In just over two weeks schools and early childhood services throughout Victoria will be celebrating EDUCATION WEEK. In 2016 the week May 15-21 is the week that allows schools to showcase what is happening in their schools.

This year in Victoria, the focus is on technology. The Department of Education and Training believe that the key to a prosperous future lies in a highly skilled workforce, including strong capability in science, technology, engineering and maths. Schools and early childhood services are being encouraged to showcase the innovative ways they use technology to improve learning and prepare students for the future.

At RMPS we are very proud of where we have come with our use of technology within all teaching areas of the school. We are always looking for new ways to support the delivery of curriculum to the students and engage and communicate with parents. Currently the teams are exploring Showbie and will invite parents to join so that they can see what is happening in their child’s area of the school, see some of their child’s work and be able to make a comment about that work.

A team of staff are working with Ray Nasher, an Apple educator, on the Towards Transformation program. This program was offered to the school due to the work we have been undertaking particularly in the way we have been using the SAMR model. Towards Transformation is supporting staff to develop more expertise in the use of school apps to enhance the learning outcomes of the students.

If you would like to learn more about the work being undertaken, Ray and some members of staff will present ‘Learning with iPads at Robbie Mac’ on the Thursday evening of Education Week from 6.45-8.00pm. We are extending the invitation to this evening to parents from our feeder pre-schools so if you know anyone you think would be interested to learn about the way we work with technology please suggest they come along.

The fact that all of our students have the opportunity to be involved in Robotics is also something to be proud of as a school. Robotics incorporates science, maths, engineering and of course technology. Coding is being seen as integral to student learning and all of the students undertake this as part of their robotics classes. Our Robo Cup teams too are well on track with their projects for the state championships later in the year. Being state champions for three years in a row, beating numerous other schools including high profile, large, private schools is no mean feat.

Marg Pickburn, Principal
DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday, 29 April
- 5/6 Girls AFL Tournament

Tuesday, 3 May
- 3/4 Tennis Clinic at Box Hill Tennis Club – 10:00 – 12:30pm

Wednesday, 4 May
- May the 4th Be with You Robotics Day
- School Council Meeting in the Staffroom 7:00pm

Friday, 6 May
- Mother’s Day Breakfast
- School Tour – Meet in School Foyer – 9:30am
- Shrek The Musical Jr Tickets on sale at 4pm through Try Booking

Tuesday, 10 May
- 3/4 Tennis Clinic at Box Hill Tennis Club – 10:00 – 12:30pm

Wednesday, 11 May
- 3/4 Tennis Clinic at Box Hill Tennis Club – 10:00 – 12:30pm

Friday, 13 May
- Fair Donation Day – Free Dress Day

Tuesday, 17 May
- Education Week Open Morning – 9:30am Addressed by Principal, 10:00am and 10:30am School Tours by House Captains. Please phone the office to book in

Wednesday, 18 May
- Jump Rope for Heart Day – 9:00 – 1:30pm

Thursday, 19 May
- RMPS Information Night – Use of iPads

Tuesday, 24 May
- District Cross Country 9:00 – 2:30pm

Monday, 30 May
- Book Fair Sales
- PSD Morning Tea in the Staffroom – 9:00 - 10:30am

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop hours are:
Tuesday 3:00 – 4:00pm
&
Thursday 8:30 – 9:30am
Sue Truscott & Jo Townsend

IS YOUR CHILD A HOUSE CAPTAIN, SPECIALIST CAPTAIN, JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCILLOR OR AN ECO CAPTAIN?

If you have a child who is one of the above and they were at school on Photo Day, they would have had their photo taken in a photo of the group that they belong to.

You can order one of these group photos for $10.00. Call at the office, fill in the Special Order Form and pay the $10.00.

If you would like to preview the photo, you will find them displayed in the glass cabinet on the wall to the left when you enter the main office door.

Orders for these group photos will close on Tuesday, 10th May, so get your order in before that date.

Payment for second chance and group photo orders MUST be in cash and the correct money.

Sarah Kelly - Administrative Assistant

Parents/Careers of 5/6H are invited to a Morning Tea on Thursday, 28th April at 9:00am at 50 Birds Cafe
ANZAC DAY 2016

Last week, thirty of the RMPS Year 6 Captains represented our school at the Annual Whitehorse Schools ANZAC Ceremony in the Box Hill Gardens at the Cenotaph. We were accompanied by Sue McNamara and Ros Cordiner.

It was a great day and we heard stories about local people who were involved in WW1. We’d like to thank Box Hill RSL and everyone else who helped us commemorate all those who have served our country.
Our school House Cross Country was held yesterday in perfect autumn weather. Over 200 excited students, dressed in their House colours, ran 1.5 or 2.5km through the Gardiners Creek path. With assistance from our wonderful staff and parent community the day ran smoothly and there was a terrific atmosphere. The overall winning House was Withers (Blue). Thank you to all parents who gave up their time to be course assistants for the morning. As there is no 8/9 year old group at District level we now have to run the top 10 place getters from this group against the top 10 from the 10 year old age group to decide on our District team. We will be informing the students soon of when this will take place at school.

Jayne McConnell and Tim Fearn-Wannan
Come join us to learn more about how iPads are used at Roberts McCubbin PS where our iPad program is all about teaching and learning, not the device.

Listen to Ray Nasher share his expertise as a teacher, parent and Apple employee on the SAMR model of ICT learning, the effective use of the Apps that we use in the classroom and the work he is undertaking with our staff.

Please contact the office to book in.

When: Thursday, 19th May
Time: 6:45 pm – 8:00 pm

Eco-News
Our Wipe Out Waste Day is: THURSDAY

Remember to pack a wrapper-free lunchbox!

ECO TOP TIP!
Reduce waste by buying in bulk! “Fun Size” Packets of biscuits can contain 13 or more individual plastic wrappers!

Swap for larger or bulk packets, which might only contain one plastic wrapper, and a box that is easily recycled!

Pop the biscuits in a reusable container for a wrapper free lunch!

If you are interested in helping out with our quest to become a more eco-friendly school, please contact Steph Bates JBB, Margie Hardy 56H or Michael O’Donovan 34Q
Shrek The Musical Jr

Will be presented on the 3rd and 4th of August. Tickets are on sale Friday, 6th May at 4pm through Try Booking. All students will be performing on both nights and can’t wait to show you what they have been working on. More information about how to book will be sent through in the next couple of weeks.
From the President

Hey, hey, it's PFA!

Hello again everyone. What a beautiful day we had for house cross country. Well done to all the children who took part. Everyone I saw pushed themselves and it was really great to see the team spirit displayed. We should all be proud of these kids.

While we appreciate their sporting efforts, some parents today were suggesting a house Maths challenge or something like that would be a great way to get the kids to have a go and push themselves in a different area of curriculum. I think this is a terrific idea. If you want to support this kind of event or share your other ideas, please email the PFA or come along to a PFA meeting and we can talk it over. The PFA would love to support the school with this type of event.

Have a great week!

Help wanted.

Assembling Mother’s Day gifts. An hour or so is all you need. Sessions in the school library Friday 29th April from 9.00 am and Monday 2nd May after assembly with plenty of chat too. Some work can be done at home if that suits you better.

Calling all Dads. Mother’s Day breakfast on Friday 6th May. Please email the PFA or text to Andrew 0415 627 509 or Arash 0490 042 354 if you can help out.

Upcoming fundraising social night. If you would like share the fun of planning this event with us please email the PFA or contact Sarah McCahon on 0409 794 772.

Mother’s Day Gift – Last Chance Orders!

Cost: $ 7 per child (discount for 3rd and 4th child at school)

Last Payments Due: Thursday 28th April

PLEASE NOTE that payment on Compass is now closed.

Any late orders will need to be paid at the school office by THIS Thursday 28th April. An order form is attached to this newsletter and there are extra copies available at the school office. Any questions, please contact PFA.

Mother’s Day Breakfast – Friday 6th May

6.30 to 8.45am (last serves 8.30am)
Where: School Hall

$10 Mum/Carer
$5 per child

Please let us know about any allergies so we can cater for you.

NOTE: Compass online orders will close after midnight on Thursday 28th April for the Mother’s Day Breakfast.

Any late orders can be paid at the school office until Friday 29th April.

Arash and Andrew need to cater appropriately for our delicious breakfast so please ensure you order/pay for your breakfast ASAP!
Dad Helpers Needed:
**Thursday:** Set up the hall on Thursday afternoon or evening
**Friday Morning:** Serve 6.30 to 8.30 am and then clean up
Serve pastries and coffee, clean tables and pack up tool

Most of the jobs (front door, serving and clearing tables) are from 6:30 to 8:30.
We would also be grateful if a few could help set up from about 6:00 am.
Please email the PFA via rmps.pfa@gmail.com or text to Andrew 0415 627 509 or Arash 0490 042 354 if you can help out.

Arash and Andrew will create a list of helpers and display the roster on the Junior Deck area.

**Mother’s Day Raffle**
**Beautiful handmade rug to win!**

We have a toastie warm, hand-knitted patchwork rug which has been made with love by the McClacharty family’s Nanna and donated to the PFA for fundraising. Thank-you so much!

Raffle Tickets will be sold at the Mother’s Day Breakfast and are $2ea or 3 for $5, tickets will also be sold in the vicinity of the Junior Deck area at drop off and pick up times next week.

It’s approx. 1x 1.5m in size.

Parents and Carers BIG Night Out – Saturday 18th June

SAVE THE DATE!

BOOK THE BABYSITTER!

Get ready for a fantastic night out! A chance to let your hair down (up or out for that matter)!!

The theme will be let out soon.

New fun and games for all with a Silent Auction and Raffle to help raise funds towards replacing the synthie grass on the oval.

**Donations wanted for silent auction and raffle please.** If you can help out through contacts or you own business that would be really appreciated. Thankyou.

PFA Morning Tea and Meeting
**Monday 9th May**

PFA looking ahead…

**July**

Election Day Sausage Sizzle / Cake Stall

**August**

Family Movie Night
Book Swap

**September**

Father’s Day Breakfast
Footy Day Walkathon

Contact the PFA

PFA email: rmps.pfa@gmail.com
Robin Fripp: 0402 245 488
**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Nunawading Spectres 2016 Development Squad**

The Melbourne East Basketball Association would like to invite boys & girls aged 7 - 12 to tryout for the 2016 Nunawading Spectres Development Squad. The Nunawading Spectres are the representative program of the MEA and provides a pathway to elite representative basketball. This invite is open to athletes of all sporting backgrounds and basketball experience is not a necessity. Our program aims to provide a fun environment and promote confidence while increasing participation in sport.

**WHEN:** Sunday 15th May 2016
**TIME:** 11:45AM - 1:00PM
**VENUE:** Nunawading Stadium
**COST:** Free*

*If your child is successful in being selected for the Development Squad the cost of the program is $50 which will be deducted from 2016-17 fees if selected into a team.

**REGISTRATION FORM**

Childs Name:
Parents Name:
Address:
School:
Email:
DOB:
Phone:

For further information call the Nunawading Office on 9802 6711

To register, please complete the form & mail to PO Box 6163 Vermont South VIC 3133

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**Celebrate SHBCC**

New Facilities

Surrey Hills Baptist Children’s Centre
Past and present families, church members, friends and neighbours are invited to celebrate

Saturday 14th May 2016

10:30am to 2:30pm
277 281 Elgar Road
Surrey Hills
Enquiries 9598 8589

Official speeches at 11 o’clock

Sausage Sizzle
Children Activities
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TOTAL ENCLOSED $_____

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Address: __________________________________________ State: __________ Postcode: __________
Cash: ________ Credit Card: Visa ________ Mastercard ________
Credit Card number: __________________________ Expiry date: ___________ CVV*: _______
Cardholder’s name: __________________________________________ Signature: __________________________

Pre-Purchase before 12th April 2016 to receive Early Bird Bonus Offers you can use straight away! (Subject to availability)
20% from every membership sold contributes to supporting our School
**OSHClub News**
**Before School / After School Care Program**

**Program Update**
Educators and children have been working together to improve our program environment, reorganising the layout or the room, de-cluttering and putting together some wonderful displays. A large part of this project is our new Quality Improvement Tree where we track and communicate what we’re focusing on to better our service. We encourage families to think of some suggestions or feedback and note it on one of the leaves available in the program which we can then add to the Improvement Tree.

**GOOD NEWS!!**
OSHClub is excited to announce its partnership with Play On AFL to provide AFL clinics to children at the school. The program is run by AFL approved coaches with no more than 15 children in each session. Therefore each child will receive the highest quality coaching and mentoring. The program begins on the week commencing the 18th April and runs every Tuesday straight after the school bell. The program is open to all children who attend the school not just After Care children. The cost ranges from $15.00 for After Care children to $22.50 for non After Care families. Families may also be eligible for Child Care Rebate and Child Care Benefit reductions in cost. For more details go to [http://playonsports.com.au/](http://playonsports.com.au/)

A friendly reminder that the program concludes at 6pm each evening with a $2.00 per minute charge thereafter. If you are running late please contact us to let us know. All children enrolled in OSHClub must have fully updated anaphylaxis/asthma/risk management plans if needed and any medications required are to be held at the facility. No pen, no plan, no play.

**This Week’s Activities: Being caring.**

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OSH program phone: 0407 634 842 (Available Mon - Fri 7am - 9am, 3pm - 6pm)
Coordinator: Azucena
Assistants: Martin, Rhys, Zahn, Tom, Rachel, Anne, Georgia
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.
All our Roberts McCubbin Mothers and Carers are invited to the PFA’s 2016

Mother’s Day Breakfast

Friday 6th MAY
6.30am to 8.45am
In the Roberts McCubbin School Hall
$10 for Mum/Carer
$5 for each child
RSVP: Thursday 28th April 2016

Mums/Carer: 1 x Croissant with ham and cheese or spreads and 1 x Danish
Kids: 1 x Croissant with spreads

PLUS there will be a choice of cereal, fresh fruit, yogurt, assorted Bakers Delight scrolls and specialty buns and coffee and tea.

After breakfast, you’re invited to hang out with the children.

When the bell goes, you are also welcome to read a story together in class.

Parents/Carers Note:
If Mum/Carer cannot make it - a grandparent, an Aunt or Dad can be ‘Mum for the day’. Breakfast is limited to the kids and their mum/carer OR special person if your family has little brothers and sisters who want to come and eat a croissant and more, you can pay for them to attend with you.

For any questions or offers to help please contact the PFA: rmmps.pla@gmail.com or contact Arash 0490 042 354 or Andrew 0415 627 509. We would love Dad helpers for this one!

Payment options:
* Online via Compass under “Course Confirmation”.
* Pay at the school office where forms are available.
* Print & fill out this form and send to the school office with payment.
Eldest child’s name & how many attending will be on the door list.

RSVP with payment: STRICTLY by THURSDAY 28th April 2016

Eldest Child Name: ____________________________________________
Class: ____________________________
No of Adults at $10ea: _____ No of Children at $5ea: _______
Total enclosed: $___________
Contact No: ____________________________
Dietary needs?: ____________________________________________
Dear Robbie Mac Families,

The PFA are organising a special and unique Mother’s Day Gift activity “Something for your wall to treasure” with the children and the art teachers. All the children will be creating an individual piece for their mum/carer.

You have the opportunity to purchase this gift from EACH of your children at a cost of $7.00ea with a discount for the 3rd and 4th children’s orders. We are sure you will treasure this special and original work of art from each of your children at Roberts McCubbin as much as the children and the art teachers are excited to create it especially for you.

**Orders Due: Tuesday 26th April.**
To ensure the gifts are ready in time for the children to take home for Mother’s Day weekend.

**Payment/Order options:**
- Online on Compass under “Course Confirmation” for each of your children individually OR you can pay for ALL your children in your eldest child’s “Course Confirmation”.
- Pay at the school office where extra forms are available.
- Print & fill out this form and send to the school office with payment.

Any questions please contact the PFA via email: rmps.pfa@gmail.com

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**2016 Mother’s Day Gift Order Form DUE: Tuesday 26th April 2016.**

Please return your order form together with payment to the school office.

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