Principal’s Message

It has been a busy start to the term with lots on as I wrote in last week’s newsletter.

Wakakirri students are in full practice mode. The staff and students are working very hard and getting more and more excited each day.

Ten of our students are attending a two day drama camp this Thursday and Friday at Campbelltown Arts Centre. A big thank you to the parents for getting their child to and from this event each day.

This drama camp will work in well with our upcoming On Stage Production with the skills that the students learn. Classes are busy learning and refining their roles in ‘Young Hercules’.

This Friday we are also having Peer Mediation Training with students from Robert Townson High School for some of our senior students. This will be held in the library.

Included in this newsletter is information regarding a Personalised Learning and Support Tool (PLASST) 2013 Trial that our school will be participating in over the next few weeks. If you require any further clarification about this trial please contact the school.

### Personalised Learning and Support Signposting Tool (PLASST) 2013 Trial

During the next few weeks our school, along with other public schools in the area, will be participating in the trial of a new tool (PLASST) being developed by the Department of Education and Communities for teachers to identify the learning and support needs of their students.

This trial is focused on the development of a sound and reliable online tool that, when finalised, can be used by teachers in collaboration with parents and carers to identify the strengths and educational needs of students with additional learning and support needs. This information will assist schools in planning and personalising learning and support for individual students who require adjustments in their day to day learning. The trial will involve teachers completing an online questionnaire about the educational needs of some of their students.

Further information about the PLASST trial, including the collection and use of data in the trial, will be provided by the school in a letter to parents and carers of students who are included in the PLASST trial.

Colin Lines – (Rel) Principal

### PBIS

Our PBIS focus areas for Week 3 is:

- Put rubbish in the correct bins.
- Know when to step away and calm down.

### Have you checked out the school website?

The Robert Townson Public School website has so much to offer! The website provides not only information about our school, but links to the latest DEC news, curriculum and activities. A detailed calendar provides upcoming school events and our picture gallery has some great photos on show.

We have also provided a ‘Links to Learning’ section where you can find literacy and mathematics resources and games. Take a peek at the ‘Community & Notes Home’ section where you can find information about the P&C.

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### EVENTS

- **Thursday 1 August**
  - IMAX & Reserve Bank of Aust excursion Stage 2
- **Thursday 8 August**
  - Student Banking
- **Thursday 8 August**
  - Wakakirri performance WIN Entertainment Centre
- **Thursday 15 – Wednesday 21 August**
  - Book Fair - Late night shopping Thursday 15 till 7:00 pm
- **Friday 16 August**
  - Gala Day
uniform shop, canteen and permission notes. Why not check out the ‘Class Pages’ section and see what your child’s class is learning about in Term 3?

The website can be accessed at: http://www.roberttown-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/

Jennifer Masters & Kristie Mulholland

**Visiting Performers**

A reminder visiting performers Bronwyn Vaughan for Kinder to Year 3 is coming on Tuesday 13 August and Mark Greenwood for Years 4 to 6 on Thursday 15 August 2013. The cost per performance is $4.00.

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