



ROBE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Principal: Mr Chris McLay

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Government of South Australia

Department for Education and
Child Development

FROM THE PRINCIPAL ~ Chris McLay

DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY

Friday 18th

S.E. Cross Country Champs

Sunday 20th

Gala Day—Millicent

Monday 21st

Governing Council Meeting

Tuesday 22nd

Red Food Day

Friday 25th

Volunteers Morning Tea

JUNE

Friday 1st

Pupil Free Day

Monday 11th

Public Holiday—Queen's Birthday

Wednesday 13th

Yr 4/5 Lions Mad Minute

Monday 18th

Governing Council Meeting

Tuesday 19th

Themed Lunch Day

Tuesday 3rd—Saturday 7th

Yr 6/7 Camp

Friday 6th

Term 2 Ends—Early Dismissal 2:15pm

WELCOME BACK

Term 1 is always an action packed time, this year was definitely no different with plenty of 'major events' taking place. It was certainly pleasing to reach the end of the term, having experienced so many successes and so much enjoyment. I hope everyone had an excellent holiday, and are now refreshed and ready to have an excellent Term 2. At this point of time, this term looks as though it will be more manageable, I really do hope everyone has a most enjoyable and productive term.

NO HATS

During Terms 2 and 3, students are not required to wear a school hat. If your child's or children's hat is not already at home in a nice safe place. It would be good to remind them to bring it home, give it a wash, and store it safely, ready for the last term. If any student wishes to wear a hat when they are outside at school they are more than welcome to do so, but it must be a school hat.

SCHOOL WINTER UNIFORM

Having written about school hats, it is appropriate that everyone is reminded that as the weather becomes increasingly cooler (and as part of our Winter uniform) students are able to wear plain navy blue scarves, beanies and gloves. Please be very aware that the word 'plain' is extremely important. There are to be NO VISIBLE LOGOS or BRAND NAMES. If a student chooses to wear a scarf, beanie or gloves that does not meet this requirement, they will be asked to take the appropriate article of clothing off and put it in their bag. This was not a problem last year as families were, and still are, able to easily access the appropriate garments .

VOLUNTEERS AND SIGNING IN

For safety reasons it would be really appreciated if any parent 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. The reason for this is if we need to evacuate or invacuate the school (for what ever reason) we would know exactly who is 'on site' and where they are. We would then be able to account for and include them in our evacuation / invacuation safety procedure. Thanks for your co-operation with this requirement.

UPDATING PERSONAL AND EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS

In the interests and well being of your children, it is absolutely essential that all parents update these details as their circumstances change. All that has to be done is make a phone call to our front office ladies, or call in and inform them, or simply put the information in writing and send it to school. The importance of this information to us can't be stressed enough.

ANZAC DAY 'DAWN' SERVICE

It was nice to see that a good number of our students, made the effort to participate in this incredibly important community / national / international event. Also thank you to parents for their interest, attendance, and support.

N.A.P.L.A.N. TESTS

This week, our Year 3, 5, and 7 students have been involved in the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy.

The specific details are on Tuesday May 15th children participated in the Language Conventions and Writing components of the program. Wednesday May 16th they participated in the Reading component of the program. Today, Thursday May 17th, they participated in the Numeracy component.



PUPIL FREE DAY THIS TERM

A very important date to remember this term is FRIDAY JUNE 1st (WEEK 5), the only Pupil Free Day this term. All teaching staff will be in Adelaide attending a day of training and development in relation to our main Site Improvement Plan focus of Reading Comprehension.

READING VOLUNTEERS

The Reception-Year 1 class are looking for parents/ grandparents/volunteers to regularly visit to listen to the students read!

Please see Tom Wachtel if you are able to help out!



ROBE RSL ANZAC DAY WRITING COMPETITION



Year 7 Winners

1st – Maisie Hayes

2nd – Libby Yeo

Year 6 Winners

1st – Ruby Schubert

2nd – Abby Hinchliffe

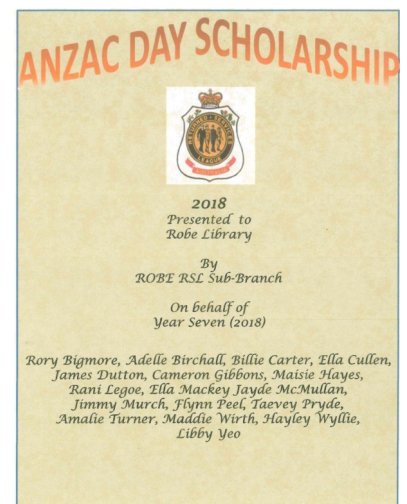
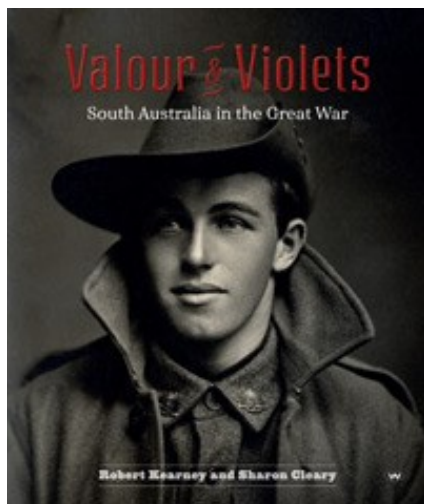
This year's annual Year 7 ANZAC Writing competition had the theme of 'Women in War'. The Robe RSL Branch gives a generous \$500 scholarship for first prize and a \$250 scholarship prize for second. All Year 7's wrote a narrative story about women in war at some time over the past century. The quality of the stories was excellent and we plan to visit Kingston Lighthouse Lodge later this year to read all of our stories.



Year 6's also had their own ANZAC Writing competition as a practice for the following year. First prize was a Coles/Kmart Voucher and second prize was a journal and book.

We were also lucky enough for Stephen Phillips (Robe Branch representative) to visit our school to present the prizes and donate a book 'Valour & Violets' as a learning resource for our school library.

Both competitions were judged anonymously by members of the community.



YEAR 4/5 DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES

In Digital Technologies, the 4/5 class have been looking at how computers need specific instructions from a programmer in order to tell the computer what's required of them.

We simulated this idea by using Lego sets. In groups, 2 people were the "coders" and provided instructions and the other 2 people were the "computer". The "computer" was not allowed to see a picture of the finished Lego product, nor could they see the instruction booklet.

In the first attempt, the coders discovered that it was very difficult to provide specific instructions to the computers without a specially developed language that all members of the group could understand.

In preparation for the second attempt, ideas for language were discussed and other strategies formulated to make the process easier, these ideas are shown in the following diagram:

LANGUAGE	STRATEGIES
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Texture (e.g. smooth, rough)• Size (length/width/height dimensions, size when compared with...)• Distinguishing features (e.g. movable parts)• Colour• Numbers (e.g. number of dots on top, number of pieces)• General shape• Angles• Thick/thin	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use descriptive language (such as language suggested to the left)• One person gives instructions instead of having 2 people talk at the same time• Group pieces of Lego before you start constructing• Clear communication• Work together• Share tasks

We discovered that using a common language didn't eliminate all the difficulties of the task, however it did make things a bit easier. In the future we will be using coding programs such as Scratch to learn how to give instruction sets (algorithms) in order to manipulate a digital character.

AUSTRALIAN CURRICULUM OUTCOMES:

- Define simple problems, and describe and follow a sequence of steps and decisions (algorithms) needed to solve them (ACTDIP010)
- Plan, create and communicate ideas and information independently and with others, applying agreed ethical and social protocols (ACTDIP013)
- Design, modify and follow simple algorithms involving sequences of steps, branching and iteration (repetition) (ACTDIP019)

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"I felt like it was a big challenge because you couldn't see the picture and it was hard to use descriptive language." – Hapaira

"I learned that you need to listen and give clear and loud instructions."
– Olivia B

"This activity was really educational, but really fun and exciting at the same time. I loved this activity, it really helped me to understand how important instructions are to programming a computer." – Tilly

"It was really fun doing all the instructing and taking turns in building the items. Yes, it was very difficult to instruct and build the items but it was a challenge and I love a challenge. I hope that we get to do more things like this in the future because it will really help our descriptive language." – Charles

"It was fun building a car and motorboat, but difficult because we weren't allowed to look at the instructions."
– Olivia C

"It's like when I play games. I pretend I'm the computer so I'm getting coded and I'm doing the things that people tell me to do!" – Dexter

"What was similar to coding is that you give instructions like a computer needs instructions." – Skyla

"I discovered that giving the instructions was harder than I thought. To improve, we described the Lego pieces, eg. Thick, thin, 2x4, colour etc." – Lexy

"This activity was fun, but also hard in some parts, like when everyone was talking at once and no one was listening, but we sorted it out in the end."
– Demi

"This activity was fun and challenging at the same time. I learnt how coding works. At the end it was much easier."
– Taj

"If you are the instructor you are like a coder for a computer so you have to try to make the computer understand how to do something you want it to do." – Lucius

"It's like a computer can't move or do anything unless it's programmed to do that." – Tyson

"This was a fun activity, but sometimes it was difficult to communicate, so people got frustrated. When we finished I was very proud and happy." – Jenna

Robe Primary School-2018-Term 2 Planner



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WK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1	APRIL 30 TERM 2 BEGINS	MAY 1 STAFF MEETING	MAY 2	MAY 3	MAY 4	MAY 5	MAY 6
2	MAY 7	MAY 8 STAFF MEETING GUIDED READING SESSION FOR PARENTS	MAY 9	MAY 10	MAY 11	MAY 12	MAY 13
3	MAY 14	MAY 15 N.A.P.L.A.N. TESTS STAFF MEETING	MAY 16 N.A.P.L.A.N. TESTS	MAY 17 N.A.P.L.A.N. TESTS	MAY 18 S. E. CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPS. N.A.P.L.A.N. TESTS 'CATCH UP' DAY **WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY * SAUSAGE SIZZLE	MAY 19	MAY 20 MILLICENT GALA DAY
4	MAY 21 GOV. COUNCIL	MAY 22 STAFF MEETING BASKETBALL CLINIC RED FOOD DAY Robe Seafood Takeaway	MAY 23 RED NOSE DAY	MAY 24	MAY 25 *VOLUNTEERS MORNING TEA	MAY 26	MAY 27
5	MAY 28 SAPSASA FOOTBALL AND NETBALL STATE CARNIVAL	MAY 29 STAFF MEETING BASKETBALL CLINIC	MAY 30	MAY 31	JUNE 1 PUPIL FREE DAY	JUNE 2	JUNE 3
6	JUNE 4	JUNE 5 STAFF MEETING BASKETBALL CLINIC	JUNE 6 ENVIRONMENTAL DAY Wear Green GOLD COIN DONATION	JUNE 7	JUNE 8 THEMED' LUNCH DAY NOTE TO GO HOME	JUNE 9	JUNE 10
7	JUNE 11 QUEENS BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	JUNE 12 BASKETBALL CLINIC	JUNE 13 YEAR 4/5 CLASS LIONS MAD MINUTE	JUNE 14 R.S.V.P. for 'THEMED' LUNCH DAY	JUNE 15	JUNE 16	JUNE 17
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9	JUNE 25 SAPSASA SOCCER AND HOCKEY STATE CARNIVAL	JUNE 26 STAFF MEETING	JUNE 27	JUNE 28	JUNE 29 CRAZY HAIR DAY SUPPORTING CYSTIC FIBROSIS	JUNE 30	JULY 1
10	JULY 2 YR 6 / 7 REPORTS TO GO HOME YEAR 6 / 7 CAMP	JULY 3 STAFF MEETING	JULY 4	JULY 5	JULY 6 TERM 2 FINISHES at 2:15 REPORTS GO HOME	JULY 7	JULY 8

LITTLE LEADERS CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR TERM 2 2018

May 18th Walk Safely to School Day. Sausage Sizzle \$2.



May 23rd Red Nose Day for Cancer. Gold coin donation.



June 6th Environment Day. Wear green clothes. Gold coin donation.



June 29th Crazy Hair Day to support Cystic Fibrosis.

Gold coin donation.



June 13th & 20th Milo Day \$1.





From the 21st of May to the 27th of May, it is National Volunteer Week. It is a week to acknowledge the many wonderful volunteers across Australia.

The theme for 2018 is: *Give a little. Change a lot.*



Please join us at school to celebrate your efforts, in helping us build a challenging and rewarding learning experience for your child.

Where: *Robe PS*

Time: 11-11.30am

Date: 25th of May 2018

RSVP: Text to 0408 846 884 (school mobile) by 23rd of May 2018

What is concussion and how is it caused?

Can concussion be prevented?
Do helmets help prevention?

Who has the final say at trainings and game days regarding a player?

When can a player Return to School, Work, Training and Play?



CONCUSSION FORUM

South East Forum

Venue : Robe Football Club

Date: May 27th

Time 1:00pm - 2:30pm

This **free** forum is designed to provide everyone involved in all sports (Clubs, Committee Members, Coaches, Parents, Teachers, Athletes and First Aiders) with up to date information about concussion.



Those wishing to attend please RSVP the names of attendees to admin@sasma.com.au or book online at www.sasma.com.au

Australian Government Mobile Service Centre



Serving Regional Australia

Visit the Mobile Service Centre to find out about Australian Government payments and services for rural families, older Australians, students, job seekers, people with disability, carers, farmers and self-employed people.

Staff can provide you with information and support. They can also help you create a myGov account. myGov is a simple and secure way to access government services online.

Opposite the Visitor Information Centre, Mundy Terrace

ROBE

Tuesday, 22 May 2018

9 am to 11 am

For more information, go to humanservices.gov.au/mobileoffice or call **132 316**.



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Millicent and District GALA DAY



Sunday 20th May 2018
to be held at the McLaughlin Park Sporting Complex

Football and Netball kicks off at 9.00am sharp

Day finishes with Presentations at approximately 3.00pm on the

'Infigen Energy Netball Court 1'

Infigen Energy Medallions and Team shields will be presented to the winning Netball / Football teams.

Including the Con Brown Memorial Shield awarded to the winning football side.

All participants are encouraged to attend.

FULL CATERING

Hot Chips
Pies, Pasties, Sausage Rolls
Soup
Hot Dogs
BBQ
Jam Donuts
Cakes and Slices
Drinks

RAFFLE PRIZES

1st Prize: A year supply of Toilet Paper
Donated by KCA, Millicent
2nd Prize: 1 hour Bowen Therapy Session
Donated by Glen Johnson
3rd Prize: Denton Sportspower Football pack
Donated by Denton Sportspower, Millicent
4th Prize: Denton Sportspower Football pack
Donated by Denton Sportspower, Millicent
\$2 per ticket or 3 for \$5

Tickets available at the gate

-Admission: \$5 per car-

For the purposes of Public Liability MFNC accepts responsibility for the management of this event