RMPS ARTISTS’ CAMP FAIR is the major fundraiser for our school which takes place every two years. Our next Artists’ Camp Fair is on:

**Saturday 18th March 2017**

We will be working towards replacing the old synthetic grass on the oval so that a brand new surface can be installed. The children LOVE playing on this surface, so let’s start fundraising!!

We want everyone to get involved and we need the WHOLE community to come together and support our Fair. You can do this in a number of ways, with Fair Committee roles still needing to be filled…………………………

*Please read for more information that the Fair Committee posted in last week’s newsletter.*….. & let’s make this the BEST Fair EVER, at Roberts McCubbin!!

Marg Pickburn is currently in Japan with a group of Principals from around Australia. I have attached a photo of Marg visiting the Japanese Embassy. The Embassy staff in Japan are currently working on lifting the profile of Australia in Japan.

DID YOU KNOW……Japan is the Number 1 foreign language being taught in Australia with around 360,000 students learning the language???

As part of our Japanese (LOTE) program at school, we are having **Japanese Day on MONDAY 7th MARCH**- there will be NO school assembly that day.

Amanda Wigg – Assistant Principal
A Great Opportunity to Learn More About How We Teach at RMPS

Growing Great Learners... Parent Information Night
Tuesday, March 1st 6.30-7.30pm in J5P classroom

Please RSVP to the school office if you are going to attend

How can we help our students learn to learn? How can we grow them as confident, curious and creative learners?

It’s an exciting time to be a learner! Never before has there been such access to information, such potential for communication and such opportunity to create and innovate. Our children are moving into a complex future in which problem solving, creative and critical thinking, agile use of technologies and strong cross-cultural communication skills will be vital. With increasing and changing information at our fingertips, we have the responsibility as teachers and parents to help children grow as learners.

At least as important as ‘what’ they learn in school is HOW they learn and how they learn to ‘be’. Navigating complex futures means our students need more than ‘knowing’ – they need to be curious, critical thinkers, creative communicators, collaborators, adept researchers and responsible self managers. Come along to hear Kath share the experiences of our teachers in building children’s learning assets – and some great ideas for ways you can nurture your child as a powerful learner at home.

Food Coordinator needed to join the Fair Committee!

We’re looking for a Food Coordinator to join the Fair Committee. Here’s what we’ll need your help with and don’t forget, you’ve got all year to manage the role and you can even share it with a friend!

- Decide on stalls with Fair Leader, then book external food providers
- Co-ordinate ingredients for class managed food stalls
- Co-ordinate food stall kits
- Book mobile cool room and oversee arrival and departure
- On day liaison with food vendors
- Collect money on external pack up and liaise with finance manager.

If you’re interested please call or text Britta on 0403 757 257 or email us on robbiemacfair@gmail.com

(NB: this role doesn’t include the cake stall)

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, 26 February
- Classroom Helpers Workshop in the Staffroom – 9:10 – 10:30am

Wednesday, 29 February
- Captains Badge Ceremony at Assembly
- PSD Morning Tea in the Staffroom – 9:00 – 10:30pm
- PFA Meeting in the Staffroom – 7:30pm

Tuesday, 1 March
- Parent Information Evening presented by our Inquiry Consultant, Kath Murdoch – 6:30 – 7:30pm

Wednesday, 2 March
- Young Leaders Day at Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre – (selected children)

Friday, 4 March
- School Tour – 9:30am – Meet in the School Foyer
- Parent Writing Workshop in the Staffroom – 9:10 – 10:30am
- 5/6’s Summer Sports Day

Monday, 7 March
- Cultural Diversity Day – No Assembly

Tuesday, 8 March
- Year 6 (selected children) Local Landscapes Excursion at NGV 12:00 – 3:00pm

Wednesday, 9 March
- School Picnic – 5:00 – 7:30pm on the School Oval

Thursday, 10 March
- Curriculum Day – NO SCHOOL ON THIS DAY

Friday, 11 March
- Curriculum Day – NO SCHOOL ON THIS DAY

Monday, 14 March
- Labour Day Public Holiday

Tuesday, 15 March
- PFA AGM Meeting in the Staffroom – 7:30pm

Tuesday, 15 March – Friday, 18 March
- Year 5/6 Camp at Ace-Hi Ranch

Monday, 21 March
- PSD Morning Tea in the Staffroom – 9:00 – 10:30am

Wednesday, 23 March
- School Photo Day
Kath Murdoch is an experienced teacher, author, university lecturer and popular consultant. She is highly regarded for her work in the field of inquiry-based learning in which she has taught, researched and published for over 30 years. She maintains a strong commitment to supporting teachers in the classroom regularly teaching students in addition to facilitating teacher learning.

Kath began her professional life as a classroom teacher before taking up an academic position at the Education Faculty at the University of Melbourne. For the last ten years she has worked as an independent consultant to schools and education organisations throughout the world. Her practical and passionate advocacy for approaches that engage students in rigorous inquiry has seen her working in classrooms in the USA, throughout Europe, Asia, Africa, New Zealand and around Australia.

The author of over 10 books, her latest ‘The Power of Inquiry’ has been enthusiastically received by teachers around the world – one teacher describing it as a ‘guiding light, illuminating the way for teachers and students to share in a process that ignites passion, wonder and awe’ (K.Morgan MG Grammar School Melbourne).

Kath lives in Melbourne with her husband and teenage daughters.

Parent Helpers in classes

Parent Helper Rosters are now available in the Junior school for parents to sign up and help in the classroom. Parent helpers help teachers in classes during the morning session (9-11am) doing jobs including sharpening pencils, listening to reading or helping preparation for activities.

Parent help is welcome in all classes across the school (Junior, 3/4 & 5/6) if rosters are not available please chat to your teacher to see how you might be able to help out.

Trish Scott
Class Rep Coordinator

CLASS LISTS ARE BEING FINALISED

Class lists provide a means of planning playdates, social activities and communication – if you wish to have your information included in your child/ren’s class list please go to https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/classlist2016 or return a printed form downloadable on the school website under the “Practicalities” link before Friday 4 March.
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
Information about your upcoming photo day!

1. If you are placing an order please ensure each child has their own envelope.

2. Do not place another child's envelope inside their siblings envelope.

3. Please collect a family envelope from the school office if you wish to have a family photo taken.

4. All children are photographed regardless if you are paying or not. This is for the schools records.

5. When the photos are returned to school, those who did not place an order on the day will be given a second chance to order via a new form distributed when photos are returned to school. You won't miss out!

6. The school does not give change nor do the photographers. PLEASE ensure the correct money is enclosed.

7. If you lose your envelope the photographers and the school carry spares.

8. Only parents who are paying on the day and requesting it will have a family photo taken.

9. Ordering online is the only way you can pay with credit cards.

10. We do not have control over the way your child's name appears in the photo - any changes or requests are strictly handled by the school.

For more information
FREECALL: 1800 750 586

NEED HELP?
School Picnic – Wednesday 9th March
Where: In the vicinity of the school oval.
Time: 5pm to 7.30/8pm
BYO: Drinks/Snacks and Picnic Rug/Chairs

All parents and carers are invited to come along to the Annual School Picnic. It’s a great school community event and the kids look forward to attending with their family!

Catch up with friends and new class mates and meet other families, teachers and staff in our school community.

There will be:
* Fun activities on the synthie grass
* Sausage Sizzle - Sausage in Bread at $2ea
* Cake Stall - yummy treats from 50c to $6
* Icy Poles Stand – no artificial colours/flavours at $1ea

The PFA and school hope many families are able to attend and look forward to seeing you there!

Cake Stall and Parent Helpers NEEDED:
The PFA will be organising a Cake Stall and an Icy Pole stand at the picnic and we need parents/carers to help.

Contributions of Baked Goods to sell:
We will be sending home to each family a Cake Bag Pack with a plastic plate, tags and instructions. Please note the drop off times on the instructions sheet in the pack. We would appreciate your support if you can help out with contributions of yummy treats such as cookies, slices, cakes, cupcakes, muffins etc to sell at the Cake Stall.

Extra bags and smaller size bags are available at the school office foyer.

Help Serve at the Cake Stall and Icy Pole Stand:
6pm until SOLD OUT

We are looking for helpers to sell yummy treats and icy poles during the picnic in 1/2 hr blocks. If you can help out please email us so we can include you or look out for the roster to go out deck this Friday 27th FEB.

Hot Cross Bun Fundraising Drive
Orders Due: Monday 7th March
Orders to be sent in envelope with payment to class teacher or office.

Pick up: Wednesday 16th March in the School Hall 3.15pm to 4pm
Bakers Delight – at the Glen is offering our school the opportunity to raise some funds with their Hot Cross Bun fundraising drive. They are delicious Hot Cross Buns with a great variety on offer: Traditional, Choc Chip, Mocha, and Fruitless.

Hot cross buns freeze beautifully for up to 3 months, so grab a couple of packs for the school holidays.

Don’t forget to ask family and friends if they would like to order too.

The Hot Cross Bun order form is Compass News to download or you can pick one up at the school office foyer.

For every 6 pack of buns sold the school will receive $1.50 towards our fundraising efforts – thank you to Bakers Delight at The Glen

PFA Committee Meeting
When: Monday 29th February 7.30pm
Where: School Staffroom

Why come to our meeting?
• WE NEED YOUR FEEDBACK and SUPPORT
• It’s the last meeting before the AGM – come and see what we get up to and find out more about being on the committee.
• Join in on the discussion about our up - coming events
• Be involved and meet other parents in our school community

Any parent or carer with a child attending Roberts McCubbin Primary School can attend the PFA Committee meetings (you don’t have to be a committee member to attend.)

We enjoy having more parents attend our meetings so we can better represent our school community and we NEED YOU!!

You may like to…
1: JOIN the PFA Committee. This year we will NEED NEW COMMITTEE members. Current positions need to be filled and NEW smaller or assistant roles can be created.
2: help organise an event
3: be part of a team with a friend
4: perform a small task as needed or
5: simply contribute with ideas and feedback at our meetings

ALL levels of participation and involvement are welcome and needed!

PFA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
When: TUESDAY 15th March 7.30pm
Where: School Staffroom

The PFA will be holding its Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 15th March at 7.30 in the staffroom. Parents and Carers are invited to attend and hear the reports on the past year and help elect the committee for 2016.

Committee Members for 2016 to be Elected

All Office Bearer positions are declared vacant and open at the AGM to be elected to office for 2016/March 2017.
Office bearers of the Committee are:

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer

Other office bearers and assistant roles can also be elected as required.

WE NEED YOU!

- Do you like to be involved with the school?
- Enjoy organising or social, community and fundraising events?
- Would like to work as part of a team with a friendly and fun group of volunteer parents/carers for a common goal.

Is that YOU?

Parents and Carers are invited to nominate or be nominated for any of the committee positions. Nomination forms are available at the school office or we can email one to you.

- **Secretary, Vice President and Treasurer** - to re-nominate and if elected will continue.
- **Treasurer** - Assistant Treasurer to step down as Acting Treasurer.
- **President** - Co-President required to be nominated for 2016 to take the lead in 2017.

Please remember:

- The PFA Committee work as a team:
  Administration tasks and management of activities are shared and distributed as required amongst the Committee and Parents Helpers.

- Roles can be shared:
  Level of involvement is flexible to the time you have, roles can be shared or you can join the Committee with a friend (the Secretary and Vice President are currently shared roles).

- Smaller Committee Roles:
  New positions and assistant roles can be created to suit if required

Come and chat to us about what we do on Mondays after Assembly:

We will hold casual information sessions after assembly on Mondays too, so please come and see us for a chat so we can explain what is involved in being on the PFA Committee.

Or Contact us so we can chat.
PFA President: 0411 089 506
Email: rmps.pfa@gmail.com

PFA Up-Coming Events!

February

- **PFA MEETING: Monday 29th February 7.30 in staff room** – All parents and carers are welcome to attend.
- **My School Journal** - School Photo Album Fundraiser
  Parents will again have the opportunity to purchase beautiful hand bound Photo Album with our school logo embossed on the cover.
March

- **School Picnic – Fun Games, Sausage Sizzle, Cake Stall and Icy Poles!**
  There will be heaps of fun to be had by all at the picnic and dinner will be easier for our families with a sausage sizzle and cake stall! YUM!

- **EASTER RAFFLE – Stay tuned for more information!**
  Yummy Easter treats and fun passes to be won! Including family pass to Puffing Billy, movie tickets and ten pin bowling and MORE!

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**School Magazines still available at the office for $14**

**Curriculum Dates for your Diary**

- **Thursday, 10th March**
- **Friday, 11th March**
- **Friday, 24th June**

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2 RIGHT FEET DANCE STUDIO

Invites you to join our

FREE OPEN DAY FOR KIDS

Aged 7-12

3pm - 4pm on Sunday the 20th of March
Come and enjoy...Latin and Ballroom Dancing! Snacks! Fun!

Parents welcome

Visit our Facebook Page
2 Right Feet Dance Studio for more information

Call Adriano and Vanessa on
0432 249 639 to book
or email adriano.mantarro@gmail.com

Studio in Vermont South
**Discovery Evening**

**Wednesday 2nd March at 7pm**

**Principal’s Address**

7pm in the College Theatre followed by an opportunity to discover our classrooms

Families are invited to discover and explore:

- Our classrooms in action
- Our Academic Enrichment Program (AcE)
- Our Specialist Sporting Programs in Soccer, Tennis and Netball
- Our broad and diverse curriculum program that enables students to achieve their best
- Our extensive co-curricular and student leadership opportunities
- Our high expectations and commitment to academic excellence

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**LIONS MONTHLY MARKET**

**1ST SUNDAY EVERY MONTH**

Manhattan Hotel Carpark, Heatherdale Road

Free Public Entry from 8am

For Bookings, contact

Sandy 0411 217 412
Jeni 0409 212 842

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**Eva Leahy Baulch**

is shaving in the Leukaemia Foundation’s World’s Greatest Shave and is aiming to raise

$7,000

Show your support by sponsoring today!

Where:  
When:  Sat 12th March  
Details:  Together we can make a difference  
Contact:  http://www.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/events/leishabaulch

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**
# OSHClub News

## Before School / After School Care Program

### Program Update

Last week the children enjoyed expressing their creative side through drawing, painting and writing stories, we also enjoyed playing many group games. We’ve started offering homework time after 5pm, giving everyone a chance to get started with the assistance of their friends and our educators.

This week our focus turns to “Being Green” where we’ll be discussing “what is sustainability?”, using recycled materials for our activities and incorporating more nature into our program, including Leaf Rubbing, Plastic bag kites and our own derivative of giants treasure “Green Treasure”.

We’re asking for ongoing donations of interesting everyday items, such as broken electronics, toys, etc to deconstruct to observe how they work. Last week we were amazed to learn how a computer mouse and keyboard worked.

**Important notice.** Term 1 means hats and sunscreen, no hat no play. If you would like your children to keep a spare hat here at OSHClub please label it and it will be kept in the hat box. If your child is sensitive to generic sunscreen please provide your own that is ok. All children who go outside must wear sunscreen and a hat.

**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.

Thankyou

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### This Week’s Activities: Being green

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

Coordinators: Elisabeth & Azucena

Assistants: Martin, Rhys, Caitlin, Tom, Rachel, Adam, Jess, Jane

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.
Bakers Delight

HOT CROSS BUN ORDER FORM - 2016
ROBERTS MCCUBBIN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Bakers Delight - The Glen would like to offer you the opportunity to purchase delicious Hot Cross Buns and make a profit for our school.
   The more buns you purchase the more profit we make.

For every 6 pack of Hot Cross Buns you order, Bakers Delight – The Glen will donate $1.50 to Roberts McCubbin Primary School.

Simply fill in the details below and select which Hot Cross Buns you would like to order, bring your order form together with full payment back to the school by MONDAY 7 March 2016 and your buns will be ready to collect from the school on Wednesday 16 March 2016

Remember to ask family and friends if they would like to order some too.

HOT CROSS BUNS FREEZE BEAUTIFULLY FOR UP TO 3 MONTHS, SO GRAB A COUPLE OF PACKS FOR THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS.

Student’s Full Name:____________________________________________________________ Class:_____________________

Contact No:________________________________________ Email:____________________

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