Principal Class Headline:

FISO: A Framework for Improving Student Outcomes in schools

The Education Department has recently developed a Framework for Improving Student Outcomes to help us work together to dramatically increase the focus on student learning at RMPS and to work with other local schools. To support this process FISO Groups have been established.

On Monday evening our teachers met with their FISO Group schools for the first time (from Blackburn, Greythorn, Weeden Heights and Parkmore Primary Schools), to share and discuss assessment in our schools and how to improve assessment across the board.

Have you noticed.......our Better Buddies board has been installed above our friendship seat outside the hall?

Our Better Buddies program instils values and skills that contribute to friendships and other social relationships both in the classroom and the playground. Better Buddies enables our younger students to feel safe and cared for while our older children feel valued and respected.

A HUGE THANKS to our team who painted the display: Marlo, Cate, Grace, Liv, Kiera, Charlie R, Julia, Alice, Alison McDonald and Steve Roche.

Amanda Wigg - Assistant Principal

Monday, 31st October is NOT a Curriculum Day

PLEASE NOTE: Monday, 31st October (the day before Cup Day) is a normal school day and children are expected to attend school.
**What’s Happening?**

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Friday, 14 October**
- School Tour – Meet in the School Foyer – 9:30am
- 5/6’s Bennetswood Bowls Club 9:00-11.00am

**Monday, 17 October**
- Junior School Fireman Visit

**Wednesday, 19 October**
- Classroom Transition Sessions 9.00 – 9.45am
- PFA Morning Tea in Hall for parents
- Education Committee Meeting 9.00pm

**Thursday, 20 October**
- J4S & J5P Dental Health Visit – 9:00 – 9:30am
- J2L & J3P Dental Health Visit – 9:30 – 10:00am

**Friday, 21 October**
- 5/6’s Bennetswood Bowls Club 9.00-11.00am

**Monday, 24 October**
- Junior School Fireman Visit
- 2017 Foundation Information Evening for Parents/Carers

**Wednesday, 26 October**
- Classroom Transition Sessions 9.00 – 9.45am
- Finance Committee Meeting 5:30pm

**Thursday, 27 October**
- J6R & J7S Dental Health Visit – 9:00 – 9:30am
- J8B Dental Health Visit – 9:30 – 10:00am

**Friday, 28 October**
- World Teacher’s Day
- School Tour – Meet in the School Foyer – 9:30am
- 5/6’s Bennetswood Bowls Club 9:00-11.00am
- Stepping Up Whole School Transition – No Assembly

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**Hats in Term 4**

**Please Note:**
Hats must be worn in Term 4

**Scholastic Bookclub**

You can now place your order for Scholastic Bookclub for Term 4. Orders can be made via the Scholastic LOOP app or the website [https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/](https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/). Alternatively, you can complete the order form in the catalogue sent home with your child this week and return to your teacher or the office with your payment.

All orders must be received before **Monday 17th of October**. Don’t forget to include your name and class so we can process your order for you.

The Scholastic Bookclub team (Fiona, Clara and Jodie)

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**Roberts McCubbin Primary School** would like to thank all the wonderful children who attended our School Discovery sessions this term. We hope you enjoyed visiting our Library, Art Room, Performing Arts Room and Gym.

Just a reminder that there will be three **Classroom Transition Sessions** in Term 4: **Wednesday October 19**, **October 26** and **November 2** from 9:00 0 9:45.

Please meet in our school hall where a staff member will inform you which classroom your child has been allocated for that particular morning. Junior School Captains will be available to assist children getting to and from these rooms.

Parents are welcome to stay for morning tea provided by our PFA in the hall.

An **information evening** will be held for all parents/carers who have a child enrolled for Foundation 2017 on **Monday October 24** from 6:30 to 7:30.

All Foundation students are invited to meet their new 2017 teacher and peers on
Remembrance Day Badges, Bag Tags and Bracelets are available for purchase from the office

- Poppies $2.00
- Bracelets $3.00
- Bag Tags $4.00
- Poppies $5.00

A Message From The Roberts McCubbin Art Show Committee

We strongly recommend that you **DO NOT** attend this years RMPS Art Show (Nov 4 + 5) if any of the following statements apply to you:

- You **DO NOT** like art, particularly the works of art from some of Australia’s most talented and successful artists, including guest artists Pete Groves and Di Fix.
- You are **NOT** interested in snagging a unique and affordable present in the lead up to Christmas.
- You **DO NOT** enjoy seriously good live music whilst consuming all the wine, beer and quality finger food you can stomach – all for $20 on the opening night Friday 4th.
- You have kids who would **NOT** enjoy taking part in an art show treasure hunt on the Saturday with every correct entry winning a prize.
- You **DO NOT** wish to support your child’s school’s Artist in Residence program because you think art is a waste of time.

If none of these statements apply to you, we would **LOVE** to see you at the RMPS Art Show (especially all the new parents to the school and anyone who has yet to see the show).

The MANGO FUNDRAISER

Fresh North Queensland Mangoes, direct from the farm to you!

They are packed in a single layer tray, with approx 7kg of Mangoes per tray. The number of Mangoes per tray depends on the size of the fruit, and may vary from 12 large Mangoes up to 23 small Mangoes.

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COST PER TRAY: $27

ORDERS DUE: Wednesday 2nd November

Order forms are available on Compass Newsfeed
We are still collecting jars for the Gourmet Goodies for the Fair. Need lots of smaller and medium size jars. NO MORE pasta size jars please. Lots of Jam and Marmalade has been done over the holidays. Now it’s chutney time!!

If you can help in anyway we are looking for donations of tomatoes, onions, chillies, zucchini, etc. Please place in the donation box at the office.

Showcasing original artworks from over 40 professional and emerging artists

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OPENING NIGHT Friday 4th November 2016 7pm
EXHIBITION & SALE Saturday 5th November 2016 10am-5pm

OPENING NIGHT
Friday 4th November 7pm
Roberts McCubbin School Hall
$20 p/p – inclusive of wine, beer and finger food
Tickets at the door

EXHIBITION & SALE
Saturday 5th November 10am-5pm
Roberts McCubbin School Hall
Entry by gold coin donation

All artworks are for sale and proceeds contribute to the Roberts McCubbin Primary School Artist in Residence Program.

For all enquiries, including how to enter and offers of sponsorship please visit our website www.robmacps.vic.edu.au or call 9890 2372.

Entries close Wednesday 19th October 2016

Last Wednesday several students braved the cold to attend the Whitehorse Division Athletics Championships. These children had progressed through House and District athletics to qualify for Division.


The children acquitted themselves brilliantly with several PB's and some fantastic performances, 7 children finished first or second and have progressed through to Eastern Metropolitan Regionals tomorrow.

Congratulations Harry T, Ben A, Mackenzie L, Hugh B (2 events), Marlo C, Emily K and Fraser T.

Many thanks to the parents who were able to transport their children on the day.

Tim Fearn-Wannan

Eco-News

WIPE OUT WASTE - 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.

Remember, our Wipe Out Waste day is every Thursday. We aim for the WHOLE SCHOOL to go wrapper free on this day each week.

Thanks for your support!

GLUTEN FREE COCONUT ALMOND COOKIE BARS


ECO TOP TIP!

Did you know that you can reduce waste by making your own lunchbox snacks?!

Try this recipe out and go wrapper free 😊

If you are interested in helping out with our quest to become a more eco-friendly school, please contact Steph Bates Jibb, Margie Kently Stil or Michael O’Donovan SIO
Gardening News

This week the children dug holes and planted sunflower seedlings to brighten up the garden. Students also checked on the worms in the worm farm, pulled out weeds and other general maintenance. We were even lucky enough to catch a patch of sunshine too!

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
From the President

As I write this (Tuesday night) I am checking the weather and hoping the forecast will improve overnight. Hopefully, when you read this the walk-a-thon will have gone well and been a big success! I hope to see a lot of parents enjoying the fresh air with the kids.

Polly P runs a choir on Wednesday Nights in the School Hall, we welcome new members if anyone is interested. It's a great social get together and a good work out for your lungs.

Have a great week.

Help needed

Transition Welcome Morning Tea is on Wednesday, 19th October. We would like some delicious cakes, cookies, dips etc. We would also like current parents/carers along to help serve, chat and welcome our new families.

PFA Morning Tea and Meeting

TBA

PFA looking ahead...

October

Transition welcome morning tea, Wednesday 19th

World Teachers Day Morning Tea, Friday 28th

Mangoes – Fundraiser

Book Swap

Contact the PFA

PFA email: rmps.pfa@gmail.com

Robin Fripp: 0402 245 488

Transition Morning Tea

Wednesday: 19th October, 26th October and 2nd November

In the school hall – 9.00am to 9.45am

The Classroom Transitions are starting next week and the PFA will be hosting morning teas during these sessions for the parents of our 2017 Foundation Classes whilst the children are in the classrooms.

It’s our way of making the families of the new classes feel welcome and have someone to chat to during these special sessions. It’s a great opportunity to meet other parents in our school community.

Please join us for a cuppa and say hello!

Can you Help? - We would love and appreciate your contributions of morning tea (savoury or sweet) or help with serving coffee in the school hall during these sessions. These morning teas can only happen with your support.

If you can help out with a plate of food, please email the PFA, rmps.pfa@gmail.com

Thank you for your support and hope to see you there!

World Teachers Day

Friday, 28th October

The PFA will be hosting morning tea for all our teachers in the staffroom on Friday, 28th October to celebrate World Teachers Day. Can you help?

Bring plate of Savoury or Sweet? Drop off in the staffroom on the day before 10.45am.

Set up the Staff room? After you drop off the kids to school to help turn the staff room into something special for the day!

Please contact the PFA if you can help out and for further information.

rmps.pfa@gmail.com

Thank you!
**Program Update**

Another week has flown by at OSHClub. We have been enjoying the light afternoons with a lot of outdoors play as well as the always popular dodgeball and cooking club.

We are always enthusiastic for family input into our program, if you have any suggestions please get in touch with us.

**Pen-pals** At OSHClub this term we hope to be setting up a electronic pen-pal program with some students from Jilkminggan School in the Northern Territory. This project is in its very early stages of development but if you are aware that your child would be interested in participating, let me know!

**Hats** as it is Term 4 the sunsmart, no hat, no play rules apply. If your child wishes to be able to play outside during OSHClub, they will need to make sure they have a hat with them.

**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.

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**This Week’s Activities**

**Highlights**
Science club (Tuesday)
Soccer
Pokemon Dodgeball
Trivia
Nature craft

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**OSH program phone:** 0407 634 842 **(Available Mon - Fri 7am - 9am, 3pm - 6pm)**
**Coordinator:** Grace
**Assistant:** Martin, Tom, Jane, Georgia, Kristian, Francene
**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.*
PARENTING INFORMATION FORUM
Supporting Parents, Grandparents and Carers

PARENTING ADOLESCENTS IN A DIGITAL WORLD

Increasingly our families are becoming immersed in technology and the digital world. As parents, grandparents and carers it is imperative we are armed with the necessary information, skills, strategies and perspective to help us confidently work through the abundance of information that often threatens to overwhelm.

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Martine O’JJothrope is a teacher, counsellor and mother to 5 children. She is passionate about helping families and young people make the best decisions around use of technology, gaming and devices. Martine will discuss how young people use technology today, privacy and predators, creating a positive digital footprint and boundaries and limit setting.

Date: Thursday 20 October 2016
Time: 7pm Registration (Tea and Coffee) 7.30pm start-9pm finish.
Venue: Waratah Room, Whitehorse Centre, 397 Whitehorse Road, Nunawading (rear of Nunawading Library)


Further Information: Please contact Council’s Parent Resource Officer on 9852 6175 or rolly街区@whitehorse.vic.gov.au

Cost: $2 gold coin donation payable on the right.

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.

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