Principal’s Message

Congratulations Olivia Pearsall-Hogden!
Crowned Festival of Fishers Ghost Miss Princess Quest

Olivia Pearsall-Hogden, a talented student in 5/6F, was selected by a panel of judges to be the Festival of Fishers Ghost Miss Princess 2015. She was invited to enter by her dance teacher who recognised both her performance ability and the care she demonstrates towards others. Olivia was asked a series of questions about her interests, which include acrobatics, gymnastics and circus as well as the history of Campbelltown including the Legend of Fred Fisher the most famous ghost in Australia. Olivia responded that she had entered because she would like to gain more confidence and make some more friends. She would also like to help the less fortunate participate in dance and gymnastics so that they too could enjoy the opportunity. She thanked her family and friends for their love and support, with a special mention to her little sister Sophia who picked her dress and her mum who taught her to always do her best in everything with a smile. Olivia also told the judges that Robert Townson Public School was awesome!

Olivia was crowned at Macarthur Square on Sunday 25 October in front of a large group of people. She told everyone in her acceptance speech how honoured and excited she was and that she would carry out her duties to the best of her ability. On Saturday 7 November Olivia will be wearing her sash, tiara and cape as she takes part in the Fishers Ghost Parade in Campbelltown. Wishing you well as you take on your role as ambassador for Campbelltown over the next 12 months, we are confident you will.

Please Let Us Know of Any Changes That May Affect School Organisation For 2016

We are currently planning classes for 2016. If you are aware that your child/children will not be attending this

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Please let children in and out of the car KERBSIDE

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school next year it would be helpful if you could let the
office know as soon as possible so that we can plan
accordingly. If your child will be on leave in the first few
weeks of 2016 please inform the school in writing to
ensure a place in class is kept for them. If you have any
significant factors regarding your child’s placement in
2016 you would like taken into consideration please notify
me in writing by Friday 13 November 2015. Your co-
operation is appreciated.

**Presentation Assemblies and End of Year Events**

**Major Presentation Assembly K-6 and Student Parliament induction – Wednesday 9 December**
Wednesday 9 December 9:00 am in the high school hall.
This assembly includes the presentation of major awards,
class awards, certificates of distinction, medallions and
the induction of the Student Parliament.

**Year 6 Graduation Ceremony Wednesday 9 December**
Year 6 students will be presented with their graduation
certificates at a special assembly starting at 11:30 am in
the primary school hall.

**Kindergarten–Year 5 Celebration of Learning - Thursday 10 December**
All students K-5 will have their achievements in 2015
recognised at these ceremonies, one for K-2 and another
for students in Years 3-5.

**Parent Helper Thankyou Morning Tea Thursday 10 December**
We extend an invitation to all parents, grandparents and
friends who have provided assistance to the school to join
us for morning tea at 11:00 am on Thursday 10
December.

Linda Green – Principal

**PBL Focus Areas**

**Weeks 5-6: Classroom**

Co-operate with all teachers, visitors and peers.
Allow others to learn.

**Principal’s Awards**
The final small school assemblies will be held on 18 and
19 November. Students need to hand in their merit
certificates or star awards to the office no later than
Friday 13 November.

**Upgrade to Gold Award**
Following a review of the Robert Townson award system,
the Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) team has
decided to upgrade the Gold Medallion to a Gold Award.
The new Gold Award is visually appealing and is able to
be displayed in a portfolio for safe keeping.

The PBL Committee

**Whooping Cough**

Whooping cough information for schools
There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to
bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The
infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children.
Older children may just have a cough that is persistent
and may be worse at night.

- Children with these symptoms should see a
doctor.
- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your
school-aged child, please let the school know
and keep your child at home until they have
taken five days of antibiotics. Keep coughing
children away from babies.
- Whooping cough vaccines give good protection
against infection but immunity fades with time.
Check that all your children are up to date with
their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6
months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to
all Year 7 students through the NSW school-
based vaccination program). A booster is also
recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for
adults that are in contact with young children, such as
school staff and parents. Pregnant women are
recommended to have a booster dose during each
pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who
are new parents or carers of babies should consult their
general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about
whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW
Health website for information for childcare and schools
about whooping cough.

Michelle Sarjana – Deputy Principal

**New Bell**

As you may be aware a new bell system was installed
during the September school holidays. It was necessary
to upgrade our system and make adjustments to volume
for safety reasons. Students and staff will be trained in
emergency procedures over the next few weeks.

Thank you for your patience.

Paula Clements – WHS Committee

**Summer Fun Day Donations**

Miss Thirlwell and 1/2T would appreciate any donations
of new and good quality pre-loved toys and books for
their stall for Summer Fun Day. Also if anyone could
donate any small items/prizes suitable for lucky dips this
would also be appreciated. Thank you.

Lyn Thirlwell – Class Teacher
Nude Food Day 2015
RTPS is participating in Nude Food Day 2015 on Friday 30 October. Excitement is mounting as we get closer to National Nude Food Day! A reminder for the day:

- Ensure all students arrive with a healthy, rubbish free lunch. You can find healthy Nude Food lunch ideas at www.nuderfoodday.com.au/resources

Michell Carr – Nude Food Day Co-ordinator

Public Speaking – Congratulations
Robert Townson’s Public Speaking Competition was held last week for Early Stage 1 classes. A huge congratulations to all those students who took part in their class competitions and delivered fantastic speeches. I would like to congratulate the following class winners:

- Jade Calleja KY, Isabella Stevens KY, Orlanda Wagstaff KCH, Patrick Zak KCH, Elijah Bazzo-Reddy KL, Aidan Kirk KL, Deon Quinlan K/1J, Kathryn Brentnall K/1J.
- Stage 1 - Byron Lai K/1J.

Sue Hasler – Public Speaking Co-ordinator

2015 Yearbook
Robert Townson Public School has compiled a yearbook which highlights the favourite memories of each class during 2015. The yearbook will feature a variety of school events and all sport group photos.

Sport group photos will only be available to purchase through the yearbook as the school photographer has not taken photos of these groups this year.

The cost of the yearbook is $27.00. All yearbooks must be pre-ordered. If you wish to pre-order a yearbook, please complete the order form below and return it with payment to your child’s class teacher. Orders close Friday 6 November 2015.

Thank you

Lidia Cosic - Yearbook Co-ordinator

Robert Townson Public School 2015 Yearbook Order Form

Child’s Name _________________________________
Class _________
Quantity:_______  Cost: $27.00 each
Enclosed:  $____________

Kindergarten to Year 2 Disco
On Thursday 5 November 2015 Kindergarten to Year 2 will be participating in a disco in our school hall from 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm. This replaces our end of year disco. P&C volunteers will be providing a drink and a packet of chips to each child on the day at no cost to students. Glow sticks and flashing items will be on sale from $1.00 each to $3.00 each. Please wear your favourite party clothes to school. (No singlet tops, thongs or sandals). Prizes will be awarded throughout the disco. We are looking forward to an enjoyable afternoon. Thank you for your support.

Years 3-5 Disco
On Thursday 5 November 2015 Years 3-5 will be participating in a disco in our school hall from 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm. This replaces our end of year disco. Tickets cost $2.00 which includes a drink and a packet of chips. Tickets can be ordered from the canteen from Monday 26 October to Thursday 5 November 2015. No tickets will be sold at the door. Glow sticks and flashing items will be on sale from $1.00 each to $3.00 each. Please come dressed in your favourite party clothes. (No singlet tops, thongs or sandals). Prizes will be awarded throughout the disco. We are looking forward to an enjoyable afternoon. Thank you for your support.

P&C Art Calendars
Flyers for the Art Calendar fundraiser have been sent home today. Final date for order payments is Friday 30 October 2015. This will allow the ordered items to be received early December. Thank you.

Christine Wright – P&C President

Mathematics Parent Sessions
Many parents who attended our Back to School Day indicated they would really like to take part in a series of parent sessions aimed at learning many of the new numeracy strategies we use at school in order to better support kids with homework and maths concepts. We will begin these sessions in Term 4.

When: Thursday Term 4 Week 4 (29.10.15) and Week 6 (12.11.15).

- Week 4 Syllabus expectations and problem solving.
- Week 6 MATHLETICS and games to support learning at home.

Time: 3:00 pm – 3:45 pm
Where: 4M Classroom (Mrs McCormack & Mrs Grant)

These sessions are designed to be attended by parents and children to work and have fun together. Bring along any questions you have and don’t be afraid, no experience necessary!

Catherine McCormack - Numeracy Coordinator
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