugural forum held in 2017, along with a summary of the actions we have implemented since this feedback was received.

Next term, our staff and School Board will discuss and analyse all of the feedback received at the forum which will help inform our school's 2022 to 2024 Business Plan. Sincere thanks to everyone who attended the forum and contributed to establishing our school's strategic directions for 2022 to 2024.



Interm Swimming Lessons

Interm Swimming Lessons commenced this week and will continue throughout next week. Congratulations to all of our students who are trying hard to improve their swimming and water safety skills.



River Rangers Update

Congratulations to Amber who won two prizes in the City of Canning's 'Looking Thru the Lens' photo competition. She won the Years 8 to 11 Category and the People's Choice Award. 'Looking Thru the Lens' competition is a photographic competition just for young people who live in the City of Canning. Photos must be taken within the City of Canning to show biodiversity. All the winning photos are displayed at the Riverton Library.



Gilbert's Fresh Markets 'Support our Schools' Program

Gilberts has donated over \$27 000 to local schools since the program commenced in May 2018. As of 9 September 2021, our school has 12 supporters and our current balance is \$28. If you're shopping at Gilberts (Southlands Shopping Centre on Pinetree Gully Road in Willetton), please remember to ask for a SOS (Support our Schools) card at the check out. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Djilba - The Growing Season

The Noongar Season 'Djilba' is represented by the colour pink as it symbolises the growth of wildflowers and plants. Djilba is a transitional time of the year, with some very cold and clear days combining with warm, rainy and windy days and mixing with the sunny days every now and then. This is the start of the massive flowering explosion that happens in the South West. This starts with acacias. The colours that are around at this time of year include creams and some vivid blues. Traditionally, the main food sources included many of the land based grazing animals such as kangaroos, emus and possums.



As the days start to warm up, we start to see and hear the first of the new borns with their proud parents out and about providing them with food, guiding them through foraging tasks and protecting their family units from much bigger animals, including people. The woodland birds will still be nest bound, so the swooping protective behaviour of the magpie starts to ramp up and if watched closely, so do the willy wagtails and the wattle birds. As the season progresses and the temperatures continue to rise, we'll start to see the flower stalks of the grass trees emerging because of the coming Kambarang season. By Ishaan, Year 6, Room 26



Parents and Citizens' Association

Supporting your school, enriching students' experiences.
BUT ONLY WITH YOUR SUPPORT



On behalf of the school community, I would like to offer my sincere thanks to our amazing P&C for their continued efforts and commitment to our students and school community throughout this term.

Without our P&C, our students would not have had the opportunity to:

- attend the Movie Nights held on Friday 6, 13 and 20 August;
- attend the Book Fair; or
- enjoy the Subway lunch orders and snack bar at the Faction Athletics Carnival.

Thanks also to the P&C for helping with building our ice castle during Science Week too!

**thanks
a LOT!**

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

The next P&C meeting will be held on Monday 25 October—more details to follow.

What's Been Happening in Sport?

* Morning Running Club: Morning Running Club has continued to be a huge success on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings throughout this term. I hope everyone keeps up the great work in Term 4. New faces are always welcome!

* Faction Athletics Carnival: Our Faction Athletics Carnival was held on Friday 3rd September. It was a very successful event with fantastic weather. Well done to everyone for showing excellent team spirit and awesome sportsmanship. Thank you to all the parents who volunteered their time; to everyone who helped set up before school and pack away at the end of the carnival; and of course to our P&C for organising the Subway lunches and the snack bar.

The final results were:

	Team Game Shield	Total Points Shield
Red	243	523
Blue	282	666
Green	233	425
Gold	199	466

	Runner Up Champion	Champion
Yr 3 Girls	Isabelle T	Ruby C
Yr 3 Boys	Aagam K	Khalil N
Yr 4 Girls	Tabitha T	Abigail W
Yr 4 Boys	Jedd C	Ezekiel H
Yr 5 Girls	Emily W	Zoe C
Yr 5 Boys	Joshua W	Bless J
Yr 6 Girls	Arianne H	Azia O
Yr 6 Boys	Sasha T P	Raj B



* Term 4: Next term, selected students will be participating in the SCISA Athletics Carnival on Tuesday 19th October and Thursday 21st October. The long distance races, jumps and throws will be held on the Tuesday and the age races, team games and relays will be held on the Thursday. Good luck to all competitors who have been chosen for events.



Department of
Education

Shaping the future

VacSwim enrolments now open

Help keep your child safe in the water.
Enrol now for the October 2021 and summer
2022 school holidays.

education.wa.edu.au/vacswim




Enrolments are now open for VacSwim swimming lessons during the October and summer school holidays.

VacSwim offers fun lessons at beach and pool locations across WA.

[Not only is VacSwim a great school holiday activity, it also teaches valuable safety skills to help keep your child safe in the water.](#)

Your children can start as young as five years old.

Don't wait! Enrol your children in VacSwim now at education.wa.edu.au/vacswim




Willetton Stadium
9310 3388

Movies

SEP/OCT 2021 SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMPS

3 on 3



Lazer Blaze

First Camp \$190 – 4 Days
For children 9 years and under (min age 5yrs)
Tuesday 28 Sep – Friday 1 Oct
9:00am – 3:30pm daily
(includes public holiday Mon 27 Sep)

Second Camp \$235 – 5 Days
For children 9 years and over (All courts 10 foot baskets)
Monday 4 Oct – Friday 8 Oct
9:00am – 3:30pm daily

No Concessions- \$25 administration fee on all cancellations & transfers

Morning sessions consist of basketball skills, games and competitions, whilst the afternoon format involves a variety of indoor modified sports i.e. Tee-ball, indoor cricket, badminton, Table Tennis and more. The camp is for children of all levels. The Camp Coaching Staff consists of Jeff Anderson (Stadium Manager & Development Officer) and various Willetton Tigers 5Bt. players & coaches.

- A daily mid-morning snack (biscuits and fruit) is provided.
- Campers will go to a movie at Hoyts Cinemas (Southlands Shopping Centre) on the final day of the camp.
- Campers will play a game of Lazer Tag (at Lazer Blaze Southlands) with their coaches.
- Children wishing to purchase lunch will be able to order from our Tigers Cafe.
- Orders are placed & collected by the Stadium Staff.

ALL CHILDREN MUST BE DROPPED OFF AND COLLECTED BY A RESPONSIBLE ADULT. PLEASE ADVISE THE STADIUM OFFICE IF YOUR CHILD WILL BE TRAVELLING BY OTHER MEANS (BIS PUBLIC TRANSPORT)

REGISTRATIONS FOR CAMPERS ARE ONLINE
Please visit www.willetontigers.com.au and go to the Junior Holiday Camps tab under which you will find the link to book your child into the holiday camp. Concerns? Queries? Need help? Ring Jeff or Maria on 9310 3388

USEFUL INFORMATION FOR PARENTS OF CAMPERS:
Your kids should wear sneakers and clothes suitable for running around. It's a good idea to bring a water bottle. They can bring their own packed lunch, or you can order lunch for them; just bring correct change with you to place their orders in an envelope when you drop them off. (Note: parents please let your children know what you have ordered for them!). The campers will bring the food menus home with them on their first day, along with any relevant camp information. **Camp STARTS at 9am** so the kids need to be here before that time. We limit access in and out of the Stadium during this time. Parents can enter at 9pm so that you can come and watch the last half hour of activities.

Don't forget our December holiday camp starting
Monday 20 December!

Fun Time For Kids and more time for you!

SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

age 5 - 13

LEGO SUPERHEROES

28 Sept 2021 - 7 Oct 2021

BOOK NOW!

For a full description of each workshop and registration, please visit our website at <https://goo.gl/m51KwP>



Themes
Spring Brick Fever
Sport's Fanatics
Movie Mash Up
Spinning Ninja
Junior Robotics 101 and 102
Junior Robotics+Walker Bots
Junior Robotics+Smart Robotic Car
Advanced Robotics EV3





Join us @ Canning Vale @ Kardinya @ Palmyra

Tim Yap : 0422 119 020  applecross@bricks4kids.com

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Community Announcements cont.



HAVE A GO

GET STARTED WITH LITTLE ATHLETICS

Little Athletics is a fun, social and active program to keep fit, build the foundation skills of running, jumping and throwing and make friends for life! Our local Centres deliver weekly athletics programs for young people aged 5 to 16.

Discover the family, fun and fitness of Little Athletics at your local Centre:

Melville Athletics Centre, Len Shearer Reserve, Booragoon
 2021/22 Registrations now open at www.melvilleccar.com
 Training starts 28 September: Tuesdays 5 pm: Under 11 +,
 Wednesday 4:45 pm: Under 6 – Under 10
 Competition commences Saturday 9 October.

To start your Little Athlete's journey, head to:
www.athleticswest.com.au/little-athletics



Riverton Rossmoyne Junior Cricket Club

Registrations are now open for the 2021/2022 cricket season, with the season due to start mid-October. The Riverton **Rossmoyne Junior Cricket Club is currently seeking more players, particularly for their girls' teams. More information can be found via this link <http://rrjcc.wa.cricket.com.au/content.aspx?file=6655153635b>. You can also find them on Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/RRJCC>. They have places available across all their age groups for both boys and girls, so if your child would like to play cricket, register them today to avoid missing out! Any enquiries can be directed to the Enquiries Officer at rrjcc.enquiries@gmail.com**



Willetton Dental Therapy

The Willetton Dental Therapy Centre will be opening during the school holidays.

- Tuesday 28 September to Thursday 30 September from 8am to 4pm.
- Wednesday 6 October to Friday 8 October from 8am to 4pm.

The clinic will be **closed from Friday 1 October to Tuesday 5 October**. If there are any emergencies during clinic hours please contact the Excelsior Dental Therapy Centre (9256 4170) on 1 October, and the Bannister Creek Dental Therapy Centre (9451 1761) on 4 & 5 October.

Should an emergency arise after clinic hours or on a public holiday please contact the emergency service on 1800 098 818, your local practitioner, or the Oral Health Centre of Western Australia on 6458 4400.