

# Newsletter

## Robertstown Primary School & Preschool



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**No. 1**

### COMING EVENTS

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| <b>13<sup>th</sup> Feb.</b> | <b>Pancake Tuesday</b>                         |
| <b>16<sup>th</sup> Feb.</b> | <b>Quiz Night at Bowling Club 7:30pm start</b> |
| <b>21<sup>st</sup> Feb.</b> | <b>Special lunch at school</b>                 |
| <b>25<sup>th</sup> Feb.</b> | <b>Happy Harry's Day at Bowling Club</b>       |

*"I am excited to do something different today. I am willing to move out of my comfort zone and experience something new!"*

Welcome back to school for 2018. It was wonderful to see all the students return, telling of their holiday tales and excited to see their friends again. We begin the year with 19 school children and 5 in the Preschool. We welcome our new Reception students – Amia and Dalton and the Preschool children – Axel, Daniel, Jossy, Montana and Niamh. We also welcome Mrs Lewis, Mrs Hoskins and Demi Schulz to our school.

The staff for Term 1 are:

Mrs Lewis - Preschool

Mrs Stacey - R-2

Mrs Schutz (Mon – Thurs) - Year 3-7

Mrs Hoskins - Friday and NIT (Literacy, Numeracy and HASS in both classes)

Wendy - Front office

Linden - Grounds

Tracey is on leave for this term. Demi Schulz will be working in the office and providing support for the children.



*Dalton, Mrs Hoskins, Amia*



*Jossy, Daniel, Mrs Lewis, Niamh, Montana, Axel*

Thankyou to the Parent Club for supplying the children with their new hats. They look fantastic. *(Photo: Bella, Lisa, Georgia, Beau, Clancy, Femke and Dalton wearing their new hats)*

Fun Fact: Ancient Greeks used to award celery to winners of sporting events.

**Sue Stacey**

**Principal**



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

## **GOVERNING COUNCIL AGM**

All parents of our preschool and school children are invited to our AGM on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm. Being a member is a very satisfying way to contribute positively to the school community and the education of our children.

At this meeting the Materials and Services Fees for 2018 will be decided. Governing Council are recommending that the fees increase by \$10.00 taking them to \$210.00 (still one of the lower ones in the state).

## **PARENT CLUB AGM**

All parents of our preschool and school children are invited and encouraged to attend our AGM on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February at 2pm. As there is Preschool that day, the meeting will be held in the school's library. This dedicated group of parents have improved students' learning opportunities through a range of fundraisers e.g. apple pie & pasty drive, street stall, raffles, special lunches etc. etc. Last year the Parent Club raised \$5,919 which was a wonderful effort.

## **SCHOOL CARD 2018**

Eligibility for School Card assistance is dependent upon the combined family gross income for the 2016-2017 financial year being within the following School Card limits:

<b>Number of Dependent Children</b>	<b>Gross Annual School Card Income Limit</b>	<b>Gross Weekly School Card Income Limit</b>
1	\$57,870	\$1,113
2	\$58,903	\$1,133
3	\$59,936	\$1,153
4	\$60,969	\$1,173
5	\$62,002	\$1,193
Each additional dependent child	\$1,033	\$20

**Please note:** the limits have increased significantly this year, so even though you may not have been eligible in past years, you may qualify this year. You may apply on line if you wish, or please contact Wendy for a form or if you have any queries.

If your child qualifies for School Card, they will receive an amount of \$235 (paid to the school) to cover their Materials & Services fee and other school related expenses.

## **NEWS FROM THE CLASSES:**

### **PRESCHOOL**

We welcome to our Preschool five children: Montana, Axel, Niamh, Daniel and Jossy. Last week was a time to settle in and get to know each other. We begin our day at Preschool with a free playtime where the children choose what activity they would like to do. The bikes are popular as well as playdough, home corner and puzzles! We learnt two new songs, 'The Monkey' song and one about Australian animals in the bush. We talked about living in Australia and each painted the shape of Australia in colours of green and yellow. This week is going to be hot so we will have some water play and use the big blue tub for a pouring station. There will be new songs to enjoy and a colourful art activity. Looking forward to a busy week of learning at Preschool! Keep cool!



*Top left: Jossy*

*Bottom left: Niamh & Montana*

*Top right: Daniel*

*Bottom right: Axel*

## R-2 CLASS

Welcome back. This year we have 8 children – Amia, Dalton, Hayley, Ryleann, Femke, Lukas, Keydin and Elleira. Our theme for this term is ‘On the Farm’. We have already talked about what we know about farms and what you might find on a farm. Each Tuesday and Thursday afternoon we will visit the Preschool for a story and a game. We will also continue learning Japanese and working in the gardens.

## YEAR 3-7 CLASS

Term 1 has started off extremely well. Our class is buzzing with excitement as we begin our new subjects and topics for the term. In Literacy, our reading and writing activities will focus on recount and narrative genres. In Maths we will begin the term with number and place value, for Science our topic is ‘feathers, fur and leaves’. In Health our learning will be about communicating and interacting for health and wellbeing.

This year I will be teaching Japanese so to begin with we will look at the land culture of the people. In Tech and Digital Tech we have some smaller projects such as designing, making and appraising our name

posters, points chart, name tags and book marks. We have harvested corn, cucumbers and zucchinis and this week we will cook them. *(Photo: Lilly and Lisa with Linden harvesting the corn.)*

We would like to welcome the Year 3 students to our classroom. Also, we

would like to welcome Mrs Hoskins and Demi Schulz.

Happy birthday to James who celebrated his birthday during the holidays.



## **STUDENT ACCIDENT COVER**

Enclosed with the newsletter is a letter regarding student accident cover. Applications must be done on line. Please see Wendy if you have any queries.

Free parenting seminar on “Raising brilliantly behaved children” on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 7-9pm at Adelaide Convention Centre. More details on flyer on front door of school.

## **BAROSSA SWIMMING CLUB – FREE FEB/MAR SWIM CLINICS**

The newly-formed Barossa Swimming Club wishes to invite all swimmers aiming to participate in school and/or district representative swimming teams to a series of Friday night swim clinics to be held in February and March from 5pm to 6pm.

Experienced swimming coach Tony Davies will be available to work with swimmers of all abilities to help prepare them for school meets and, if successful, for their participation in regional meets and beyond.

The aim of the clinics will be to ensure the swimmers are competent in the fundamental competitive strokes, and the program will be delivered using a range of innovative swimming drills. The sessions will also cover a variety of race swimming skills (starts, finishes, turns), as well as other important areas such as stroke rate and stroke length, and they will offer a range of activities designed around improving swim fitness.

The Barossa Swimming Club looks forward to working with the region’s up-and-coming swimmers at these clinics.

**VENUE:** The REX – Barossa Aquatic and Fitness Centre

**WHEN:** 5pm to 6pm Fri 16th and 23rd of February, Friday 2nd of March

**COST:** Free clinic (normal pool-use entry fee to the Rex shall apply)

**FURTHER INFORMATION:** For further information, please call Anthony (Tony) DAVIES 0467 667 395