Dear Parents and Friends

CAMPfire tales....

We’re back this week with lots of tales to tell about our amazing, awesome and astonishing experiences at Camp (Bridie, I seem to have caught your alliteration bug!) This time around, it was the Seniors’ turn. Years 5 and 6 students joined with other Seniors from Bexhill for a week of Outward Bound activities at Camp Maranatha on the Sunshine Coast. It was incredible to watch the children blossom before my eyes as they conquered fears, taking leap after leap of faith and testing their physical and mental strength. I was so very proud of our students – especially how they dived into new experiences on offer and supported one another to complete challenges. Tomorrow we will send home a special Camp Chronicle...a collection of news reports about both camps, along with photos of some of the action, for you to enjoy. Senior students are undertaking an online survey to evaluate their camp experiences, so please remind them that going online to do the survey is part of their homework this week. Learning from the evaluation will be used to help us prepare future camps.

CLASS ORGANISATION 2016

At P&C this week, we discussed plans for class organisation and staffing for 2016. We plan to begin 2016 with three classes organised as follows:

K/1: Mrs Nicky Hughes
2/3/4: Mrs Sharley Kiesewetter and Ms Jen Wright
4/5/6: Ms Abigail Sawyer

As the Year 4 group is large, we need to split that group to make class size manageable. Abigail will speak with all families of Year 4 children to discuss which class group would be most suitable for them.
MUSIC ASSEMBLIES
Students who take private music lessons are ready to strut their stuff at two upcoming Music Assemblies. These will be on next Friday and during Week Nine. Please come along and join us – the children totally ROCK and having you in the audience makes it a very special event for us all.

Kinder Transition Program
More Kinder fun this week, with our 2016 Kindy Lindies having their first Orientation morning in the K/1/2 class with Mrs Hughes. The new Kinders spent a morning of play and learning with their future classmates while parents enjoyed a cup of tea and a talk about all things Rosebank. We’re so excited to be welcoming some new families to our school next year, as well as the siblings of students already at school with us. Ahead for the 2016 Kinder crew: A special dinner and information night to welcome them to our school community (again) and share information about supporting young readers. Anyone who would like to join us for the information sessions about how to grow confident readers is most welcome.

CLASSBAKE
ClassBake is back on this week. Winners of the Juluhgrun’s Collaboration Challenge will bake a treat to sell at Canteen, so please remember to send along a little extra $ so your child can buy support the Seniors in their fundraising endeavours. This week’s treat: Chocolate Zucchini Cakes (Believe it! They’re yummy!!)

Planning for 2016
We are already planning for next year about to order stationery and textbooks for 2016. We will go ahead and purchase school requirements for your child, unless we hear that they will not be returning. Having a good idea of what our enrolments will be next year really helps us, as we continue to work on class organisation and staffing. Please let us know if anything is changing for you or if, even better, you can rustle up a couple more students for us!

COMMUNITY FORUM: Positive Behaviour for Learning at Rosebank
Each three years or so, schools are encouraged to re-visit their Student Wellbeing policies, particularly policies in relation to managing student behaviour. This week, our teachers met to discuss our shared values and vision for promoting positive behaviour at Rosebank. Now, we need your input. So that we can develop a set of agreed expectations for behaviour at our school, and shared understandings of how we will respond when behaviour does not meet expectations, we invite you to join us for a community forum and workshop. At the workshop, we will contribute towards the development of a set of agreed expectations, which will form the basis of teaching positive behaviour in 2016. Also up for discussion at the forum: How we recognise and reward students who engage in positive behaviour (eg: Student of the Week, Cool Kids tickets etc). The forum is on Wednesday November 24th from 6.00pm (Parents only). A light supper will be provided – we very much hope to see you there.

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