It is hard to believe that Term 1 is drawing to an end. It has been a very eventful Term including:

- Back to School nights
- School Council election
- Parent workshops: Helping Your Child Learn to Read/Write and Classroom Helpers
- Kath Murdoch’s parent information night
- School Picnic
- Curriculum Days
- Japanese Day
- Parent Teacher Meetings
- PFA AGM

A team of staff have been involved in the Towards Transformation program with an educator from Apple Ray Naser each fortnight. Ray has been a teacher and also comes with a parent’s hat with two young children. Over the term the team has been working further with some of the apps that we as a school are using such as iMovie, Nearpod and Keynote to look for deeper learning opportunities for the children.

Ray will be presenting a parent information session ‘Learning with iPads at Robbie Mac’ on May 19th which is in Education Week. The session will commence at 6.45 and run until 8.00pm in the school hall. There will be more information in the Newsletter and on the school’s website early next term. This session will be for current and prospective parents.

I hope that you are able to enjoy a relaxed few days over Easter and we look forward to seeing every one back on Monday April 11th.

Kath Murdoch presented this quote about how we need to prepare our students for the future at her parent information workshop:

“To thrive in the 21st century, it’s not enough to leave school with a bunch of examination certificates. Students need to have learned how to be tenacious and resourceful, imaginative and logical, self disciplines and self aware, collaborative and inquisitive”.

“The best employers the world over will be looking for the most competent, most creative and most innovative people on the face of the earth and will be willing to pay them top dollar for their services. This will be true not just for the top professionals and managers, but up and down the length and breadth of the workforce.”

Marg Pickburn - Principal

A reminder that school ends tomorrow at 2.30 pm
and it's also Free Dress Day - Gold Coin Donation
DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, 23 March
- School Council Meeting in the Staffroom – 7:00pm

Thursday, 24 March
- FREE DRESS DAY – GOLD COIN DONATION
- Junior School Easter Bonnet Parade in the Hall – 9:10am
- Last Day of Term 1 – 2:30pm Finish

Monday, 11 April
- First Day of Term 2

Tuesday, 12 April
- PFA Extraordinary Meeting in the Staffroom – 7:30pm

Thursday, 14 April
- RMPS Information Night – Use of iPads

Friday, 15 April
- Junior School Picnic to Artists’ Park – 9:15 – 10:30am

Tuesday, 19 April
- Junior School Excursion to the Zoo – 9:00 – 3:30pm

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

Thursday, 28 April
- Years 3-6’s House Cross Country

Friday, 29 April
- Years 5/6 Girls AFL Tournament

Wednesday, 4 May
- School Council Meeting in the Staffroom – 7:00pm

Friday, 6 May
- Mother’s Day Breakfast
- School Tour – Meet in School Foyer – 9:30am

Uniform Shop

PLEASE NOTE: The Uniform Shop will not be open next week.

Sue Truscott & Jo Townsend

Additional Student Banking Person Required

Our current Student Banking Co-ordinator needs some assistance. It doesn’t require a huge amount of time but is very valuable to the School. The School receives payment for each new account opened and commission on monies deposited. There is some administration/computer work required, but nothing difficult. Banking day is Tuesday and processing is usually done on a Wednesday afternoon but we are very flexible.

Please contact Sarah in the Office if you can help out.

Asthma Forms

To all Parents / Carers of Children with Asthma

Forms were sent home some time ago for your Child’s Asthma Management Plan for 2016. These forms are to be reviewed annually, to date, there are still numerous forms outstanding to be completed and returned, would you please follow this up ASAP. This information is a DET requirement.

Many Thanks
Jen Walker

Lost Property

Attention: All parents / carers
IF YOU WANT YOUR CHILDREN’S BELONGINGS RETURNED they must be labelled and I will return them. Any unnamed items are either returned to the Uniform Shop for resale, if poor quality these goods are discarded and any unlabelled lunch containers are also discarded. Any Unlabelled Non School uniform will be given to a charity of choice if not claimed.
If you have purchased or been given secondhand uniform, please make sure you re-name it so it gets back to you.

Jen Walker
First Aid Nurse

PLEASE NOTE: Tomorrow is FREE DRESS DAY
Gold Coin Donation
Will Your Child Be Starting School In 2017?

ROBERTS McCUBBIN PRIMARY SCHOOL Will Offer:

During Education Week on Tuesday May 17 an open morning with a welcome address by our Principal, Mrs. Marg Pickburn at 9:30 and tours at 10:00 and 10:30 by our School Captains.

All classrooms will be open to the school community so take this opportunity to see our students and staff involved in Literacy, Specialist programs and using ICT.

We will also have an Open Evening on Thursday May 19, so please refer to our school website for further details.

Our School Discovery Program will commence in Term 3 for all children enrolled in 2017 and these sessions will be held on a Thursday afternoon from 2:15 to 3:30. These sessions will be held on 21 and 28 July as well as 11 and 18 August. During the School Discovery Program your child will have an opportunity to visit one of the specialist classes on offer at RMPS.

There will be three CLASSROOM TRANSITION sessions in Term 4 whereby your child will have the opportunity to visit a Junior classroom. These will be held on October 19, October 26 and November 2 from 9:00 – 9:15.

Our 2017 Foundation Information evening for parents/carers will be held on Monday October 17.

Please contact the school to organise a school tour or visit our website

www.robmacps.vic.edu.au
Eco-News

WIPE OUT WASTE!

As part of our focus on sustainability, caring for the environment and school pride we are holding a whole school Wipe Out Waste (W.O.W) day every Thursday starting next Term.

Although we would love for every day to be a wrapper-free day, we are going to work towards the WHOLE school having a wrapper free lunchbox every Thursday.

When planning lunches for W.O.W Thursdays, please help us minimise food and packaging waste by packaging a waste-free lunch.

Every piece of packaging that we can save from landfill makes a difference. We appreciate your support to Wipe Out Waste!

ECO TOP TIP!

Did you know...Many children take just a few sips of their juice box at snack time and discard the rest?

SWAP packaged drinks FOR a reusable drink bottle that can be filled with water or other beverages.

Our Wipe Out Waste Day is: THURSDAY

Remember to pack a wrapper-free lunchbox!

If you are interested in helping out with our quest to become a more eco-friendly school, please contact Steph Bates J8B, Margie Hardy 56H or Michael O’Donovan 340
PFA Extraordinary General Meeting
Tuesday 12th April - 7.30pm in the Staffroom
Agenda: to elect the PFA President

At the recent Parents and Friends Association (PFA) Annual General Meeting, we were excited to see a number of new faces and we now have an enthusiastic team ready to get to work in their new roles and provide our school community with some fantastic social and fundraising events.

However, we still need someone new to fill the role of PFA President!

SO now is your time, and the time is right with an experienced, eager team behind you who are happy for you to follow the status quo or forge a new way!

You may want to do it with another person or do it yourself; either way we are waiting for you to work with us to support our school community. It’s a great way to get involved with your child’s school.

If you are interested, please speak to one of the PFA members, call Andrea 0413 388 230 or Matoula 0411 089 506.

Any question please contact the PFA via email: rmps.pfa@gmail.com
Mother’s Day Breakfast – Friday 6th May

Breakfast Served from 6.30 to 8.45am
Where: School Hall
$10 Mum/Carer
$5 per child

Mums lock the date in for a delicious breakfast with the kids…
and
Dads too so you can help make the morning special!

Arash and the “Andrew Dads” will be organising a delicious and sumptuous Mother’s Day Breakfast for all the Mums and Carers this year - WOO HOO!!

Yes!...has been more than 10 years since Robbie Mac has had a Mother’s Day breakfast!

There will be croissants with ham and cheese and jam, danishes, assorted bakers delight scrolls and specialty buns, delicious cereal, fresh fruit, coffee and flavoured teas too!

Mother’s Day Breakfast Order form will be available when we get back to school in term 2.

Arash Pouyanfar and Andrew Parnell are very happy to organise this fantastic event but they NEED DAD HELPERS to make it all happen.

Andrew Connell and Andrew Rosicka are part of the team - how about YOU?

Dad Helpers Needed:

Thursday: Set Up the hall on Thursday afternoon or evening

Friday Morning: Serve breakfast and coffee, clean tables and pack up too! No it’s not Pancakes...so no cooking required just some preparation and serving.

Many hands make light work for all involved - so come on Dads put your hand up!

Please email the PFA via rmps.pfa@gmail.com or text to Andrew 0415 562 509 or Arash 0490 042 354 if you can help out.

A roster will be made available in the 1st Week back in Term 2.

School Picnic

Thank you to all the families and staff who attended and bought sausages and cakes and icy poles. And to all the parents and carers who contributed to our cake stall…with all of your support we have raised $1300 towards our schools fundraising.

Thank you to Bakers Delight at the Glen for donating all the bread for our sausage sizzle!

Bakers Delight at The Glen
Hot Cross Bun Fundraising Drive

To all our families who ordered their Hot Cross Buns, we hope you enjoy your delicious Hot Cross Buns! They always make the office smell so yummy when they arrive!!!

We have raised $138 for our school with the Bakers Delight Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser.

The Costello family who run the Baker Delight at the Glen are always so supportive of our school fundraising. If you are at the Glen please pop in and say thank you for their support.
Congratulations to the Easter Raffle WINNERS!

We hope you all enjoy your fun passes and yummy Easter Chocolate treats.

To all our Robbie Mac families, thank you for participating in our Easter Raffle, with your support the raffle raised just over $1200 for our school.

And please don’t forget to thank our sponsors who donated fantastic prizes in support of our fundraising efforts!

- Puffing Billy Railway
- Hoyts and AMF Bowling at Forest Hill
- Caribbean Gardens
- Graham Watt and The Pancake Parlour

Happy Easter everyone!

PFA Up-Coming Events!

April
- Mother’s Day Gift Activity and orders

May
- Mother’s Day Breakfast! – Friday Morning 6th May
  Arash and the “Andrew Dads” are organising a Mother Day Breakfast! Mums and Carers lock the date in!

June
- Major Social Fundraising Night – Saturday 18th June
  A fun night out for Robbie Mac Parents and Carers – Save the Date.

Contact the PFA
PFA President – Matoula 0411 089 506
PFA email: rmrs.pfa@gmail.com

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Having a clear out over the Easter holidays?

Even though our next fair is still a year away, please think of us if you are having a clear out this Easter holidays. If you have room we'd love you to hang onto the following items for collections in Terms 2 and 3.

Thank you! The Fair Committee

GOT QUESTIONS? EMAIL US AT robbiemacfair@gmail.com

- Fabric in any of the fair colours
- Beer bottle tops
- Clean tablecloths
- Ice cream containers with lids
- Good quality smaller kids toys
- Pin boards or white boards
- Good quality books
- Kids or adult easels
- Glass jars with plain lids
- Baskets or decorative boxes for hampers and prizes
- Small terracotta pots
- Anything new that would make great Silent Auction items
Can you volunteer on our 2017 School Fair Committee?

Hello! If you’re new to the school you may not know we have a fabulous fair that we run every other year. This is our major school fundraiser and is run outside the normal PFA school events. We’ve already been busy recruiting last year but still have some roles available on the committee. This is a great opportunity to get involved, make new friends and achieve amazing things for our school and your children!

A huge thanks to all our new volunteers who have committed to the below coordinator roles:

**Fair Leader and Rides:** Britta Abbruzzese  
**Marketing Outdoor and Media:** Andreeanne Boileau  
**Marketing Fair Communications:** Cimon Smith  
**Local Communications:** Kelly Busfield  
**Graphic Design Support:** Marie Kitch  
**Fundraising:** Kate Blair  
**Tickets:** Claire Read  
**Beverages:** Tammy Currie  
**Stage:** Andrea McCann  
**Craft:** Julie Andrew  
**Cake Stall:** Deb Singleton & Linda Abbott  
**2nd Hand Goods:** Melanie Russell  
**Safety:** Sue & David Natoli

We understand that a lot of parents already volunteer in other aspects of life or in the school community. For the majority of the roles, no work will need to be done until later in this year. All we require of you right now is confirmation that you’ll be able to help out.

So, if you’d like to confirm you’re a “yes” or discuss any of the roles below, please email us at robbiemacfair@gmail.com Thank you! Marg Pickburn and the Fair Committee

**FAIR COMMITTEE ROLES STILL TO BE FILLED ARE:**

- Fair Class Rep Coordinator  
- Food Coordinator  
- Gourmet Goodies Coordinator

If you think you might be interested please see over the page for full job descriptions!
**2017 FAIR COMMITTEE ROLES STILL TO BE FILLED ARE:**

**Fair Class Rep Coordinator**
We need a really organised person to help with the class reps. Must be fairly computer savvy - we're hoping to do the rosters on try booking or similar this year!

- Liaise with school’s class rep coordinator to ensure that class reps are briefed on fair requirements
- Hand over and explain stall notes to class reps
- Check in with class reps to make sure stall planning is progressing and troubleshoot any issues
- Ensure that class rosters are full

**Food Coordinator**
Working closely with the Fair Leader to ensure our food offering is scrumptious this year!

- Decide on stalls with Fair Leader and 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 all food vendors (ensure adequate supplies)
- Collect money on external pack up and liaise with finance manager

**Gourmet Goodies Coordinator**
Would be great to get a couple of pairs of hands for this one!
If you love making food this is the role for you!

- Liaise with PFA and school canteen manager re produce making sessions
- Source ingredients for Gourmet Goodies
- Seek donations for seasonal produce - liaise with Fair Communications Coordinator for callouts
- Liaise with graphic designer for jar labels and fabric lids

You don’t have to have done this before.
We have plenty of knowledge to hand down so you won’t be alone!

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

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Happy Easter
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Robert McCubbin PS
Chess Club Term 2, 2016
Classes Start Wednesday 13th April

**Dates:** 13/4 – 15/6: 10 week programme

**Time:** Wednesday 1.40 – 2.30.

**Cost:** $12.00 per lesson $120.00 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.

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

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Program Update

Holiday Program/Vacation care. As every term we will be running our program. Don’t forget to book your child in. We will have a lot of fun. For more information visit our website www.oshclub.com.au

GOOD NEWS!!
OSHClub is excited to announce its partnership with Play On AFL to provide AFL clinics to children at the school. The program is run by AFL approved Coaches with no more than 15 children in each session. Therefore each child will receive the highest quality coaching and mentoring. The program begins on the week commencing the 18th April and runs every Tuesday straight after the school bell. The program is open to all children who attend the school not just After Care children. The cost ranges from $15.00 for After Care children to $22.50 for non After Care families. Families may also be eligible for Child Care Rebate and Child Care Benefit reductions in cost. For more details go to http://playonsports.com.au/

There is a helpful FAQ page on the website: http://playonsports.com.au/faq/

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

This Week’s Activities: Holiday PROGRAM
VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION.

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 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.