Principal's Message

We hope you have had a relaxing break because school life will be quite busy over the next eleven weeks. This term we are looking forward to the Year 4 camp to The Tops at Stanwell Tops in Week 8, the Year 6 camp to Tea Gardens also in Week 8, the Kindergarten Orientation Program which commences on 5 November and the Year 6 Farewell to mention just a few. Included with this newsletter is a copy of the term calendar to help you plan ahead. Please note that the last two days of term December 19 and 20 are School Development Days which means that the last day for the children to attend school will be Wednesday 18 December. The School Development Day for 20 December has been rescheduled and will be held on Saturday 19 October so only school administration staff will be available on 20 December.

Staff News

As many of you are aware there is quite a baby boom here at Robert Townson PS. At the end of last term Catherine McCormack gave birth to a beautiful baby boy, Xavier and Alex Bisset welcomed Jack another gorgeous little boy into the world. Congratulations to both of them. Here at school we welcome Jacqui Smith who is teaching 3/4M and Jessica Butler who is teaching 2/3Z until the end of the year.

Kindergarten Enrolments

We are currently organising a Kindergarten Orientation Program for next year’s Kindergarten students. If you have a child who is five or will be turning five before the end of July 2014, please collect an application for enrolment form from the office. We would appreciate it if you could pass on this message to friends and neighbours who have children approaching school age.

Getting off the Lounge

It’s never been more important for children to get off the lounge and take a break in the great outdoors. You’ll find the benefits aren’t just health-related. Find out more: [http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/why-your-child-may-learn-better](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/why-your-child-may-learn-better)

Premier’s Spelling Bee App

The app is free at Samsung Apps and features two categories for junior and senior primary school aged children, with a number of levels that increase in difficulty. Most adults would find the high levels in the senior category a challenge! Find out more: [http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/about/mobile-applications/premier-s-spelling-bee](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/about/mobile-applications/premier-s-spelling-bee)

Getting Organised


Holiday Camps


Linda Green – Principal
The students of 5/6S have been awarded a $2,000 grant from ‘Climate Clever’ Energy Savers to be used towards solar panels for our school.

They will be holding a ‘Green’ Mufti Day to launch their energy saving campaign and video to teach our students and teachers to reduce energy waste.

5/6S will be running competitions, peer teaching lessons and an assembly that parents are welcome to attend.

Children are encouraged to wear green mufti clothes and bring lots of spare change for a line of coins competition. The winning class will cook chocolate marshmallows on a solar pizza box oven.

All proceeds will go towards purchasing solar panels to save money and reduce energy use at our school.

More details will be available in next week’s newsletter.

Michelle Carr – Environmental co-ordinator

Australian Youth Choir Auditions
A representative from the Australian Youth Choir will audition students in Years 2-6 on Monday 14 October from 9:00 am. Students will be asked to sing a well known song with their class, there are no individual auditions. Students may be provided with additional information regarding the choir for parents to follow up if they are interested.

Lindie Barron – Performing Arts co-ordinator

Term 4 Planner
Please find attached to this newsletter a copy of the Term 4 school planner.

Stewart House Clothing Bags
Stewart House provides short-term respite care to thousands of public school children each year.

Any quality old clothes would be greatly appreciated. Please return full or empty bags to your child’s classroom by Friday 18 October 2013.

Paula Clements – Charities

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