FROM THE PRINCIPAL CLASS TEAM

This week our Junior School Councillors began to help run our Monday morning assembly. Sarah L and Josh D were the brave two to be first and they did a great job. Congratulations! Next week the children helping will be Josh M, Leo S and Sami M.

A group of our Year 6 students with an obvious interest in the Visual Arts will accompany Cora Brownjohn to the National Gallery to participate in the 2013 Local Landscapes Project. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to build on their talents and passions.

As you are aware the school has not operated a canteen this year. Over the last few weeks we have been looking into online school lunch services as an option for parents. We have decided to form a partnership with a local business, miss peppercorn. The business was established in 2010 from a desire to provide healthy, affordable and delicious lunch choices for children. There is a wide range of options, both hot and cold, available for the children, with a menu that changes with each season. The miss peppercorn kitchen has a 5 star health and hygiene rating from the City of Whitehorse. Parents can order at any time up until 9.15am that day and you can also pre-order up to 28 days in advance. Contained in this newsletter is information about how to go about setting up an account with miss peppercorn and other information you may need. The service will be available from the beginning of next term on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. A copy of this information will also be going home with the children this week.

Next Thursday, March 28th is the last day of Term 1 and it will be a free dress day for the children. We ask that the children bring a gold coin to support the group of mums from our school who are undertaking the OXFAM walk.

Marg Pickburn
Principal
March 2013

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Miss Peppercorn School Lunches. We are very excited to be providing our reliable, healthy and delicious lunch order service to the families at Roberts McCubbin Primary School every Monday, Wednesday and Friday commencing 15th April.

Our Winter Menu will be available very soon, we are just finalising it.

Our Food & Menu
Our food is simple, fresh, healthy, tasty and delicious. Yum! Our food is 'homestyle' made with passion by us! We understand the importance of nutritious food that encourages children to eat healthy. We closely follow the Victorian Government nutrition guidelines for schools - our menu is 'Go For Your Life' approved. Each season we change our Menu.

What you need to do
We are currently setting up your school and classes. We will be ready for you to set up your own account over the school holidays. This must be done before you can order your child’s lunch. We use FlexiSchools. Follow these steps to set up your account:

2. Click on "Click here to register" to create your account
3. Top-up your balance
4. Start ordering immediately - we are open!
5. Each time you order you can select our 'allergy alert' option which will print on your child’s label and advise our kitchen of the relevant allergy.

What Does it Cost?
The cost is the cost as shown on the menu plus a 25c fee for each order placed.

How Does It Work?
Go to www.misspeppercorn.com.au/schools and click "click here to register". Then enter your student’s name, school and class, and add funds (say $50) into a pre-paid account.

You can log into the website at any time to place orders, up until 9:15am on the day of the order. As purchases are made, the funds are taken from your pre-paid account. The account can be topped up again in the same way, or set to automatically top-up via credit card when the balance falls below a pre-set minimum.

Each order is sent automatically to our kitchen, where an easy-to-read label is produced with the student’s name, class and order details.

At lunch time, we take the orders to your school and collate them ready for collection.

If you have any problems or would like assistance please call: Flexi Schools
8am-5pm on (03) 1300 361 769
Missing School Basketball Tops

A number of school basketball singlets (white and blue) weren’t returned last year after school sports activities. If you have one at home, could you please return it to me ASAP.

Tim Fearn-Wannan

School Photo Day

Wednesday, 24th April 2013

1. Personalised Order Forms have been sent home.
2. Family Order Forms can be collected from the Office.
3. 25% Discount vouchers for families with 3 or more children can be collected from the Office.

Request for First Aid Room

Can you help? I need a small supply of good 2nd hand or new GIRLS knickers, little ones – Size 4, 6 or 8 for my First Aid Room supplies.

Many Thanks
Jen Walker

Also, a big THANK YOU to Tayla Bow (Chloe J9O) for her generous donation of new knickers

Order Your Entertainment Book Now!!

Click on this link to pre-order your Entertainment Book: https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/187727c
Will Your Child Be Starting School In 2014?
Do You Know of a Family in the Community Who May Be Interested In our School?

ROBERTS McCUBBIN PRIMARY SCHOOL Will Offer:

During Education Week on May 21, an open morning between 9:00 to 1:00 with tours at 9:30 and 11:30.
All classrooms will be open to the school community so take this opportunity to see our students involved in Literacy, Numeracy and Specialist programs.
Please note there will NOT be an open evening this year during Education Week and there will be no access to classes during recess: 11 to 11:30.

Our School Discovery Program will commence in Term 3 for all children enrolled in 2014 on Tuesday July 23, August 6, August 20 and September 3.
These sessions will run from 2:30 to 3:15.

THERE WILL BE THREE CLASSROOM TRANSITION SESSIONS in Term 4

Wednesday 13th November 9.00 – 9.45
Wednesday 20th November 9.00 – 9.45
Wednesday 27th November 9.00 – 9.45

Please contact the school to organise a school tour or visit our website
www.robmacps.vic.edu.au
Welcome Social Night
Friday 22nd March – This Week!
Time: 8pm to 11pm in the school hall
Cost: $15pp (incl pizza, nibbles and drinks)

The PFA is gearing up for the Welcome Social Night this Friday!
We will not turn people away at the door, however it would help us out immensely if you could give us an indication that you will be coming for catering purposes. If you decide to come along and have yet to reply, please let us know via email to Cathy cat.jones@optusnet.com.au or phone to Matoula on 0411 089 506. Thank you!

PFA Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 26th March 7.30 in the staff room
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.

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 under “About Us” on the schools website.

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 you may like to catch up with us at morning tea after assembly on Monday.

The PFA Membership and Volunteer Form
It’s not too late!
Have you handed in your PFA Membership and Volunteers form? Keep them coming in. You can become a member at any time during the year and please remember that the $5 membership fee supports the work the PFA undertakes throughout the year and helps cover administration costs.
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!

**Monday Morning Tea after Assembly in the Hall**

**Next morning tea: 25th March**

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 for a cuppa and a chat.

**Special Guests and Discussion:**

A parent at our school, Dr Jo O’Mara – Senior Lecturer in Language and Literacy Education at Deakin University, and her colleague Associate Professor Julianne Moss will be attending the PFA morning tea next week 25th March, to talk to us about the digital stories they want to make about our school. Please see the notice from Jo O’Mara in the newsletter for more information about these stories and if you have any questions, we hope to see you at morning tea.

**Other Up Coming 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; keep a look out in the newsletter for more information leading up to these events.

- **May**
  - Mother Days Stall (leading up to Mother Day Weekend)
  - Women’s Night – Friday 31st May

- **June**
  - Vision Portraits
  - Rolf’s Pie Fundraising Drive

- **August**
  - Trivia Night Saturday 10th August
  - Father’s Day Stall
  - Father’s Day Pancake Breakfast

- **September**
  - Walkathon
  - Election Day Sausage Sizzle and Cake Stall

- **December**
  - School Disco

**Earn and Learn is Back!**

Start collecting your stickers from Monday 8th April at Woolworths Supermarkets

Firstly thank you to all the families that participated in the program last year. As Linda Abbott has mentioned in the newsletter we have purchased an amazing amount of valuable resources for the children from the program. The time has come again to start collecting points for 2013. You will receive one point/sticker for every $10 spent at Woolworths (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). These points are then placed on a Point Sheet (available at Woollies) and once completed they can be placed in our collection box at school. With these points sheets our school can go “shopping” for learning resources and equipment for our school. Tell your friends, neighbours and families to start collecting stickers/points from the checkout operator at Woolworths too! We will have some more information and sticker sheets available early in term 2, in the meantime start collecting those valuable stickers!

**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.

Our next meeting is in term 2 and will be advertised in the newsletter next week.

**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 coordinators. 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.jane@mac.com or

**Alison Mc:** Mob 0434 132 224 or alimci@optusnet.com.au

Thought for the Week

“Think left and think right and think low and think high. Oh, the thinks you can think up if only you try!” – Dr Seuss

Matoula Romeo – President

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**Roberts McCubbin Primary School**

Dear Parents/Carers,

You are invited to attend a series of workshops which we will be presenting in February/March:

*Please note the change in dates*

**Thursday 21st March:** ‘Helping Your Child Learn to Read 1’

**Friday 19th April:** ‘Helping Your Child Learn to Read 2’

The workshops will start at 9.30am and finish by 10.40am. All workshops will be presented in 5/6V Classroom. Coffee and tea will be provided.

We encourage all parents to attend both these worthwhile and informative workshops.

The ‘Helping Your Child Learn to Read at Home’ workshop will support and assist with your child’s reading and will give you some great ideas and strategies to help make reading an enjoyable and fun experience at home.

Childminding is available but places are limited.

We look forward to the upcoming workshops

Mary thanks

Linda Abbott & Marie Pase

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**Junior Rockers**

Dear Roberts McCubbin 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@junirockers.com or call us on 8740 3902

Or go to www.junirockers.com and fill in the online application.

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**Uniform Shop**

**Shop Open Times**

**Tuesday:** 3:00pm - 4:00pm

**Thursday:** 8:30am - 9:30am
Jazz, Funk & Hip Hop Dance!

Move your body... Feel the beat...
Dance like nobody's watching...

Classes available for:
3-5yrs, 6-8yrs & 9-13yrs.

Our fabulous teacher, Matilda, has trained with well known performers and choreographers. No costumes or end of year concerts.

Prices: 3-5yrs $13.00/class,
5yrs $16.00/class

Bookings now open for Term 2 (Apr-Jun 2013).
3 week ‘Come & Try’ for $55.00 OFFER NOW ON.

Try us today!
Phone 9895 2300.

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www.healthways.com.au

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Social Events.
Celebrations.

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to book a lane.

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1st Floor, Healthways Rec. Centre
1-11 Arcade Road, Mont Albert Nth
Phone 9895 2300

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• Max. 4 students per class!
• Qualified Teachers.

For 3yr olds to Junior squad level!
Private Lessons also available!

Classes run in the mornings for 5 consecutive days. This allows your children to consolidate and build on their skills every day. Weeks are booked individually.

Phone 9895 2300
to enrol.

Healthways Recreation Centre
www.healthways.com.au
1-11 Arcade Road
Mont Albert North
Phone 9895 2300

EASTER 2013 SCHOOL HOLIDAY TIMETABLE

Monday 1/4

Tuesday 2/4

Wednesday 3/4

Thursday 4/4

Friday 5/4

MONDAY

10:30am-12pm

12:30pm-2:30pm

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Please enrol my child (insert name):_____

If the Fitnessworx program indicated above (please circle one on table) Total cost:_________

PAYMENT OPTIONS:

• Visa / Mastercard

• 11/4/13 - 12:30pm

• EFT to BSB: 063 239 ACCOUNT: 57 075 1304

• 3/4/13 prior to the commencement of the term

• Enrolment made out to Fitnessworx PL

• PAYMENT DUE: 11/4/13

• Please keep a record of enrolments and program dates

Parent/Guardian

Name:__________

Address:__________

Phone:__________ Email:__________

Fax: 1300 406 337

Email: info@fitnessworx.com.au

Post: 2/1 Monomeath Ave Mitcham

Receive your payment receipt and enrolment details with your emails.

www.fitnessworx.com.au
Thank you to everyone that attended knackered knees bogan bingo night on Friday. It was a great night. We raised $1440 for Oxfam. Thank you!!

Jane, Julie, Michelle & Ruth
Box Hill High School
Select Entry Accelerated Learning (SEAL) Program Year 7 2014

The Box Hill High School Year 7 SEAL Application link is currently open on our website. www.boxhillhs.vic.edu.au

To commence the selection process, parents of 2013 Year 6 applicants are asked to apply now. Places in the SEAL Program are for gifted students, currently residing in Victoria, who qualify for a government funded education, regardless of the location of their residential address.

For further information about the SEAL Program and Box Hill High School, we extend an invitation to our 2013 Open Afternoon 2.30 – 4.30 pm Tuesday 23 April.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Sessions at www.lunadrivein.com.au

OSHClub News
Before School / After School Care Program

Program Update
This weeks egg-celent activities have been great fun. Congratulations to Josh Howlett for winning our egg drop challenge and Ethan Wong who is the reigning connect four champion of the world, well the room anyway! Next week is our last week of term and we will continue to celebrate all things Easter including Easter egg hunts.

NOTE: Our after school session starts at 2.30pm on Thursday for the last day of school

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

OSH program phone: 0407 634 842 (Available Mon - Fri 7am - 9am, 3pm - 6pm)
Coordinator: Danae
Assistant: Penny, Ruta, 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.

HOLIDAY PROGRAM BOOKINGS CAN NOW BE MADE ONLINE, JUMP ONLINE TO VIEW THE PROGRAM PLAN OR VISIT OUR ROOM AND PICK UP A BROCHURE.
Please book early to avoid disappointment at:

www.oshclub.com.au