Every year all students in Years 5-10 in state government schools undertake the Attitudes to School Survey. The data is used by schools to see where their focus should be for the coming year. The data from this year’s Attitudes to School Survey indicates that again our students are feeling:

- connected to school and their peers
- safe at school
- their learning confidence is high
- they are motivated
- finding their learning stimulating
- have good relationships with their teachers

In almost all areas, the school is above the state and the other schools within the North Eastern Victorian Region. All areas are within the fourth quartile which is where our Strategic Plan targets aimed us to be by 2018. This is a fantastic result and supports the work that the school has been undertaking in creating a challenging and engaging curriculum that meets the needs of our students, in building relationships and ensuring student wellbeing is a high priority through our work with Adam Voigt from Real Schools, the Kids Matter and Better Buddies program, the Triple R program last year and our Peaceful Kids program. Marg Pickburn, Principal

Parent Opinion Survey

The use of opinion data to monitor school performance is a very important step towards making our school the best it can possibly be. In recent years, we have conducted annual and anonymous opinion surveys for staff, children and parents and use the information gained to drive school improvements. On Monday, 63 randomly selected families received a parent opinion survey and we ask that these families return the completed surveys to school by Friday, 29th July, 2016. Many thanks to the families taking the time to complete the survey.

Margaret Pickburn
Principal
DATEs To Remember

Wednesday, 27 July
• School Council Meeting 7:00pm

Thursday, 28 July
• School Discovery Program 2:45 – 3:30pm
• PFA Meeting at Robin’s House – 7:30pm

Monday, 1 August
• Whole School SHREK Rehearsal 11:30 – 1:30pm

Wednesday, 3 August
• Whole School SHREK Rehearsal @ Besen Centre
• SHREK School Production – 7:00 – 8:30pm

Thursday, 4 August
• District 1500m event at Bill Sewart Athletics Track – After School (selected children)
• SHREK School Production – 7:00 – 8:30pm

Friday, 5 August
• School Tour – Meet in School Foyer – 9:30am

Monday, 8 August
• 3/4 Science Incursion – All Day

Tuesday, 9 August
• 56W Excursion to Parliament House – 9:00 – 1:00pm
• 56V Excursion to Parliament House – 11:00 – 3:30pm
• 3/4 Science Incursion – All Day

Wednesday, 10 August
• 56A Excursion to Parliament House – 11:00 – 3:30pm

Thursday, 11 August
• School Discovery Program – 2:45 – 3:30pm

Friday, 12 August
• Golden Ticket Family Fair Donation Day – FREE DRESS DAY

Saturday, 20 August
• PFA Movie Night in the Hall

What’s Happening?

PFA Helping Hands

The PFA Helping Hands is a service that provides help in the form of lunches and dinners to Roberts McCubbin families who are experiencing difficult circumstances for various reasons. Often family and friends help out but sometimes that is not always possible and with the support of parents and carers in our school community we are able to provide a helping hand.

Do you need a Helping Hand? If you need or know of a family that needs assistance please contact Siobhan who is the helping hands co-ordinator. Siobhan will organise someone from our list of helpers to provide dinner or lunch. The service is discreet and the family in need remains anonymous. ALL requests are treated with the strictest confidentiality.

You may wish to speak with Amanda Wigg (Student Welfare Coordinator) via school office 9890 2372 or you can email Siobhan directly on sbcthomas05@hotmail.com

Can you Help? If you are willing and able to lend a hand by making dinners or school lunches for our families in need, please email Siobhan so we can place you on our PFA Helping Hands list of helpers. When there is a family in need we will contact you and if you are able to help out, we will provide you with information required eg. dietary requirements and how many to prepare for. Lunches or dinners are dropped off to the school office.

If you can help out OR need help please contact our Helping Hands Coordinator Siobhan. sbcthomas05@hotmail.com

ROBBIE MAC CHAT

App Focus with Mr Vann

The apps on the RMPS essential app list are required for school and we ask you to make sure that you have installed all of the apps onto your child’s iPad. Although some of the apps are specific to certain units, there are some apps that are used all the time. Over the next few weeks I am going to highlight some of the apps that are used regularly in the classrooms.

Showbie

Learning Anytime! Anywhere! This is what Showbie can offer.

Teachers are using Showbie in the classroom in a whole lot of different ways, from sending out work to students, collecting work and giving feedback, providing resources and information to giving access to parents to have a sneak peek into their child’s classroom! With heaps of new features planned, like collaborative spaces where the students, teachers and parents will be able to interact with each other, Showbie is the app of choice for our school to communicate with our students, teachers and parents.

Make sure you get yourself signed up and ask your class teacher for your parent code!

Check out some of the topics on the Showbie blog!
https://www.showbie.com/support/tag/parents/

What is showbie?
https://www.showbie.com/support/what-is-showbie-2/

Accessing your child’s work
https://www.showbie.com/support/accessing-your-children-work-on-showbie/

Notifications
https://www.showbie.com/support/notification-settings/

Canteen News

Hot Chocolate is back for $1.50
District Girls Basketball

Congratulations to our Senior Girls Basketball Team who convincingly won their District Final last Friday against Old Orchard PS, the final score was 49-13, they now progress through to Division Finals in October.
What’s Happening?

What’s Growing in the Robbie Mac Gardens?

The last couple of weeks we have seen the completion of our *Over the Garden Wall Mural*. We would like to say a very big thank you to Nicole Parkins, the Eco Captains and regular gardeners as well as the wonderful grandparents who volunteered their time to assist. Also, thank you to Anita Siggins for all of your time and effort in coordinating and overseeing the project.

It all would not have been possible without the Intergenerational Grant from Whitehouse City Council.

This week in the garden we have been busy preparing for the warmer weather. We had lots of hands helping to clear out some of the garden beds and turning over the soil.

**Volunteers needed!!!**

The RMPS Gardening Team is looking to raise funds for development and maintenance of our school garden including ongoing lunchtime gardening activities. If you have time we would greatly appreciate volunteers to help run the sausage sizzle at Bunnings Box Hill on Saturday 6th of August from 8:00 am - 5:00 pm.

You can find the roster at the following link or otherwise contact Colleen Scott, Tristan Liao or Ellen Swansson for more information. [http://signup.com/go/kS7s3R](http://signup.com/go/kS7s3R)

*If you or your child is interested in helping out with the garden, or you are able to donate any gardening equipment or supplies (or expertise), please speak to*

**Mr Tristan Liao in J2L liao.tristan.t@edumail.vic.gov.au** or **Miss Colleen Scott in J7S scott.colleen.c@edumail.vic.gov.au**
What's Happening?

ROBBIE MAC CHAT

ROBERTS MCCUBBIN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Family Fair

SATURDAY 18TH MARCH 2017

Golden Ticket Donation Day - LUCKY BOXES!
Friday 12th August

Exciting news! The 2017 Roberts McCubbin Primary School Family Fair will have a new stall called LUCKY BOXES. It's a take on the traditional Lucky Jars, without the breakages.
It's a game that'll be fun for all the family and we need your help!

ON MONDAY 1ST AUG THE KIDS WILL BE SENT HOME WITH THEIR LUCKY BOX TO FILL!

Some suggestions to help you: ONLY NEW THINGS PLEASE.
Footy cards, scratchies, hairbands & clips, glow sticks, balloons, bouncy balls, lego, matchbox cars, whooppee cushions, bracelets / jewellery, vouchers, stickers, tattoos, tubes of glitter, lip balms, marbles, manicure sets / nail polish, novelty items, wrapped lollies or chocolates (expiry date after June 2017 thank you.)

Due to such amazing donations in May, no pens, pencils or notebooks please!

Each LUCKY BOX donation brought to school earns that child one entry into the Golden Ticket Draw to be held at Christmas, where 3 golden tickets will be won by 3 lucky children - 1 from each of the current Prep/1/2, 3/4 and 5/6 areas. Winning The Golden Ticket entitles them to a free ride bracelet as well as a fairy floss, sausage, cupcake, snow cone, icy pole, hair spray, lucky dip prize and heaps more! It's a free day of family fun!

NOT ONLY WILL EACH LUCKY BOX DONATION EARN YOU A RAFFLE TICKET FOR THE GOLDEN TICKET
BUT YOU'LL ALSO GET TO WEAR FREE DRESS
AND THIS TIME THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL PRIZE HAMPER UP FOR GRABS!

GET CREATIVE AND LET'S SEE WHO HAS THE BEST LUCKY BOX IDEA!
The winner of the hamper will be announced at assembly on Friday 19th August.

Additional boxes will be available at the office if you would like to make more than one.
If you wish not to fill your box, please return it to your class teacher.

THANKYOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT! - THE FAIR COMMITTEE

Donate a lucky box for your chance to win the....

Don't forget to wear free dress!
Roberts McCubbin Primary School

“Shrek Junior” DVD Order Form

The Roberts McCubbin Primary School production for 2016 will be recorded professionally by Video Essentials using a two camera digital studio. The end product will have a highly professional look with a variety of wide angle and close up footage.

If you would like to order a DVD copy as a record of the evening, please fill in the form below. Return it to your class teacher by Friday 12th August. The cost of the DVD is $25. The DVDs will be sent home the following week.

The slip below should be placed in an envelope along with your payment. (Credit card / cash / cheque) Write your child’s name and class on the envelope along with the amount enclosed.

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VIDEO ESSENTIALS (ABN: 84790629128)
Roberts McCubbin Primary School
“Shrek Junior” DVD Order Form

Student’s name:________________________________________

I wish to purchase ___ DVD/s @ $25 per DVD

I will pay by:

☐ Cash ☐ Cheque ☐ Credit Card (VISA / Mastercard only)

PLEASE DEBIT MY CREDIT CARD:

☐ VISA ☐ MASTER AMOUNT: $__________

NUMBER: _______ _______ _______ _______ Expires: _____/_____

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Thank you to the parents who supported our ‘Bully Proofing Your Child’ session last night with Adam Voigt. Adam spoke about the importance of recognising that bullying is when there is power of one child over another and it is repeated. It is not a one-off incident. He also reiterated the importance of a strong partnership between home and school. Adam spoke about the different areas of the brain and how they influence what we do, what we say and how we react to certain circumstances. Adam is sending us the slides he used which we can forward on to the community.

The school is a member of Real Schools and you find a whole host of information on the website: www.realschools.com.au The username and password is robertsmcps.

Many thanks to the staff who supported the evening as well.

Gardening Club and Bunnings Sausage Sizzle

Tristan Liao, another staff member who supports the Gardening Club is organising a sausage sizzle at Bunnings on August 6th to help raise further funds for the garden. Well done for securing a spot at Bunnings on a Saturday morning and for the work you have doing to source donations for the sausages etc.
From the President

Hey, hey, it’s PFA!

Hello everyone. Well, here we are. Congratulations to the preps who have celebrated their first 100 days of school. I hope it has been a happy and exciting time for them and they have settled well to this new stage in life. As to their parents and carers, I’m sure you have achieved amazing things in all that extra free time you have had! ‘It’s amazing how fast that time goes between drop-off and pick-up!’ said one dad having been a stay at home parent for the first time (kids in grade 3 and 5). But time is a bit flexible and there are days when I have achieved a lot in a short space and been surprised that the clock hasn’t moved on too much. These days are few and far between, but one thing is sure, time marches on and I am getting older.

According to latest research there are a few things which can help you stay young and I am now determined to eat more nuts and get more lentils into my diet, watch out! Another thing I must do is cultivate a positive attitude to aging. It is great watching your kids grow up, and it is also very, very hard. Mine are long past preppy stage now and it is easy to look back and wish myself back at that time, but I have to take a deep breath and remember that they came into the world to grow up and be adults for most of their lives I do look forward to that. I just hope some of that time goes slowly enough for me to appreciate all their ages and stages.

Have a great week!

Help needed

Junior Maths Night Sausage sizzle

We need a couple of parents to run the barbeque for the Junior Maths night on 11th August. If you are planning on going anyway and would be happy to cook up a few snags beforehand please let us know. PFA email: rmps.pfa@gmail.com

Family Movie Night 20th August

This is pretty low key. If you would like to help out in a small way. We will need people to help with some food and also cleaning up at the end of the night.

PFA Morning Tea and Meeting

Morning tea, 50 Birds, 1st August.

Next meeting to be held on Thursday 28th July 7:30 pm. Robin’s house.

PFA looking ahead…

August

11th Junior Maths Night Sausage Sizzle
20th Family Movie Night

September

Book Swap
Father’s Day Breakfast
Footy Day Walkathon

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

Save the Date

20th August 2016

PFA Movie Night in the Hall
Perfect Partners

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Ph 03 9894 5755

Michael Ymer
Wednesday 17 August 7.00pm-8.30pm
Senior School Theatre

Michael is a specialist mathematics consultant and is an enthusiastic and entertaining presenter. He has a clear and practical approach to the challenges that confront parents in mathematics. Michael will address the following issues:
- How can I help my child in mathematics?
- What is my child learning in mathematics?
- How can I help my child become an efficient problem solver?
- How do children best learn mathematics?
- How can parents promote quality thinking and learning?

This mathematics workshop is a must for all parents from ELC to Year 6.

Everyone is welcome and wine and cheese will be available. For catering purposes please RSVP including your name and mobile number to junior@kingswoodcollegelva.edu.au by Monday 15 August 2016.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Kingswood talks

Blackburn

Junior Basketball Club
Come and play Saturday Basketball

Registration Day Summer 2016/17

When: Saturday 6th August, 2016
Time: 9.00am - 4.00pm
and
Tuesday 9th August, 2016
Time: 5.00pm - 7.00pm
and
Friday 12th August, 2016
Time: 5.00pm - 7.00pm

Where: Slater Reserve Stadium,
Grosvenor Street, Blackburn North

Enquiries to:
info@blackburnbasketball.com.au
Mobile: 0431 559 893
Managing Your Child’s Worries

Learning to cope with anxiety and fear is a normal part of growing up....

The City of Whitehorse is running a parent session on Tuesday 9th August.

I would highly recommend parents attend this session to support their child’s development.

PARENTING INFORMATION FORUM
Supporting Parents, Grandparents and Carers

Managing your Child’s Worries

Learning to cope with anxiety and fear is a normal part of a child’s development.

Whilst it’s estimated that between 10 to 20 percent of children and adolescents will experience significant anxiety at some time, it is important to note that most cases are short lived. Recognising and managing anxiety, as early as possible, enables children to gain knowledge, skills, confidence and a sense of power in managing their own worries.

In this forum Michelle Graeber the CEO of Anxiety Recovery Centre Victoria from will cover:

- Understanding anxiety and normal childhood development
- How personality and environment contribute
- The signs and symptoms in your children
- Methods and strategies to teach your children
- Where to go for more information/help

Date: Tuesday 9 August 2016
Time: 7.30pm-9pm (please arrive 7pm for registration inc. tea and coffee)
Venue: Waratah Room, Whitehorse Centre, 397 Whitehorse Road, Nunawading (rear of Nunawading Library)
Further information: Please contact Council’s Parent Resource Officer on 9262 6175 or molly.block@whitehorse.vic.gov.au
Cost: $2 gold coin donation payable on the night.
Other information: • There will be Auslan interpreters available if required. Please indicate if you require Auslan interpreters through the online booking process.
• Please note we are unable to accommodate children.
OSHClub News
Before School / After School Care Program

Program Update
This week we have had an absolute blast exploring geography with a heap of fun activities! Cooking club was a chance to explore just how heat turns sugar into caramel transforming our fluffy brownies into a new creation ‘chocolate rocks’. We explored the languages through word-searches and interactive games.

Our goal this week has been to celebrate diversity, which ties in beautifully for the theme of this week’s activities. We have used our world map as stimulus to talk about the heritage of our families and our different but similar experiences. Children had the opportunity to share what they have learnt from adventures to different places in Australia and the world.

Next week we will be exploring Earth and Space with a goal to be more sustainable at OSHClub and hopefully learn some tricks to take home! This will give us all an opportunity to make some big steps forward with the programs “Green Goals” for term 3.

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: Earth and Space

Highlights
- Science club (Wednesday)
  - Make your own planet
- Are aliens real? Breakfast Philosophy Time
  - Trivia
  - Pokemon Dodgeball

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