



ROSSMOYNE REFLECTIONS

NEWSLETTER NO. 12

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Virtue of the Month for December – Gratitude

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Introduction

Hello everyone! I'm delighted to introduce myself, and share with you some final information for 2021.

My name is Nikki Lyons, and I have been appointed as the Acting Principal at Rossmoyne PS for the duration of Rochelle Williamson's absence. I have come from Harrisdale Primary School, and have felt very welcome and fortunate to join the team at Rossmoyne PS. I look forward to meeting many more families in the coming week, and during early 2022.

Semester 2 Reports

A reminder that Semester 2 Student Reports will be available on Connect by the end of the school day on Monday 13th December. Please make sure you share the report with your child and celebrate the improvements and successes they have achieved throughout the year. It is very **important to remember that a 'C' grade** indicates your child is achieving at the **expected standard for their year level. It's because of this that many people say a 'C' stands for celebration.** I also encourage you to look very closely at the Attitude, Behaviour and Effort marks your child receives. Traits such as being enthusiastic about learning, persevering, working to the best of their ability, and showing respect are also very important. Please make sure **you save or print a copy of your child's report** so you can access it in the future. Should you need the school to reprint it, or email it to you in the future, you will be asked to make a donation to the school.

Public School Review

The final report from the Public School Review, held on 4th November has been received. This report highlights many of the strong processes in place at Rossmoyne

PS, resulting in very pleasing student progress and school targets being reached. The reviewers also made some recommendations for future improvement, which will guide our planning for 2022 and provide valuable information for the development of our new Business Plan.

The final report will be shared with staff **and the School Board at next Monday's meeting**, before being published to the website shortly after.

Appreciation

I would like to recognise several staff members and their students for their conduct at several events that have occurred in the past 2 weeks.

Firstly to Mrs Tran and both the Junior and Senior Choirs, who recently performed at the local Aged Care centre, and Stockland Shopping Centre. The feedback regarding the performances has been outstanding, so congratulations to all students involved and especially to Mrs Tran and her helpers!

Last week, the Year 6 students participated in the Big Week Out. Throughout the week, they visited a range of places including Adventure World, Hoyts and Volleyball.

The students conducted themselves beautifully, with members of the public congratulating them on their behaviour. Well done to the Year 6 students and thank you to their teachers, Mrs Beasley, Mrs Overmars, Ms Yu and Mr Wilson for the organisation of such a fantastic week of activities!

We also enjoyed welcoming the students from Kindy last week. The children and their parents enjoyed a special morning, meeting the Pre Primary teachers and completing lots of fun indoor and outdoor activities. We look forward to welcoming the new Pre Primary students and their **families to the 'big school' in 2022!**

Huge congratulations also to the Year 6 teachers, parents and students for their organisation of a wonderful Graduation Ceremony! It was a very special morning which will be remembered by the students for many years to come!

School Board 2022

We will have two Parent Representative positions available on the School Board for 2022. You may like to consider nominating for one of these positions early in the new year. To do so, you must have a child/children enrolled at Rossmoyne PS and be available to commit to meetings twice per term for a 3 year tenure.

Nomination forms will be available to interested parties early in 2022.

As this is the final newsletter for 2021, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our students, parents and carers for a wonderful year and to wish you all a safe and happy summer break!

Nikki Lyons

A/Principal



Upcoming Events:

- 27 Jan—School Office opens
- 31 Jan—Students Return to school

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.

School Operational Practices-survey results (78 responses)

1. I support the faction names being changed in 2022 with local Noongar names. (Kwenda (Bandicoot) – Gold; Maali (Swan) – Blue; Yonga (Kangaroo) – Green; and Karak (red tailed black cockatoo) – Red.

Agree/strongly agree= 58% Neutral= 19% Disagree/strongly disagree= 23%

2. School Prayer

I support the School Prayer being recited by students and staff at assemblies	56%
I would like the School Prayer to be retained but the religious references, eg: 'God', 'pray', and 'Amen' being removed from the prayer.	14%
I would like the school prayer to be updated and replaced by a school song that is written by the students	11%
I would like the school prayer to be updated and replaced by a school song that is written by the students and does not have any religious references.	18%

3. Our family receives an adequate amount of communication through Connect.

Agree/strongly agree= 77% Neutral= 18% Disagree/strongly disagree= 5%

4. I know how to access the library in Connect to obtain information such as policies, the Parent Information Booklet and parent resources.

Agree/strongly agree= 44% Neutral= 14% Disagree/strongly disagree= 42%

5. I know how to access the School Calendar of events on Connect

Agree/strongly agree= 34% Neutral= 20% Disagree/strongly disagree= 46%

6. I think the Term 1 Interim Reports parents/carers receive at the end of Term 1 are effective and would like them to continue.

Agree/strongly agree= 81% Neutral= 11% Disagree/strongly disagree= 8%

7. I attend and think the Class Meetings held by classroom teachers at the beginning of the year are worthwhile.

Agree/strongly agree= 86% Neutral= 8% Disagree/strongly disagree= 6%

8. Nutritional Treats

I support children being able to bring in 'treats' such as lolly bags or cup cakes to share with their class mates on their birthdays.	70%
I would like the school to only allow nutritional treats (eg: fruit) or non-food treats (eg: pencils) to be shared by students with their class mates on their birthdays.	20%
I would like children's birthdays to be acknowledged in class, eg: singing Happy Birthday to them, but not allow children to share treats with their class mates	10%

9. We currently issue 3 school newsletters each term.

I read the newsletters, find them informative, and would like them to continue to be distributed regularly = 65%

I would like the newsletters to be replaced with more regular Connect notices so I hear about events in a more timely manner = 35%

10. In-term swimming lessons require at least 20 hours of teaching and learning time each year. I think swimming lessons should:

Be held every year = 86%

Be held every second year= 10%

Should not be held during school = 4%

11. Edudance lessons and concerts requires around 10 hours of teaching and learning time each year. I think Edudance lessons should:

Be held every year = 86%

Be held every second year= 10%

Should not be held during school = 4%

12. Whole School Assemblies require about 17 hours of teaching and learning time each year.

I think assemblies should:

Continue to be held regularly so each class has the opportunity to host an assembly each year = 85%

be held less regularly = 14%

not be held at all = 1%

YEAR SIX GRADUATES

We would like to wish all the Year 6 students all the best as they move on to secondary school. Congratulations to the following Year 6 students who received awards at the Year 6 Graduation Ceremony.

AWARDS-2021

CITIZENSHIP- Emily Eric

MATHS R23- Anusuya Kunwar

MATHS R25- Alston Xu

MATHS R26- Ishaan Jithesh

ENGLISH R23- Sophia Yu

ENGLISH R25- Emma Ku

ENGLISH R26- Naomi McIntyre

ENDEAVOUR R23- Azia O'Brien

ENDEAVOUR R25- Ruby Nguyen

ENDEAVOUR R26- Cynthia Agung

SCIENCE R23- Frederick Jacono

SCIENCE R25- Sarah Tang

SCIENCE R26- Harriet May

MUSIC- Emily Eric

LOTE- Alexander (Sasha) Tyndale Powell

SPORTPERSON-MALE: Cameron Robbie

-FEMALE: Arianne Hew



Year 6—BIG WEEK OUT!

I believe it's safe to say that nearly everyone's major highlight of Year 6 was Big Week Out. On the first day, we visited the Hills Forest Discovery Centre where we learnt more about the environment and the indigenous peoples' way of living. On Tuesday, we went to the Melville Super Bowl where we competed against our group members and bought a delicious treat. The following day, we boarded a bus to the Literature Centre and as a cohort, learnt about two different types of picture books and the process of making them. Later that day, we devoured a tasty meal at the Kailis Fish and Chips market in Fremantle. After departing Kailis, we watched Boss Baby 2 at the Hoyts Millennium Cinema while eating popcorn and snacks. On Thursday, we engaged in a variety of outdoor activities at the Point Walter Recreation Centre such as archery, high ropes, flying fox, and ultimate sports. To finish off our Big Week Out, we had an exciting experience at Adventure World with nerve wrecking roller coasters and slippery yet amusing water slides. We all agreed that Big Week Out was an educational, entertaining and excellent way to finish off our last weeks together in primary school.

Written by Anusuya Kunwar and Azia O'Brien (Room 23)



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;
- attending an event such as an assembly or parent teacher interview; 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.

SIX SEASONS - BIRAK By Cameron Mossop Year 6 Room 26

Birak season is the Noongar season from December to January. Birak is represented by the colour red which symbolises heat, sun and fire. When it is Birak season the rain eases and it is also very warm. There are easterly winds in the morning and in the afternoon there is a sea breeze. Traditionally, Birak season was the burning time of the year for Noongar people and they would burn the country in mosaic patterns. In Birak, certain plants flower such as the Australian Christmas Tree and Bull Banksias. Some reptiles also start shedding their skin.



Choir Excursions

On the 1st December, the Junior Choir took a leisurely walk to the Rossmoyne Adventist Retirement Village to sing for the residents. The singers did a beautiful job of songs such as 'Don't Worry, Be Happy' and 'Haba na Haba' which is Swahili for the phrase 'Little by Little'. Our wonderful Year 4 violin group performed two pieces, as well as Bethany, Kammi, Lilly and Melissa performing solo pieces on the violin and piano. At the end of the performance, the students got to meet and mingle with the residents.

The week after, on the 7th December, the Senior Choir spread some Christmas cheer at Southlands Boulevard Shopping Centre. Although we had 20 carols prepared, we only had time to perform 10, with several students singing solo verses. We'd also like to congratulate Frederick, Lola, Sophia Y and Emily who performed solo pieces on their instruments.

Congratulations to all our amazing singers for their commitment to rehearsals, performances and learning all the repertoire this year!



A Message from Mrs Tran

As you may aware, I will be embarking on a new adventure next year with my first child, a baby girl, due 10th March 2022. The last 4 years at Rossmoyne Primary School have been an absolute blessing and I have loved every moment working with you and your incredible children. A big **THANK YOU** for the support and encouragement you have given your children in their music, whether or not they have been committed to a choir, instrument or ensemble. I will make sure to visit next year and hope to come back in some capacity in 2023.

The school will be in very safe hands under the care of **Mrs Kailee Marshall** who is currently the Music Specialist at **Bannister Creek Primary School**. Mrs Marshall is an incredible music teacher who I've worked with previously and she has promised to continue and develop the program in 2022.



Merit Certificates



Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Certificates at our recent assemblies. Keep up the great work!

Room 8 Sofia Adele	Room 9 Vivian Daniel	Room 10 Vince Lale
Room 13 William Lily	Room 14 Oliver	Room 15 Archer Michael Peyton
Room 16 Thomas Juliet	Room 17 Evie Bronwyn Tahj	Room 19 Sabrina Aaron
Room 20 Florence Maya	Room 21 Brodie Jessica	Room 22 Seyur Faustina
Room 23 Kai Lara Steven	Room 24 Zoe Berenice Liam Rykapreet	Room 25 Raj Emma
	Room 26 Whole class!	

Farewell to our Year 6 Students!

What a wonderful 2 weeks our Year 6 students have had! Following the 'Big Week Out' last week, the students and teachers enjoyed a special Graduation Lunch at Tompkins on Swan on Tuesday. This was followed by a beautiful Graduation Ceremony on Wednesday morning, which was attended by many proud parents and staff members.

The ceremony itself was exceptionally well organised, and the students presented themselves beautifully on the day. Some highlights of the ceremony included several musical performances by the students (thank you Mrs Tran for your input and co-ordination), the presentation of certificates and photo packs to the graduates, and a very memorable farewell speech by Mrs Ashby, which I am sure touched everyone's hearts!

Well done to our Year 6 students—you made everyone so proud and we wish you all the best as you move onto new adventures next year. We trust that you will leave Rossmoyne PS with many happy memories!



CONGRATULATIONS

Languages News.....

In Week 7 this term the Year 6 students attended a Chinese Calligraphy lesson. This is a new experience for almost everyone. It was demonstrated by Ms Ping Liu who showed students the basic skills, etc. required. The following are how some students felt about their experiences:

It was great to learn Chinese calligraphy which is a new skill to me. It is very different from normal English writing as it was hard to get the correct grip, but after you get know the skill it became easier. During the process, we have to think a lot about how hard to use the brush on the rice paper. I was shaking when I wrote because I thought I would mess up the overall experience was great!

By Connor (Room 26)

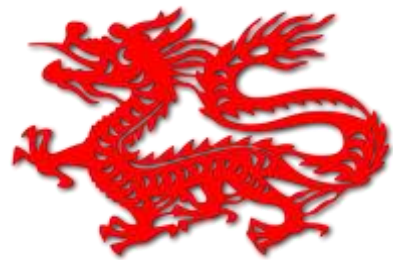
Calligraphy is a great skill to learn. Not only does it maintain focus, but it also strengthens your arm and wrist, helping you with everyday writing. It also requires a lot of patience. I have enjoyed learning this because it is relaxing to watch the ink glide across the rice paper. I also love the smell of the ink! This is why I find calligraphy so enjoyable!

By Alston (Room 25)

I thought Chinese calligraphy was an amazing experience as not everyone one would have such an experience. I learned so many new things from that calligraphy lesson like the way to hold the brush, not to put too much pressure and not to put too much ink. It was really fun as we got to make a bookmark by writing our name in Chinese on and stamping it with a beautiful stamp that had our name on it. I would like to thank all the teachers

xiè xiè lǎo shī men

who guided us through the process. We had great fun. 谢谢老师们 / Thank s teachers ! By Sonia (Room 25)



Cooking continued...

tāng yuán

cōng yóu bǐng

Last week was our cooking week, we learnt how to cook two traditional Chinese foods: 汤圆 (glutinous rice balls) and 葱油饼 (spring onion pancake). The following are how some students felt about these activities:

I found the most interesting part was how to roll the glutinous rice balls and watching the video of how to wrap filling inside the balls was very cool! My favourite part was eating them because they are sticky, and the soup was sweet! By Jing (Room 9)

I learnt the technique of making glutinous rice balls. My favourite part was when the balls are cooked, they looked so cool! By Ayana (Room 9)

I learnt that even though they are called glutinous rice balls, there is no rice mixed in the flour. The flour was flour with rice! I thought the most interesting part was when they were cooked, they floated on the water. By Emme (Room 10)

What I found interesting was the texture of the balls. My favourite part was rolling the coloured dough into tiny little balls. By Olivia C (Room 10)

I enjoyed cooking because we got to choose who we like to work with, and we all got to make at least one pancake. It was also amazing that we got to eat more than one round of the pancakes. We also had the opportunity to learn about the tradition of the spring onion pancakes and know more about the Chinese culture. By Mara (Room 26)

The most interesting thing I found was that spring onion goes in pancake because I have not eaten pancakes with spring onion before. My favourite part was when we got to roll the dough because it is squishy. Rolling it was relaxing! By Daniel (Room 20)

I enjoyed cooking in Chinese classroom because it is a very social activity that everyone always looks forward to. It also subtly informed us about the Chinese cultural cooking. Cooking is super fun as we are also surrounded by friends and teachers while learning. I hope this continues through future years. By Sophie (Room 26)



P&C Colour Run

Friday, 10th December

At last it was 2pm on Friday, fortified by their subway lunches the students eagerly marched into the undercover area and took their seats... The sea of white shirts, Green hats and (relatively....) clean hair and faces bobbed and chattered with anticipation, after all the waiting the day of the colour run was finally here!

Meanwhile outside on the oval the preparations were nearing completion, the powder stations were ready, the water weaponry primed and ready for action. The obstacles were in place, even the fire engine had arrived... **Only one last task remained before “hostilities” could commence.... Ah... 400+ sunglasses to unwrap from their protective cellophane wrappings, all hands on deck! “What do we do about the UV compliance sticker?” “Leave them on there’s no time, they will never notice.....”**

Mr Bycroft brought the school to attention. The ground rules were quickly imparted and in no time each member of the school was adorned with their sunnies. **Not much longer would those T Shirts remain white....**

So, led by the pre-primaries, the students began to stream out onto the oval, and start their circumnavigations (once it was worked out which way round everyone was supposed to be going...!), straight into the gauntlet of the waiting staff, parents and P&C members. The air was soon filled with multi coloured smoke, streams of water and whoops of excitement (and that was just from the adults...). Some tried initially to avoid the colourful powder but there was no escape. Others went full on from the start (and that definitely worked!). Before long it was becoming difficult to even tell who was who under the rainbow masks that most were developing. The scramble net was a great addition, nothing like a constriction to slow the target down and increase accuracy....! As the powder bottles emptied some tried reloading. Others resorted to more hands on delivery, resulting in plumes of pink, green, blue red and yellow, rising over the now largely walking students.

In what seemed like no time all the powder was spent, all the water sprayed (including emptying the tank of the fire engine) and it was time to head back into the undercover area for a well earned icy pole before home time. Not the last challenge of the day though, this time for the parents / guardians to somehow avoid getting coloured powder over car seats, sofas, beds and anything else the small people came into contact with....

A huge, huge thank you to all the people both within and outside the P&C that made this year’s colour fun run both possible and such a success. The biggest thank you though is reserved for Jess who masterminded the whole event from conception to realization. Also to the School leadership team and the Teachers for their support both in the lead up and on the day.

Such good “clean” fun... the only casualties being those once white shirts that in most cases realistically will never be able to hold that title again... And of course for such a good cause. All the efforts that the children put into fund raising for the event (and yes the prizes are on their way...) will allow the future P&C to fund both big and small projects next year and into the future that will directly benefit current and future students. If you enjoyed the colour run and / or have other ideas for fantastic events the P&C could run, please feel free to contact me, or even better, why not come along and join us. Our first meeting next term will be on the Monday evening of the 3rd week of term. Wishing you all a relaxing and safe end of year break, and of course the school holidays to follow....

Nigel Deeks

Rossmoyne PS P&C Committee



P&C Colour Run



SCHOOL BOARD

The Rossmoyne Primary School Board met for the final time for 2021 on Monday 13th December at 7pm and we began by welcoming Nikki Lyons to the school as Acting Principal. Ms Barzotto shared the amazing work that the PP - Year 1 team have done this year refining and implementing their English teaching and learning to move towards more cohesive and consistent programs, including Talk 4 Writing, Heggerty phonics, Letters and Sounds and the Science of Reading approach. Ms Lyons then shared the results of our Public School Review which highlighted the many positive aspects of RPS, along with some recommendations for improvement, many of which are already underway. An update from Mr Wilson on the school's Semester 2 target tracking prompted discussion about the importance of good goal setting in our next Business Plan, which was followed by Mrs Blankley's report on the current Salaries Plan, Cash Report and Financial Committee Report. We concluded the meeting with some general reflections of 2021 and speculations of the year to come. We would like to acknowledge and thank Dionne Patrick and Troy Fare for their time and commitment to the School Board as their tenures come to an end.

Parents and Citizens' Association

Supporting your school, enriching students' experiences.

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

Thanks to everyone involved in organizing and helping at last Friday's Colour Run

20 Dec 2021 - 25 Jan 2022

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THEMES FOR THIS SUMMER!

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- World of Imagination
- Game ON
- Mining & Crafting
- Pocket Brick Monsters
- Classic Brick Arcade
- Superhero Academy
- Remote Control
- Brick City Engineers
- Down Under Bricktacular
- Junior Robotics
- Advanced Robotics with EV3

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