Dear Parents

Yesterday’s Swimming Carnival was a triumph. Our students shone, not only in the pool, but on the sidelines - supporting one another and students from other schools. We will publish the names of all ribbon winners in next week’s newsletter but there are a couple of special mentions. Ashley won Senior Boys’ Champion, after some very spirited competition. Lucy won a First Ribbon for the Individual Medley. She wasn’t planning to go in the race, and wasn’t sure if she could finish, but start and finish she did...the only one to do so in her age group. We’re so proud of you, Lucy. A big Thank You to all parents who joined us, helping with supervision and support throughout the day.

Parent Information Evening
Next Wednesday, we invite you to join us for our Annual Parent Information Evening. Each class teacher will share information about classroom organisation and routines and you will have an opportunity to mingle with other parents over a sausage from the Sizzle. Our wonderful P&C will be selling sausages for a gold coin donation and drinks will be available for sale as well. We will put on a video for children who come along so we can be sure that they are all safely supervised while you’re busy hearing about their fabulousness.

Welcome to Country
In Week Four, we will be having a very special Assembly and warmly invite you all to come along. Robert Corowa, a local Bundjalang man, will come to the school to perform a Welcome to Country. The purpose of the ceremony is to pay respect to the traditional owners of our land, bless our new school year and sprinkle good karma on the new Principal (hey, that’s me!). There will be a Smoking Ceremony, Didge and words from Robert. After the Welcome to Country, our new School Captains and Peer Support Leader will receive their badges at a short School Assembly.

Scholastic Book Club: Orders due back to school by Thursday 19th February. If ordering, please send along to the office an envelope with your order and correct money/cheque enclosed. Cheques must be made payable to Scholastic Book Club.
Assemblies now on Friday
This term, we have moved our Whole School Assembly back to Friday afternoons at 1.45pm (straight after lunch). Our reason for doing this is so that children can move into classrooms more quickly on Monday mornings, taking advantage of learning ‘prime time’. We also hope that parents will find Friday afternoons a better time to come along and join us. As before, our Assemblies are led by our wonderful Year 6 students. Students of the Week will be announced at Friday Assembly and pictures go in the following week’s newsletter. Assembly will be followed by Buddy Reading. We hope that you will often be able to pop in and join us for Assembly and stay on to read with us.

Your help needed
At this time of year, there are quite a few notes going home with requests for information. Your assistance in returning these notes promptly to the office is greatly appreciated. Especially important is the return of notes requesting updates and consent. A reminder as well that any notes about changes to travel arrangements (bus notes), notes about absences, or money for any purpose should be handed in by children to the office before class. Late arrivals and early departures must also be recorded, so please pop in to see Kim to sign children in/out if running a little late or picking up early.

Book Packs
Students have been provided with supplies needed to begin the school year. Today, we are sending home invoices to help us cover the costs of students’ school supplies, as well as technology costs (eg: Reading Eggs, Mathletics) and a contribution towards our Sports Equipment Drive. This year, you will be invoiced for a single, all-inclusive amount that covers all books and technology as well as your school contribution. Should you wish, you can pay your book pack fee in instalments. Just see Kim in the office to set up a direct debit. Please also remember to send in those extra items needed for each class: Headphones for each child, USB for Seniors etc

Abigail Sawyer
Proud Principal of the Beautiful Rosebank Public School

We respectfully acknowledge the Elders past and present of the Wijabul Wiyabal people and other peoples of the Bundjalung Nation. They, the “Clever People”, are the first peoples of this land, which has long been a place of learning for Aboriginal people.