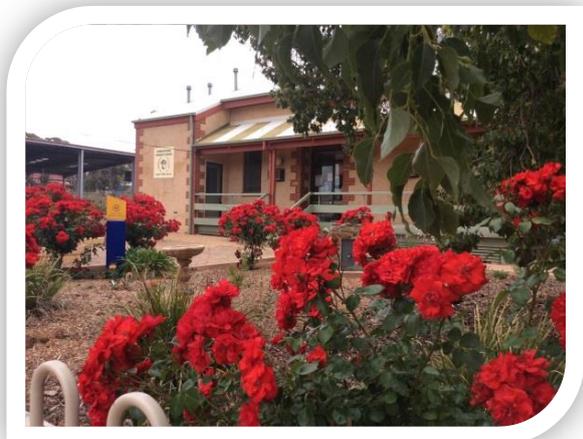




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COMING EVENTS

22 nd Feb.	Swimming Fun Day
27 th Feb.	Special Lunch – Chicken burgers, Jelly cups
4 th March	Governing Council AGM 7pm
11 th March	Public Holiday

“Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope or confidence.” Helen Keller

Last week the children held their SRC elections. Each child presented a short speech about themselves and the qualities that they bring to be on SRC e.g. get along, show responsibility, care for others. As you can see, their speeches were based around our school values. It is impressive to see that the children know these values and can articulate what they mean and how to put them into practise. Of course there are times that minor incidents occur between the students, but being a small school, they learn to overcome these and play happily with each other. Congratulations to our SRC reps for Semester 1 – Jossy Cavanagh, Ryleann Brannan, Clancy Smith and Beau Liebeknecht. We look forward to seeing how you implement your student voice e.g. fundraising ideas, end of term celebrations.

On a more disappointing note, over the weekend some minor vandalism occurred again. The children enjoy planting vegetables and watching them grow and it is disheartening to see their vegetables picked and scattered around. Please help us to look after our school.

Last week I was fortunate to attend 2 days with Principals in our Portfolio (our area and the Barossa). I was learning about how important conversations are with each other. It was interesting to break down conversations into what are the facts and what is my opinion and how sometimes these 2 can become clouded and if I don't understand, ask. It made me think how crucial it is to always be attentive when listening to others, to seek out the facts so that we can act appropriately.

Sue Stacey
Principal

Honesty – Respect – Caring – Responsibility - Getting along

STUDENT INSURANCE

Enclosed with this newsletter is a brochure from EBM for student accident insurance. Your child may be covered for 24 hours a day for only \$29.

GOVERNING COUNCIL AGM

This will be held on Monday 4th March at 7pm. All parents are encouraged to come to this meeting.

SCHOOL PARENT CLUB AGM

The AGM was held on Monday morning. Office bearers for this year are:

President: Lisa Menzel

Vice President: Val Menzel

Secretary: Tanya Cavanagh

Treasurer: Wendy Schmidt

Governing Council Rep: Sarah Connor

Extra Committee Member: Tamara Davies

Well done to last year's committee for raising the large sum of \$4,555.

FROM THE CLASSES:

Reception to Year 2 class

Over the last 2 weeks we have been sharing things about our families with each other. We have found out who has grandparents, how many

and what they are called e.g. oma, nanna, pa. We went walking in Robertstown last week and found interesting signs around the town including a give way, speed limits and street names. While walking we used the words left and right to describe which way we were going. This has led the children into creating their own towns with roads, signs and buildings.

Year 3 to 7 class

This year we continue to be challenged in our learning. Our school is endeavouring to create a learning environment filled with many enriching tasks and activities. In maths we have 'big ideas in number' which is much more hands on learning and problem solving.

Reading is enhanced by using the 'big 6' components of reading and this term we are focused on building our vocabulary and using interesting and exciting words.

This week we have started using a program for writing, '7 steps to writing success'. In the first step we are focussing on sizzling starts to our writing where we begin with action and Ban Boring Beginnings. We are all being challenged, including me, the teacher, but it is exciting and very interesting.

We are all looking forward to our swimming fun day this Friday.

Did you know: the Hawaiian alphabet has 13 letters.

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A big thank you to Linden for making this 'awesome' mud kitchen for the students.

Below is a photo of the children with Mrs Schutz on Friday. They made hats after reading the story "The Magic Hat" by Mem Fox.

