**Principal’s Message**

**Principal’s Awards will be Presented at 9 am on Monday 31 August**

Principal’s Awards will be presented at the Flag Raising Ceremony at 9 am on Monday 31 August 2015. Parents are welcome to attend.

**NAPLAN Results Home This Week for Years 3 & 5**

All Year 3 and 5 students who sat for the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy – NAPLAN will receive their results this week. Results will be given to students on Thursday 20 August in a sealed envelope to pass on to their parents. The tests provide important information to the school about what each student can do and results are used to support teaching and learning programs. Each student’s level of achievement will be reported against national standards. If you wish to discuss any aspect of your child’s results please make an appointment to see their class teacher.

Linda Green - Principal

**‘Back to School Day’ at Robert Townson Public School**

On Tuesday 4 August a class of eager and enthusiastic parents filled the library as our students for the day. Roll call was taken by Michelle Sarjana at 10 o’clock and parents were present and sitting up straight in anticipation of the day that lay ahead.

The Essential Learner Qualities; Inquirer, Principled, Communicator, Thinker, Caring, Risk Taker, Reflective, Knowledgeable, Balanced and Open Minded were introduced and the importance of each of these attributes discussed as they underpin the qualities of successful learners.

A lesson in literacy and a music percussion session commenced the fun filled learning packed day! Parents were eager to volunteer their responses, compose their own musical pieces as budding Mozarts and keep up with the beat!

Apples, fruit, water and conversations featured in the Crunch ‘n’ Sip morning break.

The parents were thoroughly engaged as 21st century learners, inquiring into heat energy and testing their hypothesis by experimenting with chocolate. The interactive Ipad application lesson had all parents motivated in this new way of learning with plenty of fun and frivolity.

Greetings and some basic Japanese was shared and exchanged between learning partners in their language lesson. Current mathematical strategies were demonstrated and parent wonderings were addressed through fun TEN (Targeting Early Numeracy) games and water based activities.

A special thank you to the contributing teachers; Sue Hasler, Sarah Cosis, Margaret Grant, Catherine McCormack, Geoffrey Dewar and Lyn Thirlwell.

Parent responses were overwhelmingly positive and the day was a huge success.

‘Really enjoyed the day-great to see how the learning is practical.’

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‘Literacy lesson was great. It made me think about the books and gave me ideas to discuss with my children.’

Informative and fun day. A great turn out of parents and the teachers all did a great job!’

‘Found it a great day from start to finish.’

‘Loved it was a whole day experience. Appreciated being taught the new maths strategies.’

‘It was a great effort. Lots of time spent organising the day and getting everyone involved. Very well done.’

‘What a great day experiencing what my child’s teacher does on a school day. You are providing a very open door environment where parents, teachers and children are able to connect together.’

‘Very informative, fun and entertaining’

Great overall experience especially for new parents to the school.’

‘A great range of lessons.’

‘Well organised and delicious snacks and lunch. The day helped me a lot.’

‘Excellent hands-on activities which were easy to understand learning today and a range of subjects.’

‘Great day, great experience. Thank you for your time.’

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 31 August and 11 September. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by 28 August. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.

The Partners in Learning Parent Feedback Survey

Our school will also be participating in the Partners in Learning parent survey, another part of the Tell Them From Me suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents’ and carers’ perspectives on their child’s experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The school's computer lab (near the Library) will be open between 8:30 and 9:00 am each morning. If you would like to participate but do not have access to a computer please let us know. The survey typically takes 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 17 August and 18 September at Robert Townson PS. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, however, your responses are very much appreciated.


If you have any other questions please contact either Michelle Sarjana or Sue Hasler.

Michelle Sarjana & Sue Hasler - ‘Tell Them from Me’ Survey Coordinators

Heartbeat – Science Matters

On Thursday 6 August, our senior Indigenous students attended the “Heartbeat – Science Matters” program at the University of Western Sydney, Campbelltown. The students spent an activity-packed day experimenting, playing and exploring. The students:

- made lava lamps in Chemistry;
- studied the blood and blocked arteries in
Biology;
• found interesting uses for the Lemon Tea-Tree and the Paper Bark Tree in Aboriginal Science; and
• had fun playing traditional Aboriginal games.
Here are some of the students’ reflections:

‘I learnt that you can keep your arteries clear by eating healthy food and only having junk food as a treat. Also, I didn’t know that lobsters have blue blood. I really enjoyed making the lava lamp because I felt like I was a scientist mixing all the chemicals together.’
by Noah

‘I learnt that there are some animals that have blue blood. I had fun playing the games.’
by Mason

‘I learnt that the bark from the Paper Bark Tree can help your wounds if you get burnt. I had heaps of fun when we played the games.’
by Trent

Robert Townson’s Indigenous students conducted themselves maturely and responsibly throughout the day. They learnt a great deal about science and how it integrates with the Aboriginal culture.

Sarah Cosis

Book Character Parade

On Tuesday 25 August at 9:30 am we invite you to come and see our Book Character Parade. This is part of our celebrations for Book Week 2015. All students are asked to join in the fun and dress as their favourite character from a story. Following the parade come and have a look at our Book Fair in the Library.

Lots of bargain priced, brand new books for sale. The Library gets a percentage of sales in new books for the Library. All of the classes will be coming with their teachers during their usual library time. Parents are more than welcome to come along too. Children can bring money to spend on the day or we will give them a wish list of books that they like. You are under no obligation to purchase these books. We will be open on Thursday after school until 7pm for parents to come after work. EFTPOS will be available for your convenience.

Sydney Regional Finals of the NSW Netball Cup

On Wednesday 22 July, our Senior Netball team competed in the Sydney Regional Finals of the NSW Netball Cup. The team played very well and came 3rd in their pool and 6th overall. The team was lucky enough to compete at Netball Central in Homebush, a state-of-the-art netball complex which will be hosting some games of the upcoming Netball World Cup. The Cup itself was on display on the day and the team was very excited to be photographed with it.

Thank you to all the parents who supported the team by providing transport to and from the venue. The students were inspired by the prestige of the event and gained valuable experience from participating in such a high level competition.

Sarah Cosis – Netball Coordinator

NAIDOC Performance

On Thursday 13 August Robert Townson students enjoyed a wonderful series of performances by Fred Reid and his son Todd to celebrate NAIDOC week. Fred is from the Daingattie tribe of North Western NSW and...
enjoys spending time sharing Aboriginal culture with school students, bringing about awareness of traditional knowledge and respect. In each of the shows, a number of girls took part in an emu celebration dance, while boys were kangaroos. Even the teachers got a chance to dance like brolgas which is always very entertaining! Senior students learnt a little about the importance of respecting other’s culture and K-2 students played some games using traditional language. They were great shows thoroughly enjoyed by everyone who attended.

What did you love about the show?

‘I loved when I got up to do the emu dance.’
by Isabella KY

‘I enjoyed getting up to dance.’
by Justin 3L

‘Watching the girls dance!’
by Hayley 4M

‘Todd making the different sounds on the didgeridoo.’
by Baiden 4M

‘All the different sounds and information about the didgeridoo.’
by Mia & Capri 6A

Catherine McCormack - Indigenous Education Coordinator

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Macarthur CDC clinicians can assist your child’s
- Social Skills
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WHO: Preschool and School Aged Children
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Macarthur CDC’s Free Spot Check’s!

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Macarthur CDC’s speech pathologists will advise if further formalised assessments are required or refer to appropriate services.

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