



# ROSSMOYNE REFLECTIONS

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Virtue of the Month for February — Friendliness

*Together we empower global citizens.*

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear Families,

Welcome back to the new school year! It has been such a pleasure to see so many smiling faces around the school as the students and teachers have settled into the new term. I trust you all had a lovely summer break and enjoyed spending precious time with your family, friends and loved ones. On behalf of the staff and community members of Rossmoyne Primary School, I also extend a very warm welcome to new families who have joined us this year. We trust that you will enjoy your time at Rossmoyne, and will quickly feel embraced by the school community.

2022 is shaping up to be a year where we, as a school and a community, will face some inevitable challenges as COVID-19 becomes more prevalent in WA. As a staff, we have spent considerable time at the beginning of this year planning for scenarios that may occur, and we have processes in place to manage situations and maintain continuity of teaching and learning. This includes processes to switch to remote learning if necessary, and also how we will manage positive cases of COVID-19 in students and staff.

As always, we are dedicated to keeping our students and staff safe at school. We have several expectations in place,

including mask wearing by adults indoors, asking parents not to enter classrooms, frequent hand washing and sanitising, and extra cleaning during the day. As per Department of Education and Health guidelines issued, face to face gatherings in school are prohibited until further notice. Unfortunately this includes assemblies, parent meetings, and any other face to face activities. This is clearly disappointing for everyone, but we appreciate your cooperation and understanding during this frequently changing time.

Although the planned Parent Information Meetings have had to be cancelled, please know that you are still welcome to **contact your child's teacher via email**, phone or connect to discuss any concerns. Teachers will respond to messages/call you back as quickly as they can, however, please be aware that staff are not expected to respond in the evenings or on weekends.

I would also ask that parents be extra vigilant with monitoring the health of your children this term, and kindly keep children home who are displaying symptoms of cold, flu and/or gastro illness. If your child does become sick at school, they will be sent to the office and isolated in the medical room while parents are contacted. If you are asked to collect your child, please ensure you do so in a timely manner and administer a COVID-19 test immediately. As COVID-19 spreads further through the community, it is likely that Rapid Antigen Tests (RAT) will be available from the school, however, until then children will need to be tested at a COVID clinic.

## STAFFING 2022

As many of you may know, our lovely Mrs Webb has accepted an opportunity to act in a Deputy Principal position at another school for first term. We wish her every success in her new position and will look forward to her return at some point during the year.

As a result of several staff reducing their working days this year, I would also like to welcome the following new staff to the Rossmoyne PS team for 2022:

Miss Charlotte Birbeck – Year 5 Rm 21 – Mon, Tues, Wed

Miss Kailee Marshall – Music

Mrs Carrie Kenny – Year 6 Rm 25 – Thurs, Fri Year 6 Rm 26 – Wed

Mrs Rebecca Faithfull – Year 2 Rm 8 – Thurs, Fri

Thank you, parents, for your continued support to the school and the staff, and until next time, please take care and stay well.

Warm regards,

*Nikki Lyons*  
A/Principal



## Upcoming Events:

- Swimming Trials—Yr 3-6—Friday, 18th Feb
- Year 2 Excursion—Thursday, 24th Feb
- Labour Day Holiday—Mon 7th March
- School Development Day—Tues 8th March (students do not attend)
- Edu-Dance—Continues until week 8

## Our Code of Conduct

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

## School Board—Nominations

We have **2 vacancies** for Parent Representatives on the Rossmoyne PS School Board. This is due to expired tenures of two of our previous members. I would like to thank Dionne Patrick and Troy Fare for their much valued service to the School Board for the past several years. Dionne and Troy, your time, dedication and input into the operation of the school has been much appreciated by all at Rossmoyne PS.

If you wish to self nominate for the School Board, please do so by submitting a photo of yourself (head/shoulders) and a written statement (**max 100 words**) about yourself and how you believe you can contribute to the school as a member of the School Board. Nominations will be made public to parents, who will then be invited to vote to select the two new board members.

Please email nominations to: [Niquolei.Lyons@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:Niquolei.Lyons@education.wa.edu.au)

by 4.00pm Friday, 25th February 2022. No late nominations will be accepted.



### CURRENT COVID-19 RESTRICTION SUMMARY—ROSSMOYNE PS

As you are aware, several restrictions have been put in place in response to directives from the Departments of Health and Education. These restrictions change rapidly, in response to the evolving situation in WA. The list below is a summary of the current situation at Rossmoyne PS for your convenience. Please keep in mind that the table below is current as of 10th Feb, however the situation is highly likely to change again as COVID-19 cases increase in WA.

ACTIVITY	CURRENT SITUATION
Break Times & Toilets	Students are to eat lunch in Phase of learning groups as per previous instructions. Phase of learning play areas allocated as per previous instructions. Undercover area also allocated to year 5 & 6. Signs placed outside toilets – for use by prescribed year levels only.
Excursions	Excursions can go ahead, but only with single year groups. Teachers should check with the venue for any further restrictions before booking.
Incursions	Incursions on hold until further notice. Gina Williams incursion can go ahead as already booked, however, some changes to organisation will be necessary.
Swimming Trials & Carnival	Swimming Trials can go ahead. One bus for year 3/4 and one bus for year 5/6. Seating at the pool to also be separated into year 3/4 and 5/6.
Swimming Lessons	To go ahead as planned. Timetable & bus arrangements will be communicated closer to the date.
Code Club	Code Clubs can go ahead. Groups to be separated into yr 5/6 group and a new year 4 group. To be run in separate spaces and groups not to intermingle at any stage.
Library Club	Library Club restricted to only Year 1 & 2 for term one. Year groups to change for 2 <sup>nd</sup> term onwards.
Buddy Classes (MHIS Program)	Buddy Class activities on hold until further notice.
Assemblies	Assemblies will not go ahead until further notice. Merit certificates to be read out over the PA. Teachers to present certificates in class and 'celebrate' with the class. Teachers to take photo/video of student with award to send to parents.
Parent Meetings & Interviews	No face to face meetings to take place until further notice. All meetings and communication must take place via phone, email or connect.
Running Club	Running Club to be separated into different areas of the oval for different phase of learning groups. All students to run in same direction.
Choir	Can go ahead until further notice in Undercover Area with doors open and students spaced. Year 5/6 choir and year 3/4 choir to be kept separate at all times.

# Rossmoyne PS – Our Teaching Staff 2022

Principal		Ms Rochelle Williamson (on Leave Semester 1)
Acting Principal		Ms Nikki Lyons (Semester 1)
Deputy Principal		Mr Greg Wilson
Deputy Principal		Mrs Joanna Ashby
K	Kindy	Mrs Michelle Hamley/Mrs Jodi Pailthorpe
PP	17	Mrs Lee Banks/Mrs Kerry Crocetta
PP	18	Mrs Karen Kunnen/Mrs Kerry Crocetta
1	13	Mrs Kylie Lawer/Mrs Rowena English
1	14	Mrs Lauren Barzotto/Mrs Rachel Cordina
1/2	15	Mrs Beth Stringer/Mrs Rowena English
2	16	Ms Nina Thomas
2	8	Mrs Deb Holtmeulen/ Mrs Rebecca Faithfull
3	9	Mrs Julie Macdonald/Mrs Jodi Pailthorpe
3	22	Mrs Tamara Vermeulen
4	19	Mr David Corbett
4	20	Mrs Shelley Dowell
5	24	Mrs Anusha Singh
5	21	Ms Charlotte Birbeck/ Mrs Julie Royal
5/6	23	Ms Abby Yu
6	25	Mrs Sophie Beasley/Mrs Carolyn Kenny
6	26	Mrs Lisa Overmars/Mrs Carolyn Kenny
Music		Ms Kailee Marshall
Phys Ed		Mr Mitchell Bycroft
Science		Mrs Nousha Sas
Languages		Mrs Ge Ching Foo
Teacher Support		Mrs Selina Valentine
Teacher Support		Mrs Jasmine Mabey





# Rossmoyne PS

## Our Support Staff 2022

Manager Corporate Services	Mrs Sabrina Blankley
School Officer	Mrs Kerry Donovan
ICT Support	Mrs Claire Veen
Allied Professionals	Mrs Eunice Low, Mrs Lisa Dunlea, Mrs Melissa Stephens, Mrs Cheryl Ericsson, Ms Keesha McDonald, Mrs Kelly Williams
School Psychologist	Mrs Jessica Phillips
Chaplain	Mr Choy Lee
Gardener/Handyman	Mr David Martin
Cleaning Staff	Ms Shaylene Coulson, Ms Sharna Coulson, Ms Jane Ahmad, Ms Adelina Duran Carvajal
Technical Support	Mr Scott Davies



After a review of the Departments of Health and Education's recommendations around large gatherings in schools, some changes have been made to accommodate Ensembles and Choirs at Rossmoyne PS. I am happy to let you know that Junior Choir, Senior Choir, String Ensemble will commence next week in the Undercover Area. Band will also commence next week, but due to the small number of students involved in this ensemble it will take place in the Music Room as planned. Rehearsal times are listed below.

String Orchestra - Monday 7.30 - 8.30am — year 4, 5, 6 in the Undercover Area

Senior Choir - Tuesday 3.10 - 4.00pm — year 5, 6 in the Undercover Area

Junior Choir - Wednesday 8.00 - 8.35am — year 3, 4 in the Undercover Area

Band - Thursday 3.10 - 4.00 - year 6 Music Room

I look forward to seeing students at their first rehearsal next week.

Kailee Marshall

Music Specialist Teacher



## Semester One—Student Leaders

Congratulations to the following students, who have been selected as Student Leaders for Semester One!

We are all very proud of you and know that you will do an outstanding job!

STUDENT COUNCILLORS		PEER MEDIATORS	
Chloe M	Boston B	Jackson L	Ellie M
Minzac	Owen J	Daniel Z	Jude N
Ashton B	Shri G	Emily W	Michael L
Avahli W	Lola E	Bless	Abigail
Juliet T	Ryka K	Evie B	Amy B
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCATES			
Meg D	Latika S		
Luke Y	Masooma		
FACTION CAPTAINS		FACTION VICE CAPTAINS	
Gold	Blue	Gold	Blue
Alvand K	Aidan P	Daniel N	Joshua
Amie H	Jessica K	Ivy W	Aanya J
Green	Red	Green	Red
Shovan	Jordan C	Dexter T	Ezekiel
Jessie H	Berenice T	Ellise H	Danielle L

## What's On In Sport?

**Morning Running Club:** Morning Running Club has started again on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 8:15-8:30. We have had a great response in numbers thus far. It is great to see some new faces of those trying to become fit and healthy. Those who come will receive a raffle ticket to go in the Phys Ed draw for brand new equipment. Keep up the good work!

**Inter-School Cricket Carnival:** At this stage a date is close to being locked in for later this term. Year 5 and 6 students will get the opportunity to try out in the coming weeks.

**Faction Swimming Trials and Carnival:** Our swimming trials are quickly approaching for Years 3 to 6. They will be held on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February from 12:30pm-2:45pm. Lots of parent helpers are needed for this to run. If you are available please contact Mr Bycroft on [Mitchell.bycroft@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:Mitchell.bycroft@education.wa.edu.au). The Faction Carnival will follow two weeks after, at the same time, on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March. Once again, parent helpers are needed for this event.



## A Message from Chappy Lee...

Happy New Year! So good to see all of you. I managed to get myself back from Melbourne after a couple of attempts. Spending time in hotel quarantine is quite an experience especially over Christmas. It is good to be back to see many new and old faces.

I am currently working three (3) days a week. My working days are Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays for this year. For those who are new to the school, I provide Chaplaincy service to the school and many call me ChappyJ

**What does it look like?** I provide pastoral care support to the school staff, students and parents through an orderly referral process. Together with some staff, we are running 'In Real Life' program for upper year students to equip them with emotional know-how for their future years.

**What brings joy to the role?** Being able to help and seeing the joy in the faces of staff, students and parents.

It is a New Year with new beginning, hope, but not without challenges we are all experiencing together. The way we do school, parenting, work, family and social has changed and taken a turn, but that makes us better learners, resilient people and better role models to everyone. To find wisdom and strength for this year, I often pray. What about you? What fills you up?

*"Wishing you a good start to the year"*



### **ROSSMOYNE KEYBOARD LESSON**

Group lessons available straight afterschool on Wednesday.

Fees \$19 for 30 minutes. At your own pace in a group of 4.

Help foster a sense of achievement, in a safe and fun environment in your child's school music room!

Keyboard can improve your child's school work  
Develops communication, coordination, and self-discipline.

Practical and Theory Exam – May and October

AMEB/ABRMS/AGM

Annual end of year concert

**Contact Esther Kim on 0449 757 553**



# Covid-19—update for parents & volunteers

As you may be aware, all school staff are required to be double dose vaccinated before Term 1, 2022 starts.

The State Government has issued [Education Worker \(Restrictions on Access\) Directions \(No. 3\)](#), which are published on [wa.gov.au](#). These Directions include vaccination requirements for visitors entering school sites.

Students **are not required** to be vaccinated.

However, if your child is on a work placement, they will need to comply with the industry/business requirements at that workplace.

Parents/carers **are not required** to be vaccinated when:

- dropping off or picking up their child from school;
- volunteering at school on an ad hoc basis (currently restricted)
- attending an event such as an assembly or parent teacher interview (currently restricted) or
- entering the school after hours.



'Ad hoc basis' means attendance at no more than one education facility no more than once per week.

Parents/carers **are required** to provide vaccination evidence (single dose vaccinated from 1 January 2022 and double dose vaccinated from 31 January 2022) or exemption when:

- volunteering at the school more than once a week (this includes volunteering at the school canteen, uniform store or an in-class literacy or numeracy program);
- working in an unpaid capacity at the school more than once a week; or
- participating in an endorsed program at the school where parent attendance is required (such as KindiLink).

The following are acceptable forms of evidence of COVID-19 vaccination or exemption:

- written confirmation of the COVID-19 vaccination issued by the Department of Health;

the COVID-19 digital certificate, which shows only your COVID-19 vaccinations. Services Australia has information on how to [get your COVID-19 digital certificate](#);


your immunisation history statement, which shows all vaccinations you've had. Services Australia has information on how to [get your immunisation history statement](#);

- an International COVID-19 Vaccination Certificate issued by the Commonwealth Government. This shows the COVID-19 vaccination recorded on the Australian Immunisation Register;
- medical exemption issued by the Australian Immunisation Register; or
- temporary exemption granted by the WA Chief Health Officer.

Of course, we will keep you updated as we receive more information from the Department of Education and the WA Government.. Thank you for helping us to keep Rossmoyne PS a safe place for our students, staff and families.

We are committed to ensuring Rossmoyne PS is a COVID-19 safe space. Thank you for your support.







# ARE YOU INTERESTED IN PLAYING NETBALL?

The Rossmyrne Netball club are  
looking for players for the 2022 Winter  
Season

With a strong community spirit Rossmyrne Netball Club  
provides players with the best opportunities to develop as  
netball players and encourages a love of netball for life!

**For further information on registration please visit**  
[rossmoynenc.com.au](http://rossmoynenc.com.au) or  
email [info@rossmoynenc.com.au](mailto:info@rossmoynenc.com.au)



## Come & Try Day



Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2022

3:15-4:30pm

**Rostrata Primary School Netball Courts**

Come down and try some fantastic netball games and skills with your friends and see what it would be like to be part of Rostrata Netball Club! Prizes and cookies available, as well as uniform sizing.

Boys and girls of all ages welcome!

If you would like more information about Rostrata Netball Club, please visit

[www.rostratanetballclub.com](http://www.rostratanetballclub.com) or send us an email at

[rostratanetballclub@hotmail.com](mailto:rostratanetballclub@hotmail.com)