**Principal's Message**

**Congratulations Christine Wright Recipient of the Public School Parent of the Year Award for South Western Sydney**

Christine Wright is an integral part of the Robert Townson family. She is widely recognised with respect by staff, students and parents alike for the outstanding contribution she continues to make to our school community and that of Robert Townson HS. Her three sons attended the Robert Townson schools and continue to involve themselves in helping out with sport. Now Christine’s grandson attends this school.

Christine is dedicated to supporting every opportunity for our students to achieve their personal best at school and as a citizen of the Raby community. Christine has been a member of the P&C for twelve years, holding the position of president for many years. She is also an executive member of the high school P&C. She regularly attends School Council meetings and is very aware of the school’s goals and priorities.

Her positive influence extends beyond her many fundraising initiatives to directly supporting school initiatives in education. Christine has trained hockey, Futsal and Tiger Shield teams. She has helped to prepare the K-6 art show, coordinated costumes for musicals, assisted with Rock Eisteddfod, run school banking, established school uniform shops and worked in classrooms with students with disabilities. At her own initiative Christine established a support group for parents of children with autism at Robert Townson HS.

Christine is a selfless individual who shows empathy and compassion to all. She is a gentle persuader who works tirelessly for the benefit of our students. Christine doesn’t judge or criticise; everyone is treated the same and valued for themselves. She is not motivated by reward nor does she seek accolades for her efforts.

There is no question that Christine deserves to be recognised with a Parent of the Year Award and we are all proud to claim her as our own here at Robert Townson PS.

**Outstanding Results on the Sporting Field by Robert Townson Students**

Yet Again we Won all Three Major Carnivals Held in 2013

The PSSA Presentation evening held on Monday 18 November recognised students and teams who have excelled on the sporting field in 2013. Many of our students are to be congratulated as our school won all three major carnivals – Zone swimming, athletics and cross country. A magnificent result! Congratulations to all students and their coaches!

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**COMING**

- Monday 25 - Wednesday 27 November
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- Wednesday 27 November
- Thursday 28 November
- Thursday 5 December
- Friday 6 December

**EVENTS**

- Year 4 The Tops Camp
- Year 6 Tea Gardens Camp
- P&C Meeting 7:00 pm in the staffroom
- Student Banking
- Gold Assembly RTPS hall 2:00 pm
- Summer Fun Day 12:00 pm start
Congratulations to Hayden Williams who was named Sportsperson of the Year for the Fields Zone.

Comprehension Help for Teens

Some children will read perfectly in primary school and then suddenly struggle with comprehension in high school. Here’s why.
Comprehension help:  

Planning for the Future

Throughout your child’s school life you’ll need to make choices about aspects of their education and future. Here’s a selection of tips to help you plan for parent-teacher talks, subject selection, careers advice and back-to-school.
Planning for the future: 

Children, Homework and Lies

Do you think your child is lying about their homework? Listen to psychologist Anne Hollonds chat with James O’Loghlin on what to do when the dog eats the homework.
Homework tips:  

Maths at Home

Children’s early experiences with measurement are often based on watching their parents. Seeing mum or dad measure and pour ingredients for a recipe or weigh items at the fruit shop will often become part of their play.
Maths at home:  

Linda Green - Principal

From the Library

Student borrowing will finish this week for the year. The Library will be conducting its annual stocktake. It is important that all outstanding books be returned by Friday 29 November.

We are fortunate that our school has an extensive collection of books for the students and teachers to borrow. At times we need to remind people about the books that are out in their names.
If books cannot be found their replacement cost should be forwarded to the Library as soon as possible.

Summer Fun Day 6 December is coming! The Library will be having a Book Fair that week. These books are from a different company, Central Books. They are very reasonably priced, brand new books. Come and get some great bargains! They will be available on 4 and 5 December, as well as on Summer Fun Day. Cash and Eftpos sales! The Library will receive 50% commission on the sales in FREE BOOKS!

**Book Club**

Book Club closes on 22 November 2013. Please ensure orders with payment are given to the Library before this date.

Susan Greaves – Teacher/Librarian

**From the P&C**

The next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday 27 November 2013 at 7:00 pm in the staffroom. It will be the last meeting for 2013. All are welcome to attend.

Christine Wright – P&C President

**Veggie Garden Working Bee**

Calling all Parent and Community Volunteers

This Sunday 24 November 2013 at 9:00 am we will be holding a working bee at our school’s vegetable garden area (weather permitting). If it is raining it will be held on the following Sunday 1 December 2013.

We will be erecting a garden shed and moving soil and bark to prepare the vegetable garden for planning next year. There will be weeding and pruning jobs as well, but we will need some dads and grandads to help with the heavier jobs! Refreshments supplied.

RSVP Mrs Carr 0418 286 911 by Friday 22 November.

**From the Office**

**Camp Payments**

All The Tops and Tea Gardens camp payments must be finalised by Friday 22 November 2013.

**School Free Travel 2014**

If you have a child progressing from Year 2 to Year 3 a new bus application form needs to be completed and returned to the office by Friday 22 November. Late application forms may delay arrival of 2014 bus passes. Forms are available at the office.

**Urgent Medical Information Form**

This term we will be updating our medical records systems to ensure we have the most up-to-date information on your child’s health as advised by the DEC. All forms should have now been returned to your child’s class teacher. If you have not yet returned the form please do so as soon as possible. If you have misplaced the form more are available from the school website or from the office.

Lynn Turner – Admin Manager
Dear Parents/Carers,

You are all invited to join us for Summer Fun Day on Friday 6 December 2013 from 12:00 pm.

Summer Fun Day will be a treat for the children and also provide the opportunity to raise some much needed funds to support technology programs in the classroom for our students. We hope to be able to purchase iPads for student use and an interactive reading program.

Each class will run an activity and every student will have the opportunity to visit all of these activities. Activities include quoits, a lollipop stall, a chocolate wheel, cake stall, toy jumble, disco, nail painting, thong throw, a jelly bean guessing competition, show bags, jumping castle, spiders, lucky dip, temporary tattoos, game zone and haunted house. The P&C will be making snow cones and running a sausage sizzle as well as making fairy floss and popcorn.

Rather than using money on the day children need to pre-purchase Townson Tokens using the order form below. Tokens will be distributed by teachers on the day and exchanged for participation in the activities. Townson Tokens will also be available for sale on the day for anyone who would like to top up. Any remaining tokens will go into a prize draw.

Please contact your child’s class teacher if you are able to provide assistance on the day either at the class stall or the sausage sizzle, fairy floss, snow cone or popcorn stall.

Linda Green
Principal

Summer Fun Day Tokens Order Form

My child _______________________________ of class _______
would like to order:

_______$10 token bundle/s (20 RTPS tokens)

_______$ 5 token bundle/s (10 RTPS tokens)

Enclosed $________

Please place payment and order in an envelope with child’s name, class and amount on the outside of the envelope and give to your child’s class teacher.