I would like to congratulate the students of Robert Townson PS for the many achievements of 2015 and extend my thanks for all their hard work and the respectful way they have maintained the high standards expected of them. The staff at Robert Townson PS are sensational, they are dedicated and committed to providing the best for the students here in all areas of school life. This year we farewelled Michelle Sarjana who was promoted to the position of Principal, at Elderslie PS; as well as Anne Finnigan, School Learning Support Officer, after a long and distinguished career here at Robert Townson Public School. Anne is taking up a full time position at Ajuga School. We welcomed Geoffrey Dewar who brings expertise in technology, the creative and practical arts and sport to our teaching staff. Congratulations to Sue Hasler who will take up the Deputy Principal role in 2016. Lauren Fryer, Julie Lambert and Jo Zrnic will all take on Assistant Principal responsibilities in the new year.

I would like to thank the parents for the support they have provided for their children and the children of others by helping here at school on a day to day basis with a variety of school activities such as reading programs or excursions. Congratulations to Sharni Rangaiya on successfully reaching the state final of the Premier’s Spelling Bee held at the ABC studios at Ultimo. Thank you to Mrs Cosic for producing the 2015 Year Book. A huge thank you to the P&C, especially for all their help with Summer Fun Day. Special thank you to our amazing administration team led by Lynn Turner, our School Learning Support Officers, Sue Poto and the canteen team, our wonderful library helpers, Julie Lillis and the cleaning team and Peter Smith our General Assistant.

Term 4 concludes with a School Development Day. This means the last day of school for students is Wednesday 16 December. School resumes for students in Years 1-6 on Thursday 28 January 2016.

**Congratulations to Year 6 - Class of 2015**

With your primary education now complete we hope you will take with you many happy memories and firm friendships. As you follow your dreams, reflect on the Robert Townson values. Keep yourselves safe, always be respectful as this will ensure that you build strong and lasting relationships with people that matter – your family, your friends and your teachers. And of course always follow the Robert Townson motto – AIM HIGH – work hard and always be the best you can be. Take with you our very best wishes as you embark on the next exciting chapter of your education.

On Wednesday 16 December at 2:40 pm all students will line Heathfield Ave to applaud Year 6 as they leave the school for the last time. Parents are welcome to join the farewell ceremony.

**Major Award Winners 2015**

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Please let children in and out of the car KERBSIDE.

DISCLAIMER: RTPS wishes all readers to be aware that the inclusion of an advertisement in this newsletter in NO WAY signifies the school’s endorsement of any particular product or service.
Farewell Anne Finnigan

Anne Finnigan has been permanently appointed to Ajuga School and will take up her new position in the new year. Anne has been a highly valued member of the Robert Townson Public School staff, serving as a School Learning Support Officer since 1990. During her time here she has earned the regard of her colleagues and successfully supported numerous students with special needs.

Many of our students fondly remember the care and warmth she has given them, especially when times were tough. They thank her for the unwavering support she has given them over the years. Anne has worked with students from Kindergarten to Year 6 with a diverse range of needs using her expert knowledge to meet the educational and social needs of children.

Anne is highly trained, she has attended numerous courses and created learning resources for students to use in class and at home. She is professional, committed and dedicated. Anne’s sense of humour and fun loving nature has ensured she developed close bonds with her students leading to a happy inclusive, environment where students feel nurtured and supported.

Congratulations Anne! The Robert Townson family wishes you all the very best as you embark on the next stage of your career.

Farewell Michelle Sarjana

Michelle Sarjana, our very talented Deputy Principal has received a promotion and will be relieving as Principal at Elderslie Public School for 2016. It was a short stay but one of high impact. Michelle brought her expertise in teaching not just in NSW but gave our school an international flavour as she shared her practice from a very high achieving international school in Hong Kong. Her professional knowledge acquired in the UK and valuable training contacts enabled our staff to learn with the best in global education. The Inquiry Learning model has seen our students improve their critical thinking skills and approach their learning with renewed motivation. We have Michelle to thank for not just introducing the Learner Qualities but also being a living example of their application. Michelle has a principled and balanced approach to education using her outstanding knowledge of curriculum and inquiry and excellent communication skills to encourage others to take risks and reflect on their learning in all aspects of school life. Her caring manner and open minded attitude ensured students, staff and parents felt supported.

Michelle spent a lot of time in classrooms sharing her love of learning and reading. She introduced us to Sarah Brennan the author who inspired many of our students to start their own writing projects. All students now have their own writing journey collection folders. Children loved Michelle because she was keen to find out what they were interested in and made them feel special.

Michelle furthered our understanding of how teachers, students and parents felt about Robert Townson by implementing the Tell Them From Me surveys. This information has been used to guide the school’s future direction.

Congratulations Michelle! The Robert Townson family wishes you all the very best as you embark on the next stage of your career.

Newsletter from the Learning Difficulties Coalition now Available on the School Website

This newsletter provides a wealth of information regarding students with special needs. It is put together by the Learning Difficulties Coalition which forms part of the Federation of P&C’s NSW. Joel Matthews, a Robert Townson parent is the Macarthur Councillor for the Federation of P&C’s and sits on this committee.

Summer Fun Day

The enormous success of Summer Fun Day was due to the hard work of teachers, students, the P&C, canteen and lots of parent helpers. The P&C worked tirelessly on the sausage sizzle, popcorn and snow cone machines as well as organising all the Townson tokens. Special thanks to Dean Redding for being an excellent DJ and MC, Lily from Fancy Pants Face Painting for the amazing face painting and Narelle for coordinating the Officeworks sponsorship, the children loved the balloon flowers and animals. The children had a great time and really enjoyed the afternoon especially the various water games. We raised approximately $6,000 which will be put towards technology for 2016. Thank you everyone, Summer Fun Day was definitely great fun.

Classes for 2016

We will not be able to determine our final student numbers for 2016 until students return in the new year. Therefore we will have to form temporary classes at the beginning of 2016.

Wishing you all a very happy and safe festive season from all of us at Robert Townson Public School.

Linda Green – Principal

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop will be opened Thursday 28 and Friday 29 January 2016 from 8:30 am to 9:30 am.

From Wednesday 3 February 2016 the Uniform Shop hours will return to Wednesday’s 2:00 pm to 2:50 pm and Friday’s 8:30 am to 9:30 am.

Uniform Shop Committee
Thank You to Macarthur Gardens Retirement Village

We would like to express our gratitude to Mr Bob Hall and all the staff at Macarthur Gardens Retirement Village who have very kindly donated $150 to the school’s music department. This donation is very much appreciated by the students of RTPS and the Vocal Ensemble in particular.

Sarah Cosis – Vocal Ensemble Coordinator

Locking of Gates 2016

Upon review of our current WHS policy and in consultation with our P&C we have decided to change procedures for access to our school. This is to ensure the safety of students and staff.

We will be conducting a trial in Week 4 of Term 1 2016. All external gates will be locked at 9:15 am and be reopened at 2:30 pm. On Tuesday afternoons the gate will be opened at 2:00 pm to allow Robert Townson High School students to depart and pick up siblings.

During these times access to the school will only be via the main gate near the front office.

Thank you for your support.

Paula Clements – WHS Co-ordinator
Jen Masters – PBL Co-ordinator

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS CLINICS

WHEN ARE THE CLINICS HELD? Monday – Wednesday both weeks.

DECEMBER 2015  21st - 22nd – 23rd (FIRST CLINIC)
JANUARY 2016  18th - 19th – 20th (SECOND CLINIC)

WHERE – Wests Tennis Club - 16 Old Leumeah Rd Leumeah

COST – $90.00 for 3 days (9am till 3pm)
OPTION 2 - $35.00 per day (9am till 3pm)
OPTION 3 - $20.00 per day (9am till 12 noon)

WHO CAN COME? – Any children from the age of 5 up to 17 (beginners welcome)

TO REGISTER OR MAKE ENQUIRIES PLEASE CALL IAN ON 0411 330 107

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