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# Robertstown Primary School & Preschool Newsletter



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**15<sup>th</sup> August 2018**  
**No. 13**

## COMING EVENTS

16 <sup>th</sup> August	SRC Presentation 11am
16 <sup>th</sup> August	Special Lunch
17 <sup>th</sup> August	Bingo at School 7pm
20 <sup>th</sup> August	Governing Council meeting 7pm
20-24 <sup>th</sup> Aug.	Bookweek
22 <sup>nd</sup> August	Parent Club meeting 2pm
23 <sup>rd</sup> August	Children dress up for Bookweek – Parade at 9:15 am
28 <sup>th</sup> August	Special lunch
31 <sup>st</sup> August	School Street Stall and Sausage Sizzle
	Drawing of Father's Day Raffle
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept.	School Closure
4 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	Pupil Free Day
13 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	Electives start 11am-12noon

**“The most certain way to succeed is to just try one more time.”**

Thomas Edison

We are currently in the process of planning for 2019, particularly with Preschool. As a staff we have created a flier advertising our Preschool and what we value about the service we offer. The things included are:

- \* A play based learning program with a literacy and numeracy focus
- \* Experienced staff who cater for all children's individual needs
- \* Low fees
- \* Access to support services e.g. Speech pathologist, CAFHS

- \* A large variety of indoor and outdoor play equipment, including a newly developed nature play area

- \* Interactions within the school – circle time, special lunches, library and electives.

If you know of any children who are eligible for Preschool next year, please encourage them to come and have a visit to see our fabulous facility.

In preparation for our school undertaking NAPLAN online in 2019, we will have students undertaking a trial in Week 6 of this term. Last week I attended training to ensure that the trial can run as effectively as possible. Please note: any student results from the implementation trial will not be provided to the school or students. This is because the trial is about ensuring that as a school we have the capacity, infrastructure and resources to effectively implement the NAPLAN online assessments in 2019.

Sue Stacey

*Principal*

**Honesty – Respect – Caring – Responsibility - Getting along**

### **ENROL NOW IN PRESCHOOL FOR 2019**

To help us plan for 2019, families are invited to enrol now for Preschool at Robertstown. Children who turn 4 before the 1<sup>st</sup> May 2019 are eligible to start Preschool at the beginning of next year.

Going to Preschool helps your child to learn new things, make friends and develop confidence.

Please contact the school if you intend to enrol your Preschool child at Robertstown (a copy of your child's birth certificate and immunization record will be required on enrolment).

### **SRC PRESENTATION**

Tomorrow (Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> August), our SRC representatives for this semester will be presented with their certificates by Mrs Sharon Tremaine. The presentation will begin at 11am and all parents and friends are welcome to come along.

## **BOOKWEEK**

Bookweek will be celebrated next week (20<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> August). This year the theme is "Find your Treasure". Children are encouraged to dress up on the Thursday (23<sup>rd</sup> August) as their favourite book character.

We invite all parents, grandparents and friends to come and support the children as they parade in their favourite book character costume. The Parade will be at 9:15am on Thursday (23<sup>rd</sup> August).

## **ELECTIVES**

Our School and Preschool elective program will be held on the last 3 Thursdays of this term from 11am to 12 noon. We are again asking for volunteer helpers. Please contact the school if you would like to help or have any questions about the program.

## **FROM OUR PCW**

Hello everyone,

I hope all is well. What is self-talk? Self-talk is something everyone does. Self-talk is those thoughts we have about ourselves and our lives. These thoughts can have a direct effect on our mental health, which can be good or bad depending on what these thoughts are.

You can have positive or negative thoughts about yourself and your life that can affect how you are feeling, your confidence and self-esteem e.g. you might compare yourself to other people, which may lead to you thinking you are not good enough. This is negative self-talk because you are being hard on yourself and thinking this way will stop you from seeing your good points.

If you keep repeating thoughts about yourself, often you can end up believing that they are true.

Like anything, thoughts can become habits and these can be hard to break. So if your self-talk is always down it might be hard to believe the good things about yourself.

There are times in our lives when things are tough and it is hard not to get down on ourselves. When one thing goes wrong in one area of our lives it's easy to start to think that everything is wrong in our lives.

Our thoughts can start to race, we blame ourselves and say things like "How can I be so stupid?", "I can't do this" etc. and we can feel bad about everything. In these times of negative self-talk, we need to calm ourselves, stop for a minute and check the way that we are talking to ourselves.

Ask yourself some check questions:

- Am I focusing on my weakness and forgetting what I am good at and what is good about me?
- Am I making things seem worse or bigger than they really are?
- Am I being too hard on myself?
- Am I being realistic?
- What can I say to myself that is more encouraging?

In the book "Being Happy", Andrew Matthews shows how positive affirmations can help. If you repeat the same thing to yourself enough times you will start to believe it. So why not try repeating something positive to yourself such as "I can do this", "I have great qualities".

Try using positive thoughts to help encourage yourself, maybe even try writing them down or saying them out loud, it will sink into your mind and have positive effects on your feelings.

Positive self-talk helps you calm down, feel more confident and see things in perspective, but most of all it helps you build a good relationship with yourself. This is important to have so you can build good relationships with others.

Regards Renee 😊

## **NEWS FROM THE CLASSES:**

### **PRESCHOOL**

On Tuesday the Preschool children went to see "Playschool Live" at Starplex in Gawler. We stopped at the train park playground in Kapunda for a play and recess then travelled on to Gawler for the show. The performance was called "Once Upon A Time". It was all about stories and nursery rhymes from a big book on stage and featured favourite Playschool toys, Big Ted, Little Ted, Jemima, Humpty and Fergus. There were lots of songs and dancing and our preschoolers joined in enthusiastically. After the performance we had lunch at McDonalds and played on the play equipment before travelling home. Everyone enjoyed



the excursion and a big thankyou to Sarah and Hayley for driving and helping the children on the day.

*Niamh, Montana, Daniel and Jason waiting for the show to begin.*

## **R-2 CLASS**

Over the past 2 weeks in Maths we have been practising our subitizing skills, counting and addition. With Linden, we have begun making treasure boxes which involved hammering and sanding. We have created possums that are in our Australian bush scene. As a group we formulated questions about possums and then googled the answers e.g. What is a baby possum called? What do possums eat? The children heard new words – marsupial, herbivore and nocturnal. This week we are excited about going to Wasleys Primary School for the annual STEM Expo.

## **YEAR 3-7 CLASS**

Another busy fortnight has flown by! We have all started and almost completed our procedure writing based around an art activity and then giving an oral presentation to the class, teaching them how to do visual art works of our choice. Lisa and James have completed theirs ready to present to the class.

We also cooked using the veggies from our garden. We made beef stir fry, rice and veggie bake. After making these dishes we set up a café and invited the whole school to have lunch.

Our SRC elections and voting also occurred this fortnight with Lisa, Tamika, Hayley and Femke being elected. Congratulations to these people.

Highlights – STEM Expo at Wasleys and preparing for Book Week next week. Well done to Demi for creating a fabulous display in the Library based around “Find Your Treasure”.

## **KIDS FOR CHRIST**

The Term 3 KFC will be held on Friday 17th August at the St John’s School Hall, Eudunda. The timeframe is 3.10 pm onward, for a 3.30 pm start, going until 5.30 pm. All children and families are welcome. Robertstown children can still participate by just arriving a little late. For enquiries and bookings (by Thursday 16th) please contact Christine Doecke on 0488 047861 or via the Facebook group. Bookings are essential and consent forms need to be completed. For further details refer to the leaflet received at school.

## **FALCONS BASKETBALL CLUB**

If you are interested in playing basketball (seniors or juniors) for the Falcons (Robertstown) Basketball Club for 2018/19 season, please contact Sharon Tremaine, Vanessa O’Brien or Tracey Rodda.

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Fun fact: Have you ever seen a boat school? In Bangladesh, there are no fewer than 100 boat schools! Each one has internet access, a library and is solar powered.

Support your local School and Preschool by coming along to a fun night of BINGO.



**Friday 17th August**  
**At Robertstown Primary School**  
**Eyes down at 7:00 pm**

Light supper provided and soft drinks available for sale.

A Creche will be available but you must contact the School (85 817127) if you wish to use this facility.

For catering purposes, bookings are encouraged (contact Wendy at School).



Under cover at Robertstown Primary School

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October**  
**8am →**

The Parent Club of Robertstown Primary School are asking for expressions of interest from community members. Please contact the school by 7<sup>th</sup> September if you would like to book a stall (\$10).

Trestles are available for hire. This event will only be held if there are sufficient stalls.

