



Ross Park Primary School

Telephone: (08) 89552000 Text: 0418191388

Facebook: ross park primary school alice springs

Email: rosspark.school@nts.schools.net

Website: www.schools.net.edu.au/rosspark

Week 2, Term 1

8th February, 2018

From our Assistant Principal

It's been a great start to the school year! So much positivity surrounds Ross Park Primary School. We have had some changes, new teachers, new leaders and of course new students. Suzi Burgess stepped into the Principal position and she is doing an amazing job. Running a school is not easy but she has quickly and positively focused us in the right direction. As we position ourselves for the year it is important that everyone joins us on the journey. I am impressed that every teacher that I speak to is focused on supporting and improving student outcomes, within a safe and engaging environment.

Next week is our Meet the Teacher and Information evening (Tuesday 13th February, 5.30-7.00pm—barbecued sausages will be on sale for only \$1.00). I encourage all parents and carers to come and connect with teachers and school staff. There is always the feeling that, if you have children at school already, you can miss these nights, as you know how the school operates and what things happen from year to year. Being a new year, your child is entering a new year level and there will be different things to find out about. We always want to promote a sense of partnership with our parents and meeting you and connecting with each other is an important way for us to begin that partnership. Teachers will have some very important information regarding the ways that your child will be learning and the activities with which they will be involved throughout the term/year. Join in our community and let's work

together to see the best possible outcomes for our children.

You will notice that our school is gradually expanding. The new canteen has taken form this week and in no time it will be in it's final stages; renovations to the hall will then begin. Ross Park is certainly improving and we look forward to using the new facilities soon.

Children grow up so fast. Last year my youngest son was in preschool and as we prepared for school this year the excitement grew. New bags, new uniform, new shoes and a lunch box were purchased! It's all very new. His start to the year has been very positive. He is making friends and learning quickly and most of this success is due to his teacher. Our teachers are special people and they spend a lot of time preparing their classrooms and designing programs that best suit the needs of our children. If you have had some great experiences please make some time to share your story. Equally, if you have concerns, please contact your child's teacher and address the issues with him/her. Teachers are committed to supporting you and your family.

We care about children and we want the best for everyone at our school. Have a great week and I hope to talk with you soon.

SHONTELL DOUGHERTY

Principal

BEREAVEMENT

On behalf of the school community, sincere sympathy is extended to the family of Daymon Stokie, who passed away recently.



Dates to Remember

- Whole school assembly tomorrow Friday 9th February @ 8.40am
- Meet the Teacher Evening Tuesday 13th February 5.30-7.00pm
- School Council meeting Monday 19th February @ 7.00pm in the Staffroom
- School Council Annual General Meeting Monday 5th March @ 7.00pm

FEEDBACK

It's lovely to hear about the progress of our former students! The mother of students who left last year took the time to write to us:

"(my children) have challenged their minds, beliefs and abilities, across so many vast and varied opportunities, that I can not thank each and every person within the staff, friends, families and community of Ross Park Primary School enough, for assisting in the 'village' that has helped raise my babies."



INTRODUCING ROXY!

The Science classes have been STEAMing headlong into their units this term, with help from class resident Roxy. Our friendly and gentle spiny stick insect has become a popular classmate, helping students with their current topics within Biological Science. She lives by the window of the STEAM room so feel free to pay her a visit. Nathan (3/4 S) shows how to handle her with care.



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 at 7.00pm 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.

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.

THANKS

Framptons First National Real Estate is continuing to sponsor our newsletter this year and our families are encouraged to support businesses that support us!



first national
REAL ESTATE | Framptons

BACK TO SCHOOL VOUCHERS

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

SPORT VOUCHERS

These have been distributed to students. If your child did not receive a voucher, go to www.sportvoucher.nt.gov.au to request one.

BOOK CLUB

Order catalogues have recently been distributed. Please note that orders, both online and here at school, close tomorrow, Friday 9th February.

**MEET THE TEACHER AND INFORMATION EVENING**

Tuesday 13th February

5.30-7.00pm

Sausage sandwiches for sale for only \$1.00 each!

Meet the Teacher

TEAM LEADERS & SRC

Year 6 students with leadership aspirations will be asked to nominate themselves as Team Leaders for each of our four House groups, Standley, Taylor, Burton and Robb. Each class from Year 4 upwards will be able to nominate two representatives for the Student Representative Council. Nominations will be asked for on Tuesday of Week 3 and voting will take place in Week 4. Please talk to your children about these positions as they will learn valuable skills of teamwork, organizing, motivating others, building confidence and decision making.

KERRI GILBERT, Co-ordinator

PERFORMING ARTS

We had 71 students at Senior Choir yesterday which is absolutely wonderful! We are learning "A Million Dreams" from The Greatest Showman which is sounding beautiful. We are focusing on diction, posture and storytelling in choir this term. I would like the choir to perform at Old Timers sometime this year and of course assembly. For those in Senior Choir in year 5 or 6, please sign up for BEAT if you are seriously thinking about it.

JESS MOONEY, Performing Arts Teacher

CONGRATULATIONS!

Tennis Australia's Talent Team invited one of our students, Sadie from 4/5 SWS, to take part in a national carnival run in conjunction with the Australian Open! Sadie went to Melbourne earlier this month and competed strongly in her category, meeting some famous tennis players as well!

CONGRATULATIONS

Several of our staff members will be receiving certificates of congratulations from the Department of Education at assembly tomorrow. They have all reached employment milestones so be sure to give them a clap! Well done: Sarah France, Yvette Pengilly, Pauli Letts, Sue Smith, Shontell Dougherty, Sue Wharton, Derek Lammertsma, Alastair Sheriff, Lucy Winwood Smith, Suzi Burgess, Lisa Wallace, Bev O'Callaghan and Julie McShanag.

Community Notices

Totem Youth Theatre offers after school drama classes from 6-12 year olds. For information go to totemtheatre0870@gmail.com.

West's Netball Club is looking for junior players for the 2018 season. For further information contact 0408529331.