**Principal’s Message**

*A very warm welcome to all the new families that have joined us in 2016*

Students have settled quickly into the new school year and learning programs are well underway with numeracy groups for students in Years 3-6 already started. This year we look forward to celebrating our 30th birthday as well as every child displaying their artworks in Term 3 at the Artists of Robert Townsend Art Show.

We trust you have had a relaxing holiday and are feeling as enthusiastic as we are about the 2016 learning journey we are all about to embark upon. Thank you for going to so much trouble to make sure your child has come to school neatly presented in their school uniform and with a school hat. This contributes so much to ensuring a positive attitude to learning and a responsible approach to study. A special thank you to Leanne Carter and the P&C uniform team for opening the uniform shop for additional hours to cater for the high demand at the start of the year.

Kindergarten students started school on Wednesday 4 February and we had a lovely roll up of parents, grandparents, aunties, uncles and friends to see them go into their class for the start of their exciting journey in education. Thank you to the P&C for hosting a morning tea for the new Kindergarten parents to help them feel welcome here at Robert Townsend.

**Information Sessions for Parents in the Library on Tuesday 16 February**

We will be holding information sessions for parents. During these meetings teachers will let you know about general requirements, excursions, homework, the Positive Behaviour Program as well as literacy and numeracy programs including Mathletics/Reading Eggs. There will be an opportunity to ask general questions but these sessions are not intended as parent teacher interviews, Three Way Conferences have been scheduled later in the term. Please note payment for voluntary contributions ($40 per child or $50 per family) and a variety of school activities such as the Sport in Schools Australia (SISA) Social Skills Program $24 and Mathletics/Reading Eggs $20 can be made at these sessions.

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**Staff Changes in 2016**

As you would be aware Michelle Sarjana has taken up the position of Principal at Elderslie Public School, Sue Hasler will be relieving Deputy Principal. We welcome Sue Cooper, who will take on the Assistant Principal role leading Stage 2 and teaching 3/4C. This year we welcome Kylie Rapa who will be teaching 5/6R and Robyn Marsh who will join the Learning and Support teaching team two days per week. Ms Feher will be returning from maternity leave to teach 1F. Congratulations to Catherine McCormack who has given birth to a beautiful baby girl during the holidays. We have joint leadership teams with Judy Carter and Jo Zrnic leading Stage 1 and Lindie Barron and Lauren Fryer leading Stage 3. Julie Lambert will lead Kindergarten.

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Positive Behaviour in Schools (PBL) at Robert Townson Refresher Assembly on 24 February

The Robert Townson PS positive behaviour values which you will see displayed around the school are:

Be Safe

Be Respectful

Aim High

On 24 February we will be having a refresher assembly which parents are welcome to attend.

The PBL program reflects the behaviour code of the Department of Education.

Behaviour Code for Students
Promoting the learning, wellbeing and safety of all students in NSW Public Schools is a high priority for the Department of Education and Robert Townson Public School.

We implement teaching and learning approaches to support the development of skills needed by students to meet our high standards for respectful, safe and engaged behaviour.

Respect
- Treat one another with dignity
- Speak and behave courteously
- Cooperate with others
- Develop positive and respectful relationships and think about the effect on relationships before acting
- Value the interests, ability and culture of others
- Dress appropriately by complying with the school uniform or dress code
- Take care with property

Safety
- Model and follow departmental, school and/or class codes of behaviour and conduct
- Negotiate and resolve conflict with empathy
- Take personal responsibility for behaviour and actions
- Care for self and others
- Avoid dangerous behaviour and encourage others to avoid dangerous behaviour

Engagement
- Attend school every day (unless legally excused)
- Arrive at school and class on time
- Be prepared for every lesson
- Actively participate in learning
- Aspire and strive to achieve the highest standards of learning

As you would be aware we have had to form temporary classes until we were sure how many students would be enrolled for this year. Due to an increase in anticipated enrolments in Kindergarten and Year 1 we are now able to form an additional class. The new organisation will commence on Monday 15 February. Classes are as follows:

KCH Mrs Hughes/Mrs Cooper
KL Mrs Lambert
KR Mrs Rolfe
1F Ms Feher
1J Miss Zrnic
1K Mrs Marchetta/Mrs Cullen
1T Miss Thirlwell
2 J Mrs Carter/Mrs Bisset
2C Mrs Cosic
2R Mrs Raymond/Mrs Bisset
3/4A Mr Antony
3/4C Mrs Cooper
3/4F Mrs Fryer
3/4V Mrs van Hulsteyn
3/4S Ms Sommerville
4/5D Mr Dewar
5/6C Mrs Cosis
5/6B Mrs Barron/Mrs Grant
5/6M Mrs Masters
5/6F Mrs Fryer
5/6R Mrs Rapa

Stage Leaders for 2016

Early Stage 1 – Kindergarten – Julie Lambert
Stage 1 – Years 1 and 2 – Judy Carter/Jozefina Zrnic
Stage 2 – Years 3 and 4 – Sue Cooper
Stage 3 – Years 5 and 6 – Lindie Barron/Lauren Fryer

Student Assistance Scheme
The Student Assistance Scheme provides funding to schools for the purpose of extending help to students whose families are experiencing hardship. This funding is governed by strict guidelines. All applications are confidential. Please contact Linda Green, Sue Hasler or Lynn Turner for an application form.

Children are Not Allowed in the Car Park Even if They are With a Parent – it’s a Safety Issue
Teachers and parents have expressed concern regarding a few parents who are driving into the staff car park to deliver and pick up their children. Students are not permitted in the school car park as they are classed as unsafe areas. Children need to be dropped off outside the school beside the curb and access the school via a footpath. If you take your child through the car park it leads other children to believe that this is alright and they then enter the car park unsupervised, this is very dangerous. Please be mindful that some of our students are only 4 years old and we need to set the right example for all children. We thank you for your understanding and assistance in keeping our students safe.

Safe Pick up and Drop off at School
When dropping off and picking up children from the front of the school please be mindful of the parking signs. The front of the school is a drop off zone allowing parents to pull up to the kerb and let their children out of the car, this area is not a parking zone and parents should not leave their car. Please ensure that your child uses the “safety” door – the door that
opens on to the footpath when entering or exiting the car.

Linda Green - Principal

**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

**Swimming Carnival**

Our 2016 sporting calendar got underway with a picture perfect day for the swimming carnival. The day began early with seven entrants in the 100m freestyle which was followed by the arrival of the first shuttle buses. The students participated well in all activities, were well behaved and competed fairly. Many thanks to the staff, parents and students who assisted with the running of the carnival. Also many thanks to the RTHS students who assisted as timekeepers and runners. Our Zone squad will represent the school in Week 6 at The Fields Carnival. More information to follow.

**House Points**

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Congratulations to Wangrah.

**Age Champions**

- **Seniors** - Anoushka Salian and Simon Mansfield
- **11 years** - Leyla Tupkovic and Andrew Salian
- **Juniors** - Caitlyn Demeary and Nathan Williams

**Record Breakers**

Congratulations to Nathan Williams (9yrs) and Leyla Tupkovic (11yrs) who set new records for the 50m Freestyle.

Congratulations to Andrew Salian who set new times for the 11 years Freestyle, Breaststroke & Backstroke.

A massive day for Caitlyn Demeary who broke five junior records! Freestyle, Breaststroke, Backstroke, Butterfly & Individual Medley. A fantastic effort!

Geoffrey Dewar - Sports Coordinator

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**From the Uniform Shop**

The uniform shop is run by volunteers and the hours are: Wednesdays 2:00 pm – 2:50 pm and Fridays 8:30 am to 9:30 am. If you are unable to attend the uniform shop, you can place an order with payment and the uniform shop will deliver it to your child in the classroom.

**Please note:** Children in Kindergarten to Year 2 do not require a sports uniform, Years 3-6 need to purchase a sports uniform, available from the uniform shop.

Year 6 shirts are currently being ordered alleviating the need to purchase the new school shirt.

Leanne Carter – Uniform Coordinator

**From the Canteen**

Welcome back everyone and welcome to our new Kindergarten students and their parents. The canteen is opened from **8:30 am to 3:15 pm**. Attached to this newsletter is a canteen price list as at February 2016. If you need to contact the canteen the phone number is 9820 9757. The school office is unable to connect.

Due to health regulations we are not permitted to heat any food brought from home by children.

Sue Poto – Canteen Manager

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Robert Townson Public School PBL Award

Townie
Students earn townies in the classroom and playground for demonstrating positive behaviour.

Pink and Green Merit
Students earn a pink merit by collecting ten Townies. Students also receive green merits for positive behaviour, work and effort in class. Teachers hand out four green merits each week.

STAR Award
Students earn a STAR Award for displaying exemplary behaviour throughout the term. Students are eligible for a STAR award each term for upholding the school PBIS values of Be Respectful, Be Safe and Aim High.

10 pink/green merits or STAR awards in any combination.

Diamond Award
Year 6 Students are eligible for a Diamond Award at the end of the year. Diamond Award recipients are nominated by their teachers and have shown exemplary behaviour throughout their schooling as well as dedication to and commitment to school life during their time at Robert Townson.

Principal’s Award
Students earn Principal’s Awards by achieving 10 pink/green Merits, 10 STAR Awards or a combination of both. The Principal’s Awards are presented at small school assemblies throughout the year.

3 Principal’s Awards

Gold Award
Students achieve a Gold Award when they have received three Principal’s Awards. Gold Awards are presented at end of term assemblies. Students who receive a Gold Award display exemplary behaviour and an outstanding work ethic in all areas of school life.
HOT FOOD
- Meat Pie - $3.20
- Party Pie - $1.00
- Sausage Roll - $3.00
- Spaghetti Bolognese - $4.60
- Lasagne - $4.60
- Hamburger - $5.00
- Chicken Burger - $4.60
- Hot Dog - $3.60
- Pizza - $3.60
- Chicken & Corn Roll - $2.20
- Noodle Cup - $3.20
- Fried Rice - $4.00
- Potato Wedges (Box) - $3.80
- Potato Wedges (Cup) - $2.80
- Chicken Chippee - 70c each
- Dino Nugget - 80c each
- Fish Finger - 70c each
- Potato Gems - 2 for 50c each
- Hash Brown - $1.00
- Pancakes - $2.00 each

ICE CREAMS & ICE BLOCKS
- Triangle TNT - 80c
- Long Ka-bluey - $1.00
- Frozen Milk - Choc/Str/Bun $1.60
- Frozen Juice - Apple/Orang $1.50
- Zooper Dooper - 80c
- Jelly Jeys/Jelly Sticks - 30c each

HOME ICE CREAMS
- Icy Poles - $1.00
- Banana-rama - $1.30
- Choc Milk/Ice Cream - $1.30
- Treasure Trove - $2.30
- Raspberry Splits - $2.30
- Golden Sun - $2.40
- Happy Jacks - $2.40
- Jelly Tops - $2.50
- Vanilla Hearts - $3.00

SANDWICHES
(White, Brown, Multigrain, Wrap)
- Fresh Chicken - $4.20
- Chicken Schnitzel - $4.00
- Meat & Salad - $5.00
- Salmon - $4.20
- Ham - $4.20
- Tuna - $3.50
- Salad - $4.00
- Salad Bowl - $4.50
- Cheese - $3.00
- Egg - $3.00
- Vegemite - $3.00
- Baked Beans - $3.00
- Spaghetti - $3.00
- Raisin Toast - 2 for $1.50
- Cheese & Bacon Roll - $1.50

EXTRAS
- Rolls - 50c each
- Toasted Sandwich - 50c
- Fairy Bread - 60c each

SNACKS & FRUIT
- Popcorn - $1.20
- Cornitos - $1.00
- J.J's Chips - $1.50
- Red Rock Deli Chips - $1.70
- Butter Menthol & Eucalyptus Drops - 80c each
- Crunch & Sip Fruit - 80c each
- Jelly Cup - $1.00

DRINKS
- Oak Flavoured Milk - $2.20
- Fruit Juices (Pepper) - $1.70
- Water - $2.50
- Arona - $2.60
- Slushie - $2.00
- Up & Go - $2.60
- Hot Chocolate - $2.00