Parent Teacher meetings were held on Tuesday evening across the school. These meetings provided opportunities for parents to touch base with their child’s teacher and assists parents to get involved with their child’s learning. The meetings are a chance to inform parents about the academic and social progress of their child.

Last week the first Education Committee meeting was held. Melinda Browne gave talk about Robotics at RMPS- what it is and what we can be expecting to see in Robotics’ classes this year. Though only a few parents attended, the response was extremely positive. Thank you Melinda for your wonderful presentation! It was a fabulous way to ‘kick start’ our meetings for 2013.

Next Wednesday, 20th March, the new School Council will have its first meeting. The new parent members are: Polly Poon and Cathy Hayes.

The new Council is:

- **Executive Officer:** Margaret Pickburn
- **Parent Representatives:** Gary Layton, David Lurati, Hamish Kinsella, Fiona Lund, Andrew Parnell, Janelle Pandit, Natalie Filmer, Polly Poon and Cathy Hayes.
- **DEECD Representatives:** Amanda Wigg, Raelene Aleandro and Peter Wright.

Our Year 5 House Vice-Captains will be attending a leadership training day at Koonung Secondary College on Wednesday 20th March. This day supports young leaders in developing positive leadership skills and strategies.

The first of our ‘Helping Your Child Learn to Read’ workshops commence on Thursday 21st March, (the following one is on Friday 19th April). It is important that you register ASAP for both workshops as planning is well under way and places are filling fast. I would strongly recommend that you attend these workshops as they provide specific strategies in supporting your child’s reading development. I have included 10 tips from Mem Fox, a much loved children’s author, on reading aloud to your child (these can be found on her website).

**Mem Fox’s Ten Read Aloud Commandments:**

1. Spend at least ten wildly happy minutes every single day reading aloud.
2. Read at least three stories a day: it may be the same story three times. Children need to hear a thousand stories.
3. Read aloud with animation. Listen to your own voice and don’t be dull, or flat, or boring. Hang loose and be loud, have fun and laugh a lot.
4. Read with joy and enjoyment: real enjoyment for yourself and great joy for the listeners.
5. Read the stories that the kids love, over and over and over again, and always read in the same ‘tune’ for each book: i.e. with the same intonations on each page, each time.

6. Let children hear lots of language by talking to them constantly about the pictures, or anything else connected to the book; or sing any old song that you can remember; or say nursery rhymes in a bouncy way; or be noisy together doing clapping games.
7. Look for rhyme, rhythm or repetition in books for young children, and make sure the books are really short.
8. Play games with the things that you and the child can see on the page, such as letting kids finish rhymes, and finding the letters that start the child’s name and yours, remembering that it’s never work, it’s always a fabulous game.
9. Never ever **teach** reading, or get tense around books. 10. Please read aloud every day, mums and dads, because you just love being with your child, not because it’s the right thing to do.

**Amanda Wigg**  
Assistant Principal

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Monday, 18 March**  
- Junior Rockers at Assembly

**Tuesday, 19 March**  
- Junior Incursion – All day in the Art Room
- 12:30 – 3:30pm NGV Excursion – Local Landscapes Project (20 Year 6 students)

**Wednesday, 20 March**  
- Junior Incursion – All day in the Art Room
- Grade 5 Vice Captains Leadership Day at Koonung Secondary College 9:00 – 3:00pm

**Thursday, 21 March**  
- Helping Your Child Learn to Read – Session 1

**Friday, 22 March**  
- School Tour
- Japanese Incursion
- Summer Sports Round Robin
- PFA Social Night – 8:00 to 11:00pm in the School Hall

**Monday, 25 March**  
- Elite Sports Trials - Basketball – some children Grades 3-6

**Tuesday, 26 March**  
- Elite Sports Trials – Football / Soccer / Netball – some children Grades 3-6
- Junior School Japanese Sumi-E Ink Painting Excursion

**Thursday, 28 March**  
- Junior School Easter Bonnet Parade in Hall – 9:15am
- Last day of Term 1 – 2:30pm finish – **FREE DRESS DAY**

**Last Day of Term 1**  
The last day of Term 1 is **Thursday, 28th March**. This will be a **FREE DRESS DAY** (gold coin donation), all proceeds go to Oxfam.
Visual Arts

Just a reminder that next week is Cultural Diversity Week and that all Junior Classes will be participating in a Sumi-e Art Incursion. This is instead of their normal art classes. Please make sure your child has returned their permission slip as this gives the children a chance to experience Japanese ink and brush painting.

Pauline Wilson

Woolworths Reward Points

And they have arrived.........

So excited this week to find about 22 boxes of fabulous supplies waiting for me to unpack. It was all our goodies from our Woolworths reward points. Needless to say I had much fun unpacking, sorting and delivering the goodies- it certainly felt like Christmas!! So a great big thanks once again to the PFA and all the parents who collected stickers for us.

Linda Abbott
**School Tours & Open Morning**
March 22
April 26
May 10

19th – 25th May – Education Week

May 21 – Open Morning 9:30 – 11:00am, Tours @ 10:00am and 10:30am by House Captains

June 14
July 26
August 9
August 23
September 6
October 18

**Uniform Shop**
Shop Open Times
Tuesday: 3:00pm - 4:00pm
Thursday: 8:30am - 9:30am

**Junior Rockers**
Dear Roberts McCubin Parents,

Junior Rockers’ lessons are back up and running for 2013.

We are currently offering lessons in guitar, keyboard/piano, singing and drums.

The lessons are run weekly around the specialist timetable.

You can choose private lessons ($28/lesson) or shared lessons ($21/lesson). Shared lessons have a maximum of 2 students and hire and purchase instruments are also available through Junior Rockers.

For more information or to book in for lessons, please email sue@juniorrockers.com or call us on 8740 3902

Or go to [www.juniorrockers.com](http://www.juniorrockers.com) and fill in the online application.

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**Wanted to Buy**

A tall slimline book case (not black), must not be chunky. Please phone 9808 0383 or see me in the First Aid Room

Jen Walker – First Aid

**Picking up after your Dog**
If you walk your dog in the school grounds, could you PLEASE pick up after your dog.

**RMPS Student Banking**

2012 REWARD ITEMS

Please note that the BOOK LIGHT, USB and PEN POD are still available to claim while stocks last.

If you would like to claim any of these rewards, please do so quickly so you are not disappointed.
KNACKERED KNEES present a night of BOGAN BINGO

Come along for a night of ‘Bogan Bingo’, music and laughs to help support the Knackered Knees in raising money for OXFAM.

Prizes to win for bingo, best bogan outfit, air guitar, door prizes and more

Dress up in your favourite bubble gummers or flanny shirt or white boots or mullet…..

Friday 15th March from 7.30pm -11.30pm
MCC (Baseball Section)
Surrey Park Oval, Surrey Drive
Box Hill

$20 pp BYO drinks / food / gold coins

Please contact any of the ‘knackered knees’ for tickets:

Jane Thomas philthomas@optusnet.com.au
Michelle Blake dj.blake@bigpond.com.au
Julie Toomey julietoomey11@optusnet.com.au
Ruth Smithson rasmithson@bigpond.com

COMMUNITY NEWS
Welcome Social Night – Friday 22 March
Time: 8pm to 11pm in the school hall
Cost: $15pp (incl pizza, nibbles and drinks)
RSVP: this Friday 15th March
Have you bought your tickets yet?

All Roberts McCubbin parents and carers are all invited to come along for social night out on Friday 22nd March from 8pm to 11pm. We hope as many people from our school community are able to attend, we especially welcome new families at the school to come along. This night out is an opportunity to mingle and get to know each other without the kids and have some fun!

Last year’s event was a great success and parents from all year levels and many classes attended - it was a lovely social atmosphere. All families would have received the flyer/invitation last week; you will find one attached to this newsletter as well. Don’t forget to RSVP by THIS FRIDAY!

Can you help? If you can help out with a door prize please contact Cathy on cat.jones@optusnet.com.au or Matoula on 0411 089 506. Thank you.

The PFA Membership and Volunteer Form
It’s not too late!

Have you handed in your PFA Membership and Volunteer form? Keep them coming in, you can become a member at any time during the year. The PFA needs your support and we hope you are able to become a PFA member and/or help with any of our activities. The membership and volunteers form can be found on our school website under Practicalities.

The PFA wants to encourage all parents/carers to be involved in the social, fundraising and community events throughout the year, it’s all about helping out if you can, having fun and making friends!
Other Upcoming Events

The PFA every year holds various social and fundraising events throughout the year. We have some of our regular events coming up and some new ones this year including Vision Portraits, Rolf Pies in May/June and a Sausage Sizzle/Cake Stall on election day on the 14th September. Some dates are to be finalised so keep a look out in the newsletter for more information.

- **Mother Days Stall** (leading up to Mother Day Weekend)
- **Women’s Night** – Friday 31st May
- **August** – Saturday 10th Trivia Night, Father’s Day Stall and Father’s Day Pancake Breakfast
- **September** – Walkathon
- **December** – School Disco

Monday Morning Tea after Assembly in the Hall

Every Monday morning after assembly the PFA holds a morning tea in the hall. All parents, carers, grandparents and of course toddlers/pre-schoolers are welcome to join us after assembly for a cuppa and a chat, hope to see you there!

Craft News

Next Craft Session: Wednesday 20th March at Rachael H’s house 11.30 to 1.30pm.

Parents and carers who are interested to join the craft group sessions are invited to attend. All skill levels are welcome, you may a have some skills to pass on or you may want to learn a new one – or just join in for a chat and see what the craft group gets up to! There are many projects on the go that you may want to help out with and we love new ideas too! Please contact Rachael on 0429 409 920 for details.

And don’t forget there are lots of beautiful hand-made cards for sale in the school office foyer made by the Craft Group.

PFA Meetings

We would love to have more support and need more attendees at our meetings, so if you are considering coming to a meeting, please do so. You may like to…

1: help organise an event
2: be part of a team
3: perform a small task or
4: simply contribute with ideas, suggestions and feedback at our meetings

Any parent or carer with a child attending Roberts McCubbin Primary School can attend the PFA meetings. With more parents attending our meetings we can properly represent our school community. Further dates will be advertised in the newsletter. If you decide to join us, please contact Cathy cat.jones@optusnet.com.au for meeting details.

PFA Annual General Meeting - Tuesday 26th March 7.30

The PFA will be holding it’s AGM on Tuesday 26th March at 7.30 in the staffroom. Everyone is welcome to hear the reports on the past year and elect the new committee.

Would you like to be a PFA committee member?

Office bearers of the Committee are; President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, other office bearers and assistant roles can also be elected as required.

If you are thinking of becoming a committee member, please come along to our AGM, members are voted in at the PFA’s Annual General Meeting. For more information about being on the committee, please contact myself via email matoularomeo@yahoo.com.au or Cathy cat.jones@optusnet.com.au or if you like, you can catch up with us at morning tea after assembly on Mondays!

Helping Hands

The Helping Hands is a service that provides help in the form of lunches and dinners to families who are experiencing difficult circumstances. Often family and friends help out but sometimes that is not always possible. What many may not realise is that these difficult circumstances may be that; a family member is in hospital, the family may be coping with a major illness, there may be a major change in family
circumstances, death in the family or bedbound family member, there may be no support from extended family, the arrival of a new baby, or even moving house - you do not have justify your need. If you need or know of a family that needs assistance please contact Kate or Alison who are the helping hands co-ordinators. They will organise someone on their list of helpers to provide a helping hand, these helpers do not know who it is they are giving a helping hand to. Please do not hesitate to ask - as there is no need for you or other families at our school to struggle when we have a supportive community of parents willing to lend a hand. Please understand, all requests are treated with the strictest confidentiality.

If you need a helping hand please contact:

Kate L: Mob 0434 860 905 or katie.lane@mac.com or
Alison Mc: Mob 0434 132 224 or alimci@optusnet.com.au

Thought for the Week

"Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does."—William James.

Matoula Romeo – President

Proposed changes to the PFA Constitution

We would like to inform all our PFA Members that the Parents’ and Friends’ Association propose to update the PFA’s Constitution using the Education Departments guidelines. If you wish to discuss these changes please come along to our AGM. You will find a copy of the proposed changes under the Parents’ and Friends’ Section on the schools website. Thank you

Can you Help?

The PFA is looking for anyone who may have a darts board that we can use/borrow for our Social Night 22nd March.

Or…

Can you help with a donation for a door prize perhaps?

Please contact Cathy cat.jones@optusnet.com.au or Matoula 0411 089 506.

Thank you!

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Contact: Julie McCall 0425 922 275

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Mont Albert North
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Free School Holiday Zumbatomic Event

During the school holidays, I am running a free Zumbatomic Event for children in Grades Prep-2.

Event details are as follows:

Date: Thursday 4th April  
Time: 10:30-11:30am 
Location: 12-16 Court Street, Box Hill 
Age: Children in grades PREP - 2 
Cost: FREE!

Description: Do your kids love to dance? Do they have crazy amounts of energy? Designed exclusively for kids, Zumbatomic classes are rockin’, high-energy fitness-parties packed with specially choreographed, kid-friendly routines and all the music kids love, like hip-hop, reggaeton, cumbia and more. Parents love Zumbatomic because of the effects it has on kids, increasing their focus and self-confidence, boosting metabolism and enhancing coordination.

*Parents are to register their children at http://zaholidays.eventzilla.net
OSHClub News
Before School / After School Care Program

Program Update

Easter time is almost upon us so its all sweet treats and bunny rabbits in the OSHClub room for next week. We also have an extra cricket session coming with Matt and our newest staff member Ruta has been warmly welcomed into our community.

A reminder that the program concludes at 6pm each evening with a $2 per minute charge thereafter and that all children enrolled in OSHClub must have fully updated anaphylaxis/asthma/risk management plans and any medications required are to be held at the facility. No pen, no plan, no play.

Thankyou

Next Week’s Activities

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Parent Information

OSHC program phone: 0407 634 842 (Available Mon - Fri 7am - 9am, 3pm - 6pm)
Coordinator: Danae
Assistant: Lola, Penny, Dan, Azucena and Andy
OSHClub Head Office: 03 85649000

All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember this is Free!! Please create an account online at www.oshclub.com.au all bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account. For on the day bookings please contact the Coordinator direct at the program.

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