From our Senior Teacher

This term is flying by so fast! With week 10 nearly finished, we have one week left of learning before the school holidays. Term 2 will commence, after the Easter weekend, on Tuesday 23rd April.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and thank you all for welcoming me into the Ross Park community. I have been teaching in Early Childhood for the last 13 years, the majority of that time at Bradshaw Primary School. I am very excited to be the Early Childhood Senior Teacher here at Ross Park and I look forward to working with you and your children. For those of you I have already met, thank you for going out of your way to introduce yourselves and make me feel welcome.

I have spent several hours at Rona Glynn Preschool in the last month and I am happy to be working with Ross Park’s youngest learners. The educators are inspiring and all the students are making considerable progress with the Preschool curriculum. Last weekend we took delivery of the new mud kitchen, which has proven to be very popular. The parents are working hard on the Bang Tail Muster float and if you have any donations of green, blue and clear recycled plastic, please call in and see the friendly staff at Rona Glynn.

The Junior School has a busy week 11 with excursions. Rona Glynn students are visiting The Desert Park to build a sense of belonging with their names ‘Bilbies’ and ‘Geckoes’ as well as learning to care for living things and the environment. Several classes from Transition to Year 2 will attend the stage performance of ‘Junk’, a production from the Fruit Fly Circus, which will help them learn how to be an audience and participate in reflection. Please return permission notes and money tomorrow.

As the weather has been a little cooler lately, students have been arriving at school in jumpers and jackets. After the first hour of the day it warms up and students all take their jumpers off! If you have put a name inside your child’s jacket and it gets misplaced, the likelihood of them getting it returned is much higher!

BEC HEWITT
Senior Teacher

Dates to Remember

- Whole school assembly tomorrow Friday 5th April @ 8.40am in the Hall
- School Council meeting Monday 8th April @ 7.00pm in the Staffroom—all welcome!
- Whole school assembly Friday 12th April @ 8.40am in the Hall (includes Terrific Kid Awards)
- End of Term 1: Friday 12th April; start of Term 2: Tuesday 23rd April
- NAPLAN 14-29 May

Reminder
BACK TO SCHOOL VOUCHERS must be redeemed by Friday 12th April.
Phone or call in to the school office anytime.

STOP PRESS: “The 5/6 Raptors are conducting a bake sale on 12th April during recess. Everything is nut free and under $2! The money we raise will go towards making blankets for Tangentyere. We will need to raise $160.”

5/6 Raptors

Joe & Kenji are bilingual students who have been visiting 4/5SWS from the International Japanese School in Sydney. They spoke to the students about their school and have promised to demonstrate Origami and teach them how to write their names in Japanese!
Raffle tickets have been distributed to families. Our special mums could win:

1. Lisa Hatz Photography Package valued at $500.00, donated by Trusty Glass
2. Bond Springs overnight stay package valued at $230.00, donated by the Heaslip family
3. Two cheesecakes valued at $100.00, donated by Bronwyn Crowe.

Tickets are only $2.00 each and the raffle will be drawn on Friday 3rd May, one week before Mothers Day.

WELL DONE!
Tyler (5/6BG) was the winner of the Desert Sports Foundation 1km run last Sunday for Under 13 students. He was extremely pleased especially when he received the winner’s cheque. Well done Tyler!

CAMP
Students from Year 4/5 SWS and Year 4 Merritt will bike ride to the Telegraph Station next week, to participate in the Alice on the Line program. The students will dress up as people from 1908 and re-enact the different roles of those who lived at the Station at that time. Everyone is invited to visit the Station next week, as part of Heritage Week celebrations—there may be homemade scones on offer!

SCHOOL BUS SERVICE
The school bus service is a government managed amenity providing free passage for students. The contractor, Australian Transit Group, has 14 routes, carrying 1400 students daily, employing up to 16 local drivers. The bus interchange is secured to enable safe exchange between routes, ensuring student safety. All involved in school bus travel should be familiar with the Code of Conduct (link below) and any inappropriate behavior should be reported to drivers. For more information, contact ATG on 89525688.

https://nt.gov.au/__data/assets/word_doc/0004/163831/code-of-conduct-school-bus-travel.docx

ANIMAL TRACKS!
Students from Mrs Dawson’s Transition class studied some local fauna then painted their favourite animal’s tracks on to a piece of bark. Very good work by our little learners!

KANGAROO TRAPS!
This unique session was presented by a travelling group, Rocksalt Arts and our Year 3-6 students participated in a series of performances that explored what it means to belong to a place. They collaboratively created an original piece of movement, sound and words developing expression and group skills and were wholly engrossed in the production!

COMMUNITY NOTICES
A/S Desert Park school holiday activities include Passport to the Park, Desert Explorer and Nature Maker programs. Call 89518707 for details. OLSH Catholic Parish will commence religious education classes soon. Contact the Parish office for details on 89521049.

ROSCEO’S
HOT Sausage Rolls $3.00 (sauce 50c extra)