The Importance Of Assessment

In the coming days students across the nation will be preparing to undertake the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN), which will being held on the 10th, 11th and 12th of May this year. As a result, it is a great time to reflect about the reason for, and importance of, assessment in education.

Why is assessment important?

'Nothing we do to, or for our students (as teachers) is more important than our assessment of their work and the feedback we give them on it. The results of our assessment influence students for the rest of their lives...'  

Race, P. Brown

Assessment and the associated feedback that results from assessment is crucial to student learning. There are a wide variety of assessment types that fall into a number of broad categories: assessment before learning (Diagnostic assessment), assessment during learning (Formative assessment) and assessment after learning (Summative assessment).

Best practice teaching uses the majority of assessment tools in the Diagnostic and Formative assessment areas, with Summative assessments to be used sparingly. NAPLAN testing is a clear example of Summative assessment that gives feedback on where students are at with their learning across the areas of Literacy and Numeracy.

At R.M.P.S.....

The majority of quality assessments are formative. At Roberts McCubbin Primary School teachers use Formative assessment to check student understanding during instructional sessions, provide opportunities for students to self-reflect about their own learning and gives students the chance to seek peer feedback about their work and learning.

Well-designed assessment tasks also provide opportunities to engage students with their learning, further emphasising the need to support active learning with assessment embedded deeply within the curriculum. On-going formative assessment as Roberts McCubbin is completed in a wide variety of ways, including teacher anecdotal observations, student led conferences, written feedback on work samples, silent galleries, peer observations, self-reflection tasks and the daily conversations teachers and students have about the learning occurring.

As we strive to support student learning every day it is important for all members of the school community to consider the importance of assessment for the continuing growth and development of all of our students.

Peter Wright, Assessment and Reporting Co-ordinator
DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, 4 May
- School Finance Meeting in the Staffroom 6:30pm
- School Council Meeting in the Staffroom 7:00pm

Friday, 6 May
- Mother’s Day Breakfast
- School Tour – Meet in School Foyer – 9:30am
- Shrek The Musical Jr Tickets on sale at 4pm through Try Booking

Tuesday, 10 May
- Learning to Play & Playing to Learn Playgroup – 10:00 – 11:00am
- Language Club 1:40pm in the EAL Room
- 3/4 Tennis Clinic at Box Hill Tennis Club – 10:00 – 12:30pm

Wednesday, 11 May
- 3/4 Tennis Clinic at Box Hill Tennis Club – 10:00 – 12:30pm

Friday, 13 May
- Mother’s Day Breakfast
- School Tour – Meet in School Foyer – 9:30am
- Shrek The Musical Jr Tickets on sale at 4pm through Try Booking

Tuesday, 17 May
- Education Week Open Morning – 9:30am Addressed by Principal, 10:00am and 10:30am School Tours by House Captains. Please phone the office to book in

Wednesday, 18 May
- Jump Rope for Heart Day – 9:00 – 1:30pm

Thursday, 19 May
- Parent Information Evening – Learning with iPads at RMPS – Ray Nashar

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

“Language Club”

Tuesday, 1.40pm in the EAL room (upstairs in the junior school)

Do you know we have over 18 different languages spoken at our school?

Do you speak another language other than English, a little or a lot?

Would like to learn more about languages?

Then we want you!

Get to know other children in the school who speak the same language as you!

We hope to see you there!

Ms Seymour
Mr Liao
Mr Roche

*Also, if you or someone in your family would like to speak in another language for 1 minute at assembly please let Ms Seymour know, you can email me on seymour.anne.l@edumail.vic.gov.au

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop hours are:
- Tuesday 3:00 – 4:00pm
- Thursday 8:30 – 9:30am

Sue Truscott & Jo Townsend

IS YOUR CHILD A HOUSE CAPTAIN, SPECIALIST CAPTAIN, JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCILLOR OR AN ECO CAPTAIN?

If you have a child who is one of the above and they were at school on Photo Day, they would have had their photo taken in a photo of the group that they belong to.

You can order one of these group photos for $10.00. Call at the office, fill in the Special Order Form and pay the $10.00.

If you would like to preview the photo, you will find them displayed in the glass cabinet on the wall to the left when you enter the main office door.

Orders for these group photos will close on Tuesday, 10th May, so get your order in before that date.

Payment for second chance and group photo orders MUST be in cash and the correct money.

Sarah Kelly - Administrative Assistant
Attention: Parents/Carers
Social and Fundraising Night

Calling all Shazzas and Dazzas of the Robbie Mac Clan

Your secret is out!
Break out your uggboots and find your thongs
Lock in the Date for a Big Night out!
The mullet is back in fashion (were they ever out?)
Put on your flannys, show us your tatts and leave your high heels at home
Polish your falsies and bring it on for

Saturday Night
18th June
in the School Gym

More information to come soon for the best Social Night eva!!!
Starting school is an important time for children and their families. It’s an exciting time for children and families to adjust to new roles and expectations as well as become familiar with our school and developing new relationships with peers and other adults. At Roberts McCubbin Primary School we provide a range of activities to support each child and their family through this transition. Please refer to our school web site for updated information.

**www.robmacps.vic.edu.au**

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| Learning to Play & Playing to Learn playgroup launch 10:00am |                                        |

| We will also have an information session on Learning with iPads on Thursday, May 19 at Robbie Mac from 6:45pm in our School Hall |                                        |

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| Junior School staff visit centres to continue developing our strong relationship we have with each of them |                                        |

| Term 3: School Discovery Sessions allow Foundation 2017 students to visit and participate in our Specialist Classes on Thursday, July 21 and 28 and August 11 and 18 from 2:45 to 3:30pm |                                        |

| • Our School Discovery Program will commence in Term 3 for all children enrolled in 2017. These sessions will be held on a Thursday afternoon from 2:45 to 3:30pm 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 |                                        |

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| There will be three CLASSROOM TRANSITION sessions in Term 4, each 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 – 9:45am. |                                        |

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| 2017 Foundation Information Evening for parents/carers will be held on Monday, October 17 |                                        |

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| 2017 Foundation Students will spend the morning with their 2017 class teacher and peers in their new classroom |                                        |
Golden Ticket Donation Day - Free Dress
Friday 13th May

This donation day we are looking for new unopened items to be used for hampers, lucky dips and prizes. We’d ideally like modern items, things that you would buy for yourself, your home or your kids. Please no Nanna knickknacks! Also no perishable items please.

Don’t forget that each donation brought to school earns that child an 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!

Here’s what we’d like you to bring:

**PREP, GRADE 1 AND 2**
**Arts, crafts and stationery:**
Here are some ideas:
- Pads of white and coloured paper
- Texters
- Pencils
- Erasers
- Paintbrushes
- Paints
- Art smocks
- Drawing books
- Craft books
- Crafts sets
- Notepads
- Desk accessories
- Card making supplies

**GRADE 3 AND 4**
**Homewares, kitchen and garden:**
Here are some ideas:
- Small plant pots
- Signs
- Framed posters
- Kitchen containers (tea, coffee, sugar)
- Vases
- Candles / tealight holders
- Coasters
- Picture frames
- Funky ornaments
- Kitchen utensils
- Baking items
- Gardening tools
- Things that smell nice
- Canisters
- Trinket trays
- Cosmetic bags

**GRADE 5 AND 6**
**Lucky dips and re-gifting:**
Here are some ideas:
- Any new unopened toy or gifts
- Hair accessories
- Note pads
- Cool pens
- Small soft toys
- Small Lego packs
- Fairies
- Superhero figurines
- Books
- Posters
- Wands
- Toy key rings
- Toy watches
- Girls bracelets
- Whistles
- Puzzle or cross word books
- Lip gloss

Shops to try:
Kmart and The Reject Shop both have GREAT stuff as well as $2 shops, the supermarket and IKEA.

Thank you so much for helping! We really appreciate it!

Donate for your chance to win the....
Eco-News

Our Wipe Out Waste Day is: THURSDAY

Remember to pack a wrapper-free lunchbox!

ECO TOP TIP!

Single serve sizes of things like yoghurt, chips, or biscuits come with lots of packaging and can produce lots of waste!

Swap single serve sizes for bulk lots that you can dish out into reusable containers.

These yoghurt movers are fantastic! And they keep your child’s yoghurt chilled for recess 😊

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 34O
What’s Growing in the Robbie Mac Garden?

This week, we divided into three groups for gardening. One group painted fairy-houses and toadstools for our new fairy garden-bed near the Junior deck, while another group worked the garden to make shell and rock paths and made the garden look fit for fairies and elves to visit! If you haven’t seen our fairy garden already, make sure you stop by and take a look, as it looks amazing! Another group worked down at the big garden beds near the gym and planted seedlings of brussels sprouts, broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage and red cabbage. We also picked purple beans and the rest of the carrots.

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
Why it is important for early readers to work with easy and familiar text

In order for children to become strong readers they need to:

(a) Experience success through independently reading a volume of familiar (easy) books.

(b) Receive supportive instruction on the strategies of reading daily in the classroom literacy program.

This paper discusses the importance of daily independent reading for all students on easy text in the classroom and at home.

Why Easy Reading?

- Readers are able to hear themselves read in a phrased and fluent manner which there are only a few challenging words or grammatical constructions. Reading fluently is a requirement for comprehension. Comprehension (getting the meaning) is what reading is all about, the reason we read.

- Reading is a complex and dynamic problem solving process using a variety of strategies. Development of any skill requires repeated practice at a level where the skills, fully mastered, can support the acquisition of new learning. The skills and strategies the child has in place will act as the foundation on which new learning can build.

- Easy books and books previously read, allow the reader to improve the speed and quality of the processing, integrating the information from all the different cues that text provides. Each time the reader has to stop to decode a word, the flow of language is lost and the meaning of the story is often suspended.

- Readers are able to reinforce knowledge of high frequency words which are repeated in many different books. (New vocabulary is introduced at each level). Studies show that children need to be presented with a word several times, in a number of contexts, in order to have real control of that word.

- A familiar book is not a memorised book. It is a book that still challenges a reader to do some reading work, engaging with print and picking up new information. Although a child reads a book with a high level of accuracy there may be many features of the text that have not yet come to their notice. The practice of re-reading familiar books encourages confidence and fluency, and provides practice in bringing reading behaviours together. It also allows the reader to discover new things about print during the re-reading. The control over the text allows the attention to shift to other features of the text or story.

- Children who enjoy reading want to read more!
SHREK JR tickets go on sale this Friday at 4pm

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
Is everyone ready for Mother’s Day? The PFA and some wonderful helpers have been working hard to prepare the beautiful gifts your children have created. We are really happy with how they are turning out. The kids and art teachers have done a great job and the finished pieces will be coming home with the children this week.

The Mother’s Day breakfast is proving popular. If you want to come along and have not paid yet, please pay at the office or we will find it very hard to cater for you, and you may miss out. I look forward to seeing all you Mum’s and carers being cared for yourselves, by some hard-working volunteer Dads (thanks guys).

Have a great week!

Help wanted

Calling all Dads. Mother’s Day breakfast on Friday, 6th May. Please email the PFA or text to Andrew 0415 627 509 or Arash 0490 042 354 if you can help out.

Upcoming fundraising social night. If you would like share the fun of planning this event with us please email the PFA or contact Sarah McCahon on 0409 794 772.

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.

Mother’s Day Breakfast – Friday 6th May

6.30 to 8.45am (last serves 8.30am)
Where: School Hall
$10 Mum/Carer
$5 per child

Please let us know about any allergies so we can cater for you.

All orders should now be in! Ask to pay at the school office if you still want to come or email PFA.

Dad Helpers Needed:

Thursday: Set Up the hall on Thursday afternoon or evening
Friday Morning: Serve 6.30 to 8.30 am and then clean up
Serve pastries and coffee, clean tables and pack up too!
Most of the jobs (front door, serving and clearing tables) are from 6:30 to 8:30.
We would also be grateful if a few could help set up from about 6:00 am.

Please email the PFA via rmps.pfa@gmail.com or text to Andrew 0415 627 509 or Arash 0490 042 354 if you can help out.
Arash and Andrew will create a list of helpers and display the roster on the Junior Deck area. Thanks you to all the men who have already volunteered. You are heroes.

**Mother’s Day Raffle – Beautiful handmade rug to win!**

We have a toastie warm, hand-knitted patchwork rug which has been made with love by the McClacharty family’s Nanna and donated to the PFA for fundraising. Thank-you so much!

Raffle Tickets will be sold at the Mother’s Day Breakfast and are $2 ea or 3 for $5, tickets will also be sold in the vicinity of the Junior Deck area at drop off and pick up times next week. They can also be purchased at the school office.

It’s approx 1 x 1.5m in size.

**Parents and Carers BIG Night Out – Saturday 18th June**

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**BOOK THE BABYSITTER!**

Get ready for a fantastic night out! A chance to let your hair down (up or out for that matter)!!

The theme will be let out soon.

New fun and games for all with a Silent Auction and Raffle to help raise funds towards replacing the synthie grass on the oval.

**Donations wanted for silent auction and raffle please.** If you can help out through contacts or you own business that would be really appreciated. Thankyou.

**PFA Morning Tea and Meeting**

**Monday 9th May**

**PFA looking ahead…**

**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

May 8, 15, 22 and 29 and June 5 and 19
12:30pm - 1:30pm

Slater Reserve, Grosvenor St, Blackburn North.
Cost $40 includes a free t-shirt.

For more information or to register contact Paul Lankford:
bom@vikingsbasketball.net.au or 0431 559 893.

May Special

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50% OFF all colour services
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or
50% off cut & blowdry
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* Valid till 31st May 2016
German Playgroup

Expression of interest in starting a German playgroup at the Box Hill South Neighbourhood House.

We are open to families who speak German to their children.

Please contact Pam or Alison on 9898 8270

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Program Update
Some of our children have been using their literacy skills to write speeches to encourage their peers to make donations to charity organisations. To extend this initiative we are happy to announce that OSHClub will join the Australian Biggest Morning / Afternoon Tea which support the Cancer Council. On Friday, 27th May children are more than welcomed to bring a gold coin. In the lead up to this event we will be running associated activities at After Care such as: Making a “Welcome” sign, cooking, tissue paper flower and making recipe books.

If your child is booked into After Care on this day, they will automatically be included and you are invited to join in the fun with us. For catering purposes, please make sure you book adult guests in for the Afternoon Tea with the Program Coordinator (limit of 2 per family please). Please NO under school age children.

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/

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: What make us happy?

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OSHClub program phone: 0407 634 842 (Available Mon - Fri 7am - 9am, 3pm - 6pm)
Coordinator: Azucena
Assistant: 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 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.