FROM THE PRINCIPAL CLASS TEAM

Our school’s Artists’ Camp Fair, being held on March 14, is now less than four weeks away with the organising committee working VERY hard to make the event not only successful financially for the school but lots and lots of fun for people who attend. Please support the Fair committee wherever you can and encourage family and friends to come along.

To support the fundraising efforts the art teachers have been working with each class to create a piece of art that each child within the class has contributed to and which would look stunning in most homes. These wonderful artworks will be auctioned at the Fair. They are on display in the office foyer and along the corridor near the library. Please have a look at them and if you want your child’s contribution to hang proudly in your home then come along to the auction and bid.

Kandinsky Warm Wool Tree 3/4L
Indigenous Boab Tree J8B
Hessian Beaded Tree 5/6A
Tissue Tree J6R
The Scribble Tree J5P

Have a look on the Fair Facebook page for more information.

On Tuesday, March 3rd Meet the Teacher meetings for children in Year 1-6 will be held. These, essentially, are information sharing sessions if your child has a new teacher or you have new information you need to let the teacher know about. Because it is so early in the term the teachers will not be reporting on academic areas. This is an opportunity to pass on any information around your child’s physical, social, emotional development or any medical issues or concerns that the teacher does not know about. If you have recently spoken to your child’s teacher and already have passed on relevant information, you may not need to make an appointment.

Some of you will have received an email from your child’s teacher over the last week or so. This is another way that we are reaching out to and communicating with our parent community. Some staff prefer to make phone contact to keep in touch as well. You should expect to hear from your child’s teacher a couple of times each term. We do ask that if you have any serious issues concerning your child that you make a time to meet face to face with their teacher. If you are emailing your child’s teacher please keep in mind that due to their teaching requirements they may only check emails before and after school.

I have included a Michael Grosse article in this newsletter titled ’10 Golden Rules for Parenting Success in 2015’. It is well worth reading.

Marg Pickburn - Principal
DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday, 19 February
- Junior School Incursion with Prof Bunsen in the Hall 9:00am – 1:00pm

Friday, 20 February
- School Council Nominations Close
- Helping Your Child Learn to Read Parent Information Session 1 – 9:10 – 10:30am in the Library

Monday, 23 February
- Foundation children start full days at School – 9:00 – 3:30pm
- PFA Morning Tea in School Hall after Assembly
- PSD Morning Tea in the Staffroom – 9:00 – 10:30am
- JSP & J7S Morning Tea at The Food Republic, 28 Blackburn Road, Blackburn – 11:00am

Thursday, 26 February
- Whole School Picnic on the School Oval – 5:00pm start

Friday, 27 February
- Free Dress Day – Donation Family Size Chocolate Block
- Helping Your Child Learn to Read Parent Information Session 2 – 9:10 – 10:30am in the Library
- 5/6 Japanese Incursion – 3 x 90min sessions
- School Tour – 9:30am

Monday, 2 March
- J8B Morning Tea @ The Foodrinkery, 22 Banksia Street, Burwood – straight after Assembly – Toddlers Welcome

Tuesday, 3 March
- Parent Teacher Meetings

Thursday, 5 March
- Curriculum Day - the whole school, including the office, will be closed as everyone will be away this day.

Friday, 6 March
- Curriculum Day

Friday, 13 March
- School Tour – 9:30am
- Young Leaders Day x 18 Years 5/6 Students – 8:00 – 4:00pm
- Parent Helpers in the Classroom Session – one session only in the Library – 9:10 – 10:30am

Saturday, 14 March
- Artists’ Camp Fair

Tuesday, 17 March
- Local Landscapes Excursion to City – Select Year 6 Students

Thursday, 19 March
- Cultural Diversity Week Incursion

Friday, 20 March
- 5/6 Round Robin Day – away from School all day

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTION PROCESS AND TIMETABLE

Roberts McCubbin Primary School

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** Are your contact details up to date? **

In the case of an emergency, it is vital that we have current contact details for you and your emergency contacts at all times.

If you, or any of your emergency contacts, have changed home, mobile, or work phone numbers, please advise the office in writing as soon as possible so that your child’s details can be updated.

Absence Notes

PARENTS/CARERS just a reminder that it is a Department of Education and Early Childhood Development requirement for a parent/carer note to be handed to the school following the absence of a student. The note needs to include the name of the child, the date of the absence and the reason for the absence. The note should be handed to the student’s classroom teacher on the morning of the students return to school. Parent notes form part of the school’s official attendance records and are filed with the classroom attendance rolls.

As the notes become part of the school’s official records, it would be appreciated if they are written on appropriate paper.
10 golden rules for parenting success in 2015

As the requirements for effective parenting shift and there seems even less time to juggle family life, here are 10 golden rules to guide you on your parenting journey.

The requirements for effective parenting are changing rapidly, just as the profile of parents is changing. Australian parents are now older than ever (30-34 is now the peak child-bearing age group). Families are smaller than ever (over 50% have two children or less). And as children as a percentage of the population shrink (1 in 6 of our population is under 15, compared to 1 in 3 in developing countries), we are less knowledgeable about children than ever.

If you add to this mix that children are growing up at the speed of light, information technology can make parents seem redundant, and increasingly parents claim lack of time is their biggest impediment to effective parenting. So what is a parent to do?

Here are 10 golden rules to guide you along your parenting journey in 2015:

1. **Talk more**
   With families shrinking, kids getting busier and tech devices rapidly multiplying the opportunities for family members to engage in face-to-face talk is under serious attack. Regardless of their age, the best way to influence your children is talk to them. The kitchen table is one place to do this, but there are plenty of other places where you can talk. If talk becomes difficult, try driving with a child or young person in the car with the radio off. They are bound to break sooner or later.

2. **Lean on others**
   A recent Australian survey found that 50% of parents are seriously struggling with their parenting, yet only 10% of this group would ask for help. I suspect there are many reasons for this including fear of being judged a poor parent; that parenting is expected to be hard; and lack of trustworthy support networks. Author Steve Biddulph once said that parents don’t parent well in isolation. He’s right. It’s incredibly important to build your support networks and get ‘sparents’ into your child’s life. Start by working closely with your child’s teacher; a natural ally!

3. **Build confidence**
   With so many parents reporting that they have a child experiencing anxiety it would seem that we are currently experiencing a crisis in children’s confidence. It would also seem that we have somehow forgotten how to absorb children’s fears, insecurities and anxieties, and instill a sense of confidence that these can be overcome. Using a mixture of coaxing, coaching and cajoling parents need to find a way to impart in children a sense of courage to put themselves in new or potentially awkward social situations; to have a go at activities where failure is a real option; and to contribute to the wellbeing of others, which reduces anxiousness and fear.

4. **Aim for redundancy**
   The great irony of modern parenting is that as families have shrunk parents actually do more, rather than less, for their kids. There are many reasons for this including lack of time to teach; it’s simply easier to do a job ourselves, and the new expectation that ‘good’ parents do everything for their kids. The new ‘strict parent’ is someone who expects their kids to wash their own clothes, cook a meal, and read a book to a younger sibling. The impertinence! Here’s a six-word slogan to help you remember: “When kids can, let them do!”

5 Lead the gang
Parenting is now an individual endeavour. There is a place for parenting the individual child, but there is also a place for parenting the whole gang (even if you and your child make up the gang). Your ability to pull your family together and get them singing off the same song sheet will impact on your family’s harmonious relationships; your children’s sense of other (empathy) and their general resilience and coping mechanisms. There is nothing so magical to witness as a family pulling together when the chips are down. This doesn’t just happen. It takes real leadership by parents to make a family act like a family.

6 Build developmental knowledge
Many challenges parents experience with their children are due to a developmental mismatch. That is, parents raising their ten year old as if they are eight. The nuances of parenting are age-related, yet due to inexperience we so often don’t read the cues. Recently, I witnessed a mum and dad tearing their hair out trying to communicate with their nine year old son. For the first time he was saying no to them. They thought him stubborn and disobedient. I thought him normal, as nine can be a problematic age, where usually malleable children suddenly start changing. Puberty is stirring. When this couple’s second child turns nine she will experience the benefits of her elder brother paving the way and breaking her parents in for her.

7 Practice problem-ownership
Please, please, please allow children to own their own problems. Children of all ages can be creative when they have problems to solve. Everything is a potential problem to kids and they need opportunities to resolve them themselves. By all means, coach, guide, give hints but give them a chance to sort out relationship issues; challenges with teachers and academic challenges themselves.

8 Swim against the tide
Listen to talkback radio, read the headlines of a newspaper or watch a current affairs TV program and you’ll realise that, right now, we live in an incredibly judgemental society. Parents are harshly judged as well. Allow your kids to walk to school and you risk being judged as negligent. Drive your kids to school and you risk being told that you are spoiling them and neglecting their physical wellbeing. It takes a strong parent to swim against the tide of popular opinion. It also takes a strong parent to deny her child say a mobile phone when every other child has one. It helps to say “This is the way we do it in our family.”

9 Be brave
Perhaps the biggest challenge facing parents, and their children, is the ability to let go of their parental reigns and give kids the freedom they need to develop autonomy. It’s relatively easy to develop children’s independence at home as the stakes aren’t as high. If they can’t cook a meal then you just have to do it for them. However, developing children’s independence outside the home is a different story. Many parents feel decidedly wary about granting children and young people more freedom. There is the perception that the world is a dangerous place. Granting kids freedom has an element of risk; that’s why parents need to be brave. Having the courage to let go is a basic requirement of parenting. It won’t stop you worrying, but that’s part of the game.

10 Add emotional intelligence to your parenting mix
With kids experiencing mental health challenges at a depressingly high rate it’s time to add some emotional intelligence to the parenting mix. While many schools are now introducing emotional and social programs on the curriculum, it’s important that parents develop a deep understanding of how emotions work; how emotions can be recognised; how they can work for us and against us; how we can regulate our emotions so they don’t overwhelm us; and how to recognise and respond to the emotions of others. These sound like life-changing skills that if learned, are capable of impacting significantly and positively on future generations.

Michael Grose
CALLING ALL GOURMET GOODIES COOKS!
Are you renowned for your delicious relishes, chutneys, lemon butter or jams? Then the Robbie Mac Fair needs you! We will be featuring a gourmet goodies stall and we need cooks who can help us with tasty goodies! You can cook from home or if you’re not particularly confident but would like to get involved and have some fun you can join our cooking workshop!

COOKING: Mint Jelly, Strawberry Jam, Quince Jam, Marmalade, Preserved Lemons, Cookies in a Jar
WHERE: School canteen
WHEN: Thursday 19th February after school drop off.
The canteen will be open all day – all welcome to come for as long as you can.

Many hands make light work! If you need further info please contact:
Matoula Romeo on 0411 089 506

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPONSOR A STALL?
In order to ensure a successful day, the support of local businesses and the broader community is vital. Would you like to contribute to the fair by sponsoring a stall?
For $100 you can sponsor a stall and your family or business name will be shown on the front of the stall as “Proudly sponsored by ...”.
If you would like to support us, please contact
Izzy Kinsella on 0414 917 039 or email izzy_hamma@hotmail.com

ZORB BALLS ARE COMING!
Ever wanted to walk on water? We’re super happy to confirm ZORB BALLS are making an appearance at the fair. If you’ve always wanted to have a go ... get ready to experience the excitement of hopping into a large inflatable ball that allows the person inside to walk across the surface of a pool of water!
Use of outside Basketball or Synthetic Netball Courts

Any permission given last year for any groups to use the outside basketball or synthetic netball courts, expired at the end of the 2014 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
2015 RIDE BRACELETS

Roberts McCubbin Primary School
Artists’ Camp Fair
Saturday 14th March 2015

There are NEW and EXCITING rides for everyone at this year’s Fair.
We are offering two separate ride bracelets.
Great Value for a whole day’s entertainment!
Rides will operate from 12:30pm until 5:30pm.

Junior Ride Bracelet: $30
This bracelet entitles UNLIMITED rides on the following rides only:
Animal Ark Jumping Castle
The Giant Slide
Novelty Toy Set
Mini Hot Rods
Animal Farm
Kite flyer (if accompanied by an adult)

Unlimited Ride Bracelet: $35
This bracelet entitles UNLIMITED access to the following rides including:
Animal Ark Jumping Castle
The Giant Slide
Novelty Toy Set
Mini Hot Rods
Animal Farm
Kite Flyer
Cha Cha
Bad Boys Music Trip
(Height and age restrictions may apply)

To ensure you get your bracelet(s) – simply fill in the order form and return with payment to the School Office or Classroom Teacher before
Monday 2nd March 2015.

Ride bracelets will be available for purchase on the day (Junior $35/Unlimited $40.)
Single ride tickets will also be available at individual prices.
Zorb Balls $10 each - NOT included in the ride bracelets.

ORDER FORM

Eldest Child’s Name: ____________________________________________________________

Class: __________________________ Contact number: ____________________________

Number of Junior Ride Bracelets: __________@ $30 each = $ _______

Number of Unlimited Ride Bracelets: _______@ $35 each = $ _______

Total payment: = $ _______

PLEASE NOTE: Tickets sales for families with students that are CURRENTLY enrolled at Roberts MCCubbin will be capped at $100.
Friends and relatives not attending school are exempt from this offer.

BRACELETS REQUIRED (Please circle)

Name of 1st Child: _______________ Class: _________ Junior/Unlimited

Name of 2nd Child: _______________ Class: _________ Junior/Unlimited

Name of 3rd Child: _______________ Class: _________ Junior/Unlimited

Name of 4th Child: _______________ Class: _________ Junior/Unlimited

Name of 5th Child: _______________ Class: _________ Junior/Unlimited

Please enclose cheque payable to Roberts McCubbin P.S. or correct cash together with this order form and submit to School Office by
Monday 2nd March.

EFT payments can be made at the office in person for amounts over $40.

Bracelets will be sent home with your eldest child on
Wednesday 11th March.
2015 RIDE BRACELET INCLUSIONS

ANIMAL ARK
Jumping castle with slide, climbing and bouncing area.
Age 2-12
No height restriction

KITE FLYER
This exciting ride is at our Fair for the first time. Passengers lie horizontally giving the sensation of flying instead of sitting like most rides. After buckling in, the ride turns and rises in the air for a thrilling and soaring sensation before gliding back to Earth.
Minimum height restriction of 1.05m if not accompanied by an adult

THE GIANT SLIDE
Over 30 metres long and 10 metres high, the giant super slide is a favorite at our Fair for everyone. Go on your own or race with a friend.
Age 3+
No height restriction

NOVELTY TOY SET
This is a fun ride with endless variety for everyone. Children can take a ride in the teacup, racing car, space jet or army tank.
Age 4-12
Adults can ride in the teacups
No height restriction

MINIATURE HOT RODS CAR
These are drivable by children or adults giving anyone a thrilling driving experience. All cars are equipped with a remote safety cut-off switch and run within an inflatable safety arena.
Age 5 to 105
Cars can sit 2 children or 1 child and 1 adult.

ANIMAL FARM
Come feed and cuddle some of the most beautiful baby animals.
Feed included.

CHA CHA
This ride has 3 spinning arms which are connected with passenger cars. These cars move in a zigzag circular movement. The riders experience the illusion that they will crash into the other spinning cars.
Minimum height restriction of 1.1m

BAD BOYS MUSIC TRIP
A thrilling ride that will keep everyone going all day long. The music trip moves from side to side in a clockwise and anticlockwise direction, building up momentum until it reaches the top.
Minimum height restriction 1.3m

All the Junior rides PLUS...

See you there for all the fun of the fair!
Class Contact Lists and Information

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). With the school fair only a few weeks away communicating with families is of utmost importance for a successful fair. Can you please return your class list forms urgently to the office or via email to Trish Scott (trish.scott@optusnet.com.au)

Thanks for your time and patience.

Class Representatives for 2015

The following parents have kindly volunteered to be the Class Representatives in 2015 for your child’s class. There are still gaps and it would be great to have a have a full team together as soon as possible. Each class ideally needs 2 reps so please consider it.

Class Reps are currently finalizing Fair rosters for class stall. Throughout the year as they will organise class social events, liaise with your teacher regarding excursions and other ways to help within the classroom and support your teacher.

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Thank you to everyone who has committed to help this year. If you still wish to contribute to your child’s class and support the school as a Class Rep – please do not hesitate to contact me or return the Class Rep form.

Trish Scott
Class Representative Coordinator
Trish.scott@optusnet.com.au
**J8B Morning Tea**

*When:* Monday, 2nd March  
*Time:* Straight after assembly  
*Where:* The Foodrinkery  
*Address:* 22 Banksia St, Burwood  
*Toddlers Welcome*

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**J7S & J5P Morning Tea**

Please come for a cuppa.  
*When:* Monday 23 Feb  
*Time:* 11am  
*Where:* The Food Republic  
(28 Blackburn Rd, Blackburn)  
*Hope to see you there.*

*Toddlers welcome*

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**ROBERTS McCUBBIN TRADING POST**

TRY OUR TRADING POST IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO SELL, SWAP, WANTING TO BUY OR ADVERTISE AT ONLY $3.00 PER AD  
(Maximum of three, brief items per $3.00),

IT’S A BARGAIN! OUR NEWSLETTER IS DISPLAYED ON THE SCHOOL’S WEBSITE

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**UNIFORM SHOP**

Uniform Shop Hours are:  
Tuesday 3:00 – 4:00pm and  
Thursday 8:30 – 9:30am

Sue Truscott & Jo Townsend

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**Student Banking**

We have a supply left of rewards that were given out in 2014 as part of the Commonwealth Bank’s token reward program. The Commonwealth Bank has new rewards for student this year.

To clear the supply of last year’s rewards, an age appropriate ‘bonus’ reward of my choosing, will be sent home with children who bank in the coming two weeks, until the supply is exhausted.

Vicki Farfarakis  
Student Banking Co-ordinator

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**NEED A BABYSITTER?**

*Name:* Bonnie G  
*Age:* 20  
*Location:* Box Hill and surrounding suburbs  
*Email:* bon.gill8@gmail.com  
*Number:* 0430203792

I am a responsible, bubbly and caring PR student at RMIT who loves children. I have babysitting experience (please ask for references), younger cousins to hang out with and I participated in the buddy program throughout primary school (at RMPS). Please note that I don’t have a drivers licence.

*Availability:*  
*Mon:* 7pm onwards  
*Tues:* 6pm onwards  
*Weds:* 4.30 onwards  
*Thurs:* 1.30 onwards  
*Fri:* 7pm onwards  
*Sat:* all day  
*Sun:* all day
Whole School Picnic
Thursday 26th February
5pm to 7.30/8pm
BYO: Picnic rug/comfy chairs and food/dinner and drinks.
Where: In the vicinity of the school oval.

Get your picnic baskets ready and air out the picnic rug! The school picnic is booked in for the 26th February with a 5.00 start. It is a whole school picnic and on behalf of the school and the PFA we hope many families are able to attend as it’s a great school community event.

The picnic will be held in the vicinity of the school oval - BYO picnic dinner and drinks, picnic rug and comfy seats!

The PFA will be selling icy-poles for $1 from the Undercroft (the storage space opposite the GYM). Funds raised from the icy-pole sales will go towards the purchase of the new furniture for the classrooms.

Monday Morning Tea
In the school hall after assembly – all welcome!
Next Morning Tea: Monday 23rd February

All Roberts McCubbin parents/carers (and toddlers) are all invited to the school hall after assembly for a cuppa and a chat. If you find you don’t have much time just pop down for a quick cup and hello, you don’t have stay for long!

It is a casual morning tea and all parents, carers, grandparents and toddlers/pre - schoolers are welcome to join us to meet other parents in our school community.

There were various discussions about school, parent helpers, the fair and more last week with many new faces attending, hope to see you there next Monday!

Glass Jars Needed

We still need some glass jars with lids for our Gourmet Goodies at the Fair.

Do you have empty:
350gms and under
700/450mls (Spaghetti/Passata Sauce bottles)
1ltr/200gms or 250gms (Coffee Jars)

Please drop them off under the small table in the office foyer as soon as you can!

Gourmet Goodies Preparation and Cook - Off
This Thursday 19th February

There is a Gourmet Cook - Off in the canteen kitchen this Thursday 19th February. If you would like to help out or learn how to make jams/marmalades etc come along. The canteen door is open all day from drop off to pick up time.

Next Gourmet Cook off is booked in for next Thursday 26th February.

If you have any questions, please send an email to the PFA at rmps.pfa@gmail.com or speak to Izzy or Matoula at school.

PFA Committee Meetings
Next Meeting: Tuesday 10th March 7.30pm
The PFA holds monthly meetings to plan and organise our events for the year. If you would see what we get up to or be a part of the planning of our events, discuss other matters or bring something new to the table, just come along. There is no need to put your hand up for a task, your ideas and suggestions are welcome and all levels of participation are wanted!

We would love to have more support and more parents attending 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 and feedback at our meetings

At this stage we are happy for you to come along and see what we get up to!

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 – we would appreciate and NEED your input.

**PFA Annual General Meeting 26th March 7.30pm**

The PFA will be holding its Annual General Meeting on THURSDAY 26th March at 7.30 in the staffroom. Everyone is welcome to hear the reports on the past year and elect the committee for 2015.

*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 enjoy organising social and school community events and have great fundraising ideas perhaps you would like to become a committee member? If you have any queries and for more information come along to our next meeting on the 10th March or to one of our morning teas or contact us via email rmrs.pfa@gmail.com - you may like to join the committee but not sure what exactly is involved, we are more than happy to chat!

**Getting Involved**

We are very lucky at Roberts McCubbin that we have such a great community of parents, teachers and staff. As the year progresses, parents/carers will find many opportunities to be involved in the life of the school.

The PFA itself holds various events throughout the year for parents to come together and build a sense of community and belonging. We provide support for the teachers in a range of tasks and encourage parents to participate in all school activities and special events such as morning teas/walks, the school picnic, Mother’s/Father’s Day activities/stalls, Social Nights, Walkathon, children’s special activities, and fundraising drives.

We always need parents to help out and participate – we send notices and flyers home and there is always a mention in the newsletter too. PFA notice boards are also used to display our roster when we need “hands on” support with our activities.

Canteen helpers are most welcome – Izzy would love parent helpers to serve the children at the canteen window during recess and lunchtime on canteen days.

Perhaps you have the time in the morning to be classroom helper in your child’s class, our specialists classes would appreciate parent helpers too – just ask! There are sports days, school excursions and camps etc that provide opportunities to be involved and help out.

Class Rep is a wonderful opportunity to be involved with your child’s school year and be a part of the greater school community. And of course the Fair Committee and Art Show Committee would appreciate all levels of support from our parent community.

We do hope many parents/carers are able to be involved when the opportunity arises.

**Thought for the Week**

“A room hung with pictures is a room hung with thoughts.” – Joshua Reynolds – Artist.

The PFA Team
Robert McCubbin PS
Chess Club Term 1, 2015.
Classes Start Wednesday 18th Feb
FREE PROMOTION ON 9th Feb

Dates: 18th Feb – 25th March: 6 week programme

Time: Wednesday 1.40 – 2.30pm

Cost: $11.00 per lesson $66.00 for the term

PLEASE NOTE: If chess lessons coincide with swimming or school camp, please deduct the cost of these lessons from the total amount. Otherwise students will not receive a refund for classes missed but students commencing after the first week do not pay for the earlier lessons.

PAYMENT WOULD BE APPRECIATED BY THE 3RD WEEK OF TERM.

Cheques should be made payable to “Chess Ideas (Australia) Pty. Ltd.” or we accept payment by MasterCard, and Visa either by phone 9532-8370, fax 9532-8360, email admin@chessideas.com.au or post. (Please complete the form below and return with payment). All PAYMENTS CAN NOW BE DONE ONLINE AT: www.chessideas.com.au

If your child has a medical condition we should know about please ring our office with details.

Play Chess at home against the computer.
Click on “play chess”. It’s fun!

CHESS REGISTRATION TERM 1, 2015
(Robert McCubbin PS)

NAME OF CHILD: _______________________ GRADE: _______________

CONTACT PARENT/GUARDIAN: _______________________ Ph. #: _______________

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN: ____________________________

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- 1ltr/200gms or 250gms (Coffee Jars)

Please drop them off under the small table in the office foyer
Thank you

COMMUNITY NEWS

Parenting through Tough Times
Are your children struggling with change and stress? Is your family facing challenges like moving house, relationship changes, new school, illness, losing a job... or whatever is happening for you.
Is coping with parenting extra hard at the moment?
Would you like a chance to talk with other parents in similar situations?

You are invited to a two-session program to:
- Get more understanding about how change and stress affects both parents and kids
- Talk about why your kids’ behaviour is so challenging at the moment... and ideas about what you can do to help them settle and cope better
- Build your strength and family resilience
- Take some time out explore ideas to gain support and meet your own needs

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**Program Update**

Elisabeth and the new staff have settled into the Robbie Mac OSHClub program and appreciate the kind words of welcome we have received from the community.

This is the last week of Prep Program. Next week preps will join the normal hours of ASC from 3:30-6:00pm. The preps will still be picked up from their classrooms for the rest of the term.

Our Wishing Well is complete and is on the back of the door. Parents and children please drop your wishes in it and keep an eye on the program planner to see if they come true. We are looking for what you wish the children to play, eat, create, do, learn when at Before and After School Care.

Next week’s activities include collage making, puppet shows, cartoon drawing and portrait painting as well as dodgeball, badminton, basketball and time trials.

A reminder that Term 1 all children must wear a hat and sunscreen when outside, no hat no play.

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.

Thankyou

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**This Week’s Activities**

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**Parent Information**

OSHClub program phone: 0407 634 842 (Available Mon - Fri 7am - 9am, 3pm - 6pm)

Coordinator: Elisabeth & Daniel

Assistants: Caitlin, Katrina, Rhys, Emily, Rachel, Adam, Natasha

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.*