Principal's Message

The Father’s Day Barbecue will be on rain, hail or shine on Friday 4 September from 8:00 am – 9:00 am

On Stage Production

The students and staff of Robert Townson PS will be presenting our biennial concert Way to Go on Tuesday 15 September and Thursday 17 September.

Why Play is Important for Children

An article in the American Journal of Play details not only how much children’s play time has declined, but how this lack of play affects emotional development, leading to the rise of anxiety, depression and problems of attention and self control.

Five Ways Play Benefits Children

- Play gives children a chance to find and develop a connection to their own self identifies and self guided interests.
- It is through play that children first learn how to make decisions, solve problems, exert self control and follow rules.
- Children learn to handle their emotions, including anger and fear during play.
- Play helps children make friends and learn to get along with others as equals.
- Play is a source of happiness. When children are asked about activities that bring them happiness, they say they are happier when playing with friends than in any other situation.

Linda Green – Principal

'Tell Them From Me’ Parent Survey Reminder

Just a reminder that the Tell Them From Me parent survey is still open until 18 September. Access: Google - Tell Them From Me and then click on Tell Them From Me Login.

Competitions

Well done to all the students who participated in the science and spelling competitions. It is very pleasing to see such great results. Congratulations to those children listed below who achieved a Distinction, Credit or Merit.

Science
- Distinction - Gunni Kapur 5/6F.

Spelling
- Credits - Emanuel Zak 5/6F, Dilnaz Saini 5/6F, Jonathan Lai 5/6F, Gunni Kapur 5/6F, Maddison Fowler 6S.

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Sue Hasler – Relieving Deputy Principal

**Book Character Parade**

On Monday 31 August we had our Book Character Parade. It was good to see so many parents and friends enjoying the sunshine and watching the many students and teachers who got into the spirit of the day and came dressed as a Book Character. Ms Sommerville as Mary Poppins was our marvellous MC.

A big thank you to everyone who came to our Book Fair and purchased books. Thanks to your support, the Library will receive over $1700 worth of new books!

Susan Greaves – Teacher/Librarian

**Aboriginal Education**

The last few weeks have been very busy in Aboriginal Education. After celebrating NAIDOC week with the whole school at our Fred Reid performances, all of our Indigenous students travelled to Ingleburn Public School, with our Vocal Ensemble, to celebrate again with our Community of Schools. Led by Mrs Cosis, the Vocal Ensemble performed *Cari Gynda Narmi*, a traditional welcome song of the Batdjala people. As they always do, the Vocal Ensemble did us proud with their spectacular performance receiving compliments all day. Students then had the opportunity to take part in lots of activities, including healthy lifestyle games, traditional Indigenous games and our favourite, the photo booth where everyone got dressed up and painted up in traditional gear. We sure have some muscly warrior men here at Robert Townson! Thank you to Mrs Westcott at Ingleburn PS for organising such a wonderful day.
Our 4 senior boys have completed their 6 Opportunity Hub sessions with Dean Wright. They took part in lots of games and activities focused on self-awareness, dealing with conflict, education and career aspirations and of course cultural awareness. The course was very worthwhile and Dean hopes to come along to our Indigenous Community barbecue next term to present the boys with their certificates.

Thank you to all the Indigenous families who indicated their interest in having a community barbecue, to celebrate the achievements of our Indigenous students this year. The overwhelming response was for an afternoon barbecue, so we have set aside Tuesday 17 November, from 3:15 pm to hold this event. We look forward to seeing all our Indigenous families there.

Heartbeat Website Launch

Following our involvement in the Heartbeat Program at UWS Macarthur, a number of Stage 2 students went back to uni for the launch of Lightning Runners. A computer game developed by the university, a company- Digital Eskimo, and students from Briar Rd PS aimed at engaging Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in health and medicine. Makai, who is a gamer, had a look when we got back to school and was impressed! Lightning Runners can be accessed via the Heartbeat website heartbeat.uws.edu.au

Catherine McCormack – Assistant Principal/Aboriginal Education Coordinator

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 2 (15.10.2015), Week 4 (29.10.15) and Week 6 (12.11.15).

Time: 3:00 pm – 3:45 pm

Where: 4M Classroom (Mrs McCormack & Mrs Grant)

Sessions will include numeracy strategies, grade level understanding and Mathletics. They 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

From the P&C

Thank you to all the parents who helped run the barbecue and cake stall at the K-2 Athletics Carnival and for helping on the Father’s Day Stall.

Christine Wright – P&C President

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**SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS CLINICS**

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

**SEPTEMBER 21st - 22nd – 23rd** (FIRST WEEK)

**SEPTEMBER 28th - 29th – 30th** (SECOND WEEK)

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)

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