This week we are celebrating Literacy and Numeracy Week with planned activities across the week:

**PARENTS...YOU ARE INVITED TO...**

- Thursday 2.30-3.15 - A MATHS BUDDY AFTERNOON-
- Friday 9.00am - A DRESS UP AS YOUR FAVOURITE BOOK - PARADE, FOLLOWED BY READING YOUR FAVOURITE BOOK IN CLASSROOMS

On Monday buddy classes made ‘six word stories’ and here are some examples from J6R/56R buddies:

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*I am looking forward to celebrating the rest of the week with the children!!*

**SCHOOL DECKING...**

We are currently having works done with the school decking around the F-2 and 3/4 buildings. Please ensure that you avoid areas that are roped off and out of bounds for everyone's safety, so the job can be completed.

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Amanda Wigg, Assistant Principal
DATES TO REMEMBER

**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 in the Hall
- 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
- Robotics Cake Stall Fundraiser from the Canteen

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

**Tuesday, 13 September**
- Robotics Icy Pole Fundraiser from the Canteen

**Wednesday 14 September**
- Whole School Walkathon

**Friday, 16 September**
- Golden Ticket Family Fair Donation Day – Free Dress
- Last Day of Term 3 – 2:30pm dismissal

**What’s Happening?**

**eSmart Week: 5-9th September**

Next Week is eSmart Week and Roberts McCubbin PS takes the safe use of technology and the internet seriously.

Next week is designed to promote awareness and the students will be completing a range of activities that teach the safe use of technology and the internet.

Make sure you have a discussion at home about some of the activities that your children have completed.


Thank you,
Ash van Hattum

**Stepping Up – No Assembly**

PLEASE NOTE: There is no Assembly on the last Friday of each month due to ‘Stepping Up’ which is part of our transition program.

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COMPASS – CLOSE OF EVENTS / COURSE CONFIRMATION

Parents, events (incursions / excursions) and Course Confirmation (school fees and PFA events) have dates on which they close and are no longer accessible by you on Compass.

For example, a school event, or PFA event via Course Confirmation, that is being held on Wednesday 7th September with a closing date of Tuesday 6th September will actually close at midnight on Monday 5th September.

School events need to be closed before the actual date of the event to allow various administration procedures to be finalised. These procedures may include confirmation of numbers to a bus company or a venue, staff allocation, printing of handbooks which contain contact information in the event of an emergency and all other necessary procedures to make sure the event is run safely and in accordance with Department of Education and Training requirements.

PFA events, via Course Confirmation, need to have a definite close date to allow the parent volunteers to have actual numbers in case of any catering and for preparation and setup for the event.

Unfortunately, in future, no late payment, or consent can be accepted at the office or the classrooms for any events or Course Confirmation events.

The introduction and use of Compass School Manager by our school is following DET guidelines in reducing the amount of cash handling within all State Government Schools.

Margaret Pickburn

School Banking

Don’t forget to keep banking in Term 3 so that you automatically go in the draw to win great prizes for you and the school. You can also complete the Stargazing activity at commbank.com.au/prizelights to win a PlayStation 4 pack. If you have 10 silver tokens or 1 gold token you can also redeem these for great prizes. This term the prizes are the Eraser Pen and Jump and Skip Rope and some prizes from Term 1 and 2 are still available except for the Flying Snake Tail and Mud Splat Handball. Happy saving!

The School Banking Team (Fiona and Fiona)
**LITERACY AND NUMERACY WEEK AT ROBERTS MCCUBBIN**

**Monday 29th 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.*

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**Roberts McCubbin Primary School** would like to thank all the wonderful children who attended our School Discovery sessions this term. We hope you enjoyed visiting our Library, Art Room, Performing Arts Room and Gym.

Just a reminder that there will be three **Classroom Transition Sessions** in Term 4:
**Wednesday October 19, October 26 and November 2** from 9:00 to 9:45.

Please meet in our school hall where a staff member will inform you which classroom your child has been allocated for that particular morning. Junior School Captains will be available to assist children getting to and from these rooms.

Parents are welcome to stay for morning tea provided by our PFA in the hall.

An **information evening** will be held for all parents/carers who have a child enrolled for Foundation 2017 on **Monday October 24** from 6:30 to 7:30.

All Foundation students are invited to meet their new 2017 teacher and peers on
Olympics Day 2016

Our RMPS Olympics day was held last Wednesday with true Olympic enthusiasm. The students got into the spirit by dressing in their adopted country colours and the parade at the opening ceremony was colourful and loud! Our Opening Ceremony was a highlight with a wonderful demonstration by Abada’ Capoeira. Thanks to Mylo in J4s for introducing us to this amazing martial arts/dance. In the leadup to this day we had been discussing with students the values of the Australian Olympic team that come under the acronym A.S.P.I.R.E. - Attitude, Sportsmanship, Pride, Individual Responsibility, Respect and Express yourself. As always with our sports days, the students reflected these values and are to be congratulated on their endeavours. I would especially like to thank our activity coaches for the day: Charlie Mc, Ellie F-W, Harrison G, Hamish P, Finn C.D., Marcus H, Tyrese B, Alannah D, Emily K, Jonah L, Bella T and Caitlyn L. I had a lot of positive feedback on their organisational and interpersonal skills. Thankyou also to teachers who supported the day particularly the wonderful specialist team who have supported the idea from the beginning.

Jayne McConnell

On Wednesday 24th August all the students from RMPS celebrated the Olympics by having an Olympics Day. All the classes dressed in the colours of their country. We had an opening ceremony and we waved our flags while we paraded. We watched a Capoeira demonstration. My favourite activities were gymnastics, swimming and running races. It was lots and lots of fun!

Jerry J8B

District Athletics

On Monday a team of 120 grade 3 to 6 children represented the school at the Blackburn District Athletics Carnival.

It was a fantastic day with weather to match and our children performed brilliantly finishing 3rd overall, 3rd in the proportional shield and 2nd in the most improved. What a fantastic team effort.

A special congratulations to the following children who finished in the top 2 positions in their events: Lucio L 1st High jump, Harry T 1st Long jump and Hurdles, Kam T 1st 75m, Girls 9 year old circular relay B, Ben A 800m, Lucas M 1st Hurdles 2nd 100m, Joshua K 1st 200m, 2nd 1500m, Harlem G 2nd 100m, Hugh B 1st Shot put and Discus, Marlo C 2nd High jump, MacKenzie L 1st Discus 2nd Shot put, Grace C 2nd 800m, Richie A 2nd Triple jump, Fraser T 1st High jump Discus, Jacob R 1st Hurdles, Tamsyn P 1st Triple jump 2nd 100m, Lucy P 2nd 100m, Emma P 2nd High jump 2nd Hurdles, Giselle M 2nd Shot put, Zara P 2nd Discus, Girls 11 year old circular relay A, Liam L 1st Hurdles, Charlie Mc 1st 800m, Matt T 1st Discus, Lila G 2nd Long jump, Tess H 2nd High jump, Charlie E 2nd Hurdles and Emily K 1st Shot put.

Many of these children will be progressing through to Division finals in October and we wish them luck.

Thank you to all of the parents who put their hand up to volunteer to help out in various positions and activities on the day. Without you we could not provide the children with such a fantastic experience.
To Dear Parents,

You may have heard - 2 x Robotics Teams from Roberts McCubbin are going up to Sydney on 17th September to compete in the National Competition at UNSW. This is very exciting!

We are having a fundraising Cake Stall on Thursday 8th September to help cover some of the cost of getting the 9 students and their families there.

We are asking all parents in the community if you would consider helping out by providing a plate of items for the Cake Stall like:

- Cup Cakes
- Muffins
- Honey Joys
- Or other small Cakes, Cookies or Slices

(No nuts, cream, custard or raw eggs please)

Cake plates are available at the Office.

If you use your own plate, you must include an ingredients list.

Please deliver your plate on the morning of Thursday, 8th September to the Canteen from 8.30am onwards. If the Canteen is unattended, please leave at the Office.

The Cake Stall will run at lunchtime plus after school, if any leftovers.

We appreciate any assistance.

Any queries, please contact Mel McLachlan (0400 561 208),
Jane Thomas (0403 811 190) or Jen Pittendrigh (0438 887 762)
HELP SEND OUR 2 ROBOTICS TEAMS TO THE ‘NATIONALS’ IN SYDNEY
Bring in some spare change for our...

“CAKE STALL”

When: Thurs 8th Sept
Where: Lunchtime at the Canteen
(Leftovers sold after school)

- Jellies 50c
- Honey Joys 50c/$1
- Muffins $1/$2
- Cup Cakes $1/$2 and more...

“ICY POLE STALL”

When: Tues 13th Sept
Where: Lunchtime at the Undercroft
(Leftovers sold after school)

- Icy Poles $1 each

Thanks very much for your support!
Hi everyone. RSVP. No, I am not talking about internet dating, although that might be a good topic for another time (I might need to do some research). More serious than dating, we are looking for commitment! Anyone who has organised any event loves an RSVP. I myself am very bad at it. This makes it hard for me to get tough on late responders, but I have to. There have been many times when I have paid late for school excursions, even though I have always known I want my children to attend. I have relied on other people replying on time so that enough buses are booked or there is enough support for the event to allow it to go ahead. That is not fair, and I apologise to you all for my selfish behaviour.

I am very lazy about replying for PFA events because I am usually in on the organisation and so include myself when we are ordering supplies etc. But it does annoy us all that people won’t commit to events in a timely fashion. It makes the organisation more difficult and stressful than it needs to be. We are very soft and squishy and want everyone to have a chance to attend, but when we accept all late payments, we are enabling bad behaviour like mine. This time, for Father’s Day breakfast I actually replied early because there was no reason not to. Compass is easy to use, I have a credit card and even if Craig couldn’t go, my kids would still want to be there, and I will definitely be there all morning. So I committed, paid on Compass and didn’t have to think about it again, which has been really nice. So please commit unless you have a real reason not to. The school can no longer accept late payments when organising events, and PFA are part of the school and support that, because we want to stop enabling bad behaviour like mine. Everyone will be happier in the end. That being said, if you still want to RSVP for the Father’s Day breakfast, email PFA today with your order, but this will not be happening for future events.

Have a great week.

Help needed – seriously folks, please commit.

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 or the roster is out on the Junior deck now!

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.
Morning tea – Monday 5th September

PFA looking ahead…

September
Friday 2nd Father’s Day Breakfast – Last orders by email to PFA today! PFA email: rmpps.pfa@gmail.com

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: rmpps.pfa@gmail.com
Robin Fripp: 0402 245 488

PFA Helping Hands

As part of the PFA we run a ‘Helping Hands’ service to support families in need in the school. ‘Helping Hands’ is a totally confidential service, which provides a range of support when difficult circumstances arise. Some examples are providing families with lunches or dinners. Meals are passed on through the child’s teacher or dropped off at home, with containers passed back to the helper through the teacher. Personally, the school community has been an incredible source of support for me and my son Raf, and change for the better in his life. I joined the PFA when Rafael started at the school last year in 2015 and the benefits of the PFA friendships and social activities have been wonderful. I have now taken on the position of Helping Hands Coordinator in the hope that I can also ‘give back’ to the RMPS community. If you can assist with cooking meals or NEED ASSISTANCE, please contact me or Amanda Wigg, wigg.amanda.j@edumail.vic.gov.au. Also please let me know if you have any queries or suggestions for this service.

Warm regards,
Siobhan Thomas: (mum to Rafael in J4S) MOB: 0421214795 and email: sbcthomas05@holtmail.com
**Blackburn Vikings**

2016/17 VJBL Junior Representative Try Outs

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  **Slate Reserve, Gosvenor Street, Blackburn North**
  
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**Sportlink, 7 Hannover Road, Vermont South**

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TRY
Painting in Bush Artists Camp
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Devonshire Teas by Blackburn Red Cross | Sausage Sizzle by Forest Hill Rotary

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