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From our Principal

BOOK WEEK

It's Book Week and Book Fair! Tomorrow lots of staff and students will be dressing up as a favourite book character. As well as being a fun activity, the main reason is to encourage a love of reading in children. Judging by the crowds perusing and buying the books at the Book Fair in the library this week, we certainly have a lot of families who LOVE reading. The use of credit cards as well as online shopping makes it that much easier for us, so we don't have to count and bank cash. Thank you for your support. Another literacy activity is the Book Swap organised by Nyree and her mum, as a way of handing over books you no longer want and replacing them for a new selection. It's a great idea and so nice to see families helping the school with initiatives such as this.

OPEN EVENING 28 SEPTEMBER

Please make a note in your diary for our Open Night on the Thursday before school ends this term, 28th September, from 3.30 – 6pm. Staff and School Council are finalising the shape of the event. The focus is sharing the learning that has taken place around our whole school Big Idea – What Makes A Good Town? All classes will have displays of learning and you will be welcome to pop in to lots of classes so you can see the range of studies that students have been involved in, from preschool to Year 6. Take some time to talk to your child about what you and they think makes a good town.

FOOD ON OPEN NIGHT

Our School Council committee is considering whether we have food for sale on the night, such as a BBQ. As a way of promoting our emphasis on our cultural diversity, we are suggesting that families bring a plate of a sweet treat or dessert that is one

of your own family's favourites. Let us know if this is something you would like to do so our committee can coordinate it.

SCHOOL SURVEY

If you have not yet completed the parent survey, please take a few minutes to give us some feedback about what we do well as well as suggestions about how we might improve. The address is: <https://www.schoolsurvey.edu.au/s/rossparkparent2017>.

ENROLMENTS

We have enrolled 20 new primary students in the school this term so our school is still very much in demand and we are very stretched for space and resources. All spaces are fully used and we are already enrolling for next year, keeping to our Priority Enrolment Policy.

STAFFING

We have been fortunate to have Mr Terrence Simon as a temporary teacher this term and classes have enjoyed his energetic approach. Thanks Terrence. We welcomed Mr Derek Lammertsma back from his leave this week. From the end of next week until the end of this term, I will be on long service leave and Mrs Suzi Burgess will be Acting Principal while I enjoy a month away. We have a very strong leadership team and School Council and I know everyone will support Suzi in her role.

KAREN BLANCHFIELD

Principal



Twenty two of our staff have been nominated for Territory Excellence Awards this year! This is well-deserved recognition for our hard-working teachers and support staff!

Dates to Remember

- BOOK FAIR 21-25/08 (Children's Book Week)
- Dress as your favourite book character day tomorrow Friday 25th August
- Tennis Gala Day tomorrow Friday 25th August
- DATE CLAIMER: Big Idea Open Evening Thursday 28th September 3.30-6.00pm



Mrs Winwood Smith thinks she's in a real rainforest! Our library has been transformed—pop in for a browse at the Book Fair tomorrow—open all day!

Quote from a parent: "Congratulations and thank-you to all the staff involved with the Book Fair. There is a huge selection of books and the library looks fantastic. When I was there with my daughter lots of children were looking at books as well as buying and their behavior and manners were outstanding! Well done Ross Park staff and kids."



NAPLAN

Individual student reports were sent home to families of Year 3 and 5 students this week. If families have any questions or concerns, please speak with classroom teachers or our Principal, Karen.



VINTAGE VISITOR

Last week, this old-fashioned car made an appearance at the Henley on Todd Race as well as at school. Rania and Ruby calculated that the car was nearly 10 decades older than them!

YEAR 3F and YEAR 3L BIG DAY OUT



"We went to the Desert Park and then we went to the Telegraph Station. When we got to the Telegraph Station we played chasey and we made little fairy gardens. After we did all that we had lunch and then had cordial and went to the slippery rock." Jasmine 3F

"Yesterday was fun. We got to do lots of things and do a lot of playing. The walking back to school was fun." Zain 3F

"Yesterday I saw lots of animals at the Desert Park. We went to the nocturnal house and we saw bilbies and snakes." Mikala 3F

ROSCO'S

LUNCH SPECIAL EVERY FRIDAY

**Chicken or Beef Burger
\$4.00**



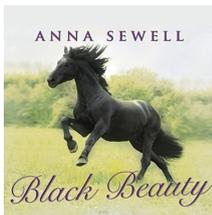
RUNNING FESTIVAL

Fifteen students represented Ross Park in the 5km Alice Springs Running Festival last Sunday. Many were completing the distance for the first time and were nervous about the length of the race. In the Under 18 boys Simmon (5/6RY) finished third and in the Under 18 Girls Daisy (3L) finished first and Mya (4/5SWS) third. Bridget (5/6SA) and Adele (5/6RY) have made the NT Link Under 13 Netball teams to play against other teams from across the Territory which will be held in Alice Springs next month.

TRANSITION ENROLMENTS

If you have a child at a preschool other than Rona Glynn, you must let us know if you hope to enroll them here. Preschools have been sent information but we need you to contact our office as planning is underway for 2018.

BOOK WEEK

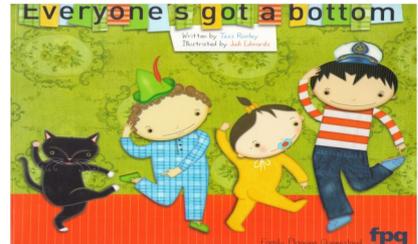


"I really like this book, *Black Beauty*. I've read it twice. It was written a long, long time ago by Anna Sewell. Why I like it, is because it gives the perspective from the point of view of a horse, not a human."

Aquilla from 3/4Clarke

PARKING

Most days, dangerous behavior is observed in our car park and on streets around the school. Children ride their bicycles inappropriately, cross roads dangerously and run in front of cars. Parents are reminded to **USE THE KISS'N'GO** which is supervised, **NOT THE STAFF CARPARK**. Please make sure you have taught your children road safety rules so they are aware of behaviour that is dangerous to themselves and others.



RESOURCES FOR PARENTS

Did you know that we have a number of useful resources for parents to borrow from our library?

Everyone's Got a Bottom is a story about Ben and his brother and sister learning and talking together about bodies. They talk about the different bodies and private parts of boys and girls, privacy and when you decide to no longer share baths or see friends/family naked. Throughout, the book emphasises that it is your job to look after your body and it's your right to decide who touches your body and how – "From your head to your toes, you can say what goes". The book uses correct anatomical terms and emphasises that you can always talk about your body or any concerns you have with your parents or another trusted adult. This is a fantastic tool for parents and carers to gently start a conversation with children about self protection. It's about teaching children to keep safe in a style that is fun, positive and protective and will be available for borrowing from our library soon.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

Your School Council met this week and some discussions were:

- Hall renovations in Term 4—messy but fabulous when complete!
- Huge new marquees, in House colours, have been ordered—great for Sports Day!
- The School Survey—don't forget to complete it!
- Our school continues to grow—20 new students have been enrolled this term!

If you have any questions, please chat with our School Councillors—feedback is always welcome!

Community Notices

Red Centre Orienteers invite everyone to an event on 27th August at Brumby Park, Schwarz Crescent starting at 9.00am. Contact Jim on 0448399020 for more information.

Centralian Middle School Chalk'n'Talk Café will host a Year 9 camp fundraiser on 26th August from 9.00am—delicious food and barista coffee; Trivia Night on 7th September from 7.00pm. Call 89502500 for details.