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Robertstown Primary School Newsletter



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COMING EVENTS

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| 13 th Feb. | Special lunch |
| 15 th Feb. | Quiz Night at Bowling Club 6.30 for 7pm start |
| 18 th Feb. | School Parent Club AGM 9am |
| 22 nd Feb. | Swimming Fun Day |

*“You’ve only got three choices in life:
Give up, give in or give it all you got.”*

I would like to welcome everyone back to school for 2019. This term we start with 15 enrolments – 8 in the R-2 class and 7 in the Year 3-5 class. We warmly welcome our new students:

Reception – Niamh Patton,
Jossy Cavanagh, Daniel
Connor and Montana Smith
(pictured right)

Year 3 – Bridgette Abdilla
Year 4 – Danny Abdilla
(photo on next page)





We also welcome back Michael and Douglas Andersen.

We take great pride in the appearance of our grounds and classrooms and at the Australia Day breakfast we were presented with the 1st place award for the 'Best Presented Community Property'. This year in our

School Improvement Plan we have highlighted 3 areas for development with the children. These are Numeracy, Reading and Writing. In reading we are focusing on comprehension and in writing developing the vocabulary that the students use and creating more complex sentences. Throughout the year staff will participate in different trainings for these. We look forward to sharing our new knowledge and skills with you.

Sue Stacey
Principal

Honesty – Respect – Caring – Responsibility - Getting along

SCHOOL PARENT CLUB AGM

The AGM of the School Parent Club will be held at the school on Monday 18th February at 9am. Please come and join this proactive group to help make decisions on special lunches, fundraising etc.

FROM OUR PCW

Hello everyone,

I hope the break was relaxing and having a good start to the year. Here's some tips that you may want to ponder on:

Ways to Strengthen a Child's Mental Health

Emotions, Physical, Love, Play and Teach.

Let them cry. Validate their feelings. Establish Routines. Respect their boundaries. Talk about their feelings often. Teach them emotions words. Know behaviour is communication.

Teach body safety. Give them responsibilities. Healthy diet. Restrict and monitor screen time. Practice mindfulness together. Love them unconditionally. Listen first and talk second. Eat family meals. Play games together. Connect with your child daily. Create family rituals. Get out doors often. Provide lots of time to play. Praise effort over achievement. Use natural consequences. Support their friendships. Be consistent and follow through. Replace yelling with teaching. Model honesty. Encourage independence. Teach growth mindset. Accept mistakes. Nurture your child's gifts/talents.

Regards, Renee 😊

FROM THE CLASSES:

Reception to Year 2 class

What a great start to the year. Welcome to Jossy, Daniel, Niamh and Montana and a welcome back to Michael. This term we are reading books from the author Pamela Allen. We have read 'Who sank the boat' and 'Clippety-clop'. We used our prediction skills to work out what we think the story is about and asked 'I wonder' questions about the pictures e.g. I wonder why they have a bag full of carrots?

Happy Birthday to Ryleann (in the January holidays).

Year 3 to 7 class

Term 1 of 2019 has started out well with all students appearing to enjoy being back at school. We quickly settled back into the school routine with Literacy and Numeracy tasks. Australia Day was a mini study with students revising the states and cities. This term our topic for Science is 'Desert Survivors' and in HASS the topics are 'Natural Vegetation and Climate', 'Savannahs' and 'Bushfires'.

In Maths we will have a strong focus in the 'Big Ideas' program and in Literacy, 'Seven Steps for Writing'. This term's descriptive writing will be highlighted with the use of adjectives and adverbs.

We would like to welcome Bridgette and Danny to our class and wish James a happy birthday for the 9th of January.

Did you know: A "jiffy" is an actual unit of time: 1/100th of a second.

In December last year the staff were presented with a large assortment of toys from **Big W** and **A Current Affair**. These were wrapped and distributed to each school family on the last day of Term 4. The film crew spent the day with Adrian & Gayle Schmidt where they learnt about the drought conditions in our area. This aired on December 24th 2018 (you can watch on 9now, A Current Affair – clips – community – convoy of hope).



Robertstown Bowling Club Quiz Night
Friday 15th February 2019 – 6:30pm for 7pm start
At the Bowling Club
\$80 per table or \$10 per person.
Bar facilities available. Bring your own nibbles.
Bookings are appreciated: phone Polly 0428 617009

The United Archers Inc. Beginner's Archery Course

Dates: 10th, 17th and 24th February 2019

Enrolments Close: 8th February 2019. Numbers are limited.

Time: 11.00am (depending on temperature)

Duration: 90 minutes

Cost: \$90.00 (includes equipment hire and field fees)

Venue: Blyth Oval (eastern side of Bowling Club and Tennis Courts), Blyth

Contact Details:

Joanne (Club Secretary) – 041 300 4908 or email unitedarchers@outlook.com

We welcome all ages and abilities.

All participants must wear covered shoes and long hair must be tied back.

Participants under 16 years of age must have a parent/guardian in attendance for the duration of the course.