Principal’s Message

Students Return to School on Tuesday 21 April for Term 2

This busy term concludes on Thursday 2 April. Term 2 commences with a School Development Day for staff on Monday 20 April. Students return to school on Tuesday 21 April. On behalf of the staff at Robert Townson PS I wish you all a happy and safe holiday.

Crazy Hat Parade

Thank you to all the parents, grandparents, family and friends that helped our students prepare their crazy hats and came along and supported the children at the parade, a great time was had by all. Special thanks to the P&C for organising the Easter Raffle and Hot Cross Bun school fundraisers. A visit from the Easter Bunny was much appreciated.

Congratulations to Caitlin Demeary and Nathan Williams on Representing the School at the State Swimming Finals

Champion swimmers Caitlin Demeary and Nathan Williams were both successful in gaining a place in the State Swimming Carnival following their excellent swims at the South Western Sydney Area carnival. They will compete in the 50 metre freestyle event. Congratulations Caitlin and Nathan.

Congratulations to Hannah Darley on Representing the School at the State Tennis Championships

Hannah Darley is a very talented tennis player who will be playing in the State Finals. We wish Hannah success as she represents Robert Townson Public School in this prestigious event. Well done, Hannah!

!!!SAFETY FIRST!!!

Please let children in and out of the car KERBSIDE

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COMING

- Thursday 2 April
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- Tuesday 21 April
- Thursday 23 April
- Friday 24 April
- Tuesday 12 May – Thursday 14 May
- Thursday 21 May

EVENTS

- K – 6 Assembly 9:15 am High School Hall
- Student Banking
- Last day of Term 1
- First day of Term 2 for students
- School Photos
- ANZAC Service
- NAPLAN Years 3 & 5
- P&C Forum
School Photos

School photos will be taken in the first week of next term on Thursday 23 April. Students in K-2 should wear their summer uniform. If you have a shirt on order from the Uniform Shop it will be available before photo day. Students in Years 3 – 6 should wear their sports uniform to ensure consistency in the photo.

You should have received an envelope with your child’s name with package options. These need to be given to your child’s class teacher with payment on or before the photograph day.

If you would like to purchase a family photograph, please ask for a family photograph envelope from the office. These need to be paid for separately to the photographer to avoid confusion.

ANZAC Service Friday 24 April at 10:00 am

The school ANZAC Service will be held on Friday 24 April at 10:00 am in Pollard Place. Parents are welcome to attend.

Hats, Hats, Hats

It is essential that every child has a hat to wear during all outdoor activities. We pride ourselves on maintaining a high standard of uniform and therefore would like to see every child wearing a school hat. Thankyou to the many parents who have made sure that their child/children have the correct hat it makes such a difference to their appearance. Students representing the school at PSSA Gala Days are expected to wear school hats with their sports uniform. Hats are available from the school office at anytime for $11.00 each or from the Uniform Shop-Wednesday's 2:00 pm - 2:50 pm and Friday's 8:30 am - 9:30 am.

Facts about Fractions

If you’ve forgotten 3/5 of primary school maths and 7/8 of high school maths, what’s left? Ah ha! Children need help learning how to add fractions too. The only thing left is to print these fact sheets. Find our more: https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/eppcontent/glossary/app/resource/factsheet/4013.pdf

Amazing Art

Autumn’s the perfect season to take a trip to a gallery. The popular ArtExpress exhibition connects us to the inner lives and self-expression of high school students. Amazing works are on show throughout NSW. Check out the calendar.

Find out more: http://artexpress.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/

Sounding Out Aloud

Making phonics fun. Help your child learn to read by sounding out their words. Here are some tips to help your child gain confidence reading.

Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-

study/english/english-tips/phonics-helping-your-child-with-letters-and-sounds

Linda Green – Principal

ANZAC Fun Run
Sunday 26 April 2015

Robert Townson Public School will be entering a team in the 2015 Macarthur Lions Fun Run, 5 km event. To enter www.macarthur.nsw.lions.org.au and join the Robert Townson PS team. Password RTPS.

Time: 9:00 am
Cost: $10.00
Entries close: 5:00 pm 24 April 2015

Catherine McCormack – Team Coordinator

Young Leaders Day 2015

On Monday 23 March a group of young leaders from Robert Townson Public School met at 7:15 am at Minto station to catch the train to Central station. They then made their way to the QANTAS Credit Union Stadium for The National Young Leaders Day 2015.

Our first speaker was Mike Martin. He spoke about influence in leadership and the responsibility that comes with being a leader through science and stories.

Our second speaker was Mike Baird. He said that it was never too early to become a leader and that we should start right now. You can achieve much more than you think you can. Remember that you need to value everyone and don’t judge people as every person is special. Stand up and make a difference.

The third speaker was Bindi Irwin. She is the young sixteen year old who is the daughter of Steve and Terry Irwin. She spoke very well and explained to us that her role as a conservationist is to speak for those who can't speak for themselves. She was very passionate about animals and felt that to be a good leader you needed to be passionate and love what you are doing. You need to learn as much as you can from those around you and volunteer your time as it all makes a difference. Leadership and learning are indispensable in life.

Our fourth speaker was Rachael Leahcar with her beautiful 3 year old guide dog Ella. She was hugely inspirational in talking to us about her journey in music. She always loved singing and after Year 12 was offered a placement in Speech Pathology, but took a year off instead in order to pursue her passion in singing. She faced many challenges and after so many rejections she finally got a ‘Yes’ and came third on The Voice. Her advice to us was that No doesn’t mean never again and that challenges create character. We should turn our weaknesses into strengths.

Our final speakers of the day and one of our favourites were Dylan Parker and James Norton. They met by chance at The Canberra Regional Paper Plane competition in 2008. They then competed in the Australian championships and then the World Championships in Austria in 2009. A movie ‘Paper Planes’ has been made based on their passion for flight.
and challenge to compete in the World championship. Their love of paper planes was evident as they brought about 50 different kinds of folded paper planes onto the stage and demonstrated their throwing techniques and skills. Soon the whole stadium was full of soaring paper planes. Keep doing what you love and don’t be afraid to pursue your interests.

The most important thing that we learnt was to get started, follow your passion and keep trying through challenges. We had an awesome day!

Thank you Mrs Hasler and Mrs Fox for giving us the opportunity to be able to participate in the Young Leaders Day. We thoroughly enjoyed it!

By Chantelle Diaz and Gunni Kapur

Robert Townson School Leaders. Emanuel Zak attended but was absent for the photo.

_Stewart House Clothing Bags_

Stewart House provides short-term respite care to thousands of public school children each year. Any quality old clothes would be greatly appreciated. Please return full or empty bags to your child’s class teacher by **Friday 15 May 2015**. Please do not bring to the office as they are collected from the classroom.

Paula Clements – Charities

_Skoolbag App_

Robert Townson PS has recently subscribed to the Skoolbag app. The app is designed to keep parents, carers, staff and students up to date with all events occurring in the school by sending alerts, reminders and links. The app is free to download from the app store or google play just by searching for our school name. Once you have downloaded the app, it is important to set your alerts which are relevant to you and your children. Instructions are within the app.

Jozefina Zrnic – Technology Coordinator

_From the P&C_

Thank you to all the parents who helped at the BBQ and Cake Stall held at the State Election. Thank you for all the support for the P&C with the Easter Egg raffle and Voluntary Contribution payment. Congratulations to the raffle winners.

Our next fundraiser will be the Mother’s Day Stall in May and items to sell can be donated via your class teacher.

Christine Wright – P&C President

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LOADS OF FUN - 3 DAY CLINIC
WHERE – Wests Tennis Club
16 Old Leumeah Rd Leumeah

COST
OPTION 1- $90.00 for 3 days (9:00am till 3:00pm)
OPTION 2- $35.00 per day (9:00am till 3:00pm )
OPTION 3- $20.00 per day (9:00am till 12:00 noon )
WHO CAN COME? - Any children from the age of 5 up to 17 beginners welcome.

TO REGISTER OR ENQUIRYS PLEASE CALL – Jared 0404-457-088 or Ian 0411-330-107