FROM THE PRINCIPAL CLASS TEAM

Thank you to the PFA and everyone involved with last week’s fundraising events. Both the Aldi sausage sizzle and the School Picnic were very successful. It was terrific to see so many families gathering on the oval on Thursday night. The cake stall, icy pole sales and face painting all contributed to the school’s fundraising efforts to support the costs of the Mathletics program in the school.

Thank you to Tim Fearn-wanna for taking our new House Captains to the Leadership Day in the city last Friday. I’m sure they will be reporting back about the day at assembly and in the newsletter very soon.

Congratulations to two of our staff, Linda Abbott and Peter Wright, for being selected in the Leaders In The Making Program. The program is run through the Whitehorse Principals’ Network and consists of monthly workshops with a different focus on school leadership at each one.

Thank you Kelly Vimpani for organising the wonderful traditional Japanese Tea Ceremony incursion for the children. I had the absolute pleasure of being in the Japanese room last Friday while the children were learning about traditional tea ceremonies. The incursion was facilitated by Adam Wojcinski who is an expert in this field and who explained to the children the history and traditions involved in a very engaging way.

Included in this newsletter is another article by Michael Grose. The article is about helping your child achieve and refers to 10 ways you can work with the teacher and support your child’s learning.

Marg Pickburn
Principal
Elite sportsperson trials

District trials are to be held in several sports in order to select children to try out at Division level.

Elite Sportsperson Trials

**Tuesday 26th March** - Australian Rules Football, Girls Soccer, Boys Soccer, Netball (girls)

**Monday 25th March** - Boys Basketball and Girls Basketball.

Criteria - All athletes nominating must be competitive at Club level competition. The trials are for grade 5 and 6 students only. Many of the athletes at the trials will be Regional reps in their chosen field, this is why we are asking for elite athletes only.

NOMINATING YOUR CHILD

If your child fits the above criteria, please forward your written nomination to Mr F-W by Friday 8th March 2013.

Nominations must include:

*Child’s name, D.O.B, Club or squad, preferred playing position, contact phone number. Parents must sign and date this letter please.

Division Swimming

Roberts McCubbin was represented by three swimmers at the Division Championships last week. Congratulations to Fintan H, Danielle S, and Harrison T on making it to this level.

Danielle and Harrison have progressed through to the next level and will compete at the Eastern Metropolitan Regional Championships.

School Tours & Open Morning

March 8
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

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@juniorrockers.com or call us on 8740 3902

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

Uniform Shop

Shop Open Times

Tuesday: 3:00pm - 4:00pm
Thursday: 8:30am - 9:30am
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 9.10am 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.

Many thanks
Linda Abbott & Maria Pase

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**Thank you!**

We have had a great response regarding Class Representatives for 2013. However the following classes are without a rep or need at least one more parent volunteer:

34E; 34K; 34W; 56R

Please email me or return the Class Rep form (available on the school website under “Practicalities”) via the school office or your teacher ASAP.

Thanks
Trish Scott
Trish.scott@optusnet.com.au

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A huge thank you must to **Aldi at Box Hill South** for supporting our school. Aldi donated all the sausages, bread, sauce and onions to our school for our sausage sizzle – thank you! We made $348 - what a great result!


A special thanks must go to Izzy for not only cooking on the day but being the organised one and setting up the BBQ and marquee, and to Darren S and Jamie J for getting the BBQ there and back what a great team effort - thank you all!

**School Picnic**

Did I or did not tell you to trust Melbourne weather…it rains all day just to let the sun out at the last minute!! It was a great atmosphere at the picnic last week with the cake stall, icy poles and the very popular face painting! The “tug of war” was once again a great way to end the evening – thanks Tim W-F! Thank you everyone who brought along baked goodies to sell at the cake stall, helped sell the cakes and icy poles. The picnic raised just over $830 for the Mathletics Program. Thank you to all our helpers – Michelle B, Jane T, Lisa C, Rachael H, Susan T, Jo T, Rachel F, Kylie D, Clara R, Merrilyn W, Robin F, Narelle, Sue S, Brenda D, Chris R, Sharon C, Ann R and Nikki. It was great to see so new parents to the school be involved as well - thank you to all! There were many happy and colourful faces at the picnic, our very talented face painting mums did a beautiful job – thank you Catherine E, Alison Mc, Luciana C and Emily H.

**Welcome Social Night – Friday 22 March**

**Time:** 8pm to 11pm in the school hall

**Cost:** $15pp (incl pizza, nibbles and drinks)

Book the babysitter and come out for a social night without the kids!

Sorry kiddos - 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!

Keep the night free and book the babysitter, last years’ event was a great success and parents from all year levels and many classes attended - it was a lovely social atmosphere. Look out for the flyer coming home this week.

If anyone has a dartboard we can borrow for the night please let us know or if you can help out with a door prize please contact Cathy on cat.jones@optusnet.com.au or myself 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 Volunteers 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 $5 annual subscription fee to become a member is a legal requirement and helps supports the administrative costs of the committee. By becoming a financial member you are able to vote at any of our meetings and/or join the committee if you decide to.

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 is setting up some of events for the year so bring out your calendars... just for starters:

April – Vision Portraits are back this year
May – Mother’s Day stall and Women’s Night
June – Rolf Pies Fundraising Drive
August – Trivia Night

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! P.S. thank you Andrea and Taylor for bringing some delicious muffins and a fruit platter.

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 its 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 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 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.lane@mac.com or

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

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**Thought for the Week**

“Every accomplishment starts with the decision to try.”—Unknown.

Matoula Romeo – President

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**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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Box Hill, Victoria 3128

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COMMUNITY NEWS

North Balwyn Baseball Club

Junior Come and Try Days
Saturday 16 March & Saturday 23 March 2013
10:00 am - 12:00 noon

Myrtle Park, Gidley Street, North Balwyn (MacLeay Park precinct)  Mail Ref: 46 84

Boys and Girls aged 8 to 17 are invited to come and try Baseball.

Coaching sessions + opportunities to bat and field. No experience or equipment necessary.

The club has male and female junior players aged 8 to 17 across all levels with junior and senior teams playing each week.

For more information Go To:

www.northbalwyn.baseball.com.au

www.northbalwyn.baseball.com.au  E: northbalwynbc@yahoo.com

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City of Whitehorse
Parent Information Session
Rod Dungan
Founder of Thriving Youth
Director & Trainer for Thriving Youth Australia
Presenting
Living Harmoniously with Your Teenager

Date: Wednesday 17 April 2013
Time: 7.30-9.30pm
Location: Waratang Room
The Whitehorse Centre
397 Whitehorse Road, Nunawading
(Rear of Nunawading Library Melway Ref 48 S5)

$2 Gold coin donation

To book this event, please go to
http://www.trybookings.com/CWH
enquiries: 9024 9322

Hockey

Come and try Hockey
with Box Hill Whitehorse Hockey Club

The Box Hill Whitehorse Hockey Club is running a program that is known as HookIn2Hockey. Thousands of children from all over the country have already enjoyed an awesome introduction to hockey through the program. This is for girls and boys, aged 5 to 12. The focus for this age group is on participation, introducing new participants to the sport and developing a love for the game. We initially have two introductory sessions.

Dates: Sunday 17th and 24th March
Time: 1.00pm to 2.30pm
Venue: Elgar Park
Elgar Road (near Eastern Freeway)
Mont Albert North

There is no charge for these introductory sessions. Other sessions are planned from April to the August including 3 interclub gala days, a carnival and training on a Wednesday 5:00-6:00pm. The fee for this is $90 and includes a hockey stick and shin guard set.

For further information please contact Anthony Gust on 0417 214 831
More information about our club can be found at: www.boxhillhockey.com.au and more information on HookIn2Hockey can be found at http://hookin2hockey.co>About including an E-brochure.

MEDIA RELEASE

BOX HILL WHITEHORSE HOCKEY CLUB hooks kids into hockey

BOX HILL WHITEHORSE HOCKEY CLUB is on the hunt for the next Olympic star. With the help of Hockey Australia and Hockey Victoria’s junior recruitment program, they might just find them.

The Hookin2Hockey program provides children aged five to 12 with the opportunity to learn the basics of hockey, and have a lot of fun along the way.

And who knows, they might just discover the next Jamie Dwyer (pivotal role of the Kokaburra’s first world player of the year) or Kobe Alford of the Hockeyroos (2013 FIFA all-star team).

Over 10,000 young girls participated in Hookin2Hockey nationwide in 2012, and the program is expected to be even bigger in 2013.

Every participant will receive a pack that includes a fold-out backyard hockey goal, a replica Australian playing top, a participant medal, a highlights package DVD and a video message from a Hockeyroos or Kokaburra.

Hookin2Hockey is Hockey Australia’s national recruitment program and provides the opportunity for young participants to learn the fundamental skills of hockey in a safe and fun environment.

For further information please contact:
Contact: Anthony Gust - 0417 214 831
Venue: Elgar Park, 150 metres north of the Corner of Elgar Road and Belmore Roads (near Eastern Freeway), Mont Albert North, VIC 3126
Start Date: 17th March, 2013
Time: 1:00pm
Email: anthony.gust@southernhealth.org.au
Help your child ACHIEVE!

One way to help your child achieve at school is to work together with your child's teacher. The parent-teacher partnership takes work from both sides to become a reality. Here are some ideas that will help.

There’s no doubt that the best outcomes for kids happen when teachers and parents work together to support children's learning. Here are 10 ways you can work with your child’s teacher to maximise your child’s chances of school success.

1. Know what your child’s teacher is trying to achieve.
Like children, every teacher is different with their own specific expectations, goals and interests. Get to know your child’s teacher and gain an understanding of their approach and aspirations for your child’s class.

2. Keep your expectations reasonable and positive.
If your expectations are too high they may give up. Too low and they will meet them! The trick is to keep your aspirations for your child in line with their ability and their interests. Also be realistic about what your child’s school can deliver. Sometimes our expectations of schools are not in line with their capabilities or their roles.

3. Support your teacher’s expectations & activities at home.
One practical way of supporting your child is to take a real interest in their home-based learning tasks and follow the guidelines laid out by teachers.

4. Send kids to school ready to learn and on time.
Maximise your child’s chances of success by sending them to school in a good frame of mind, with plenty of sleep and a good breakfast. Also make sure they get to school on time. It’s estimated that many kids miss up to two weeks of school a year when they are routinely late by just five minutes a day.

5. Inform teachers of your child’s challenges and changes.
Life’s not always smooth sailing for kids. Family circumstances can alter. Friends move away. Illness happens. These changes affect learning. Make sure you keep your child’s teacher up-to-date with significant changes or difficulties your child experiences, so he or she can accommodate their emotional and learning needs at school.

6. Skill children to work with others.
Schools are social places requiring children to work and play with each other much of the time. Teaching manners to kids, as well as encouraging them to share their time, space and things with others are practical ways to help kids with their social skills. Talk through any social challenges they may have, helping them develop their own strategies to get on with others.

7. Respectfully seek joint solutions to problems and difficulties.
Resist the temptation to solve all your children’s problems or think you have the only solution. Most learning and social problems can be resolved when teachers and parents work together in the best interests of the child.

8. Participate fully in class & school activities.
There is a huge body of research that points to the correlation between parent involvement in a child’s schooling and their educational success. Quite simply, if you want your child to improve his learning then take an interest in his learning, attend as many school functions as you can, and follow the lead provided by your child’s teacher. This simple strategy will have a massive, long-term impact.

9. Trust your teacher’s knowledge, professionalism and experience.
Your child’s teachers are your greatest allies. Their training, their experience around kids and their objective professionalism puts them in a strong position to make judgement calls about your child.

10. Talk up what happens at school.
Your child will take their cues from you about how they see their school. If you want your child to value learning, and enjoy their time at school then you need to support your school and make sure he or she hears positive messages about learning, teachers and the school itself. You can set a strong educational agenda at home by talking up your school.

This type of 10 point plan is easy to read but hard to put into practice, particularly when you get busy or your child has significant difficulties. Choose two or three ideas from this list to really focus on in the coming year and you’ll find that the rest will fall into place. Good luck and nurture the partnerships you have with your child’s teachers.
**OSHClub News**
Before School / After School Care Program

**Program Update**

HOLIDAY PROGRAM BOOKINGS AVAILABLE NOW PLEASE GO TO OSHCLUB.COM.AU
PLACES ARE LIMITED FOR OUR EXCURSIONS SO PLEASE BOOK EARLY TO SECURE YOUR PLACE !!!!

We are looking forward to Easter this week with lots of sweet somethings.
Remember that Monday 11th is a public holiday and OSHClub will not be open for before or after care

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**

OSHClb program phone: 0407 634 842 (Available Mon - Fri 7am - 9am, 3pm - 6pm)
Coordinator: Danae
Assistants: 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](http://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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