Why is the teaching of Robotics an important part of the curriculum at Robbie Mac?

Congratulations again to everyone involved in the success of all of our RoboCup entrants this year. A lot of hard work, perseverance, challenge, creativity, problem solving, inquiry, maths, technology, literacy and many other personal traits and skills went in to accomplishing the final results of all the teams.

So why do we do what we do?

Robotics is fun, anyone can learn it. It is a fast-developing, wide ranging field that allows room for creativity, personal interest and passion.

It is suitable for children of all ages with a range of abilities. Research shows that children on the autism spectrum respond to the clear, consistent interactions that robots can provide.

Technology is critical for innovation which is one of the skills our students will require for many occupations in the future. Robotics will be a growth industry and is very much about the future.

Essentially a robot is a mechanical device that can be programmed to follow a set of instructions. There will be a greater need for people to be involved in programming mechanical devices in the foreseeable future. Technology and science is a pathway to career opportunities in the future and we are passionate about nurturing our students and preparing them for what lies ahead.

Robotics matches the new digital technologies curriculum, strongly supported by the university sector and states, including Victoria.

Robotics helps address the growing demand for teaching science, technology, engineering and maths in school (STEM) which you may have read about recently.

Prep Information Night: Please note the Prep Information Night will be held on October 24th not the 17th to allow Mrs Pase to attend following her overseas trip.

Mark Pickburn – Principal
**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Friday, 7 October**
- 5/6’s Bennetswood Bowls Club 9-11am

**Monday, 10 October**
- 3/4 Excursion to Gardiners Creek

**Tuesday, 11 October**
- 3/4 Excursion to Gardiners Creek

**Wednesday, 12 October**
- Walkathon Day – Dress in your TEAM COLOURS (any sport)

**Friday, 14 October**
- School Tour – Meet in the School Foyer – 9:30am
- 5/6’s Bennetswood Bowls Club 9-11am

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

**Wednesday, 19 October**
- Classroom Transition Sessions 9:00 – 9.45am
- PFA Morning Tea in Hall for parents

**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 9-11am

**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

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**Hats in Term 4**

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

**Important Information - Compass**

When consenting to Compass events in the area ‘Contact details on the day’, only put in names and phone numbers if they are different numbers for themselves on that day, or if someone other than themselves is to be contacted on the day because they, the parents, will be not contactable.

Likewise with any Medical information, you only need to include any medical information that may be relevant for the day of the event only. All other medical information relevant to a student is included from the student’s enrolment information in the Compass Event Handbook that is taken on all events.

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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 to 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
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)
What’s Happening?

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.

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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.ro backlashps.vic.edu.au or call 9890 2372.

Entries close Wednesday 19th October 2016

Walk to School this October to earn points for your school and be in the running for fantastic school prizes

Our school has registered for Walk to School and we are encouraging all students to walk, ride or scoot to school as many times as possible during the month of October.

At the end of each week classes will tally their total number of walks and the class with the most will receive the “Golden Shoe” award for the week.

We are also continuing “Wheelie Wednesdays” where students are encouraged to come to school on Wednesdays in October via wheels such as bike, scooter, skateboard or roller skates. There will be an extra “Golden Wheel” award each week for the class with the highest tally.

If your child wishes to ride or scoot to school provision will be made to accommodate their bike/scooter for the day.

Walk to School encourages primary school children to walk to and from school every day in October, to highlight the ways walking improves children’s health and wellbeing.

By getting involved in Walk to School, your school can help students learn healthy habits, and achieve the 60 minutes of physical activity recommended for children each day.

Walking to school can also help reduce traffic congestion, parking difficulties and the associated environmental impacts.

All participating schools will receive student certificates to celebrate their students’ achievements, and will be in the running for regional prizes provided by VicHealth.

All students can enter VicHealth’s fun walking-themed competitions throughout October. Visit www.walktoschool.vic.gov.au for more information.

If you have any questions regarding this program please see Jayne McConnell in the gym.

Jayne McConnell and Tim Fearn-Wannan

Dress your child appropriately for weather conditions

Several children have been coming to sick bay and asking for warmer clothing on cooler days, please be aware of the weather forecast and dress your child accordingly.
Art Show Raffle Prize
Tickets will be sent home shortly

Canteen News

Please note: Sushi Orders for Walkathon Day must be lodged on Compass by 4pm this Friday, 7\textsuperscript{th} October.

NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

THE CANTEEN WILL STILL OPERATE AS USUAL ON THIS DAY FOR LUNCH ORDERS AND COUNTER SALES

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
From the President

Hi all. Welcome back from the holidays. It seems like Term 4 has been blown in with the high winds! The postponed walk-a-thon is on next week and I am a bit concerned that the weather won’t be any better. Fingers crossed. Since we already had a footy day the kids can come dressed in their favourite sports team colours instead. If the weather is like today then perhaps they should wear wetsuits! However it happens, it is very exciting for the kids to be able to raise funds for their school. We still need volunteers for the day if you can spare a couple of hours. The juniors especially love to have their special grown-ups along.

The final term of the year has started and it always goes very quickly with lots of exciting things happening. After the walk-a-thon there is the welcome transition morning tea for next year’s new families, world teachers’ day morning tea and we are planning end of year things like the school disco, which makes the term seem very short indeed! It is always fun to be involved with these events and we get a lot of appreciation from parents and teachers. I love a morning tea. We will need a few makers, bakers and buyers again to provide treats for these, so please start thinking about what you might like to bring along. I feel like food network. It’s baking month!

Have a great week.

Help needed

Team colours Walkathon fundraiser, now on Wednesday 12th October. Lots of helpers are required on this day to help keep the kids safe. Can you spare a couple of hours? Please contact the PFA if you can take an hour or so out of your day for this.

Transition welcome morning tea Wednesday 12th October. We will need some delicious cakes, cookies, dips etc. We also need current parents/carers along to help serve and just to chat with and welcome new families.

PFA Morning Tea and Meeting
TBA

PFA looking ahead…

October
Walk-a-thon, Wednesday 12th
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
## OSHClub News

### Before School / After School Care Program

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<td>Welcome back to Term 4! I am so excited to be back at Roberts McCubbin OSH this term and look forward to working with you all throughout the term. Our holiday program was a fantastic 2 weeks filled with baking, art, circus skills, excursions to scienceworks and other amazing things. I had an absolute blast and I think the children did too!</td>
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<td>This week we are settling back into our OSH routine, as a group we are revising our goals and guidelines for the term and getting ourselves ready for a busy, exciting and rich final term of 2016. I would love to have parent and family input into our goals and guidelines at the program, if you have any suggestions or ideas do not hesitate to contact me.</td>
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<td>At OSHClub this term we hope to be setting up an 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!</td>
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<td>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.</td>
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<td>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.</td>
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### This Week’s Activities: Dinosaur Week

**Highlights**
- Science club (Tuesday)
- Mini Athletics
- Cooking Club (Wednesday)
  - 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, Amy, Kristian  
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.
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