COMING EVENTS

4th March   Quiz Night, Robertstown Hall 7pm
9th March   Chicken Burger lunch at School
11th March  KFC Robertstown Church Hall 3:45pm
13th March “Happy Harry Day” Bowling Club 1:30pm
14th March Adelaide Cup Public Holiday
17th March  Preschool and School Photos
18th March  Sports Day with Eudunda AS
21st March  Governing Council meeting
22nd March  Special lunch at School
            Christian Education 9am
23rd March  Pupil Free Day

What a fantastic school we have – not just the children who attend, and the dedicated staff, but the supportive parents. This was evident with the turn out at the Governing Council AGM, where all positions were filled.

Chairperson – Lynda Olsen
Vice Chair – Martin Liebeknecht
Secretary – Amanda Keller
Treasurer – Jodi Kotz
Members - Lyndall Liebeknecht, Renee Pearsen (Parent Club rep), Tamara Davies, Cate McCarthy (Community rep), Andrew Kotz, Andrea Mosey and Alison Mosey/Tyson Mosey.

Governing Council have approved two Pupil Free Days – 23rd March and 14th June. The one in March is based on ‘Growth Mind Set’ which is being led by James Anderson, which all staff will be attending (Preschool included).

Today we celebrated ‘Clean Up Australia Day’. The children cleaned up around the school and down the street. It’s great when we can participate in community events.

As you have read in the ‘Coming Events’, this year we are joining in with the Eudunda Area School for Sports Day (Friday 18th March). This gives us an opportunity to interact with other children and also develop and strengthen existing relationships.

Keep cool in the hot weather. 😊

Sue Stacey
Acting Principal

WANTED
Unwanted mattresses (single, double, Queen) for use by wildlife rescue sanctuary. Please phone Mrs Lewis (85 811546). Will pick up.

PASTORAL CARE WORKER REPORT
Hi all,
Welcome back to school (even though we are in Week 5). I am at the School on Wednesdays this year and a few things I will be doing are: Breakfast Wednesday mornings (all the kids are welcome), Circle time with Mrs Schutz and also cooking, gardening & technology in the afternoons.
I was recently found an excellent article on ‘Resilience’ which I thought I would share with you all.
RESILIENCE
Over the past few years there has been a lot of talk of RESILIENCE in the Education world. But do we really understand what it is and why it is so important for each of us to have? Here is a simple explanation to help us understand:

**Resilience is;**
The capacity to cope with change and challenge and to bounce back during difficult times.
- Being able to bungy jump through life.
- The ability to cope with negative events in life feeling confident and capable.
- Have a “parachute” that always gives us a safe landing.

We all go through difficult life challenges, no one can prevent that. Life is a list of unplanned events that is out of our control. Having confidence and faith in something greater can help immensely. In any group of children who have faced big challenges or problems, there are some who grow up being able to cope with living and caring for themselves and others who have long term difficulties. We can help children build strengths so that they are more able to successfully face challenges and setbacks. Some people not only face and overcome a difficult situation; they can be strengthened by it!

Helping children understand that they are loved and supported makes all the difference! Making their lives as stable as possible can go a long way in helping them feel secure; children love predictable events and things.

On another note it is important to know that it is best that children not be sheltered from every negative event (allow them to make their own mistakes). Too much protection from disappointment and failure may not give children the chance to learn how to deal with difficult situations and this would naturally make them LESS resilient. **It is all about balance, isn’t it?**

From Carlene Heinrich (PCW)
Bees

In pairs we shared a book about insects. We used the contents page to find the bee page and then looked at the pictures and read the information about bees to share with the other children.

Maths

My number lines showing that I can count by 2’s, 5’s and 10’s.
Sometimes, I had to make the line longer for all the numbers to fit.

I am putting my jigsaw 100 chart back together.

I played a counting game, finding the right amounts and the matching numeral.

**Upper Primary**
Over the past two weeks, students have enjoyed all curriculum learning, but one of our great highlights has been the challenge of building an object that will float. We were able to use corks, wood, foam trays, nails, sting, wool or pipecleaners, but no allowed to use glue, sticky tape or masking tape. We had to design, make and appraise and to our surprise all of them floated. This activity was enjoyed by the whole school. Photos of our creations are on the following page.
The whole school also made marble cakes and enjoyed doing some marble art.
KFC Easter Egg-citement
‘Kids For Christ’ in term 1 has an Easter theme, with Easter egg games and water games, with fun and activities, learning about Easter and celebrating what Easter means for us. This is an extended session, concluding with a light tea, for a cost of $5 each.
Dates are:
Friday 11th March at the Robertstown Church Hall from 3.30 pm onward, for a 3.45 pm start, until 7.30 pm.
Friday 18th March at Eudunda from 3.15 pm onward, for a 3.30 pm start, until 7.30 pm.
Parents and grandparents are invited to participate for all or part of the session. Preschoolers may attend if accompanied by an adult. For example, join us for tea at around 6.00 pm, followed by outdoor games, or come at 7.00 pm for the final half-hour when the children will share some special time with their family members. Bookings are required (by the night before) for all children attending and for any extras coming for tea. Donations of afternoon tea are appreciated. Please contact Christine Doecke on 85811165 or 0488 047861. Further information, including new 2016 Consent Forms, will be distributed via school early in the coming week.