Principal Class Headline:

ANZAC Centenary Community Grants Program

Over the break, the second stage of our ANZAC Centenary Community Grants project was installed.

The first stage was the installation of the wall sculpture near the front entrance of the school reflecting mateship, bravery and sacrifice of WW1 soldiers. The students of the school all created poppies out of clay which have been placed around the sculpture.

The second stage created by the same artist, Adrian Ward is ‘Major Ted Sergeant’s Boots’. This is a contemporary memorial featuring actual First World War boots, that have been worked in wax and then cast in bronze. This is located within, and further enhances the school’s commemorative ANZAC garden.

Both instalments are accessible to the local and school community because of their location and visibility. They will be seen by those who pass the school and will provide people with the opportunity to reflect and discuss the significance and contributions of the Australian soldiers in WW1.

I would like to sincerely thank Katrina Cassidy for the efforts involved in applying for the grants and sourcing and liaising with the artist. Thank you also to the highly talented Adrian Ward for the wonderful art pieces he has created for our school.

Thank you to all the parents who came in for a Partnership Meeting at the end of last term and hoped that you enjoyed viewing your child’s work via Showbie.

We would like to welcome you all back to Term 3 and hope that you had a great break.

Marg Pickburn, Principal
Democracy in 5/6 by Emily K and Chai C

This morning we were told by the 5/6 teachers that from now on, all of the 5/6 classes had an extra hour of class time every day for term 3. We would be finishing school at 4.30! It was to be compulsory, and would most likely be permanent. (Don't panic - it's not really going to happen!).

We all disagreed and tried to argue, but the teachers would not let us have our say. They told us the decision was already final and we were not involved in any part of the decision making process. We were quite upset that we didn't get an opportunity to state our opinion and felt powerless.

However, this was all a trick and part of the lesson. This term we are learning about power, governments and democracy. This was a way to show us what it would be like to live without democracy.

We discussed how we feel when we don't have a voice, and what we would do if the matter was actually real. We all realised how important democracy is and how much we value having our say.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, 18 July
- 3-6’s House Athletics

Wednesday, 20 July
- 5/6R Excursion to Parliament House 11:00 – 3:30pm
- Finance Committee Meeting 5:30pm

Thursday, 21 July
- School Discovery Program 2:45 – 3:30pm

Friday, 22 July
- School Tour – Meet in the School Foyer 9:30am

Monday, 25 July
- PSD Morning Tea in the Staffroom 9:00 – 10:30am

Wednesday, 27 July
- School Discovery Program 2:45 – 3:30pm

Thursday, 28 July
- School Discovery Program 2:45 – 3:30pm

Wednesday, 3 August
- Full Day Rehearsal @ Besen Centre for Shrek
- Shrek School Production – 7:00 – 8:30pm

Thursday, 4 August
- Shrek School Production – 7:00 – 8:30pm

Friday, 5 August
- School Tour – Meet in School Foyer – 9:30am
Mrs Siggins is Leaving Us

This week Anita Siggins is leaving to commence Maternity Leave. This is what some of the children wrote.

“Mrs Siggins is great because she does gardening with me.” Ava
“Mrs Siggins has a nice smile on her face and it makes me feel happy” Milla
“Mrs Siggins has been my teacher for three years. She is fair and very fun” Buxton
“Mrs Siggins knows a lot of things about me and that’s why she is a really good teacher” Alex
“Mrs Siggins is helpful, like when she helped me with my writing and now I am an outstanding writer.”
“Mrs Siggins is creative and THE BEST TEACHER EVER! Millie C

Everyone at Robbie Mac wants to wish Anita and her husband Chris all the best with their new arrival and look forward to meeting the new little bundle.

House Athletics

Our Grade 3-6 children are looking forward to our House Athletics day on Monday, 18th July, if you’ve put your name down to help out on the day, please meet us at Bill Sewart Aths Track, Burwood Highway, around 9am or earlier if possible. If you would like to help out please let Jayne or myself know ASAP. Fingers crossed for good weather 😊

COFFEE VAN @ ATHLETICS MEET

No need to buy coffee or morning tea on the way to the track as “The Little Coffee Van” will once again be at the School Athletics meet on Monday 18th July to meet all our coffee and hot chocolate needs!
He will be there from 9.00 am until approx. 1.00 pm.

BULLY PROOFING YOUR CHILD

July 26th at 6.30pm

What can you expect from the session?

• Information on what bullying is in today’s schools and how it can be prevented.
• Strategies the school is using to prevent bullying from impacting your child’s learning.
• Ways that parents can support a child who is bullied… and also how they can help a child who does the bullying.
• Deep knowledge of how we are using restorative approaches at the school to respond when bullying roars its ugly head.
• A sound understanding of how the home environment plays a critical role in bullying prevention.

YouTube video invitation - https://youtu.be/75PV0DPoQ8Q

SCHOOL DISCOVERY BEGINS NEXT WEEK, July 21st 2.45-3.30pm
Children must be enrolled to attend the sessions.
Friendship Seat

This week the school received delivery of a Friendship Seat from The Alannah and Madeline Foundation. The seat will be installed within a few weeks in an appropriate place so that children who are looking for some company during a break have a spot to go to.

PLEASE NOTE: This even is now booked out!

Eco-News

WIPE OUT WASTE - Wrapper Free Lunches

We can continue to reduce the amount of rubbish around the school by decreasing packaging in students’ lunchboxes.

Where possible, please pack your child a wrapper free lunch, and keep an eye out in the newsletter for our Top Tips, which will give you hints and advice on all things Nude Food and Sustainability!

Remember, our Wipe Out Waste day is every Thursday. We aim for the WHOLE SCHOOL to go wrapper free on this day each week.

Thanks for your support!

Our Wipe Out Waste lunch day is: THURSDAY

If you are interested in helping out with our quest to become a more eco-friendly school, please contact Steph Bates 888, Margie Hardy 561 or Michael O’Donovan 340
What’s Growing in the Robbie Mac Gardens?

Over the Garden Wall Mural Project

Welcome back to school and Term 3, everyone!

During the week before holidays, our gardeners split into two teams. One begun planting some more winter flowers of pansies, nasturtiums, snap dragons and cineraria. The other team set about colour-blocking the wall, under the guidance of our artist friend Nicole. Half way through, the teams swapped. We have appreciated all the wonderful help from grandparents coming in to paint and support our Eco Captains, gardeners and other students and I would like to extend a big thank you to them, especially. Happy Gardening this term, everyone! 😊

As I am now on maternity leave, Miss Colleen Scott of J7S will be taking over Gardening Club from me. Please get in touch with her, Mr Liao or our lovely parent (who really runs the show), Ellen Swansson.

Mr Tristan Liao in J2L liao.tristan.t@edumail.vic.gov.au
Miss Colleen Scott J7S scott.colleen.c@edumail.vic.gov.au
Tolerance: a vital ingredient for your child's success by Michael Grose

Kids who accept differences in others are setting themselves up for success in the world of diversity that they will enter.

Want your child to be successful way past the confines of the school gate?

Then you need to make sure your child is tolerant of individual differences and accepting of children and adults who look and act differently to them.

Schools are diverse places
Walk into any school ground in Australia and you’ll witness diversity firsthand. You’re likely to see children from many different cultural, racial and family backgrounds. You’ll also see kids with different needs and diverse ways of expressing themselves. Tolerant kids are accepting of these differences. They make friends with children and young people who may look and act differently to them.

Intolerance breeds bullying
Intolerance, or prejudice, is at the heart of a great deal of the bullying that occurs among children and young people. Kids who look and act differently or who are more isolated often experience bullying for no apparent reason other than the fact that they are ‘different’. Whole-hearted acceptance and even appreciation of differences is a preventative bullying measure that we can all support.

Tolerance starts at home
Kids learn attitudes such as tolerance from those around them. Children in primary school usually reflect the attitudes of their parents. While adolescents are strongly influenced by their peers, parental attitudes still have a significant impact on their attitudes to other people. In short, if you want your child to be accepting of differences – whether they are racial, cultural, behavioural or in sexual orientation – then make tolerance a family trait.

HERE’S HOW:

Help your child feel accepted, respected, and valued. When your child feels good about himself, he is more able to treat others respectfully.

Model acceptance. Kids learn what they live so make sure you welcome differences in others, and be sensitive to cultural or racial stereotypes. It also helps on a practical level to discuss prejudice and stereotypes when they occur in the media.

Challenge prejudice or narrow-minded views. Sometimes kids, knowingly or unknowingly, can say the cruelest things about others. As a parent respectfully remind your child or young person about the impact that a narrow view can have on his or her own behaviour as well as on those it may be directed towards. Intolerance of diversity is an attitude that parents should make a stand against.

Answer kids’ questions about differences honestly and respectfully. Teach your kids that it is acceptable to notice and discuss differences as long as it is done with respect.

Respect individual differences within your own family. Your ability to accept your children’s differing abilities, interests and styles will go a long way towards establishing an attitude of tolerance in the children themselves. By valuing the uniqueness of each member of your family you are teaching your kids to value the strengths in others, no matter how diverse.
A HUGE THANK YOU to these boys from 3/4N for taking pride in our school. When Mrs Vimpani and the class came upon a big mess next to one of the school bins they offered to clean the mess up.

Thankyou to Riley N, Lucas F, Lucio L and Angus L.

Mrs Vimpani said the whole class would have helped so well done all of you for being such champions.

Last weekend some parents, and staff began building the set for our production, Shrek. Thank you to Nick Kong, Tristan Liao, Mick Vorenus (our maintenance man), Ben Hall and Peter Garrett.

Sausage Sizzle / Cake Stall on Election Day

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... and to all our bakers too, too many to list. These people all helped because they care. They all have other things to do and it is not always easy. They kept the whole day running smoothly with their can-do attitudes and we really appreciated the extra muscle for set up and pack up too.

Thanks too to all of you who bought from the stalls. It’s always gives me a wonderful community feeling to see those familiar faces. We raised about $1800 from both stalls. Around a third from the cakes and the rest from the sizzle. It was a worthwhile effort. Can’t wait for the plebiscite!
From the President

Hey, hey, it's PFA, back from holiday! Yay, yay, yay!

Hello everyone. I hope you all had a great break and your holiday plans worked out well. The PFA was still active in the holidays. We had a bake day in the school canteen where we and our girls had some productive fun baking and decorating for the cake stall. We received a good number of donations for the election day cake stall, although numbers were lower than usual, I guess because of holidays. Thanks very much for all the wonderful donations. We pretty much sold out of everything and the voters were very happy to have the chance to buy a sweet treat.

The voters were also happy to have a chance to get a good old democracy sausage in bread. I have heard that a few voters missed out on theirs, so we can feel good about providing this great community service as well as getting them to help pay for our school's extra resources. We had an enthusiastic bunch of helpers on the day to make this possible. Please see previous page for all we would like to thank.

Have a great week!

Help needed

PFA Morning Tea and Meeting

Morning tea Monday 25th July.
Next meeting to be held on Thursday 28th July 7:30 pm.

PFA looking ahead…

August

Junior Maths Night Sausage Sizzle
Family Movie Night

September

Book Swap
Father's Day Breakfast
Footy Day Walkathon

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PFA email: rmps.pfa@gmail.com
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bom@vikingsbasketball.net.au or 0431 559 893.
Free Fruit and Veggie Swap at the Balwyn Community Centre

Free Fruit and Veggie Swap at the Balwyn Community Centre on the third Sunday of each month from 9 to 10am

The next swap is on Sunday, July 18, 2016.

The link to the website is: [https://www.facebook.com/groups/Vegswap/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/Vegswap/)

Please read the list on the Facebook description to see what you can bring along.

Please note that no money is exchanged.

If you have any questions, please contact me at mbbatau@yahoo.com
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Surrey Hills Cricket Club is seeking Boys and Girls as Junior Players & participants in its Milo in2 Cricket program

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Friday Nights 5.00-7pm

contact Barry Cull 0408 103 971

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New This Year:

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DADS MATTER

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- talk to your children so they will listen
- have rules and boundaries that work
- further develop your relationship with your kids.

Join other dads in discussing these and other issues in a six week program

WHEN: 19 & 26 July 2, 9, 16 & 23 August
TIME: 7pm – 9pm
WHERE: Anglicare Box Hill
7-11 Shipley St, Box Hill
COST: FREE

BOOKINGS:
For further information and to book your place phone Kim Pedler 9735 6146.
Bookings are Essential.
After School Care Program

OSHClub News
Before School / After School Care Program

Program Update
Welcome back to Term 3! We have had a very exciting start to the term with the buzz of the holiday program still going, the OSHClub team are full of energy and ideas to make this term awesome for your children and families.

My name is Grace and I am the new program coordinator here at OSHClub, Roberts McCubbin. My background is in sustainability science and policy and I am currently studying to be a teacher. I am passionate about learning, staying active and looking after the natural world. I have had an incredible first few weeks here at Roberts McCubbin and am so excited to be part of this awesome team.

As we start the term we have been reminding students of the OSHClub values, establishing routine for before and after school sessions and kick starting our ‘clubs’. Science Club and Cooking Club both recommenced this week and were greeted with enthusiasm by children and staff alike.

We have set up a ‘Little Library’ service at OSH so if students are interested in borrowing any of the books or DVDs on offer they are more than welcome to borrow, enjoy and return. We also have a suggestion box up and running near the sign in desk and would appreciate any feedback on the program from either children or families.

I look forward to getting to know you all throughout the term!

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.

This Week’s Activities: Ocean Commotion!

OSH program phone: 0407 634 842 (Available Mon - Fri 7am - 9am, 3pm - 6pm)
Coordinator: Grace
Assistant: Martin, Rhys, Tom, Tim, Gabi, Georgia
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.
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