



Ross Park Primary School

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Week 1, Term 1

1st February, 2018

From the Principal

What a fabulous start to the year, and we certainly intend to keep it this way. The students across all year levels have settled in quickly into classrooms. A big welcome back to all students and their families! We have many new students, particularly in Transition. However, there have been lots of enrolments in the senior primary classes. This means that many of our classes are very close to, or at 27 students - not much room to move. As the new Principal it has been wonderful to meet new parents and children through the enrolment process. I would encourage you to greet and introduce yourselves to each other, as this helps to build a friendly and inclusive school community.

As you are aware, we are welcoming new teachers to Ross Park: Tash Colson, Heidi Merritt, Sue Thomson, Binu Matthew and Kym Thompson - between them with over 40 years of teaching experience. Welcome back to Ross Park as classroom teachers: Clare Ryan and Kristy Barnes. I am so excited to have such wonderful staff including our student support staff and administration officers, who all put in an amazing effort leading up to the first day of school. Uniforms can still be purchased from the front office and parent contributions are encouraged.

Ross Park is a large school with about 450 students within 19 classes. Numbers of students at particular year levels require multi-year level classes to be made, along with single year level classes. We have been investing in 'visible learning' since 2012. This is based on the work of Professor John Hattie's analysis of educational research into what impacts MOST on students' learning and progress. It is not the class structure that affects learning so

much as the type of learning activity engaged in, its relevance, its interest, a student's learning to date, and many other factors including the **student's active involvement in the learning and the quality of the teaching**. Therefore in all our classrooms, our educators are focused on ensuring **teacher clarity**: what is to be learned, ongoing feedback to and from students based on the success criteria, **students being assessment capable**: knowing what level they are at, setting goals, naming strategies to help them learn, using feedback and seeking feedback. Teachers work closely with students, support staff, the leadership team and families to ensure your child/ren have quality education which includes academic, social and emotional development.

We will be having a short assembly tomorrow morning. All parents are welcome to attend. There will be no awards this week, as it will be only a brief introduction to the school leadership team. I hope students have been practising the school song and National Anthem to sing these with pride and joy.

Please make a note in your calendar that our Meet the Teacher night will be held on Tuesday 13th February. This will be an opportunity for teachers to outline their class programs and expectations and put parent faces to names!

I am often around in the school yard before and after school so please come and introduce yourselves to me, if you have not already done so.

SUZI BURGESS

Principal



Dates to Remember

- Whole school 'welcome' assembly tomorrow Friday 2nd February @ 8.40am
- Meet the Teacher Evening Tuesday 13th February
- School Council meeting Monday 19th February @ 7.00pm in the Staffroom



Welcome to the new school year!

Ryanna and Ramsay from 1 Naqito had last minute hugs before settling into their classroom.

SAFETY IS PARAMOUNT AT OUR SCHOOL

Please take care when dropping off and picking up your children. Use the kiss'n'go zone (morning only, no kiss.n.go in the afternoon) and the marked road crossing, which are both supervised.

Remember sun safety. Sunscreen should be applied at home and students must bring a hat daily.

Thank you!

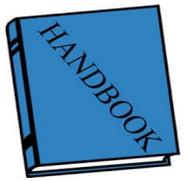


IGA Larapinta (the family of Jasmine 4/5SWS) has made a donation to our

school, from the supermarket's Community Chest. Thanks Barker family!



2018 PARENT HANDBOOKS



Our new Parent Handbooks are now available. Ring or text to request one or call into the school office.



Our first School Council meeting for the year is scheduled for Monday 19th February at 7.00pm in the Staffroom and everyone is welcome. The Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Monday 5th March and parents are encouraged to consider nominating, as a rewarding component of the family-school partnership. For more information, chat with our Principal, Suzi or Pauli in the school office.

STUDENT MEDIA AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

At our school, we celebrate the efforts of our students by mentioning their participation and achievement in this newsletter, our website and Facebook page. Photographs of students are included. Video or audio recording is also permitted at our school under a copyright licence paid by the Department. We also invite local press to school events. When a story is about an individual, we will always seek parent consent. Students in group photographs are identified by first name and year only. If you have any concerns about how information regarding your child may be used by our school, please ask.

PARENT CONTRIBUTIONS

Ross Park Primary School Council reminds parents and carers that the amount for the parent contribution is \$100.00 per student per year or \$25.00 per term. ALL families should make this contribution as soon as possible.

BACK TO SCHOOL VOUCHERS

Call into the school office to redeem your NT Government \$150.00 credit. (valid until 13th April).

SPORT VOUCHERS

These will be distributed to students soon. If your child does not receive a voucher, go to www.sportvoucher.nt.gov.au to request one.

WEEKLY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Go to our school's website: www.rossparkprimary.nt.edu.au to subscribe and receive this newsletter electronically—it will then be emailed to you every Thursday.

SCHOLASTIC Book Club



Our school is participating in 2018 Scholastic Book Club. Twice a term, during the school year, Club catalogues will be sent home. Books span a wide range of children's reading levels and interests and they are inexpensive. The Book Club LOOP allows parents to order and pay online. Go to scholastic.com.au/LOOP for details. Each order helps earn free books and teaching materials for our school. There is no better way to encourage reading than to allow children to choose the books they want to read!

LISA WALLACE, Library Coordinator

NEW BUS TIMETABLE



New bus routes affecting school children are now in operation. Call into the school office for a copy of the new timetable or ring 89525688 for information.

2018 CLASSES AND STAFF

PRINCIPAL: Suzi Burgess

Assistant Principals: Shontell Dougherty, Salima Spring

Year 5/6: Tash Colson

Year 5/6: Heidi Merritt

Year 5/6: Kristy Barnes, Kerri Gilbert

Year 5/6: Jess Adami

Year 4/5: Alastair Sheriff, Lucy Winwood Smith

Year 3/4: Kavina Stevenson

Year 4: Nick Stedler

Year 3: Binu Mathew

Year 3: Sarah France

Year 2: Sue Thomson

Year 2: Nic Hempel

Year 1/2: Kym Thompson

Year 1: Yasmin Morris

Year 1: Kayla Naqito

Year T/1: Sarah Walton

Year T: Imogen Harper

Year T: Jude Dawson

Year T: Zara Kaye, Clare Ryan

Rona Glynn Preschool: Yvette Pengilly, Kristy Genetti, Brooke Mcallan, Tarryn Morey, Geraldine Butter

Specialist/Support Teachers: Tom Middleton, Jess Mooney, Lisa Wallace, Derek Lammertsma, Jane Marshall, Tanya Bekker, Anna Hind, Sarah Hill, Tressa Thompson

Support Staff: Jan Nicholson, Karen Weeks, Suzi Smith, Kate Willson, Sharon Bird, Sue Wharton, Bronwyn Crowe, Teresa O'Connell

Administration Manager: Julie McShanag

School/Council Secretary: Pauli Letts

AIEW: Bev O'Callaghan

Maintenance Officer: Michael Smith

Student Education Support Officers: Kingsley Clarke, Delphi San Roque, Rebecca Stephens, Liane Hopkins, Tori Reid, Bronwyn Crowe.

ROSCO'S CANTEEN

Rosco's Canteen is open Wednesday-Friday each week. Next Wednesday, February 7th, is the first day our canteen will be open for 2018.



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