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Robertstown Primary School Newsletter



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COMING EVENTS

20 th June	'Shrek the Musical' at Tanunda
26 th June	Special Lunch 'Crazy Day'
28 th June	Bingo Night at school – 6:30 for a 7pm start
2 nd July	School photos
5 th July	End of Term 2 – students dismissed at 2:30pm
22 nd July	Start of Term 3
26 th July	School Parent Club meeting 9am
29 th July	Governing Council 7:30pm

“Passion pushes you to learn more, create more and to create better. Best of all, it's contagious.” Robert T. Kiyosaki

Last week, Mrs Schutz and I spent 2 days in Adelaide with teachers from the Barossa, Gawler and Riverland. We began our learning in the area of “Working Mathematically” which is part of the STEM 500. This is building our capacity to design effective learning for our students. Each school within our Partnership has 2 staff attending training in either Science, Technology or Mathematics. Over the course of 18 months, we have face to face learning days where we learn new knowledge and share how we are applying it to our classrooms. Our learning on Friday was about “Generalising” which is the heartbeat of mathematics and appears in many forms. When learners are faced with a maths problem they are

often required to identify a pattern and then give a general rule for what they see, explaining why that pattern works. We may ask the students questions like, "What did you notice? Could this always be true? Can you describe/see the pattern?" Mrs Schutz and I did a variety of different activities which we are both eager to try with the students.

Did you know everyday is a holiday somewhere in the world?

Sue Stacey
Principal

Honesty – Respect – Caring – Responsibility - Getting along

SCHOOL PHOTOS - ADVANCE NOTICE

School photos for this year will be taken on Tuesday 2nd July (late morning). Envelopes with the price of the photos will be sent home as soon as we receive them.

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN

Our school will again be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program, so if you shop at Woolworths between Wednesday 1st May and Tuesday 25th June, please collect the stickers and send them in to the school. We also have a collection box at the Robby Post Office and Clare Woolworths.

FROM THE CLASSES:

Reception to Year 2 class

This week we designed and made snowmobiles. They had to balance, carry 3 men and not tip over when going down the slippery dip. We tested our designs and they all managed to slide down easily. Tomorrow we look forward to watching 'Shrek the Musical' and having our lunch at the train park in Nuriootpa.

Year 3 to 7 class

This past two weeks have had a high focus on our HASS topics. These are some of the things that we have learnt:

- Edward Hargraves first discovered gold at Ophir and Bathurst in 1851.
- John Lister and the Tom Brothers were Hargrave's guides but they didn't get any of the 10 thousand pounds reward.
- It took John Lister 40 years to get some reward and then it was only 300 pounds.

- Gold was discovered in every state and territory of Australia.
- Australia was hit with gold fever but there were lots of problems.
- Government introduced licences but they were unfair and the miners set up a fort known as the Eureka Stockade to fight for their rights.
- The miners burnt their licences and raised a flag – Eureka flag.
- On 3rd December soldiers attacked and 22 miners and 5 troopers were killed in 20 minutes. The miners were unevenly matched against the troopers but they still fought for their rights.

Last Thursday and Friday I attended a STEM conference and highly enjoyed it. STEM is Science, Tech, Engineering and Maths. As a class the students were challenged with the concept of 'Generalisation' and how this relates to Maths. We have completed many problems and instead of making a generalisation that it will be the same or different, we now look for a pattern and try to prove why that pattern is reoccurring. We then change one thing in the problem to see if this will make a difference or if the outcome (pattern) will remain the same.

FROM OUR PASTORAL SUPPORT WORKER

Hello everyone, I hope all is well.

Building resilience

When things go wrong, resilience is what helps you to cope and get through hard times. Sometimes it makes you even stronger than you were before.

Resilience can also be described as:

- Bouncing back after difficult times
- Dealing with challenges and still holding your head up
- Giving things a go or trying your best
- Being strong on the inside
- Being able to cope with what life throws at you and shrug it off
- Standing up for yourself
- Getting back into shape after you have been bent or stretched

Some things that can help develop resilience are:

- Having a positive attitude
- Feeling good about yourself
- Having a supportive family
- Being able to solve problems and overcome challenges
- Finding good friends
- Feeling like you belong
- Helping others or 'giving back'
- Good communication with the people around you

You can start to build resilience when facing a challenge by asking yourself:

- What can I do to get back on track?
- I can't control everything, so what is in my control?
- Can I change something, what am I doing to make things better?
- What can I learn from this?
- Who can help?
- How can I move forward?

There are lots of things you can do to develop your own resilience. Here are some ideas:

- * Look for the positives in your life
- * Improve your problem solving skills
- * Accept that change happens all the time
- * Accept that negative things can happen
- * Find things that help you feel calm
- * Get help when you need it

Hope this helps in life's moments.

Regards, Renee 😊

- * Look after yourself
- * Think positive thoughts
- * Keep trying
- * Talk to someone
- * Learn from mistakes
- * Walk towards your goal

Support your local School by coming along to a fun night of BINGO.

Friday 28th June

At Robertstown Primary School

Eyes down at 7:00 pm

BYO nibbles. Light supper provided and soft drinks available for sale. \$5 for 15 games of bingo (plus other games).

A Creche will be available but you must contact the School (85 817127) if you wish to use this facility.

For catering purposes, please book by Thursday 27th June.



KIDS FOR CHRIST

The term 2 session of the local children's group "Kids For Christ" (KFC) will be held on Friday 21st June at the St John's school hall in Eudunda. The timeframe is 3.10 pm onward, for a 3.30 pm start, finishing at 5.30 pm. All primary school aged children of the community are invited. Children from Robertstown would still be able to participate by just arriving a little late. Bookings are essential and a completed consent form is required. For enquiries and bookings (by Thursday 20th June) please contact Chris Doecke on 0488 047861.