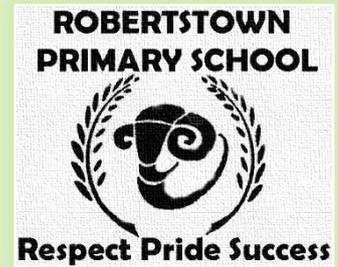




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COMING EVENTS

21 st Feb.	Swimming Fun Day 11:30-2:30pm
26 th Feb.	Governing Council AGM 7pm
28 th Feb.	Whole school excursion to River Murray
4 th March	Special Lunch
6 th March	Proposed Student Free Day
9 th March	Public Holiday – Adelaide Cup

“The road to success is always under construction.” Lily Tomlin

Last week the children held their annual SRC elections. Each child presented a short speech about themselves and the qualities that they possess to be on SRC e.g. leadership skills, getting along, being responsible, caring for others. Their speeches included many elements of our school values. It is encouraging to see that the children know these values and try 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– Jossy Cavanagh, Niamh Patton, Racheal Todd and Maddison Innes. We look forward to hearing you implement your student voice e.g. fundraising ideas, end of term celebrations.

Over the last week, we have been setting individual learning goals with the children. The children have a reading, writing and numeracy goal which they are working towards achieving e.g. a reading level, descriptive writing, understanding and using place value.

On a more disappointing note, last week some minor vandalism occurred. The hose in the Preschool sandpit was turned on and left to run all night, flooding the sandpit and one of our outside lights was smashed.

Today the Parent Club held their AGM. Thankyou to those who have raised their hands to be on this committee. The following were elected:

President: Lisa Menzel

Vice President: Val Menzel

Secretary & Treasurer: Wendy Schmidt

Governing Council Rep: Sarah Connor

Committee members: Tamara Davies, Tanya Cavanagh, Karen Innes

The students and staff appreciate the effort you go to in fundraising for us to attend camps and excursions and purchasing new equipment for us.

[Did you know tigers have striped skin as well as fur?](#)

Sue Stacey

Principal

Honesty – Respect – Caring – Responsibility - Getting along

From Renee (PCW)

Hello everyone,

Resilience is being able to bounce back from stress, challenges, tragedy, trauma or adversity.

Building resilience in children does not have to be difficult.

Strategies to strengthen your children:

1. Stress and Resilience. All children encounter stress of varying degrees. Help them learn to bounce back after a difficult time.
2. Build a strong emotional connection.
3. Promote healthy risk-taking - giving things a go, trying your best and not giving up.
4. Resist the urge to fix it and ask questions instead.

5. Teach problem solving skills.
6. Label/Name emotions, the more emotions they can identify, the better equipped they are to deal with them in the right way.
7. Demonstrate coping skills. Find things that make you calm, think and look for positives in situations and accept that things change.
8. Embrace and learn from mistakes - theirs and yours.

Feeling stressed at times still happens, but it's how we deal with it that counts. Learning to build resilience can help you feel stronger and it can make problems easier to deal with in the future.

Regards,
Renee 😊

FROM THE CLASSES:

Reception to Year 2 class

The children drew a picture of a dinosaur, identifying the features of dinosaurs and their habitat. They all drew legs on their dinosaurs, some with 4, some with 2, some drew wings, lots had sharp teeth, most lived with trees surrounding them, one included a volcano and one included mountains and hills. We will compare our pictures of other animals to see what features they have in common. This week we matched the skeletons to the animal.

Year 3 to 7 class

This term is shaping up to be jammed packed with many interesting things. To begin with we had our SRC elections and congratulations to Maddison, Racheal, Niamh and Jossy.

On Friday we have our Swimming Fun Day.

Our learning topics for this term are:

Science – The Animal Kingdom and focussing on micro-organisms

HASS Geography – Bushfires and floods

History – A new nation – Federation, modern Australia.

Our Literacy tasks and activities will revolve around these topics with our class novel being “February Dragon” by Colin Thiele.

It has been a great start to the year with all students being involved with all learning tasks, and showing great getting along skills.



**James and Linden
using team work to
bring in the
nectarines.**



**Jossy using the
geoboards during
maths.**



**Daniel created a
bird by organising
the shapes.**