School Board Update

The School Board met on 7 March for its first meeting of the year. At the meeting it was agreed that the Board would provide an update after each meeting to the school community on the key areas that were discuss. This is the first of these updates to be issued:

- **Board members** - Bronwyn Rasmussen was re-elected to the position of Chair and Katherine (Taffy) Blacklock has been re-nominated as the P&C representative on the Board. The Board was very sad to be told that Judith Robinson has tendered her resignation effective 5 July and so will also be stepping down from her role on the Board. Judith has been an exceptional member of the school community for over 25 years and we will greatly miss her involvement.

- **Principal’s Resignation** - as already announced Su Wilson notified the Board of her intention to retire by the end of the year. Su has been an inspirational leader and has worked tirelessly for the school during her tenure. The Board will work with the Education Department on the search for a new Principal.

- **Board Effectiveness Survey** - a survey will be conducted amongst the school community to obtain feedback on the Board’s effectiveness. Please look out for the link to the survey in this edition of the newsletter.

- **IPS Independent Review** – as an Independent School, Rosalie will be reviewed by a team of independent education experts in May and June of this year. The Board, Principal, staff and members of the school community will be involved in the review, which will assess the performance of the school against the Business Plan and identify areas for improvement. The outcomes will be published and will be available for review by the school community.

- **Annual Report** - the school is currently preparing its 2012 Annual Report and the Board will be contributing to a number of the sections as well as reviewing the document prior to its release.

- **Business Plan 2014-2017** - It was agreed the Board would commence planning for the next Business Plan for the school in the second half of the year, to make sure we are well underway in time for it to be released at the end of Term 1 2014. It was agreed that we will again seek input from the community into the key areas of focus for the school through a Community Forum to be held in Term 3 or 4.

- **Year 7 Transition to High School** – a Committee will be formed to plan for the upcoming transition of Year 7 to high school in 2015 and the activities that will take place during 2014 when both the Year 6 and Year 7s will be ‘Rosalie Leavers’. Anyone wishing to participate in the Committee should contact Su Wilson or Taffy Blacklock.

- **WACUT Interns** – Five pre service teachers (Interns) from UWA, Curtin and Murdoch are currently working at Rosalie, which not only provides the school with added resources to support the students but also enables the Interns to enhance their ‘classroom’ skills and learn from our fabulous teachers at Rosalie.

- **Buildings and Grounds and Building Fund** – the Board will be working with the Buildings and Grounds Committee to develop a concept plan for the extension of the covered assembly area and investigating a partnership with DramaWest to obtain suitable portable staging, lighting and other equipment to facilitate performing arts activities within the school. Contributions to the Building Fund will be used to help raise the necessary funds.

Finally, you are invited to help members of our School Board ensure they are doing the best for our students by contributing to our survey to be found at http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/3HBWTBT