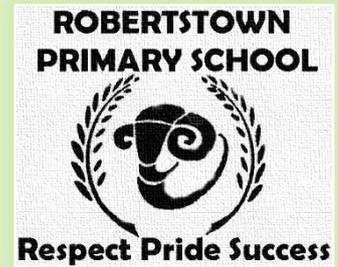




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COMING EVENTS

16 th Sept.	Parent Club meeting 9am
16 th Sept.	Governing Council meeting 7:30pm
18 th Sept.	Special Lunch
27 th Sept.	'Teddy' Day. School dismissed at 2:30pm
14 th Oct.	Start of Term 4
6 th -8 th Nov.	School Camp

"No matter how small you start, always dream big." Stephen Richards

Thankyou to all the community and families for supporting our Street Stall, sausage sizzle and Father's day raffle. What an amazing amount of money we raised for our school (\$982). This money allows our students to access live performances, camp and update our resources e.g. new Lego, sandpit equipment. Also thank you to everyone who attended our Bingo night last Friday.

Mrs Schutz and I spent the Student Free Day reviewing our Literacy framework, with a focus on reading, in particular comprehension. We looked at the strategies that the students can use when reading different texts. These included predicting what you think the text will be about, picturing the story in your own mind while reading and making a connection to the text e.g. I have done that too! Our role is to model these skills to the students and help them to practise as they are reading their

own books. It's not just books the students can read. It can also include newspaper articles and magazines.

This week, electives begin at school. It is being run on Wednesdays from 11-12pm. The children are fortunate enough to pick from a wide variety of activities that staff and parents have offered. These include a bush walk, tennis, bowls, face painting, cooking, making slime, pillows, tomboy or a dream catcher and painting a canvas picture. Thankyou to everyone who has volunteered their time to share their skills with the children.

Did you know that pearls melt in vinegar ?? (Yes, grapes do explode in the microwave. Only took 5 seconds!)

Sue Stacey
Principal

Honesty – Respect – Caring – Responsibility - Getting along

ROWAN RAMSEY AWARD

Don't forget to fill in the nomination form for the Rowan Ramsey School Community Award. The award is for any staff, parent or community member who has 'gone the extra mile' dedicating and volunteering their time and skills to the school community. If there is someone you know who fits this description, then please fill in the nomination form and return it to the school by Friday (13th September).

Year 7 to High School Regional Consultation is closing soon

Our consultation on a proposal for a 3-year transition period for some regional families is concluding – have you had your say?

There is still time to contribute to the [online discussion](#) or to complete an [online submission](#).

Consultation will close at 5.00pm on **Friday 13 September**.

Visit www.yoursay.sa.gov.au/year7 or provide your views to the Year 7 to High School team on Year7toHS@sa.gov.au.

FROM THE CLASSES:

Reception to Year 2 class

We hope that our families enjoyed the presents we made for someone special. We have been writing persuasive texts over the last two weeks. The children have been trying to convince me...the best shoes to wear to school, which fruit is the best and should I get a dog or cat. In Maths, we have been using money – recognizing and matching coins, making various amounts and counting coins. Our number skills have also been challenged in different addition activities.

Year 3 to 7 class

This year we have focused our learning in ways to build our skills, knowledge and understanding in Maths (Big Ideas in Number), Writing (Seven Steps to Successful Writing and Reading (The Big Six).

In Reading, we often predict what will happen in the book by the title, illustrations and our understanding of what we already know about the topic. This is often done before reading.

When our students were asked to reflect on, 'What does a good reader do?', these were their responses:

- Reading every night to someone
- Reading with expression
- Not reading too fast or too slow and not pausing in the middle of a sentence
- Able to make pictures in your mind
- Understanding what you have read.

To enhance our skills in reading for the rest of the year, we are going to look at the strategy of making connections and questioning. Questions that could be asked are:

- Where did it happen?
- What happened?
- When did it happen?
- Who was involved in the event?
- Why did it happen?
- How did it happen?
- I wonder why?

By questioning, students will be able to make connections of knowing and have a better understanding of the text.

Keep your kids smiling

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Our specially trained staff provide comprehensive dental care to help prevent pain and tooth decay.

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Phone: 8842 4196 or use the link on our website to ask us to contact you. www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/dentalappointment



Tamika having her lunch



Lucky first prize raffle winner: Amia

Our successful Street Stall



Above: Children buying gifts for their dads.



Left: Not much food left! Our happy helpers at the end of the stall. (New aprons look fabulous!)