What has been happening at RMPS?

Japanese Day ..... yesterday as part of Cultural Diversity week, we celebrated Japanese Day with the students, who slipped into Japanese culture through the participation in unique Japanese activities. It was a fabulous day, with a large band of helpers- including staff, parents and Japanese students for Deakin, assisting the students. It was wonderful to see so many parents helping with the various workshops throughout the day! I have included a photo of students from 56H and J5P, collaborating together during a Japanese game.

Kath Murdoch.....we were thrilled to have Kath presenting last week to our parent community. Kath highlighted the importance of children inquiring and ‘finding out’, and how children need to be curious, critical thinkers, creative communicators, researchers and self-managers. The staff will be continuing to work with Kath to plan for and learn about Inquiry Learning.

Classroom Workshops......over the past month we have facilitated four parent workshops, focusing on the teaching and learning of classroom literacy, and supporting reading at home with your child. The last workshop focused on, helping your child learn to write, and I have included some tips for you at home:

- Provide a place for writing: for your child to play and explore with
- Provide Materials for writing: Provide paper, pencils, textas and crayons
- Make it real. Your child needs to do real writing. It’s more important for the child to write or draw a picture and describe the story they are telling or writing about
- Suggest note-taking. Encourage your child to take notes on trips or outings and to describe what (s)he saw
- Brainstorm. Talk with your child as much as possible about his/her impressions and encourage the child to describe people and events to you.
- Encourage keeping a journal. This is excellent writing practice as well as a good outlet for venting feelings. Encourage your child to write about things that happen at home and school, about people
- Write together. Have your child help you with letters or writing shopping lists at home
- Games. There are numerous games and puzzles that help a child to increase vocabulary and make the child more fluent in speaking and writing.
- Encourage copying. If a child likes a particular song, suggest learning the words by writing them down and or copying from a book
- Praise. Take a positive approach and say something good about your child’s writing and most importantly…………..HAVE FUN WITH WRITING!

Student Leadership Day……..last Wednesday our school House Captains and Specialist Captains attended the Halogen National Leader’s Day in town with Mr Fearn-Wannan and Mr Kong. The leadership day promotes- inspiring and influencing young people to lead-themselves and others as well, and what does it mean to lead? Here is a summary of the day for Ella A and Seamus S our Performing Arts Captains:

‘On Wednesday, 2nd March the Specialist and House Captains took a tram to the Melbourne Convention Centre for National Young Leaders Day. There were 4,000 young leaders from all over Victoria who came to listen to four inspirational speakers who had experiences with leadership.

The theme of the day was “Master the Little”. The four speakers were Nathan “Dubsy” Want, Dylan Parker, Harry Baker and Kate Austin. Not only did they talk about leadership and how to master the little, but also spoke about how to cope with setbacks and their past experiences becoming a great leader. Nathan “Dubsy” Want was our favourite speaker of the day, we liked him because his story was inspiring and it taught us all a great lesson about leadership and life. We also liked him because he taught us ‘acroboot’ which was an aerobics and a dancing course, which we all had fun doing. The speakers taught us to, never give up, ignore the word ‘NO’, don’t let other people set you back and how to master the’ little’ and be a great leader.

It was a great day and all Roberts McCubbin leaders walked out as better leaders with some great tips and tricks and much more confidence.’

RMPS Student Leaders 2016

Parent Teacher Meetings

Monday, 21 March – 3:40 – 7:00pm
Tuesday, 22 March – 3:40 – 6:00pm

These will be available to book on Compass from Monday, 14th March till Saturday, 19th March.

PLEASE NOTE: The School Office will be closed tomorrow

Scholastic

Thanks to everyone who placed an order for Scholastic this term. Books and orders have all been processed and distributed to the classrooms now. If you think you are missing your order, please let us know by either emailing rmps.scholasticbookclub@gmail.com or dropping into the office.
### Dates to Remember

**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

**Thursday, 17 March**
- Easter Raffle Tickets due back

**Friday, 18 March**
- J6R Morning Tea at 50 Birds Café – After School Drop Off

**Monday, 21 March**
- Easter Raffle drawn at Assembly
- PSD Morning Tea in the Staffroom – 9:00 – 10:30am
- Parent Teacher Meetings – 3:40 – 7:00pm

**Tuesday, 22 March**
- Parent Teacher Meetings – 3:40 – 6:00pm

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

**Thursday, 24 March**
- 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

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

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

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### School Magazines

Did you miss out on purchasing the School Magazine at the end of last year, if so, it’s not too late to purchase a copy, we still have a few spare copies available at the office for **$14**

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### Curriculum Dates for your Diary

**Thurs, 10th March**
- J6R Morning Tea

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

**Friday, 24th June**
- J6R Morning Tea at 50 Birds Café (across the street)

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### School Photo Day - 23rd March 2016

**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 encashed.
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 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**

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### School Help Station

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### Is it already the end of Term 1?

All J6R parents, carers and little siblings are invited to catch up over coffee before the term is over.

**Friday 18 March, after drop off**

50 Birds cafe (across the street)
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.ro6macps.vic.edu.au
What’s Growing in the Robbie Mac Garden?

This week was a very hot week, for gardening.

Some of us decided to stay inside and create designs for our wooden signs which we have ready and waiting to paint! Another group of us, braved the heat and went outside to plant carrot seedlings in the raised beds, down near the gym. We did lots and LOTS of watering to give our plants a good drink! Next we harvested more of our cherry tomatoes and zucchinis! Yum! 😊

If you are able to help with watering during the day, please don’t hesitate to contact Ms Siggins (details below). We keep large watering cans inside, ready for use!

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 Ms Anita Siggins in J4S siggins.anita.a@edumail.vic.gov.au or Mr Tristan Liao in J2L liao.tristan.t@edumail.vic.gov.au
Eco-News

You might have noticed some changes around the school...

Each bin now has a number and a special spot in the yard (marked with yellow paint). Now we all know where to find the bins everyday!

There are buckets in all the drinking troughs to catch excess water that would otherwise be wasted. The Eco-Captains will be responsible for emptying these on the garden to keep our plants looking lush and green!

Introducing... TOP TIPS!

Did you know that plastic cling wrap can take up to 1000 years to break down?!

SWAP cling film for compostable material like greaseproof paper, or go nude!

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.

If you are interested in helping out with our quest to become a more eco-friendly school, please contact Steph Bates JBB, Margie Hardy 56H or Michael O’Donovan 34O
2016 Easter Raffle
Some fun passes and yummy treats to be WON!

PRIZES:
- Puffing Billy Family Pass (Value $80)
- Hoyts Movie Tickets (Value $76)
- Caribbean Gardens Ride Passes (Value $80)
- AMF Forest Hill Bowling Family Pass (Value $55)
- Gourmet Food Hamper and Movie Passes (Value $44)

ALL prizes include yummy EASTER TREATS!

Funds raised will go towards replacing the synthetic grass on the oval.

Tickets are $2ea and each family will receive a book of 10 tickets with a zip lock bag and information flyer.

Return tickets by: Thursday 17th March

Remember to add in your details on the bought ticket butts and return along with your money (and any unsold tickets) in the zip lock bag provided to your class teacher or to the office by Thursday 17th March.

Raffle to be drawn at assembly on Monday 21st March - GOOD LUCK!

A huge thanks to all our sponsors for their donations, Hoyts and AMF Bowling at Forest Hill, Caribbean Gardens and Puffing Billy Railway for our fun passes and vouchers and to Graham Watt - member for Burwood and Pancake Parlour for our Gourmet Hamper.

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

All Roberts McCubbin Parents and Carers are invited to attend and listen to the reports on the past year presented by the Acting Treasurer and President, and to elect the Office Bearers for 2016.

Elections of Office Bearers

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?

We need new Committee Members:

- President - required.
- Treasurer - required.
- Co-Secretaries, Co-Vice President and Assistant Treasurer - to re-nominate and if elected will continue.

Nominations: All positions are declared vacant. 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. Otherwise you may fill one out at the AGM.

If there is more than one nomination for any of the positions a secret ballot may be held or positions can be shared between nominees or assistant roles can be created.

We are flexible and accommodating!

- 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

- Handover:
  Previous Office Bearers are still at the school and are able to assist with handover and ongoing advice.

PFA Up-Coming Events!

March

- **PFA Annual General Meeting:** TUESDAY 15th March
- **EASTER RAFFLE** – Lots of FUN Passes and Easter Treats to be WON!!
  Bought raffle tickets with payment to be returned by Thursday 17th March.
- **Bakers Delight Hot Cross Buns - Fundraising Drive**
  ORDERS PICK UP: Wednesday 16th March 3.15 to 4pm
- **My School Journal** - School Photo Album Fundraiser
  Beautiful hand bound Photo Album with our school logo embossed on the cover – a great keepsake for all the Robbie Mac years!
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!

**Contact the PFA**

PFA President – Matoula 0411 089 506
PFA email: rmps.pfa@gmail.com

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**To all our Roberts McCubbin Families,**

**You’re Invited to the 2016 Robbie Mac…**

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**School Picnic**

**Wednesday 9th March**

5pm to 7.30/8pm

**In the Vicinity of the School Oval**

**BYO: Drinks, Snacks, Rug/Chairs**

**Come along and join in on the fun!**

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

The teachers will be cooking up a storm on the BBQ and organising some great activities for the kids.

There will be a PFA Cake Stall and an Icy Pole Stand too!

- **FUN AND GAMES** - On the synthie grass area
- **SAUSAGE SIZZLE** - Sausage in bread $2ea
- **ICY POLES** - No artificial colours/flavours $1ea
- **CAKE STALL** - Yummy treats from 50c to $6

If you are able to contribute to the PFA Cake Stall, please look out for the cake bag pack and information coming home soon! Thank you - PFA
Project Paddington Update

As of a few weeks ago, all the donated teddies have now found new homes with asylum seeker families. Some parents chose the teddies for their children however lots of children chose their own favourite teddies. The teddies are all well adjusted and happy. Thank you to all the children who gave their much loved teddies and wrote beautiful notes to the new owners.
COMMUNITY NEWS

Blackburn High School
High Achievers’ Program for Year 7, 2017
Applications are now open.

How to Apply
Applications are online at www.blackburnhs.vic.edu.au

Test date:
Saturday 14th May 2016, 8:30am for 9:00am start
Concludes 12.00pm (Noon)

High Achievers’ Program Information Evening
Tuesday 19 April, 2016 – 7.00pm – 8.00pm at Blackburn High School
The Information Evening is an opportunity for parents to learn more about the program and the examination and interview process.

Blackburn Junior Basketball Club
Come and play Saturday Basketball
Register for Winter 2016

When: Saturday 19th March, 2016
Time: 9.00am – 1.00pm
Where: Slater Reserve Stadium,
Grosvenor Street, Blackburn North

Enquiries to:
info@blackburnbasketball.com.au
or
Mobile: 0431 559 893

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We are now accepting registrations for season 2016. Visit our website for details on how to register.

We field teams in every age group, and for the 1st time we will have Girls teams in Under 12 and Under 15.

SURREY PARK
NETBALL CLUB
ATTENTION GIRLS IN GRADES 3 & 4

Net Set GO! is Netball Australia’s Junior Netball Program. The program enables children to develop a positive introduction to Netball, ensuring enjoyment and continued participation within the sport.

In Term 2 Surrey Park Netball Club is conducting a Net Set Go! program for girls in grades 3 & 4. This program aims to develop their skills and learn to play netball in a fun environment.

The program will be held at the netball courts on Canterbury Rd in Box Hill (near Aquapark: Box Hill).

Registration and program commencement is Saturday 16th April and it will run for 10 weeks each Saturday from 9.00am until 10.00am.

The aim of the program is to form a team with Surrey Park Netball Club and enter the modified netball competition on a Saturday morning at the WDNA courts in Ashwood.

If you wish to join us, please contact Natasha Loverso on 0411 030 145 or by email surreyparknc@gmail.com
BOOK FAIR

TIME TO CLEAN OUT YOUR BOOKS?
GIVE THEM TO US!

St. Scholastica’s Kindergarten

Drop off points: Kinder (Pheasand St Burwood) Church Office (Opposite Church) School Reception (Starling St Burwood)

For our Annual Second-hand Book Fair
Saturday 23rd April 2016
9:00am – 4:00pm

ST Scholasticas Kindergarten is rightly proud of its 4-year-old and 5-year-old programs: Sustainability – Recycling. Renewing & Reusing.
The Kindergarten, which has been around for 32 years, has embraced these Three Rs and the children are excited to be part of it.

St Scholastica’s and its children have planned a giant Second-hand Book Fair for 9am – 4pm on Saturday 23 April. If you have pre-loved books you can donate for the event, the children would be most appreciative.

Director, Michelle Thomas says the Three Rs has been underway at St Scholastica’s for some time now and children learn from the positive outcomes. With Recycling they’ve made gloves from old milk cartons, with Renewing they’ve made vinyl records into salad bowls, and with Reusing the Book Fair will showcase a real-life outcome to their learning.

The Book Fair will also include tasty food stalls to browse, showcasing the diverse range of cultures making up the St Scholasticas Kindergarten community. So come along and taste!

The Kindergarten’s President, Brett Fernandez says “we hope our local community will get behind us and come along, as well as donate all their unwanted books to us at Pheasand Street in the lead up to this event”.

Entry is a gold coin donation and book prices will range between 50 cents and $5. For information: email stscholstkindergarten@gmail.com or phone 9808 9724.
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.

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 2, 2016
(Robert McCubbin PS)

NAME OF CHILD: ___________________________ GRADE: ____________

CONTACT PARENT/GUARDIAN: ___________________________ Ph. #: ____________

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN: ___________________________

Credit Card Details:

NAME ON CARD: ___________________________ CARD TYPE: ____________

CARD NUMBER: ___________________________ EXPIRY DATE: ____________

Please enclose $120.00 and send to: ‘Chess Ideas.’ P O Box 3158, Ripponlea Vic 3185, or phone 9532-8370 or fax 9532-8360 with credit card details between the hours of 9.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m.

WANT TO FIND OUT ABOUT TOURNAMENTS? Go to our website www.chessideas.com.au, fill in your information and we’ll keep you in touch.
Dear Families,

As most of you know last year I was promoted to Area Coordinator for the Central Region, which meant my hours at Roberts McCubbin were reduced and I have been involved in managing the 27 services in the Central Region. I am excited to announce that I have had another promotion to full time Area Coordinator of the Central Region. This means that I will no longer be the coordinator at Roberts McCubbin and all of my hours will be allocated to assisting manage the Central Region OSHClub programs. I have been training Azu and Martin to take over when I leave and I feel that they are ready. This term will be my last working at the program, however Roberts McCubbin is one of the programs in my region so I will be making regular visits to the program and will be involved in major decision making.

I am excited about taking on new challenges, but also sad that I will not be as closely involved in the program. I have really enjoyed the long chats with parents at drop off and pick up times, getting to know the classroom teachers and office staff and of course the fun I have had with the children at the program.

We are hosting a morning tea for the parents as a farewell on Thursday, 24th March at 9:15am-10:30am and will also be having an end of term party for the children (Last day of term). I would love if you could drop in and give me a chance to say goodbye before I leave.

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

**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: Japanese week

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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 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.
REGISTER NOW

PLAY ON AFTER THE BELL!

A FUN, PROFESSIONALLY RUN AFTER-SCHOOL CARE AFL PROGRAM FOR BOYS & GIRLS OF ALL AGES.

WHERE: AT YOUR SCHOOL (Go to After School Care)
WHEN: EVERY TUESDAY STARTING 19 APRIL

Play On Footy, powered by NAB AFL Auskick, provides every school AFL endorsed staff to ensure your child is given the greatest opportunity to develop their AFL skills and enjoy active sports participation.

The cost of the program for each family may reduce depending on your Child Care Rebate (CCR) and Child Care Benefit (CCB) entitlements.

Register now at: playonsports.com.au/register