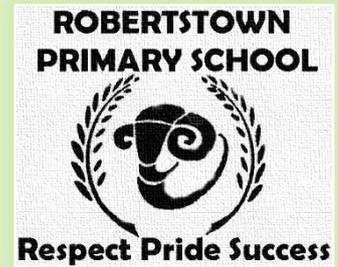




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# Robertstown Primary School Newsletter



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## COMING EVENTS

27 <sup>th</sup> March	Special lunch at school
3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Parent/Teacher Interviews
5 <sup>th</sup> April	Army Band playing at school 2:30pm – all welcome
8 <sup>th</sup> April	School Parent Club meeting 9am
8 <sup>th</sup> April	Governing Council 7pm
12 <sup>th</sup> April	Last day of Term 1 – students dismissed at 2:30pm
29 <sup>th</sup> April	Term 2 begins

“Positive thinking is empowering, positive action is achieving.” Dr T.P.Chia

This week we are celebrating Harmony Day which is about community participation, inclusiveness, celebrating diversity, respect and belonging, with the main theme being 'Everyone Belongs'. Our students are fortunate that they constantly practise the skills of including all and have a sense of belonging. As a school, we are having a shared lunch with foods from around the world.

Mrs Schutz and I had a very productive Student Free Day. We continued our learning in the writing program '7 steps to writing success', planned our next steps with the students in tightening the tension and helping the students plan their writing – start, tension building that leads to an exciting ending. We moderated our students writing and sorted samples into

growth progressions. From these the children can look and see where to next with their own writing.

The SRC have regular meetings with Renee Floyd. They have decided for this year that all their fundraisers will go towards Ronald McDonald House. Our ambition as a school is to raise \$50 by the end of the year. In the front office will be a 'thermometer' which shows how our efforts are progressing. SRC are organising a wheels day this term. Further details will be sent home with the students.

Sue Stacey  
Principal

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

### **ARMY BAND**

A few members of the Army Band will be visiting our school on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April to play for the children. Parents and community members are most welcome to come along and join us at 2:30pm.

### **FROM THE CLASSES:**

#### **Reception to Year 2 class**

In our writing, we have continued to write our sizzling starts and have moved onto the 'tension tighteners' – describing what the character hears, sees, touches, smells, tastes and feels. As a group we looked at a picture of a girl stuck on the monkey bars. She could see the bark chips on the ground, she could hear the bell, she could smell the air, she was touching the cold metal and she felt awful. These elements all get put together, with our sizzling start, to add the tension to our story.

*"Help! I'm stuck. This is the worst lunch time ever. Here I am looking at the bark chips, hearing the bell go and I am stuck on these cold metal bars. I feel awful."*

Happy Birthday Niamh.

#### **Year 3 to 7 class**

This term is already over half way through and we have had a great deal of fun and enjoyable tasks and activities. We would like to share the things that we have achieved and enjoyed:

*Beau: - cooking zucchini cake from our garden*

- making scarecrows that will scare the birds away*
- learning the world map and Australia. I now know all our states and cities and continents.*

*James – Shrove Tuesday and cooking pancakes*

- *learning about early explorers*
- *using lots of different strategies for addition such as compensating and number splitting*

*Tamika – harvesting, weighing, pricing and selling nectarines.*

- *learning and using analogue time*
- *Swimming Fun Day*

*Danny – I can now do look, cover, write, check in my book*

- *using the computer and I can now type in Word, put a page border on my work and change the font and size.*
- *playing with my friends and being outside.*

*Bridgette – I have learnt how to do dictionary meanings*

- *I am learning how to count by 5, 2 & 10 times tables*
- *I really like doing art and making things like the scarecrow, sunglasses, summer hats and painting Mt Fuji.*

Highlights to come: This week we are going to celebrate Harmony Day and Beau's birthday. This term we have some special visitors coming and our end of term celebration.

## **FROM OUR PSW**

Hello everyone,

I hope all is well. Mindfulness seems to be the new word that is going around. Actually mindfulness is not a new thing, my grandmother did it, my mum and dad did it. All previous generations were naturally mindful and didn't put a label on it. They took time for their gardening and focused on it, eating their meal with no distractions, enjoying every mouthful.

Mindfulness is living mindfully, In this wonderful day and age we tend to get very busy, and we tend to multi task, doing too many things at once which can cause us to become stressed and flustered. When we are in that state we are not breathing properly, we are taking short breaths which causes our heart rate to elevate which puts us in an anxious state. When I did training on Mindfulness a couple of years ago, I realized how important and easy it was.

Mindfulness is just about paying attention. It is about living in the here and now and not allowing our brains to play tricks on us. Stop to think about what you are eating, how does it taste? Did you really feel like eating it or was it just quick and easy? Really look at the world around you. Really listen to what people are saying when they talk to you. And most importantly.....breathe...

We all breathe, all the time, but how often do we stop to pay attention to our breath? This is one of the most powerful things you can do if you are

feeling anxious or stressed. Just stop and focus for a few moments on your breathing.

"The best way to capture moments is to pay attention. This is how we cultivate mindfulness."

Jon Kabat-Zinn

Regards, Renee 😊

## **Eudunda Robertstown - Junior Football Training**

Training will begin on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 4pm**  
for U9, U12 and U14's

Due to major work at both venues we will advise the venue ASAP via Facebook and the school newsletter.

We have 2 new coaches so the first training will be a meet the coach followed by a sausage sizzle.

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U9 Coach – Tyson Mosey

U12 Coach – Shane Schutz

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U14 Coach – Corey Ah chee

Registrations have been emailed to all past players  
any new players will need to contact

Liam Roebuck 0418849300 or Jared Mosey 0408237662.



## **KFC “Easter Eggcitement”**

The annual “Kids For Christ” Easter event hosted by the Lutheran Church is on **Friday 29th March** at the St John's School Hall, Eudunda, from 3.10 pm onward, for a 3.30 pm start, going until 7.30 pm, including tea. There will be Easter egg games, water games and celebrating Easter. Further details and consent forms have been distributed through school. All children from the three local schools are welcome, especially new children. Robertstown children can still participate by just arriving when they can after school. Bookings are essential – please contact Chris Doecke by Thursday 28th on 0488 047861.

## **ROBERTSTOWN BOWLING CLUB**

Good luck to the Robertstown Gold team who will be playing in the first division Grand Final in the Mid North Thursday pennant competition. This will be held at Booborowie tomorrow morning.

In the Saturday pennant competition, Robertstown will be playing in the Grand Final at Spalding on Saturday afternoon. This will be a momentous day for the club as the last time the Saturday Division One (formerly men's comp) played in a grand final was in 1981. Players will be returning to our clubrooms after the match on Saturday. Supporters are most welcome to join them (please bring nibbles to share).

