



ROBE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Principal: Mr Chris McLay

Newsletter 1- 15th February 2018



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL ~ Chris McLay

DATES TO REMEMBER

FEBRUARY

Mon 19th-Fri 23rd

Swimming Lessons

MARCH

Mon 12th

P.H. Adelaide Cup

Tues 13th

Pupil Free Day

Fri 23rd

Sports Day

Fri 30th

P.H. Good Friday

Sat 31st

Robe Primary School Fete!

APRIL

Mon 2nd

P.H. Easter Monday

Fri 13th

Early Dismissal 2:15

Last Day Of Term

WELCOME

Welcome back everyone! We hope that every family had a memorable holiday and are ready for what promises to be an interesting, action packed first term. Some things to look forward to this term are (not necessarily in order of importance or calendar occurrence), our Quality Start Program (already completed), Swimming, RPS Sports Day, S.A.P.S.A.S.A. District Athletics Day, and our Easter Fete. For more details please take a look at the TERM 1 PLANNER that will be sent home in the near future. As always, Term 1 certainly is the forerunner of what promises to be a special and exciting year.

NEW STUDENTS AND PARENTS

We would especially like to welcome the new students who have started their education at our school this year. It is certainly a big learning curve for them! All the best to Olivia Ashenden, Nate Allen, Saskia Andersen-Warren, Sukhmani Benipal, Brock Gibson, Tully Griffiths, Livia Jess, Roxy Johnson, Harvey Moore, Aleyah Pelkonen, and Alexis Roach who join us as Reception students. We also welcome Finn Malone and Archie Haggett who are continuing their education at our school as a Year 1 student and a Year 4 student respectively. We hope you all have a great year, one full of memorable times.

We also welcome their parents, and we look forward to you all participating in your child's / children's education and being part of our interested and involved parent base.

GOVERNING COUNCIL 2018

Although our Governing Council's A.G.M. is not until early March I would like to sow a seed in all parents' minds, that being, to consider becoming a Governing Councillor in 2018. There will be some vacancies and it can be a very rewarding involvement not only in your child's / children's education but also the leadership of our school. Give it some serious thought and keep an eye open for the nomination form that will be sent home closer to the appropriate meeting. No experience is necessary. If you would like more details, please contact Chris.



PARENTS AND FRIENDS 2018

I ask everyone to seriously consider becoming involved with our Parents and Friends Committee during 2018 and beyond. This group is an extremely important part of our school community, and its value should never be underestimated. At this time of the year, this committee really does need parents to make a commitment towards assisting them with organising our Easter Fete. Please do not take the easy approach and think it is all a bit too hard, if everyone had that attitude our students would be without many of the facilities and resources that they currently enjoy. Never underestimate yourself! If you wish to help, please contact either Chris McLay or Stacey Wirth. I know that a fete meeting is planned for the near future. Please consider!!!

2018 STAFF AND CLASS ARRANGEMENTS.

As hopefully all families would be aware, this year we again have a 4 class arrangement. This consists of a Reception and Year 1 class, a Year 2 and 3 class, a Year 4 and 5 class, and a Year 6 and 7 class. This year we begin the year with 104 students, and again with only the one intake this year, we expect to finish the year with approximately the same number. Students leaving or coming to our school through out the year, will obviously determine this.

* *Tom Wachtel* will be working with our Reception / Year 1 class.

* *Jane Hayes* will be working with our Year 2 and 3 class.

* *Kylie Johns* will be working with our Year 4 and 5 class.

* *Kate Schubert* will be working with our Year 6 and 7 class.

* *Margie Honner* will be releasing teachers from their teaching duties on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, by taking their classes for Science lessons and providing literacy intervention.

* *Nat Boulden* will be releasing Kate on Friday, so she can fulfil her Student Engagement Leader role.

* *JoJo Spook* will be releasing teachers from their teaching duties on Monday by taking their classes for Visual Arts lessons.

* Our School Services Officers are, Cassie Bermingham, Georgie Sneath, Jodi Keane, Mardi Brooks, and Stacey Wirth. Jodi, has a front office / administration and classroom focus, Georgie, Mardi and Stacey have a classroom focus, while Cassie is our Finance Officer.

TERM DATES FOR 2018

Following are the term dates for this year.

TERM 1: Monday January 29th to Friday April 13th.
(Our School Fete will be on Easter Saturday March 31st.
THIS IS AT THE END OF WEEK 9 TERM 1)

TERM 2: Monday April 30th to Friday July 6th.

TERM 3: Monday July 23rd to Friday September 28th.

TERM 4: Monday October 15th to Friday December 14th.

SCHOOL HATS

A reminder to everyone that in Terms 1 and 4, students are required to wear our school hat at recess, lunchtimes, and whenever outside for extended periods of time. It is fantastic that very few children have ever had to be spoken to about this expectation, let's keep the tradition going! If for some reason a student is not wearing a school hat, they will be expected to stay / play in the pergola areas or under one of the verandah areas.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

As with the hat situation, we usually all do very well in this department. Thankyou to everyone for this, it really is very much appreciated. Besides looking great, it certainly shows a sense of pride in our school and a willingness to do the right thing.

NEWSLETTER DATES

This year we will be sending home 2 newsletters per term, this will occur in weeks 3 and 8 of each term. As in previous years the eldest child of each family will be responsible for delivering the newsletter, if that is the way certain families nominate to receive this publication. It is also possible to receive our school newsletters by email. If this is the case you should have indicated this on the 'Robe Primary School General Consent Form 2018' that was sent home during the first week of school and should have been returned by now. If there is an important activity or event or information that families need to be informed about, we will send home a 'dedicated information sheet' at the appropriate time and / or put a post on Facebook. We believe that this arrangement will continue to facilitate the appropriate level of communication that we have had in the past.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK AWARDS

These awards will continue to be announced and presented at every Monday morning assembly. This system worked well in previous years, and we see no reason not to continue it.

DUTY OF CARE

It is important that all parents understand that our hours of 'Duty of Care' are from 8:30 am until 3:30 pm each school day. For those parents who may not have heard of this terminology before, it means that teaching staff members are responsible for the safety of your child / children when they are on the school grounds in between these hours.

QUALITY START PROGRAM

We have just completed our 'Quality Start Program' for this year. The theme was 'Skills For Growing'. The various 'Quality Start' activities have been really enjoyed. In past years, this program has played an important role in 'setting up' and establishing our class and school learning environments for effective, efficient, and successful learning and teaching; this year has proven to be no different. From the feedback I have heard and seen, staff and students have certainly learnt from and enjoyed the 'Quality Start' experiences. Thanks to all staff who have made the effort to ensure the success of this first week's program.

VOLUNTEERS AND SIGNING IN

For safety reasons, it would be really appreciated, if any parent or volunteer who is visiting our school for any 'extended' length of time, would sign our visitor's book and wear one of our visitors badges, both of these items are strategically positioned at our front office counter. For example, if you are going to be involved in any class activity or some sort of meeting during school hours, that requires you to be at school for a length of time. The reason for this is, just in case we need to evacuate the school (for what ever reason), we know exactly who is 'on site', where they are, and we are able to account for and include them in our evacuation / safety procedure. Thanks for your co-operation with this requirement.

SWIMMING LESSONS

We have finished organising our swimming lessons for this year. All classes will participate in swimming lessons during Week 4 of this term (Monday February 19th to Friday February 23rd inclusive). These lessons will be held at the Kingston Community School pool, and involve our students travelling up to Kingston on a Naracoorte Charters bus with their teachers. Some private cars are also being used. Again this year due to the significant costs involved, we are going to require families to contribute to 'covering' this cost of these lessons. This cost will be \$25 per child. Each family should have received by now a Swimming Lessons Invoice, a Bus Travel Consent Form, a Swimming / Aquatics Consent Form and a detailed 'Information / Organisation' notice. Payment must be made before

the swimming lessons start, and the appropriate forms returned to school ASAP; so that everything will be in place for week 4.

SCHOOL FEES

Our 2018 fee structure, as approved by Governing Council, is \$235 per student. This covers all their anticipated textbooks and pens/pencils, photocopying and other stationery requirements for the year. In the near future all families will receive a detailed invoice regarding the payment of this year's school fees. It would be appreciated if these fees could be paid as soon as is possible. In anticipation, thank you.

2018 SCHOOL CARD SYSTEM

If you think you may be eligible for the scheme, please complete the form that has sent home and return it to school. If you need help to fill the form in, come in and see Cassie at the front office as a matter of priority. Even if you are not sure, come in and find out one way or another. This is an absolute must!! That way the appropriate paper work can be organised. Deadlines required by State Government must be met by you, not us, and there are no exceptions. We are more than happy to assist you with this process.

'MEET GREET AND EAT' NIGHT

The informal 'Meet, Greet and Eat' session held last week was a pleasing success. Thank you to all of the parents who attended. When we work together as a team and have consistent expectations both at home and school fantastic things happen!!

Kind Regards

Chris

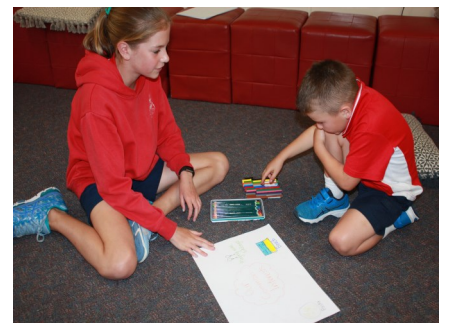


Wanted

BOOK COVERING

We are looking for volunteers to cover our new books at the school. Please contact the office if you are able to help us out! Thanks

QUALITY START



Start Date—29/01/2018

End Date—07/09/2018

PREMIER'S READING Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge is a literacy engagement program that was introduced by the Premier in 2004 to:

- *Encourage students to read more books and enjoy reading*
- *Improve literacy levels.*

The Challenge requires students to read 12 books between the beginning of the school year and early September.

How can you find out about the Challenge?

All information about the Premier's Reading Challenge can be found at:

www.prc.sa.edu.au . Accessing the Challenge guidelines is very useful.

Who can participate?

All students from Reception to Year 12 are encouraged to participate, including South Australian government and non-government school students and students undertaking home education.

Students can read a combination of books from the Challenge booklists and books of their own choosing. Students can choose to read books in languages other than English. The booklists are available on the Premier's Reading Challenge website.

Benefits of taking part in the Challenge

- Raises the profile of reading, libraries and literacy in schools
- Gives students a focus for their reading
- Encourages students to read more books and enjoy reading more - the more you read the better you get at it!
- Encourages boys to participate by being 'challenged'
- Offers incentives for reluctant readers
- Builds self-esteem and pride, school unity, and a sense of achievement
- Increases the involvement of parents in their child's reading
- Increases library borrowing
- Contributes to increased literacy levels.



Sam's Surfboard Showdown

BOOK LAUNCH:

Wednesday 14th March 2018 at 4.00pm

Robe Primary School

Launched by Principal, Chris McLay

Refreshments provided. Books on sale at the event.

Co-authored and illustrated by Amanda S. Clarke (Robe resident)
and Allayne L. Webster (former Kingston resident.)

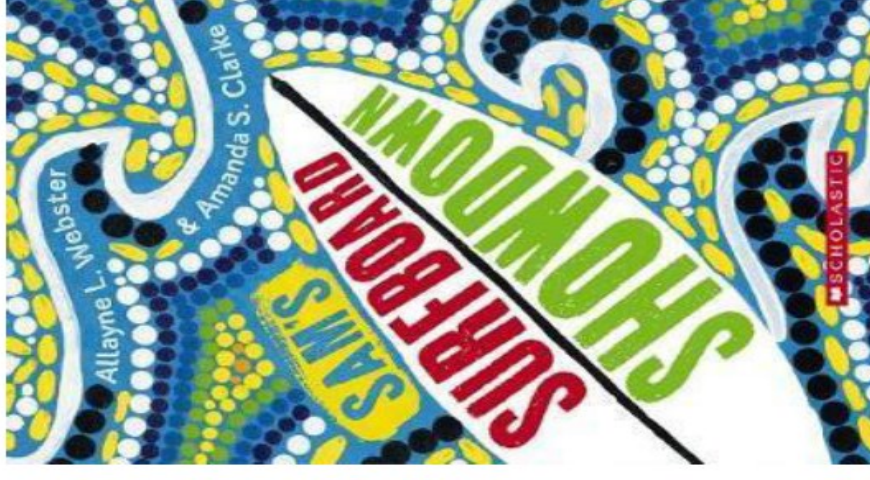
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Author/illustrator, Amanda S Clarke



Author, Allayne L. Webster



Ten year old *Sam Summer* is the best sportsman at his school – that's until a new boy moves to town!

Set in Robe, SA, this Junior Fiction novel is perfect for Primary School children.



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Book Launch

Pre Order Form

Book Title:	<i>Sam's Surfboard Showdown</i>	
Authors/ Illustrators:	Amanda S Clarke and Allayne L Webster	
Cost per book:	\$12.99	
Student's Name		
Number of books ordered		
Total cost		\$
Payment options: (please tick)	Please provide cash on the night of collection	
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