NAPLAN On-line

On Monday morning Ash van Hattum and I attended a meeting at Apple headquarters in the city. The purpose of the meeting was to inform schools who have been participating in the Towards Transformation program of the progress that has been made to ensure that schools that have iPad and Mac devices will be able to effectively use them when the NAPLAN assessments go entirely online in 2019. The students will sit all of the assessments online and a lot of work is going on behind the scenes to make sure that everything operates smoothly from the school and the students perspectives.

Considerable research has been undertaken in America, which demonstrates that there is no disadvantage to a student using a device to undertake testing as long as it is the device they regularly use.

Apple have been working with acara (Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority) and aitsl (Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership) to develop an App that can be installed on to the devices that can override functions such as spelling auto-correct and allow schools to set the tests up and hold the starting time until all students are ready, allocate additional time if necessary to specific students etc. There will also not be a need to provide the students with blue tooth keyboards as was originally thought.

As a school we are already using the children’s iPads to undertake on-line assessments such as PAT Maths, PAT Reading and Spelling to monitor and track the students. It was positive to hear that progress is being made in the NAPLAN area. The use of online technology is also being looked in to for VCE exams in the future so the technology will be further developed for a range of uses.

Roberts McCubbin Primary School Olympics

Marg Pickburn, Principal
What’s Happening?

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, 24 August
- Finance Committee Meeting – 5.30pm

Friday, 26 August
- School Tour – meet in the School Foyer 9:30am

Monday, 29 August
- Literacy & Numeracy Week
- District Athletics at Doncaster Athletics Track
- PSD Morning Tea in the Staffroom – 9.00 – 10.30am

Wednesday, 31 August
- School Council Meeting 7:00pm

Thursday, 1 September
- Literacy & Numeracy Week Math Games Afternoon
  Parents invited – 2.30 – 3.15pm

Friday, 2 September
- Father’s Day Breakfast
- Literacy & Numeracy Week Book Parade – 9:00am
- Literacy & Numeracy Parents read favourite book to children in classrooms 9:30am

Monday, 5 September
- 5/6’s Gymnastics Program – 1 hour session for each class

Wednesday, 7 September
- 5/6’s Gymnastics Program – 1 hour session for each class
- Whole School KidsMatter Day

Thursday, 8 September
- 3-6’s ‘So Wrong’ Book Launch in the Hall 9.00 – 10.00am
- F-2 Story Telling Workshop in the Hall 10.00 – 11.00am

Friday, 9 September
- 5/6’s Gymnastics Program – 1 hour session for each class
- School Tour – meet in the School Foyer 9:30am

App Focus with Mr Van

The apps on the RMPS essential app list are required for school and we ask you to make sure that you have installed all of the apps onto your child’s iPad. Although some of the apps are specific to certain units, there are some apps that are used all the time. Over the next few weeks I am going to highlight some of the apps that are used regularly in the classrooms.

Showbie

Learning Anytime! Anywhere! This is what Showbie can offer.
Teachers are using Showbie in the classroom in a whole lot of different ways, from sending out work to students, collecting work and giving feedback, providing resources and information to giving access to parents to have a sneak peek into their child’s classroom! With heaps of new features planned, like collaborative spaces where the students, teachers and parents will be able to interact with each other, Showbie is the app of choice for our school to communicate with our students, teachers and parents.

Make sure you get yourself signed up and ask your class teacher for your parent code!

Check out some of the topics on the Showbie blog!
https://www.showbie.com/support/tag/parents/
What is showbie?
https://www.showbie.com/support/what-is-showbie-2/
Accessing your child’s work
https://www.showbie.com/support/accessing-your-childs-work-on-showbie/
Notifications
https://www.showbie.com/support/notification-settings/

Surrey Clothing

YOUR UNIFORM IS NOW AVAILABLE IN STORE

Call 9890 3487 for any assistance.

ONLINE SHOP- School login coming soon for the website
www.surreyclothing.com.au

Don’t forget you can always phone or email us your orders. We do free delivery to your school.
Remember purchasing from Surrey Clothing is directly supporting your school.

A: 161 Union Road, Surrey Hills 3127
P: (03) 9890 3487
E: info@surreyclothing.com.au
Trading Hours: MON-FRI 10am-4pm
Open 1st Sat each month 10am-1pm
**LITERACY AND NUMERACY WEEK AT ROBERTS MCCUBBIN**

**Monday 29\textsuperscript{th} August - Friday 2nd September**

*We are so lucky that we have Meerkat Productions just prior to Literacy & Numeracy week to kick off the celebrations*

*As part of the fabulous program that we have planned for this week the students will also be involved in making something special for their Fathers.*

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Monday 29\textsuperscript{th}</th>
<th><strong>Literacy</strong></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><strong>9.00-9.30 Buddy Reading:</strong> Students will have the opportunity to explore and navigate the new Sunshine book app</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><strong>9.30 Six Word Stories:</strong> Students create 6 word stories on iPads or make a book with paper.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Tuesday 30\textsuperscript{th}</th>
<th><strong>Literacy</strong></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><strong>Poster Competition:</strong> Students design a poster to promote reading.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Wednesday 31\textsuperscript{st}</th>
<th><strong>Numeracy</strong></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Explore Mathletics activity, including Mathletics Live!</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Thursday 1\textsuperscript{st}</th>
<th><strong>Numeracy</strong></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><strong>Maths Games Afternoon:</strong> Parents/Carers &amp; Buddies</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>2.30-3.15pm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Enjoy Maths Games in classrooms.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Friday 2nd</th>
<th><strong>Literacy</strong></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><strong>Dress Up Parade-</strong> dress up as a character from a book and bring the book with you</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><strong>9.00am:</strong> Book Parade on Synthie &amp; and afterwards <em>parents welcome</em> to join children in classrooms and read their favourite book</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><strong>11.30am:</strong> Read for Australia – ‘My Two Blankets’ - Mrs Pickburn will read over the loud speaker</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Last Tuesday, 5 teams of Roberts McCubbin students, comprising of 17 students competed at the Robocup State Championships. We had an early 7:30am start and 17 very nervous, but excited students travelled to Melbourne University with their friends and family. Once we arrived and registered, it was straight to the setup tables to unpack our best friends and go through our performance checklist. This year there was a significant increase in the number of teams competing, however for the 4th year in a row, two teams, “Wheels on the bus” and “Jaws” went through to the finals to take out 1st and 3rd places. A fantastic result considering there were 30 teams competing from both the private and government sector. Dylan and Hamish, competing in Riley Rescue also did us proud coming a commendable 6th out of 50 teams!

Teams from the last few years have set the bar high and I congratulate the Robocup 2016 teams for their individual and collective achievements, which are recognition for their hard work and talent, but above all their level of camaraderie and care for each other, irrespective of which team they belonged to, demonstrating the wonderful culture that pervades the robotics room. I say, with so much emotion, that this is an impressive journey where the students showed resilience, maturity, courage, and what can be achieved when students work on something they love. It has been a privilege to get to know this amazing group of kids who have been coming into my room on most mornings, every single lunchtime and often weekends, holidays and after school to work on their robot for no other reason than passion, interest, and a willingness to learn. It has been so exciting watching these kids push their learning every single day. They are at the point where I honestly believe that many of them know as much, if not, more than me.

CS Lewis, Author of the Narnia books said “Humility is not thinking less of yourself, but thinking of yourself less”. All of my team members know their own strengths and weaknesses, are open to new ideas and are able to appreciate the talents and needs of others. As such, they are excellent team players. They excelled due to the fact that they worked so well as a team demonstrating 21st century skills, communication, problem solving, and creativity. I’m sure you will join with me in wishing our teams the best of luck in Sydney at the Nationals. I am so proud of you all!

I would like to extend a big THANK YOU to parents who have provided assistance and support and especially to Alison McDonald who designed and created props and costumes with her usual flair and passion, which, without a doubt contributed to our win.

Melinda Browne

An iMovie will be available on the website in the next few days.
What’s Happening?

Gardening News

This week the children planted bean sprouts in the garden which will grow and climb around the tee pee frames. Another group of children also planted a range of purple flowering plants and creepers to grow around the school’s new friendship seat.

The gardening club is also preparing to install a tumbler compost and worm farm. As such we would like to request a donation of large ice cream tubs or small buckets to collect fruit scraps from classes.

If you or your child is interested in helping out with the garden, or you are able to donate any gardening equipment or supplies (or expertise), please speak to

Mr Tristan Liao in J2L liao.tristan.t@edumail.vic.gov.au or
Miss Colleen Scott in J7S scott.colleen.c@edumail.vic.gov.au
LUCKY BOXES - A HUGE THANK YOU!

Thank you so much to all our RMPS families who donated a lucky box this past Golden Ticket Donation Day. We had so many great donations and so far have managed to fill 398 boxes!!

COULD WE ASK THAT IF YOU DIDN'T MANAGE TO USE YOUR BOX THAT WE SENT HOME, COULD YOU PLEASE RETURN IT TO THE COLLECTION BOX IN THE JUNIOR SCHOOL FOYER, OR TO THE OFFICE. There are over 100 boxes still at home and they are worth about 20c each, so if we could get them back to fill with donations from other places that would be great.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT! - THE FAIR COMMITTEE

Parents/Carers PLEASE NOTE

Use of Toilets in the School Grounds

Any adults in the school at any time who need to use the toilet are asked to use the staff toilets. The staff toilets are located to the right after entering the back door of the Admin Building off the Basketball Court.
Hi everyone. Olympics are over … or are they? This morning I was stitching a red circle onto a white t-shirt. The kids all looked fantastic in their different country colours. They were very excited and showed a lot of team spirit.

Speaking of team spirit, the PFA needs a big team of helpers for the Father’s Day breakfast. This is another amazing event which the kids and dads really love. As usual, we need mums to be on the team to prepare food, set up, serve food and pack up again. We provide breakfast for around 200 people in a short time. There is a real buzz around this day and you will really enjoy being a part of it.

Movie night last Saturday was a hit. The kids had a great night out. Thanks to Ellen S, Sonia Y, Siobhan T and Matoula for organising this night. Thanks to David N and Renee R and others for their help on the night. The hall gave the night a cosier feel than the gym did last time and the equipment all behaved! I look forward to the next one.

Have a great week.

Help needed

Father’s Day breakfast Friday 2nd September. Mum’s wanted please! We need a lot of helpers to make this event run smoothly. Please contact the PFA for a shift. We will have a roster out on the Junior deck soon.

Footy Day Walkathon fundraiser, Wednesday 14th September. Lots of helpers are required on this day to help keep the kids safe. Can you please spare a couple of hours?

PFA Morning Tea and Meeting.
Next meeting to be held on Thursday 25th August 7:30 pm School Staffroom
Morning tea – Monday 5th September

PFA looking ahead…

September
Friday 2nd Father’s Day Breakfast – Book on Compass by Friday 26th
Footy Day Walkathon and special lunch order – Wednesday 14th

October
Transition morning tea
World Teachers Day Morning Tea
Mangoes – Fundraiser
Book Swap

Contact the PFA
PFA email: rmps.pfa@gmail.com
Robin Fripp: 0402 245 488

PFA Helping Hands

The PFA Helping Hands is a service that provides help in the form of lunches and dinners to Roberts McCubbin families who are experiencing difficult circumstances for various reasons. Often family and friends help out but sometimes that is not always possible and with the support of parents and carers in our school community we are able to provide a helping hand.

Do you need a Helping Hand? If you need or know of a family that needs assistance please contact Siobhan who is the helping hands co-ordinator. Siobhan will organise someone from our list of helpers to provide dinner or lunch. The service is discreet and the family in need remains anonymous. ALL requests are treated with the strictest confidentiality.
You may wish to speak with Amanda Wigg (Student Welfare Coordinator) via school office 9890 2372 or you can email Siobhan directly on sbcthomas05@hotmail.com

Can you Help? If you are willing and able to lend a hand by making dinners or school lunches for our families in need, please email Siobhan so we can place you on our PFA Helping Hands list of helpers. When there is a family in need we will contact you and if you are able to help out, we will provide you with information required eg. dietary requirements and how many to prepare for. Lunches or dinners are dropped off to the school office.

If you can help out OR need help please contact our Helping Hands Coordinator Siobhan. sbcthomas05@hotmail.com
To all our Robbie Mac Dads and Carers, you are invited to the PFA’s 2016

Father’s Day BREAKFAST

Friday 2nd September

In the Roberts McCubbin School Hall

6.30am to School Bell 8.45am
(last serves at 8.30)

Dad/Carer: $10ea
for Bacon & Egg Roll + Coffee/Tea + Extras

Kids: $5ea
for Muffin OR Bacon & Egg Roll + Hot Choc + Extras

EXTRAS include a buffet of cereal, fresh fruit, yoghurt, assorted Bakers Delight scrolls & buns and juice!

Dads/Carers, you’re invited to hang out with the children after breakfast and when the bell goes you are welcome to read a story together in class.

The PFA hopes you can come along for a yummy breakfast and spend a special morning with your child/children at school.

Payment/Bookings to be made on Compass

RSVP: by Friday 26th August 2016

Funds raised from the breakfast will go towards replacing the synthie grass on the school oval.

IMPORTANT: If Dad/Carer can’t make it - a Grandparent, Aunt or Mum can be ‘Dad for the Day’. Breakfast is limited to the kids and their Dad OR special person, pre-schoolers are also welcome. For any questions or allergy/dietary concerns please email us. The PFA will need Mum helpers for this event so please contact the PFA via rmgs.pfa@gmail.com - WE NEED YOU for a variety of tasks!
Perfect Partners

ROBBIE MAC CHAT

September 2016 School Holiday Camps

Join Brett Rainbow
Melbourne’s most specialised basketball trainer at these premier basketball camps

TSB HAS DEVELOPED A UNIQUE APPROACH TO TEACHING ALL SKILLS OF THE GAME OVER A SENSATIONAL FEW DAYS...

IMPROVE YOUR: ★ SHOOTING ★ TEAMWORK ★ REBOUNDING ★ DEFENCE ★ DRIBBLING ★ PASSING

Camp #1 Richmond
When: Monday 19th & Tuesday 20th September 2016
Where: Melbourne Girls College – Yarra Blvd, Richmond
Age: 6pm – 9pm
Time: 6pm – 9pm daily
Cost: $160 Full cost
$160 Early bird special
$160 Sibling discount
Capacity: Maximum 50 players

FREE:
1x NBA style camp t-shirt
1x Basketball camp backpack

FREE NBA Style camp t-shirt & camp backpack for every camp participant.

Camp #2 Richmond
Advanced Camp
When: Monday 21st September 2016
Where: Melbourne Girls College – Yarra Blvd, Richmond
Age: 10am – 1pm
Time: 9am – 1pm (1 day only)
Cost: $165 per person
Capacity: Maximum 25 players

This camp is for children already playing basketball at an advanced level, such as age and divisional leagues.

CLEAN SHOES & LEAGUE SWEATERS

FREE:
1x NBA style camp t-shirt, 1x Basketball camp backpack

Early Bird Specials Available
Closing at midnight on 22nd August for all camps.

BOOKINGS: WWW.TSBASKETBALL.COM

Camp #3: Box Hill
When: Monday 19th & Tuesday 20th September 2016
Where: Aquadrome – Surrey Drive
Box Hill
Age: 6pm – 9pm
Time: 9am – 1pm daily
Cost: $160 Full cost
$160 Early bird special
$160 Sibling discount
Capacity: Maximum 160 players

FREE:
1x NBA style camp t-shirt, 1x Basketball camp backpack

PLAY RAINBOW FOR THE CHANCE TO WIN!
6 winners will be awarded just camp to play a game of 1 v 1 against Brett Rainbow. The winner to win a PlayStation 4 console valued at $500.

CHASE BASKETBALL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS!
Come and learn basketball, improve your skills and make new friends at our high quality, fun Basketball Camps over the September School Holidays!

Every level is catered for, from total Beginner to Elite player, from 5 to 14 years old and every player receives his own basketball and camp tee shirt!

Register at www.chasebasketball.com.au

More details – alex@gaze.com.au
Tennis Whizz (3-4yrs)
- Tennis Whizz develops FUNdamental motor skills as well as literacy, numeracy, healthy behaviour and social development through a unique story telling approach.

Hot Shots Red Ball (4-6yrs)
- Smaller courts, larger balls and mini nets.
- Introduces main shots and swing shapes.
- Develops social skills, teamwork, fundamental motor skills, rallying and scoring

Hot Shots Orange Ball (7-8yrs)
- ¾ length courts over the big net.
- Introduces spin and more complex scoring, rules, and technique.
- Develops rallying and tactics

Hot Shots Green Ball (9-10yrs)
- Introduces the full court, advanced technique and advanced strategy

Development Yellow Ball (11+yrs)
- Introduction to adult full compression tennis balls

Squads & Competition (5+yrs)
- Toptenn offers squad & competition packages designed to accelerate your child's progress. Squads focus on competitive rallying and point play and compliment the technical skills acquired during hot shots lessons.
- Weekly competition is the perfect way to consolidate what is learnt. Toptenn offers FREE Friday Junior League competition to all kids enrolled in a weekly lesson & squad.

Program Details
- **Cost:** $205 per term of 10 sessions
- **Lesson Duration:** 45 minutes
- **Session Times:**
- Classes run Monday to Sunday. Call 9830 6618 for more information or visit www.toptenn.com.au for a full list of class times.
After School Care Program

OSHClub News
Before School / After School Care Program

Program Update
What a fantastic introduction to such a fabulous program! I am beyond delighted to be Coordinating here for the next few weeks and am really excited to build a rapport with each and every child whilst maintaining the fun activities held here. This week so far, we have enjoyed countless badminton and basketball games, we have made some delicious creations in the kitchen, enjoyed ‘Play on Footy’, conducted a few science experiments and much much more.

I am determined to keep the program as stimulating and fun as possible so if you have any suggestions or even queries feel free to email or send through a text.

We also welcome Deena to the program who is stepping in to replace Grace for the remainder of her six week placement in the Northern Territory. Deena has been working at our holiday program since the start of the year so she is familiar with the program, she currently coordinates her own program but has graciously agreed to come help us out.

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.

Next Week’s Activities: Masterchef Week

- Science club (Tuesday)
- Play on footy
- Origami Competition
- Pokemon Raffle
- Cooking club (Wednesday)
- Masterchef breakfast challenge
- Cubby building
- Badminton

OSH program phone: 0407 634 842 Email - oshclub.robertsmccubbin@gmail.com (Available Mon - Fri 7am - 9am, 3pm - 6pm)
Coordinator: Deena
Assistants: Martin, Tom, Steph, Kristian, Maylee
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.