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# Robertstown Primary School Newsletter



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## COMING EVENTS

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| 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb.  | Special lunch at school                     |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb.  | Quiz Night at the Bowling Club 7.30pm start |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb. | Parent Club AGM 9am                         |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb. | Governing Council AGM 7pm                   |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> March | Public Holiday – Adelaide Cup               |

**“It’s not about perfect. It’s about effort.”** Jillian Michaels

Welcome back! It is so nice to see all the smiling faces and hear about the different holiday adventures. We would like to welcome Jason Connor (Reception), Sam Sleeman (Yr 2), Noah Innes (Yr 5) and Maddison Innes (Yr 7) to our school. We also welcome back Tracey Rodda (SSO).



Photo: From left Maddison, Noah, Sam and Jason

For many children and their parents, returning to school is a joyful occasion—reconnecting with school friends and families and the return to the comfort and normalcy of the school routine. I was reading that as parents how important it is to project a positive attitude about school and confidence that your child will experience success and happiness. Communicate to your child that you are excited about the new school year and confident they will enjoy it. Children pick up on the messages we send, so make those messages optimistic and hopeful.

This year our Site Improvement Plan continues with our work in increasing the students' skills and expertise in reading, writing and numeracy. We will focus on reading comprehension strategies, the Seven Steps to writing success and improving our numeracy skills in the Big Ideas in Number. As a staff we will be doing training and development in these which we then implement in the classrooms with the children.

Thankyou to Mrs Underwood for taking the Yr 3-7 class while Mrs Schutz has been on the sick list. Mrs Schutz returns today (Wednesday).

Our staff for 2020:

Sue Stacey - Principal/R-2 teacher

Julie Schutz - Yr 3-7 teacher

Lynda Lewis (Tuesday and Thursday afternoons) - Arts/Japanese/PE teacher

SSO's:

Wendy Schmidt (Tues, Wed & Fri)

Demi Schulz (Tues-Fri)

Tracey Rodda (Mon & Thurs)

Renee Floyd (Wed) - PCW

Linden Calley (Mon & Thurs) - Groundsman

[Did you know an elephant's trunk can hold over 5 litres of water?](#)

Sue Stacey

Principal

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

## **SCHOOL CARD 2020**

Eligibility for School Card assistance is dependent upon the combined family gross income for the 2018-2019 financial year being within the following School Card limits:

<b>Number of Dependent Children</b>	<b>Gross Annual School Card Income Limit</b>	<b>Gross Weekly School Card Income Limit</b>
1	\$60,264	\$1,159
2	\$61,340	\$1,180
3	\$62,416	\$1,201
4	\$63,492	\$1,222
5	\$64,568	\$1,243
Each additional dependent child	\$1,076	\$21

Parents are encouraged to apply on line but if you would prefer to fill in a form, please contact Wendy.

If your child qualifies for School Card, they will receive an amount of \$244 (paid to the school) to cover their Materials & Services fee and other school related expenses.

### **From Renee (PCW)**

Hello everyone,

I hope everyone had a nice holiday break, and ready for 2020 school year. Sometimes it is hard to get children into a routine when there has been a long holiday period. All families need some type of routine to establish normalcy, a way to get things done and a sense of security.

Children often fear the unknown - whether it's the broccoli on their plate or a big life change. While changing is a learning opportunity, it can also be stressful for children. A routine brings comfort and consistency to a child's life.

Daily routines might include: Time to get ready in the morning, bath times, meal times and bed times. House work, cooking and cleaning schedules. Play time, family time and outdoor play.

When you include meaningful and important elements into your family life, you're letting your child know what's important.

When a child knows what to expect and notices regular family activities, they begin to understand what's important. This strengthens shared values, beliefs and interests.

While daily routines look different across neighbourhoods, the most important aspect is creating a routine that works for you and your family.

## **FROM THE CLASSES:**

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

Welcome back to everyone. A big welcome to our new class mates Jason and Sam. This term we are learning about Dinosaurs (habitat, diet, survival, external features) and Families (people in our families and how roles have changed over time). In Literacy, we are reading different fairy tales. We have read 'The Elves' and 'The Shoemaker' and also watched a version on the computer. We have made comparisons between the two – same characters, elves made the shoes at night but the book had extra details than the viewed story. In Numeracy, we have been practising our skills in counting on and using a numberline for addition.

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

Welcome back to the new school year. I am very happy to be back following my recovery from eye surgery. I would like to thank Mrs Marg Underwood for doing such a wonderful job of teaching my class while I was away. I would also like to thank the students for getting along so well and showing kindness, respect and caring to each other and to Mrs Underwood. They all acted in a very responsible manner. This was wonderful for me to hear about and see.

I would like to welcome Maddison and Noah to our class and wish James and Ryleann a very happy birthday as both had birthdays during the holidays.

*Mrs Julie Schutz*

*Below: The children enjoying their PE lesson with Mrs Lewis*

