Dear Parents

RESCUE HELICOPTER DAY
Special thanks to everyone who dressed up in red/yellow and brought along a gold coin donation. Our school community raised $53.00, which will go to support the important work of the Rescue Helicopter team. Well done, Rosebank!

NAPLAN

NAPLAN reports go out to parents of students in Years 3 and 5 today. Congratulations to all students, who really tried their hardest in this year’s tests. Our Year 3s scored amazing results, with almost half of all Year 3s (5 out of 11 students) scoring in the Top Band for Reading. Nine out of 11 Year 3 students scored in the Top 2 Bands for Writing and 8 out of 11 Year 3s were in the Top 2 Bands for Numeracy. Way to go Year 3! You rock!!! A gold star to the teachers who’ve shaped their journey as well.

NAPLAN helps us understand how well we are doing our job; in particular, how successful we have been in helping students improve over time. In this, the score that really matters is student growth (also called relative gain). This year, 100% of students in Years 3 and 5 scored above or equal to expected growth in Reading. 75% of students in Year 5 scored above or equal to expected growth in Numeracy.

The tests also confirmed what we already knew: Our targeted areas for improvement in our new School Plan are Spelling and Grammar & Punctuation, where our students scored less well.
**Class Awards**

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<td>Sam, Te and Cassidy: Amazing addition and superb subtraction</td>
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**YOGANAUTS are GO!**

Students continue to give positive feedback about our yoga program. One feature of the Yoganauts program is the Yoganauts characters. Each session, students discuss which of the characters best represents their practice. Last week, children talked about Goru, who teaches children to focus with their eyes whilst in a yoga pose. Goru represents strength and focus, evident as children tried challenging tasks such as building a human pyramid.

**Zone Athletics Carnival**

Congratulations to all students who participated in the Zone Athletics Carnival last week. It is an honour to even be nominated to attend and competition is fierce. A few of our stellar performers were a bit under the weather on the day but still showed their usual true grit. Our PPS Team came 4th in their relay and will not advance to the regional championship this time.

**Lismore Performing Arts Festival**
The sixteen students who committed to perform in the festival will represent Rosebank at LPAF 2015 on the evening of Wednesday August 26th. The group has been finalised for some time. Students who did not bring in their expression of interest form by the due date (some weeks ago) will be unable to join the group at this stage. Costume shirts and props will be provided to participating students early next week and they will head off to rehearsal during school time on Tuesday.

**Small Schools Soccer**
The Small Schools Soccer squad had to back up quickly after last week’s match and yesterday played Burringbar, coming away with a 2-1 victory. Special thanks to Norm who skilfully guided our students throughout the match. Thanks also to all parents who have played a role in preparing the team this year. Next week, we’ll send out a note about arrangements for the Sydney final, which will be on 17th September. Parents will be free to make their own travel and accommodation arrangements if they wish, but the school will make bookings for those who would like us to.

**LUCINDA**

Mr Jessup phoned to say he is unwell so was unable to attend today (Thursday) for filming. His next day with us is next Friday (28th August) so filming will go ahead then. It would be great if students still bring their costumes in as soon as they are ready so we can be sure we are ready to rock and roll first thing on that day.

**Abigail, Nicky and Jen**

Rosebank PS Team

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*We respectfully acknowledge the Elders past and present of the Wjalbwal Wyalabal 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.*