Principal Class Headline:

I hope that you have enjoyed a relaxing time with family and friends over the school break. It is hard to believe just how quickly the time has gone by but I would now like to welcome you all back to the 2017 school year.

Staff officially started back on Monday with many of them in over the last week getting their rooms and materials ready.

This Friday we will have our first assembly for the year and all parents are invited to attend if they are able.

Over the Christmas break the school has been given a thorough clean. Apart from the general cleaning of the school:

- All of the carpets have been steam cleaned
- All the windows have been cleaned inside and out
- All door tracks and vents have been cleaned
- The grounds have continued to be maintained

We are looking forward to a very productive and exciting year at the school and will continue to focus on the implementation of best practice in our teaching and learning. We want to ensure that we provide an engaging, purposeful curriculum for the students and will continue to seek advice from our consultants to support our work. The development of strong relationships with the students and their families will also continue to be a key focus.

We hope that you are all looking forward to the year. We have a few nights in Term 1 where we would love to see parents come along. The ‘Back to School’ nights will be held on February 6th (F-2 & 5/6) and Feb 7th (3/4).

Meet the Teacher meetings have been scheduled so that you can spend time with your child’s teacher. The meetings will be held on Tuesday, February 14th for Years 5/6, February 21st for Years 3/4 and February 23rd for Years 1/2. These are specifically designed for the parents of children new to the school or who have a new teacher this year, however anyone is welcome to make a time. Please remember that if you have any concerns about your child in the meantime, to contact the class teacher to make a time to discuss the issues.

We are gearing up for our Fair in March and we have a very hard working group of parents (and friends of the school) who have been working hard to ensure the success of the event. We are replacing the aging green synthy grass during the next school break and the Fair funds are going towards this. Every support from the community is most welcome.

Another place that requires some support this year is the canteen. Friday in particular is very busy and often last year Izzy had no-one to support her making the work to get the lunch orders sorted and food prepared to go out to classrooms on time difficult. Izzy will be looking for some volunteers to give her a hand. This does not have to be for the whole morning and information about this will be in our first newsletter next week. The canteen will open Wednesday, February 8th.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you over the next few weeks.

Marg Pickburn – Principal
DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, 6 February
- Back to School Evening – Years F-2 and Years 5/6 – 6.30 – 7.30pm

Tuesday, 7 February
- Back to School Evening – Years 3/4 – 6.30 – 7.30pm

Wednesday, 8 February
- Foundation Children only attend school for scheduled English and Numeracy Assessment Appointments

Tuesday, 14 February
- Meet the Teacher Years 5/6

Wednesday, 15 February
- Foundation Children only attend school for scheduled English and Numeracy Assessment Appointments
- School Council Meeting 7.00pm

Friday, 17 February
- District Swimming Championships

Tuesday, 21 February
- Meet the Teacher Years 3/4

Wednesday, 22 February
- Foundation Children only attend school for scheduled English and Numeracy Assessment Appointments

Thursday, 23 February
- Meet the Teacher – Years 1/2

School Banking is back for 2017!

Tuesday is school banking day and we will start processing deposits from next Tuesday the 7th of February. Packs will be sent home this week which include details of the exciting rewards for this year, competitions and how to open an account if you are new to the school or would like to open an account for your child. Happy Saving!

Fiona W and Fiona L
School Banking Coordinators

Secondhand Uniform Shop

Tuesday from 9.15-10.15am
Please come to the office first and meet with Tanya.
If you have good quality second hand uniform suitable for sale, particularly short sleeved polo shirts, please drop it off at the office.

Classroom Contact Lists and Class Representatives 2017

A strength of Roberts McCubbin PS is the community spirit and support that is fostered amongst school families. There are many things that help facilitate this spirit, two of which are class communications helped by class contact lists and the Classroom Representative Team.

Class contact lists provide a means of contacting families within each class for upcoming events and social functions related to your child’s/children’s class(es), whilst Class Representatives help support the teachers, communicate with the other class parents and assist with organising some of the activities within the school.

Please help us put together our class contact lists and consider being a Classroom Representatives for your child/ren’s class in 2017.

Before Friday 17th February please go to https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WQL2DVV and complete the online form OR complete the forms included in the newsletter and return to your eldest child’s teacher or school office.

Thank you,
Trish Scott
Class Rep Coordinator
Welcome to 2017 at Roberts McCubbin Primary School. The beginning of the year is busy with new routines and classes. Each year every classroom requires at least 2 Class Representatives to help support the teachers, communicate with the other class parents and assist with organising some of the activities within the school. I am therefore asking you to consider being a Class Representative for your child’s classroom teacher in 2017.

This role is very rewarding as it facilitates the social life of your child’s class as well as with other families in the school community; supporting your class teacher and the school as well as becoming involved more in the school life of your child.

Q: Will this take up much of my time?
A: No – this can be done quite easily even if you are working full-time/part-time or home with younger kids. (Also remember it is a shared role)

The key responsibilities include:
- Organising optional social activities for your class parents/carers (eg morning teas, dinners)
- Communicating some information to other parents (via email) from the PFA or the school.
- Assisting/providing support to the classroom teacher if necessary
- Possibly arranging a class birthday and/or Christmas gift for your teacher
- Organising a token of appreciation for your teacher for World Teachers’ Day
- School Fair – (Key Fundraiser held every 2 years) – Some liaising with Fair Committee;

Your assistance would be most appreciated by your teacher and school community as a whole.

I ask you to consider this invitation then please either complete the form below and return it to your classroom teacher, school office or to me via email OR express your interest on the “Class List Information” Survey Monkey link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WQL2DVV before Friday 17th February, 2017.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your time,

Trish Scott
(trish.scott@optusnet.com.au)

I would like to be a Class Representative in 2017

Child’s Name: ........................................................ Class: ........................................................

Parent/Guardian Name: ............................................. Contact No: ............................................

E-mail Address: ........................................................

Please complete and return to your class teacher by Friday 17th February, 2017
What’s Happening?

Class Contact List 2017

Class contact lists provide a means of contacting families within each class for upcoming events and social functions related to your child’s/children’s class(es). If you do not wish your details to be made available to other families in your child/ren’s class please indicate this below.

Please use this form to provide details or complete it online at: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WQL2DVV](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WQL2DVV)

Only one form per family should be completed & returned by the eldest child by Friday 17 February 2017 to the school office, or their teacher.

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If your family details remain unchanged into 2017 and you agree to have them distributed to classes – after including your child/ren’s names and classes, please just sign and return the form.

Mother’s Name: ____________________________________________________________
Address: _________________________________________________________________
Home Phone: ___________________________ Mobile: _____________________________
Email: _________________________________________________________________

Father’s Name: __________________________________________________________
Address (if different to Mother’s): __________________________________________
Home Phone: ___________________________ Mobile: _____________________________
Email: ________________________________

I agree to these details being distributed to other families within the class(es) my child/ren are enrolled. I understand that my details will be used for school communication purposes only (eg social or class events, notification of upcoming events, school information, etc).  **Yes / No**

Signed: ________________________________ Date: ______________________________

Thank you for your time

*Trish Scott*, Class Representative Co-ordinator
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government’s commitment to breaking the link between a student’s background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)
School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:
• $125 for primary school students
• $225 for secondary school students.

HOW TO APPLY
Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

MORE INFORMATION
For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Eligibility Dates:
First Day of Term 1 - 1/1/17
First Day of Term 3 - 17/7/17

Parents must be the holder of a Health Care Card current on either of those dates to be eligible.
Use of outside Basketball or Synthetic Netball Courts

Any permission given this year for any groups to use the outside basketball or synthetic netball courts, expired at the end of the 2016 school year.

If any group wishes to use these courts either before or after school, a request must be submitted in writing for approval by School Council. This is a requirement of the Department of Education and Training to satisfy legal requirements.

Your letter must include the following:

1. The name of the group
2. The required day and time of use
3. The names and contact details of the adults responsible for the group
4. Copy of Working With Children Check for each person over 18 years of age working with the group

Please note that no groups are able to use the courts until a written request has been submitted. Interim permission can be given upon receipt of a request while waiting for it to be presented to School Council.

Margaret Pickburn

Student accident insurance, ambulance cover arrangements and private property brought to schools

Attention: Parents/Carers - Please note that the Department does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students.

Parents and guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance/ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance/transport and any other transport costs.

Student accident insurance/ambulance cover policies from some commercial insurers and can be obtained by parents/guardians for individual students.

Private property brought to school by students or visitors is not insured and the Department does not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage.

Hats in Term 1

Please Note: Hats must be worn in Term 1

Dates for your Diary Curriculum Days

9th and 10th March 2017
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(See school newsletters for shop hours)
Welcome back to school everyone!

Hello! If you’re new to the school you may not know we have a fabulous fair coming up. This is our major school fundraiser and is run outside the normal PFA school events. We’ve already been busy preparing last year and over the recent holidays for this year’s Fair on Saturday 18th March. This is a great opportunity to get involved, make new friends and achieve amazing things for our school and your children! All help is appreciated, big and small.

A huge thanks to all our volunteers who have committed to helping already.

Particular help is needed in the following areas:
- Marketing support
- Doing the rounds at local shops asking for vouchers and donations
- Becoming a stall rep for your class
- Food prep for the freezer
- Wrapping lucky dip prizes

If you would like to help out in the next 6 weeks please email Britta :) robbiemacfair@gmail.com

PLEASE DROP OFF YOUR PRE-LOVED BOOKS, TOYS AND BASKETS THURSDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 3.15-3.45PM AT THE UNDERCROFT (OPPOSITE THE GYM)

Baskets or decorative boxes for hampers and prizes  Good quality kids toys  Good quality books

WE ALSO NEED EMPTY SHOE BOXES PLEASE
Sponsorship opportunities

- Do you work for a company, or have friends who work for a company that could help us out with prizes or vouchers for the Silent Auction or Raffle? Can you put us in touch with them? Email sponsorourfair@gmail.com

- Do you know any local businesses that would love to be involved on Fair Day by promoting themselves to over 3000 visitors? Our Business Marketing Marquee spots are filling up fast. The following page explains how it works and how to book in a spot, please pass this on to anyone you think might be interested.

IF YOU ONLY DO ONE THING: LIKE US ON FACEBOOK

Please LIKE US on facebook to see photos from last year, get updates on donation days and news on what's happening! Also share the love with family and friends!
MARQUEE INFORMATION

Dear Community Member,

Roberts McCubbin Primary School in Box Hill South will be holding its Family Fair on **Saturday 18th March 2017 from 12pm to 7pm.**

The Fair allows for involvement on all levels, provides a wonderful opportunity to build your organisation's profile in the community, and offers a unique platform to promote your brand and business.

We’re providing space for a limited number of marquees on the day for local business promotions, and we’d like to offer you a prominent position for you to showcase your brand, product and services to over 3000 attendees.

By securing a marquee at our Fair, your organisation is able to demonstrate your commitment to the school and the local community. We have over 400 students at Roberts McCubbin Primary School so you’ll be sure to reach their families, friends and local business networks.

**Marquee details:**
- Cost is $300 for a marquee from 12pm - 5pm
- Permission for stall holders to promote and distribute marketing materials and collect contacts for their database
- Promotion only - no sale transactions to take place on the day

**We need you!**
The support of the broader community is vital in ensuring a successful day, both in terms of our fundraising efforts and in creating an exciting and rewarding day for the families that attend. The Fair will provide much needed funds to help with the replacement of our synthetic grass on the oval (where we play most of our sports). The grass has compacted and now needs urgent ongoing repairs.

**Your contributions will be acknowledged in the following ways:**
- Fair Facebook page – solo sponsor mentions during fair lead-up
- School Compass App – post link in the week following the fair
- Freely promote your sponsorship through your own marketing channels
- Certificate of Appreciation

We appreciate any support you or your business may be able to provide.

Thanks in anticipation,
Kelly Busfield
Fundraising Coordinator
Roberts McCubbin Primary School Family Fair
What’s Happening?

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HYDRA REHEARSAL STUDIOS
From the President

Hi all. A big 2017 ‘Welcome!’ to all our new families and staff, and welcome back to the rest of us. It’s a fresh year full of fresh hopes and new plans.

What is the PFA?

Briefly, the Parents and Friends Association is a group of parents and carers (and others), which works towards improving the school environment for your children, by organising social, fundraising and community events throughout the school year. Your involvement may only be small, but every bit counts and it is a fun and productive way to get to know the school.

The PFA needs to start planning for this year and we look forward to having your feedback early on about the fundraising and social events which you love, or hate, want to participate in, want to help with and attend. We would really appreciate your input with fresh ideas and constructive criticisms and please feel very welcome to attend any PFA meetings or morning teas.

My role as president is really titular as we operate very much as a team. But you can look forward to hearing from me in the newsletter each week which I try to keep interesting, informative, and brief. I also try to be funny and thought-provoking sometimes, but don’t always succeed at that.

I look forward to getting to know new faces and the stories behind them. It is one of my favourite things about the PFA. Please say ‘Hi’ when you see me around the school.

Have a great week!

Be involved

The PFA will need new committee members this year and is starting to plan events for 2017 too. Please start attending meetings and thinking about how you would like to be involved. We need fresh faces and fresh ideas too!

PFA Morning Tea and Meeting – all welcome!

PFA meeting, Tuesday 7th February, 2pm at 50 Birds café.

PFA looking ahead…

February
Thursday 16th (tentative), Whole School Picnic, at school
My School Journal – fundraiser

March
PFA Annual General Meeting (no date yet)

Vision Portraits fundraiser will also be happening this year – so save family portraits until later this year

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

Please be considerate of others, if your dog poops in the School Grounds, please clean up after them.
After School Care Program

OSHClub News
Before School / After School Care Program

Program Update

Welcome back to the new school year to our OSHClub families and the wider Roberts McCubbin PS school community. We would particularly like to welcome any foundation year learners on their incredibly exciting first week of school.

This week the program has been focussing on celebrating the commencement of a new school year, and establishing our OSHClub routines. We look forward to building upon the children’s learning in fun, creative and engaging activities throughout the term.

**Staffing** At the end of this week, I (Grace) will be stepping down as program coordinator due to the high volume of teaching placement I need to undertake this year in the final year of my Master of Teaching. The program welcomes Michelle Madden who is extremely experienced and loads of fun to OSHClub Roberts McCubbin. I will continue to work with OSHClub on a casual basis and hope to work regularly at Roberts McCubbin.

**Important reminder** that any items brought into the program by the children are that child’s responsibility. Toys, trading cards and other items brought in need to be taken care of by that child. If a child has an item that they want to protect during program time, there is always the option of storing it in the iPad lockers or the office. We will be providing labels at the sign in desk for any child that wishes to store items away during program time.

**Hats** as it is Term 1 the sunsmart, no hat, no play rules apply. If your child wishes to be able to play outside during OSHClub, they will need to make sure they have a hat with them. **NO HAT = NO PLAY.**

**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.

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OSH program phone: 0407 634 842 (Available Mon - Fri 7am - 9am, 3pm - 6pm)
Coordinator: Grace
Assistants: Martin, Tom, Harriet, Jane, Rhys
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.
BEGINNER BASKETBALL PROGRAM  
Ages 6 - 12

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Friday Program  
4.30pm - 5.30pm or 5.30pm - 6.30pm  
Every Friday from February 3 – March 31

Option 2:  
Saturday Program  
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Every Saturday from February 4 – April 1

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