We have been looking forward to sharing all of the great work being undertaken at Robbie Mac this week. On Tuesday morning our school was open with a presentation for prospective parents at 9.30 including a couple of our House Captains who spoke from their own personal perspective about being at a multiage school. The presentation was followed by tours led by our Year 6 House Captains. On Thursday evening we are highlighting the fabulous work being undertaken using technology throughout the school. If you are coming on Thursday evening we do ask that you please contact the office so that we have an idea about numbers. Please come along to support our school.

Planning for 2017 (Yes Already!)
The planning for 2017 is already underway. Enrolments for next year have already begun to be handed in to the office. If you have a child due to start school next year we would greatly appreciate you putting their enrolment form in as soon as possible so we can get them processed. We begin our School Discovery sessions next term and children must be enrolled to participate. These sessions are a very good way of supporting children with the transition from pre-school to school.

MOTHERS’ DAY FOLLOW UP: I am sure that the mums’ of RMPS had an enjoyable Mothers’ Day. Firstly there was the opportunity to have breakfast on the Friday morning prior to the big day and then there were the gorgeous gifts that the children created. Thank you very much to the large number of dads who worked very hard to ensure the success of the breakfast (and a couple of mums too), along with the art teachers who supported the gift activity in class art sessions, and the mums who gathered at school to assemble the final product. The prints looked amazing when they were put in to their frames.

BULLYPROOFING YOUR CHILD: This session to be facilitated by Adam Voigt from Real Schools was to be held in June will now be held over to the third week of Term 3, on July 26th at 6.45pm. Put the date in to your diaries as this is such an important topic and will be of great value to all families. There will be more information about this session in the coming weeks.

SAFETY AROUND THE SCHOOL: I am urging ALL parents to be respectful towards the safety of the children of RMPS and of the rights of the school’s neighbours. We have had to contact the traffic management area of the City of Whitehorse due to complaints from school parents and neighbours concerning dangerous parking behaviours in the streets surrounding the school and driveways being blocked. While it may be frustrating not to be able to park really close to the school at pick up and drop off times it is imperative that cars are parked in the correct designated areas only. Could parents also monitor children crossing the road ensuring they cross at the school crossing. Peripheral vision is not fully developed in children until around the Grade 5 age level so it is important they are supervised.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS
Prior to our next School Council Meeting on 1st June will be a Reporting Meeting at 7:00pm where the School’s Annual Report will be presented. Members of the community are welcome to attend.

Marg Pickburn, Principal
DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday, 19 May
- Education Committee Meeting 6:45 – 8:00pm - Parent Information Evening – Learning with iPads at RMPS – Ray Nashar

Friday, 20 May
- 3/4O Morning Tea at 50 Birds Café 9:00am

Tuesday, 24 May
- District Cross Country 9:00 -2:30pm

Monday, 30 May
- Book Fair Sales
- PSD Morning Tea in the Staffroom – 9:00 - 10:30am

Tuesday, 31 May
- Book Fair Sales

Wednesday, 1 June
- Book Fair Sales
- School Finance Meeting in the Staffroom 6:15pm
- School Council Meeting in the Large Conference Room 7:00pm

Thursday, 2 June
- Book Fair Sales

Friday, 3 June
- Book Fair Sales
- School Tour – Meet in the School Foyer – 9:30am

Tuesday, 7 June
- 3/4 Cybersafety Sessions

Friday, 10 June
- 5/6’s District Winter Sports Round Robin Tournament

Tuesday, 14 June
- 3/4 Cybersafety Sessions

Wednesday, 15 June
- F-2 Cybersafety Sessions

Friday, 17 June
- Student Reports available on Compass
- School Tour

Saturday, 18 June
- Local Landscapes Art Exhibition NGV
- Social and Fundraising Night in the School Gym

Monday, 20 June
- PSD Morning Tea in the Staffroom – 9:00 – 10:30am

Thursday, 23 June
- Golden Ticket Family Fair Donation Day – FREE DRESS
- Last Day of Term 2
- Partnership Meetings – 3:45 – 7:00pm

Friday, 24 June
- Curriculum Day – No School on this day
- Partnership Meetings

Monday, 11 July
- Term 3 commences

Have you applied for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)?

Parents are reminded that if you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for the 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 Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student misses out on the opportunity to join their classrooms 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 achievements.

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 forms or download from the schools website under the forms button on the Home Page. Applications close 3 June 2016.

Morning Tea

3/4O Parents and Carers

Parents and carers of 3/4O are invited to a Morning Tea on Friday 20th May from 9:00am at 50 Birds Café.

Hope to see you there!
EDUCATION COMMITTEE 2016

Our next Education Committee Meeting will be on THURSDAY 19th MAY 6.45pm-8.00pm in the 5/6V AND 5/6 W DOUBLE ROOM.

We are incorporating this meeting into our EDUCATION WEEK iPad Information night-

LEARNING WITH iPADS AT RMPS PREONENTORS – RAY NASHER & RMPS STAFF

Sue McNamara: Convenor

ROBERTS MCCUBBIN PRIMARY SCHOOL
Family Fair
SATURDAY 18TH MARCH 2017

A big thank you to all the parents for all your amazing donations last week!

We collected so many amazing goodies for lucky dips, prizes and hampers! You guys rock!

DON’T FORGET! LIKE US on Facebook to see photos from last year, get updates on donation days and news on what’s happening!
What’s Growing in the Robbie Mac Garden?

This week, we braved the icy winds and dark, threatening clouds to head down to the big garden beds for some gardening. First we did a rubbish pick up, as sadly wrappers from lunchboxes seemed to have made their way into our lovely garden. If you can, please do try to have a wrapper free lunch – especially on Thursdays, which are our school’s “Wipe out Waste” days. Next we did some pruning and weeding, before digging some holes for two new plants. We planted a beautiful blueberry bush near the olive trees and a low lying creeper near the raised bed. We scattered eggshells to ward off snails and gave everything a good watering. Well done, team! 😊

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
Shrek The Musical Jr

**TICKETS ARE SELLING SUPER FAST**
Make sure you book so you do not miss this fantastic whole school opportunity!
Tickets can be found by following the links on Compass.
If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask me.
Thanks!
Nicholas Kong

Before you book please consider the following:

It is an expectation that students will be performing both nights
Tickets are $23.30 and can only be purchased via the TRYBOOKING website
You do not have to purchase tickets for students performing on the night
As we are expecting this event to sell out, please do not leave a gap between seats
The show will start at 7.00pm but we ask all students to arrive at 6.30pm so we can get them ready to go on stage
There is parking at the venue for a gold coin donation
Children under the age of 3 do not have to purchase a ticket provided they sit on an adults lap
The progress and making of the dragon

Every Friday over the last few weeks Mr Miller has come to make the character, dragon, for our school musical. Here are some photos of the progress he has made week by week.

By Ella and Caitlyn
From the President

Hey, hey, it’s PFA!

Hi again. This week I have been pondering. I heard something on the radio about the proven benefits to us humans of volunteering. Then on Saturday I was on duty at the hockey club BBQ and needed a helper. With two vegetarians politely refusing (and fair enough!) I turned to the other lady I knew, one of the younger mums. She was a little hesitant, saying she had never done it before, but happily enough, agreed it was a good morning to get her duty done. At the end of our timeslot, she thanked me for asking her and told me she had enjoyed it and would gladly do it again. The experience had clearly added something to her day.

So. Volunteering. It may take some of your time, but it will also give you something you may not anticipate. A quick internet search will provide lots of information on the benefits you will get from volunteering. So this week I want to congratulate all of you volunteers out there. Team managers, church helpers, charity collectors, carers, classroom helpers, class reps and many others who are helping in our communities, and also helping yourselves in the process. If you haven’t volunteered before, try something new. PFA events are a perfect way to get started as every little bit helps. My first time helping with PFA was a bit scary, being afraid of doing something wrong, but I was warmly welcomed and have enjoyed good company and the great feeling of helping ever since.

Have a great week!

PS. Congratulations to Maria K on winning our wonderful hand knitted blanket which will be a great addition now some cold weather has come at last. The raffle was drawn at our first Friday afternoon assembly last week and I will let you know how our fundraising is going in the next newsletter.

Help wanted.

Upcoming fundraising Trivia and Bingo night June 18th. If you would like share the fun of planning this event with us please email the PFA or contact Sarah McCahan on 0409 794 772. Helpers will also be needed on the night. This is always fun to be involved with.

Donations wanted for silent auction, raffle and prizes.

If you or your business/organisation can help with a donation of an item, hamper, vouchers or gift certificate towards our event or sponsor one of activities - please let us know. It would really be appreciated and we will ensure that the donation is properly acknowledged and advertised to our school community.

July 2nd Election Day stalls/sausage sizzle. This is a brilliant fundraiser to get money from the wider community. It is during school holidays, but we still will need bakers for a cake stall and helpers to man BBQ and stalls. Please keep this in mind and call us with any inspired ideas.

Bingo and Trivia Night

BOGAN EXTRAVAGAAAANZA!

Lots of ways to win big!

Release your inner Shazza or Dazza (or both!) to raise funds for new synthie grass at school.

Saturday 18th June, 7pm start.

$25 per person. RSVP by Wednesday 8th June.

BYO Food and Munchies only.

Drinks for sale at the bar at bowls club prices.

Get sorted in tables of 8-10, or we can chuck you on one.

Look out for your invitation coming home this week.
PFA Morning Tea and Meeting.
Monday 6th June – join us for a cuppa after drop off.

PFA looking ahead...

June
Social night at school for grown ups. Parents/carers, teachers and our friends all welcome.
June 18th. Invitation coming this week.

July
Election Day Sausage Sizzle / Cake Stall

August
Family Movie Night
Book Swap

September
Father’s Day Breakfast
Footy Day Walkathon

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

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- **Beginner Sub-Juniors** aged 6-10yrs, Wed 4.30pm - 6pm - 4 spaces open

Classes Sub-Juniors to Seniors now full - open for 2017 enrolment.

**Call Sue** – 0400 534 456
**Email:** blackburncallisthenicscollege@gmail.com

Classes held at St Luke’s hall, Orchard Gve, Blackburn Sth.

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

Apply now for temporary, part-time Census jobs

Make a difference in your community and join Australia’s largest logistical peacetime operation – the 2016 Census of Population and Housing.

Census night is August 9, and the Australian Bureau of Statistics is looking for dedicated and enthusiastic self-starters to fill up to 6,900 temporary Field Officer positions across Victoria. If you are tech-savvy and know your local area, the ABS wants to hear from you.

Working on the Census is a great way to contribute to your community. The data you help collect provides an important statistical snapshot that supports planning, policy and funding decisions for a range of local services and infrastructure – from housing and transport to health and education.

Field Officers will play a critical role, visiting households and ensuring everyone makes the count. They will also earn around $21 an hour, receive motor vehicle allowances and enjoy flexible working hours for up to 3 months.

To be considered for the position, you’ll need to be a good communicator with strong English skills, reasonably fit, licensed to drive and willing to travel and work independently. You’ll also need to be comfortable using a computer, tablet or mobile device and have the legal right to work in Australia.

These are part-time, casual positions, and most of the work will be conducted during August and September. People from diverse backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

To apply or find more information, go to [www.abs.gov.au/careers](http://www.abs.gov.au/careers)

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**OSHClub News**

**Before School / After School Care Program**

**Program Update**

Our children have explored how millipedes live, they caught a few and provided them with a home by placing the millipedes in a container with leaves, soil and water and they live in our room.

We have discussed with the children the importance of being friendly with nature by doing simple actions such as recycling paper. To continue with this initiative the children and staff have worked collaboratively in creating containers for scrap food.

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: Challenge ourselves**

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OSH program phone: 0407 634 842 (Available Mon - Fri 7am - 9am, 3pm - 6pm)
Coordinator: Azucena
Assistants: Martin, Rhys, Zahn, Tom, Rachel, Anne, 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](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.