Principal's Message

Congratulations to the Wakakirri Team of 2013

Congratulations to all the students from Years 2 to 6 who were part of the Wakakirri Story Dance team on their magnificent performance at the Wollongong Entertainment Centre. Robert Townson PS performed an original item that was developed by a talented team of teachers Karlene Feher, Kylie Yabsley and Shannon Thomas. The performance was called ‘Think Twice’. It was a story of empathy, compassion and equality. Our students explored the contrast between those people who live comfortable lives and those who go without. A combination of music, dance, drama, costumes and props were used to convey this powerful story. Sincere thanks to all who supported the students and teachers in the development of this complex item and assisted in the preparation and on the day. The team was also recognised with an award for the most creative reuse of materials. Well done to all involved!

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.

Food Allergies

Do you know a child with a serious food allergy? Read about how to recognise a reaction - to help keep the kids we love safe. Find out more: http://www.foodallergyaware.com.au/awareness/

Linda Green – Principal

School Ambassador Leadership Day

On Thursday 1 August the University of Western Sydney held a leadership skill building day for Public School Ambassadors to attend. It was a beneficial day with many fun and challenging activities.

During the morning, the School Ambassadors had to participate in an adventure style activity called ‘The Amazing Race’. We were given a piece of paper that had pictures of places around the university and my group had to look for those places and identify where they were.

During this activity the group had to work as a team and demonstrate leadership abilities to try to win the challenge. Following that activity we went and investigated reptiles and had an opportunity to see and touch snakes and lizards. They looked slimy, but they were actually soft to touch. This was a great way for the students on the day to gain a new experience and overcome some of their fears.

Next we ate lunch with our new friends who we met through this program. It was a great way to meet new people, discuss the different aspects of each school and share ideas.

After lunch we visited the medical centre at the university and had a chance to plaster arms and have parts of our bodies plastered. I was surprised to see and feel how firm the cast became. It was a great way to sample life as a doctor for the afternoon.

Later that afternoon we caught the bus to Revesby Workers Club where we were given dinner and we were presented with our School Ambassador awards. It was a large ceremony in front of our parents and school teachers where we also got to see many performances from a variety of schools in South West Sydney. I’m thankful to be given this great opportunity to be Robert Townson’s School Ambassador and I have enjoyed the leadership days so far. I look forward to further developing my leadership skills throughout the coming months.

Alex Toweel – 6F
Robert Townson Public School Ambassador

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**Book Parade 2013**

Our RTPS Book Parade is on Tuesday 20 August 2013. Students from K – 6 are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite storybook hero or heroine.

Parents, grandparents and other family members are invited to attend the parade which will begin at 9:45 am in Pollard Place, as well as the P&C morning tea held at 9:00 am in the school hall.

We look forward to seeing you all.

Karlene Feher and Susan Greaves

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**Robert Townson On Stage ‘Young Hercules’**

This term the students and staff of Robert Townson Public School will be presenting our Robert Townson ‘On Stage’ biannual concert. This year the performance is titled Young Hercules. The concert is as follows:

**Cast A** The classes in this concert group are:
- KZ, K/1B, 1D, 1/2T, 2M, 3V, 3/4M, 4/5G, 5P, 6A and extras from 5/6S.

Matinee 11:30 am Tuesday 10 September 2013
Evening 6:00 pm Thursday 12 September 2013

**Cast B** The classes in this concert group are:
- KCH, KJ, 1L, 1M, 1S, 2J, 2/3Z, 3/4Y, 4F, 5B, 6F, extras from 5/6S.

Matinee 11:30 am Thursday 12 September 2013
Evening 6:00 pm Tuesday 10 September 2013

Tickets will go on sale only in Weeks 6 and 7. Tickets will cost $5.00 each and will be limited. A ticket information note and order envelope is attached to this newsletter.

Lindie Barron and Margaret Grant – On Stage co-ordinators

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**Library News**

**Book Fair**

Calling all Super Heroes!
The theme this year is **Super Heroes are Super Readers**.

From Thursday 15 until Tuesday 20 August all classes will have a time to visit the Fair to purchase wonderful books. There are suitable titles for all ages, priced very reasonably. Our school receives a percentage of sales in commission.

Class visits are as follows:
- Thursday 15 August: 3V, 2/3Z, 1S, K/1B, 4/5G, 5P
- Friday 16 August: KCH, 5/6S, KJ, 2J, 1L, 6F
- Monday 19 August: 6A, 1M, 2M, 4F, 5B
- Tuesday 20 August: 3/4Y, 3/4M, 1/2T, 1D, KZ

Susan Greaves (AKA Book Woman) and the Library Staff

Susan Greaves – Teacher/Librarian

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**PBIS**

Our PBIS focus areas for Week 6 are:
- Wear a hat or play in the shade.
- Be respectful to all staff and peers.
- Reward Day will be on Thursday Week 5

We are introducing a new reward that students can get on the playground from a teacher on duty. This reward is called a ‘Townie’. The teachers on playground duty are looking for students who are following our school rules to give a ‘Townie’ to.

If students get awarded a ‘Townie’ they will go into the draw to win a canteen voucher. There will be six canteen vouchers given away at every Monday morning Flag Raising assembly.

When students get a ‘Townie’ off a teacher, they will need to fill out their name and class and put it in the box outside Miss Thirlwell’s room.

So remember, follow the school rules and try your best on the playground and you may get a ‘Townie’!