McDonald’s Family
Community Fundraising Night

Dear Parents, Staff and Students

The P&C Association are coming together with Eaglevale McDonald’s and holding a Family Fundraising Night on:

Tuesday 26 May 2015
Between 6 pm and 8 pm

McDonald’s will donate 15% of all over the counter sales during this 2 hour period. (In-store sales only, not drive through)

Thank-you for your much needed donations to go towards our on-going funding commitments and to better our children at Robert Townson Public School.

Please why not take a break from cooking and between 6 pm & 8 pm come and grab a bite from McDonalds!

We hope to see you there!
ANZAC Day Commemorations

At the Robert Townson Public School ANZAC Day service we commemorated the 100 year anniversary since the events at Gallipoli during the First World War, as well as remembering all those who served in conflicts and peace keeping missions since that time. Members of the student parliament spoke to the students about the significance of ANZAC day and the role the events in Gallipoli played in shaping the Australian Spirit. Patrick O’Grady from Ingleburn RSL also spoke with the students about the significance of ANZAC Day. A special thank you to Sarah Cosis who played the Last Post and Reveille for us.

Student leaders Chantelle Diaz and Noah Stuart along with Margaret Grant attended the special ‘Campbelltown Commemorates’ ANZAC Day service. Students and teachers from all over Campbelltown as well as community groups and returned servicemen joined the Mayor and other members of the Campbelltown City Council to commemorate ANZAC Day and the 100 years since the campaign at Gallipoli. Following the service lead by the RSL’s Dutchy Holland, the local Mayor, Cr Paul Lake, presented the community groups, the RSL and schools with a commemorative plaque created especially for the occasion. The plaque was created using timber from an original ANZAC pine and timber from the Ingleburn Army Barracks. The plaque (pictured) is now on display in the school foyer.

At conclusion of the official event students were invited to participate in a variety of activities which included performances, displays of research on Campbelltown WW1 veterans, museum displays, a number of historic army vehicles students could explore, WW1 military outfits for the students to try on and displays of artwork.

On ANZAC Day the school was proudly represented by Jack Bennetts who attended the Ingleburn RSL ANZAC Day service and laid a wreath on our behalf.

School Photos

School photos as you would be aware have been postponed until Wednesday 6 May. Students should wear their summer uniform. Students in K-2 should wear their new shirts if they have one. If you have a shirt on order from the Uniform Shop it will be available for photo day. Students in Years 3 – 6 should wear their sports shirt to ensure consistency in the photo.

!!!SAFETY FIRST!!!
Please let children in and out of the car KERBSIDE

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**Application for Opportunity Class Placement in Year 5 in 2016**

If your child is seeking Year 5 opportunity class placement in 2016 you must submit the application online between Monday 27 April 2015 and 15 May 2015.

The application website is at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement

**Free Seminar: Identifying and Managing Child Anxiety**

In partnership with the Rotary Club of North Ryde, the Centre for Emotional Health is pleased to invite parents, school counsellors and teachers to this free community event.

**When:** Thursday 28 May 2015  
**Where:** Australian Hearing Hub, Level 1 Lecture Theatre, 16 University Avenue, Macquarie University  
**Time:** 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

In this information session, Dr Lauren McLellan will discuss:
- Ways to identify anxiety in children, ages 7 to 12 years
- How anxiety can affect children and
- Tips to manage child anxiety

Linda Green – Principal

**Peer Mediation**

We would like to introduce our Semester 1 (February to June) Peer Mediators:-


Our Peer Mediators are on the playgrounds on a daily basis.

Peer Mediation is helpful in resolving conflict that occurs between students on the playground. This is an active process and the mediators use a series of reflection questions to help resolve any problems.

**School Development Day**

On Monday 20 April the teachers at Robert Townson PS together with the teachers from Ingleburn PS and five teachers from Gerringong PS spent the day learning more about Inquiry Learning and an app for the ipads ‘VERSO’ which can be used to gain feedback from students during lessons.

The teachers were very engaged and will also observe Ross Dawson presenter from ‘Concept Ed’ in classrooms on Tuesday 28 and Thursday 30 April.

You may like to ask your child/children if they have any wonderings about the big questions they are inquiring into in their classrooms.

**A Message and Some Exciting News from our Author Friend Sarah Brennan**

I just wanted to let you know that the results of my Shaggy Sheep Poem competition have just been published on the Clever Competition page on my blog at http://www.sarahbrennanblog.com and Robert Townson Public School did really well!

**Congratulations to:**

Holly Lollback, Kaya Tolley and Sharni Rangaiya of 3/4H for their wonderful entries. Huge congratulations to Sharni Rangaiya, who won a Runner Up Place in the hotly contested Shaggy Sheep Poem Competition Grade 4 to 6 category with a superb entry. While not winning a place, Holly Lollback made the Longlist, no mean achievement given the numbers involved. And I enjoyed reading Kaya’s poem very much indeed.

It was the biggest competition yet, with 175 terrific entries from 32 schools in 9 cities on 3 continents (Beijing, Hong Kong, Melbourne, Shanghai, Shenzhen, Singapore, Sydney, Taiwan and Seattle, USA)! The poems were excellent, and there was a great variety, with everything ranging from knock knock jokes to riddles to haikus to limericks to cinquains to rhyming couplets to some really good free verse! The sheep, rams and goats were a hairy, noisy lot on the whole but quite adorable, just like Rodney Ram!

Please go on to Sarah’s website and enter her latest Clever Competition which I will announce by Newsletter and on my blog in May!

Sharni Rangaiya’s Riddle

‘I am kept outdoors  
But I can keep you warm  
I make a great feast  
At the very least  
I’ve got mind - blowing horns  
Every year I get shorn (sheared)  
I’ve got the best hooves in town  
You might see me around  
I am a full-grown male lamb  
Can you guess what I am?  
I am a ram.’

Michelle Sarjana – Deputy Principal
Class Pages on School Website

Our 2015 class pages have been uploaded! Check out what has been happening in your child’s classroom in Term 1, and what plans have been made for Term 2. You can access these pages through the ‘What’s happening at RTPS?’ tab via http://www.robertstown-schools.nsw.edu.au/.

Jennifer Masters – Website Coordinator

Harmony Day

Harmony Day celebrates Australia's cultural diversity. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. This year we celebrated Harmony Day on Friday 20 March. The day began with an assembly led by our wonderful student parliament. Students then created Harmony Trees and participated in a variety of activities. Congratulations to Kaleb Mills, Kaleigh Way, Summer Golby and Maddison Cradduck on being our colouring competition winners. Thanks to Townson Tiger (Deakon Cassidy) for making a special appearance.

Paula Clements - Coordinator

From the Office

It would be appreciated if payment/permission notes etc. are returned to school by the due date. It is unfortunate for students if they have to miss an opportunity due to a deadline not being met. Deadlines are often set by outside influences and your support and understanding assists with planning processes.

Lynn Turner – Admin Manager

Stewart House Donation Drive 2015

With this week’s newsletter students will be bringing home a donation drive envelope from Stewart House. If you would like to make a $2 donation and be in the draw to win a $4,000 holiday to the destination of your choice, please write your name on the back and insert a $2 coin into the envelope and return to your child’s teacher by Friday 8 May 2015, so that we can forward them on in time for the draw. Thank you.

Stewart House Clothing Bags

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

AFL

Robert Townson students will have the opportunity to participate in an after school Auskick Program which will be run for 4 weeks on our back oval commencing in Wk 4.

Dates: Monday 11 May till Monday 1 June
Time: 3:15 pm - 4:15 pm
Cost: $40 which includes bag, pack and goodies.

More details at Monday’s flag raising.

The GWS Giants players and staff recently visited RTPS to run a lunchtime clinic at the end of Term 1.

Nathan Allen and Adam Elkhodr with GWS Giants players
Tim Golds and Matt Buntine

Geoff Dewar - Coordinator

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