Welcome to
Robe Primary School
2016
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Mr Chris McLay
Principal

Government of South Australia
Department for Education and Child Development
Dear Parents and Caregivers,

On behalf of the Staff at Robe Primary School I would like to welcome you and your family to our School Community. We are a small-medium sized school, with enrolments of approximately 100 students. We have 4 classes which are usually composite in structure.

We have a committed and hardworking staff, including teachers, student support officers and volunteers who are committed to delivering your child with quality education.

At Robe Primary School we believe in working in partnership with our community and parents to provide your children with the best education possible. Student well-being and providing a safe secure and enriched learning environment is our first priority. Academic achievement and children achieving their Personal Best is of utmost importance.

We believe strongly in, and embrace our school values of RESPECT, INTEGRITY AND COURAGE. We operate under the ‘Kids Matter’ umbrella, which is a nationwide mental health initiative in Primary schools. Kids and people matter here at Robe Primary!

Robe Primary School has strong community ties. We are well supported by present and past families, as well as local businesses and volunteers.

We look forward to working with you and your families over the coming years.

Yours Sincerely,

Chris McLay
PRINCIPAL
# Robe Primary School
## Staff 2016

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## School Details

- **SCHOOL ADDRESS**: Union Street
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Robe Primary School
Vision Statement

Robe Primary School will be a positive, productive school community that inspires and supports active learning.

We will provide a caring, cohesive school environment and promote happy, healthy lifestyles.

We will strive for confidence and excellence and seize opportunities to learn.

We aim to create successful citizens and leaders.

We promote the values of:

Respect
Courage
Integrity
Robe Primary School
Governing Council 2016

(The AGM is held in March)

CHAIRPERSON  Anthony Carroll  0424 556 156
VICE CHAIRPERSON Lisa Enright  0411 118 364
SECRETARY Sonia Legoe  0437 681 919
TREASURER Fiona Boundy  0427 118 127

GOVERNING COUNCIL MEMBERS
Filly Robertson
Karla Dew
Nick Baverstock

STAFF REPRESENTATIVE:  Term 1—Jane Hayes  Term 2—Kate Schubert
                        Term 3—Shalene Venn  Term 4—Margie Honner

PRINCIPAL: Chris McLay

Parents & Friends

This club serves the parents of children attending the school, and provides an opportunity for them to meet each other once a month. Parents and Friends support the school in fundraising activities with money raised going towards, schools resources & camps.

Chairperson: Stacey Wirth

Members: Kate Dutton, Mardi Brooks, Karla Dew, Paul Layzell, Karla Bradshaw, Lisa Enright

Little Leaders

Little Leaders are our student representative council. Little Leaders attend regular meetings and are involved in whole school decision making.
Teachers are using the Australian Curriculum, and the SA TFEL framework documents to program and assess areas of study.

REQUIRED AREAS OF STUDY

The Australian curriculum required areas of study from Foundation (reception) to 7 are as follows:

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The Australian Curriculum focuses on Seven general capabilities

- Literacy
- Numeracy
- Information & communication Technology (ICT) competence
- Critical & Creative thinking
- Ethical Behaviour
- Personal and social competence
- Intercultural understanding

There are three cross curriculum Priorities

- Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander histories & cultures
- Asia & Australia’s engagement with Asia
- Sustainability

Other curriculum Information

Jon Peters - music instructor who offers weekly guitar, drums and singing lessons (at parents expense)

All students have access to both PC computers, laptops, i-pads and each class is fitted with an Interactive whiteboard.

The school hosts a variety of Visiting artists and performances during the year to support the curriculum.
Robe Primary School
Data Collection/Reporting Schedule

Term 1
- Reading benchmark tests
- Oxford spelling test
- Burt reading test
- Genre writing piece - description
- Learning discussions / Parent teacher Interviews

Term 2
- Reading benchmark tests
- N.A.P.L.A.N (YR 3,5 & 7 students)
- ACER first word spelling test
- Burt reading test
- Genre writing piece
- Mid year Written report

Term 3
- Reading benchmark test
- Genre writing—description
- Interviews on request

Term 4
- Reading benchmark tests
- PAT testing (spelling, reading, grammar, comprehension, maths)
- ACER first word spelling test
- Burt reading test
- Genre writing piece
- End of year written report

School Times

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General Information

Children’s Daily Requirements
- School bag
- Piece of fruit or vegetable for healthy snack time in the morning
- Packed recess and lunch, or a lunch order
- Water bottle
- Named hat in terms 1 and 4

Lunch Orders
This year the contract for supplying ‘Right Bite’ lunches has gone to Robe Seafood. Students are able to order their lunch Monday to Friday. Students need to place their pre-written lunch order in the plastic lunch box container located in their individual classrooms each morning. All lunches are delivered to the classroom and handed out by the class teacher or lunch monitor.

Attendance
It is a legal requirement that children attend school every day unless the school receives a valid reason for being absent. An explanation in the form of a phone call or an absentee slip is required and documentation kept for legal reasons. Parents/Caregivers must let the school know prior to any extended absence, and apply to the Principal for an exemption. (for family holidays etc.) If a child is away and the school has not been contacted, the school has a legal responsibility to follow this up on the 3rd consecutive day.

Punctuality is expected and encouraged, and children will be marked as late if they are not in class by 8.50am.
If the roll book has already been taken to the office when they arrive at school, the child or parent needs to let the front office staff know that they are here.
Teachers must be given prior notice if parents are requesting work for their child during absence.

Supervision
Supervision by staff members starts at 8.30am till 3.30pm in the afternoons. It is important for parents to understand that the staff cannot be held accountable for the safety and actions of students on the school premises outside of the above times or conditions unless it is a school event.

Regional Support Service
Special Education, Guidance, Behaviour Management and Speech Pathology Services are available to support students with special needs. Access to these services is through a referral process completed and submitted by classroom teachers and the principal. After discussions with parents involved.

Assemblies
Weekly assemblies are held at 8.50am every Monday morning. Upcoming school events are announced, weekly student birthday awards and certificates are presented, and general whole school information is given. The assembly generally goes for 15minutes. Whole school end of term assemblies are held during Week 10 of each terms 2 and 3 in the School Hall. It is an opportunity for students to share work, achievements and news. An invitation is extended to all parents and friends of the school to attend. Check the coming events section of the newsletter to confirm when the next assembly will be held.
General Information

Wet Weather
If it is raining during recess or lunchtimes the teacher on yard duty will ring the School bell three times. Students will then be supervised in their classrooms, under the pergola, in the school hall. To resume play the bell will ring once.

Car Parking
Parents are requested to take extreme caution when dropping off and picking up students from school. Parents are requested not to park in the turn around section of the cul-de-sac immediately at the front of the school. Please proceed to the front of the car park to allow more parents to pull in behind you and please if you need to talk to someone, park your car in the appropriate place.

Accessing Student Files
Parents are able to request access to any personal information kept at the school concerning their child. The request for information shall be in writing addressed to the Principal. The Principal will only deny access if the information
1) infringes on the privacy of others
2) betrays an undertaking of confidentiality
3) poses a threat to the health, safety or welfare of any person.
Parental consent must be obtained before students personal files are shared with other organisations or sections of the Department of Education and Child Development. Teachers must be given prior notice if parents are requesting work for their child during absence.

School Sport
The school is affiliated with the SAPSASA (South Australia Primary Schools Amateur Sports Association) sports programme. Consequently, Year 5 to 7 students with abilities in the offered sports are encouraged to try out for selection in district representative SAPSASA teams, including cricket, football, hockey, netball, swimming etc.

Robe Primary School holds a school sports day in term 1 each year. It involves all year levels with students being split into two teams for competition in the middle and upper primary classes: (Guichen - Red and Lacepede - White). The activities conducted are in line with the SAPSASA Junior Sports Policy. A representative athletics team is also sent to participate in the district SAPSASA Athletics Day. In term 2 children in years 3-7 are involved in a basketball day held at Millicent stadium which is met with great enthusiasm.

Banking
The local Community Bendigo Bank branch offer a school banking service to all students each Thursday. The bank bags are located in the classrooms. Application forms are available through the branches or the front office.

Newsletters
Newsletters are sent home in weeks 3, 6, and 9 with the eldest child in the family. Many families receive the newsletter via email, so please fill in the appropriate section on the enrolment form if you would like this option. Class newsletters will be sent home at least once per term.
General Information

Kindy to school Transition
Sally Smith, the director of the Robe Soldiers Memorial Kindergarten, and our R/1 teacher Shalene Venn, work together to ensure that the transition between Kindy and school is a smooth one. General transition activities are organised throughout the year to help the children familiarise with school, the teacher and the school children. In 4th term, the Kindy children who are due to start school the following year have 3 structured visits to school without the kindy staff. They are exposed to and experience some of the classroom/school routines and learning. There is an opportunity for parents to meet with the Principal and class teacher, with a tour and brief induction into the school.

Year 7 to High School Transition
Our local feeder school is Kingston Area School which is located 42km from Robe. The children catch a bus to and from Kingston at no cost. A transition program is organised between staff at Kingston and the year 7 teacher at Robe late in term 4 for 4 days. The children experience catching the bus and are welcomed at Kingston by students and staff and are involved in a variety of activities throughout the week. A small number of children attend Kangaroo Inn Area School which also runs a transition program at a similar time.

Swimming
Our school is involved in swimming lessons early in term 1, at Kingston Community school. These lessons are conducted by DECS swimming instructors. Swimming lessons are part of the Health & PE program, aimed at boosting water confidence and safety, thus it is expected that all children are involved.

Library
We are very excited to have set up our own school library last year. All books have been bookmarked and the children each have a borrowing card. They can access our school library from 8.30am in the mornings and each class visits the library weekly. Classes visit the community library also once a week and students are able to borrow and return books as they wish. The younger children will be allocated a day and they need to remember to bring along their library bags and books.

Policies
We are constantly reviewing and updating various school policies and procedures. We have included 4 major policies in this handbook, being ‘Code of Conduct’ (behaviour code) Student ICT Usage, Anti-bullying, and Student Health. We are currently developing a separate ‘Policy and procedure handbook’ for parents which will have a copy of the other policies and will be available to parents from the front office on request. Our latest updated policies can be located on our website also.

Photography
With the ever expanding use of technology and equally expanding concerns about privacy and child safety, we ask that Parents refrain from taking photographs of other children at school events including swimming and sports days etc. An exception to this is is you have the direct consent of the parent of the child being photographed. School staff will be responsible to photographing the children, and we will have a designated photographer (who may be a parent) for the day or event. Parents will need to acknowledge and sign the appropriate permission slip that will come home at the beginning of each year if they give permission for the school to photograph and publish photos of their child.
Student Health Policy

If a child has an illness or condition (permanent or temporary), the teacher should be advised. The teacher should also be told about the effects of any treatment that the child is having so that allowances can be made both in and out of the classroom, but sometimes health problems are not so noticeable. Children who are ill with an infectious disease must not be allowed to attend school. The following guidelines have been drawn up on the basis that children who are unwell will not return to school until they have fully recovered. The only exception to this rule is that children with certain skin diseases may return once appropriate treatment has commenced.

Medication

All medication required by a student during school time must be delivered to the office by the parent or caregiver and must be in the original container with instructions. Medications will be administered at the appropriate time by front office staff. However, it is school policy to recommend that if your child requires medication three times a day it can be administered at home, before school, after school and before bedtime for three doses. Please consult with your doctor or pharmacist.

Asthma medication must stay with the student except for the Junior Primary classes where it will be stored in the sick room and administered under the guidance of front office staff.

Medication Administration

Please note that DECD guidelines state we are not allowed to administer any medication that does not meet the minimum standard which is;

* prescribed by a doctor
* provided to the school by the parent or guardian
* within the expiry date of the product
* delivered in the original container with label containing the child’s name and with clear instructions
* is not the first dose of any given treatment
* is delivered to staff as a daily supply
**First Aid**

Teachers and school staff are required to update their first aid qualifications every 2 years by undertaking the refresher first aid course that is offered for schools. At least one staff member will be trained in Senior first Aid, an update their training when required by the department.

If a child becomes unexpectedly ill or injured, staff will:

* administer basic first aid 
* Seek medical advice from the office if necessary – provide details (handover) of illness or incident personally. (Children will not be sent into the office on their own to explain the situation.)
* Front office staff will assess the illness/injury, apply appropriate first aid, notify parents if necessary, and call an ambulance if needed.
* An Incident report is filled in by attending staff member/ or first aid attendee in the front office and filed in the office, copy to go home.
* If more serious parents will be informed by a note or a phone call.

ALL HEAD, FACE OR OTHER MORE SERIOUS INJURIES WILL BE REPORTED TO PARENTS VIA A PHONE CALL.

**Health Care Plan**

Some students may require assistance with their routine or emergency health and personal care needs. Parents must provide the school with an updated Health care plan completed by their GP at the beginning of each year, or when there are any changes. Teachers and SSO’s will familiarise themselves with the health care plans and be pro active in taking the appropriate action when required.

Reviewed: 2016 Next review: 2019
ANTI BULLYING POLICY

ROBE PRIMARY SCHOOL IS COMMITTED TO PROVIDING A SAFE AND CARING ENVIRONMENT THAT FOSTERS RESPECT AND ACCEPTANCE FOR OTHERS. AND BULLYING, HARRASSMENT OR VIOLENCE OF ANY FORM WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.

DEFINITION OF BULLYING

- Bullying is an ongoing act of aggression causing embarrassment, pain or discomfort to another.
- Elements of bullying include – wanting to hurt someone, acting on this desire, the action is hurtful, an imbalance of power, no reason for the action, is persistent and the bully gets pleasure from hurting the victim.
- It can be planned and organised or it may be unintentional.
- Individuals or groups may be involved.

Bullying can take many forms. We consider the following behaviours to be bullying:

**Physical**

- hitting, kicking, punching
- pushing, shoving, spitting
- making rude gestures
- taking or damaging something which belongs to someone else
- forcing others to hand over food, money or something which belongs to them
- making someone do something they don’t want to

**Verbal**

- name calling
- teasing
- threatening
- making fun of someone because of their appearance, physical characteristics or cultural background
- making fun of someone’s actions

**Sexual harassment**

- harassment that occurs in connection with a person’s gender, sexual orientation or physical appearance
- inappropriate or unwanted touching
- using sexual words to put someone down

**Indirect**

- excluding others from the game or group
- spreading stories about others
- spreading untrue stories about others
- harassment or threatening messages or posts on social media or mobile phones.
SIGNS OF BULLYING:

Students who are being bullied may not talk about it with teachers, peers or parents. This may be out of fear that it will make the situation worse, or the victim may feel embarrassed to talk about it.

SIGNS:

- unexplained cuts, bruises or injuries
- damaged or ripped clothing
- unexplained headaches, stomach aches, general unwell appearance or feeling
- refusal to go to school
- asking for extra pocket money or food
- tearfulness, anxiety
- trouble sleeping
- secretive behaviour with mobile phones and devices
- obsession with social networking pages
- withdrawn from family, friends
- relationship breakdown

STRATEGIES TO DEAL WITH BULLYING

At Robe Primary School we will:

- Openly talk about bullying – what it is, how it affects us and what we can do about it.
- Teach our children the skills which will build their self-esteem and empower them to take the responsibility for themselves – and give them the opportunity to practise these skills.
- Teach our students ‘Resilience’ skills through various methods and programs.
- Implement the policy which clearly states what actions we will take to deal with bullying behaviour.
- Encourage and promote attitudes that reflect our school values of Respect, Integrity and Courage.

Responsibilities of children:

- to ‘tell’ a trusted adult (e.g. a parent, teacher, staff member) if they are being bullied or if they see someone else being bullied – both at school and on the way to or from school.
- to help someone who is being bullied.
- to not bully others.
- To not be a bystander… speak up and seek help.

Responsibilities of staff:

- Familiarise themselves and students with school Anti-bullying document
- be positive role models in word and action at all times.
- ensure that our classroom management practices support respect and acceptance towards others.
- be observant to signs of distress or suspected incidents of bullying.
- deal with all reported and observed incidences of bullying as set out in this policy.
- arrive at class on time and move appropriately between lessons including specialist lessons
• report incidences of bullying to the Well-being coordinator or Principal if this is warranted.

Responsibilities of parents

• to watch for signs that their child may be being bullied (refer to signs of bullying)
• to speak to someone on staff (classroom teacher first) if their child is being bullied, or they suspect that this is happening.
• to encourage their child to ‘tell’ if they are bullied or if a child they know is being bullied.

REPORTING BULLYING

• Incidences of bullying can be reported to any teacher, the Well-being coordinator or the Principal by children and their parents. Any bullying incidences that are dealt with will be recorded.

PROCEDURES FOR REPORTED INCIDENCE OF BULLYING:

Steps to be followed upon report of bullying:

• Incidents of bullying reported
• Appropriate person interviews alleged perpetrator, victim and any bystanders to establish facts.

Act of bullying verified:

• Appropriate person counsels so that person who bullied is aware of the effect on victim.
• Appropriate person ensures the perpetrator acts in a responsible and constructive way to remedy the situation (written or verbal apology also needs to be given)
• Teacher puts appropriate steps from Behaviour Management Policy in place (withdrawal, detention, etc)
• Teacher and student fill out a Bullying incident form which is sent home for discussion and parent signature.
• Administration files ‘Bullying Incident Form’.

Incidence of bullying:

• Appropriate person notifies parents and an interview time is made
• Incident is recorded on a ‘Bullying Report’
• Bullying Report is filed in Administration area

If further incidence of the bullying cycle occurs:

• Teacher, in collaboration with Principal, to interview student and their parents
• Principal to make clear consequences of repeat occurrence
• Counselling (on a private basis) is recommended for student who bullied
• Further action (internal/external suspension, termination of enrolment) is at the prerogative of the Principal and/or School Council.
Act of bullying not verified: Teacher to record incident.

**EVALUATION**

The frequency or continuation of bullying will be monitored after six months and then after twelve months, alongside the effectiveness of the procedures as stated above. It will be evaluated by:

- Noting if there has been a reduction in reporting or observed incidences of bullying.
- Speaking to parents who have reported incidences to find out if the problem has been resolved.

Review date: 2016  
Next review date: 2018
ROBE PRIMARY SCHOOL CODE OF CONDUCT

OUR PURPOSE
At Robe Primary we believe that teachers have the right to teach, and that students have the right to learn in a safe, supportive and stimulating learning environment.

OUR VISION
Robe Primary will be a positive, productive school community that inspires and supports active learning. We will provide a caring, cohesive school environment which promotes happy and healthy lifestyles. We will strive for excellence and seize opportunities to learn. We aim to create successful citizens and leaders.

OUR SCHOOL VALUES
RESPECT
INTEGRITY
COURAGE
STAND PROUD
STUDENTS

RESPECT Successful achievement looks like:

- Respecting others, their right to learn and their right to teach.
- Speaking in a respectful tone, and listening to and following staff members instruction.
- Co-operating, speaking and interacting with others in a positive and friendly way.
- Being considerate of other’s feelings, rights and safety.
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- Following and respecting class rules and expectations.

INTEGRITY Successful achievement looks like:

- Caring for people and school property.
- Helping others in need.
- Being organised for lessons and homework.
- Being honest and trustworthy.
- Being inclusive of others, and appreciate diversity.

COURAGE Successful achievement looks like:

- Taking responsible risks in learning ... having a go!
- Completing all work to the best of your ability.
- Having courage to stand up for what is right and what you believe in.
- Displaying resilience
- Making responsible decisions resisting pressure
- Accepting responsibility for actions and behaviour.
TEACHERS

Students and their caregivers can expect teachers to:

- Treat students fairly and respectfully.
- Create and maintain a safe, respectful and challenging learning environment.
- Develop and maintain positive relationships with students, staff and caregivers.
- Communicate with Caregivers when there is an issue with student performance or behaviour.
- Provide constructive feedback to students about their learning.
- Set high expectations and encourage children to strive for individual excellence.
- Deal with bullying, harassment, and violence using DECD and school policies, and with the help of the Principal and school counsellor when required.
- Respond to Caregiver concerns promptly and professionally using school policies when necessary.
- Treat students fairly and respectfully.
- Develop positive relationships with students, staff and caregivers.

SCHOOL SUPPORT OFFICERS

Students and their caregivers can expect School Support Officers to:

- Develop positive relationships with students, staff and caregivers with good communication.
- Treat students fairly and respectfully.
- Work collaboratively with teachers to plan for students.
- Ensure that the learning environment is safe and supportive.
PARENTS

Parents play an important part in their child’s schooling and can assist their child to succeed by:

- Treating all members of the school community with respect.
- Having high but realistic expectations of their child’s learning and behaviour.
- Regular communication with the school in both an informal and formal capacity eg. Notes in diaries, phone calls, interviews etc.
- Promoting and encouraging a positive attitude about school and teaching staff with their children.
- Volunteering or helping out at school when possible.
- Addressing any concerns about their child with the appropriate teaching staff.
- Using appropriate Grievance procedures to help resolve ongoing issues or disputes.
- The Principal will:
  - Establish and maintain positive working relationships with students, teaching staff, parents and members of the school community.
  - Actively promote our school values of Integrity, Honesty and Respect.

PRINCIPAL

The Principal will:

- Provide effective leadership, resources and support for students and staff.
- Continually strive for academic and behavioural excellence across the school.
- Implement new strategies and reflect on ways to continually keep the school moving forward and improving.
- Monitor student results and attendance across the school.

Reviewed: 2016    Next Review: 2018
Student Internet Usage Policy

At Robe Primary School we believe that the Internet enhances learning by allowing students to access world-wide information that is current and diverse. E-mail provides students with a means to communicate easily and quickly with other learners and to source information.

Staff Responsibilities
- Ensure staff have skills and knowledge in Internet and E-mail usage and laws.
- Provide supervision at all times when students are accessing the Internet.
- Explicitly teach students (in accordance with DECS and School Scope and Sequence):
  - Skills to filter, analyse, interpret and evaluate information found on the Internet
  - Lessons in using the Internet and E-mail safely
  - Responsibilities under Copyright laws when copying information from the Internet
  - Dangers of, and laws around, Cyber bullying and e-crime
- Use filters to prevent students accessing inappropriate sites.
- Appoint a Network Administrator to track all Internet usage.
- Notify the Network Administrator of any inappropriate material found, or advised by students or parents, so that access can be blocked.
- Maintain privacy by ensuring that photos of students placed on the internet (such as school website) are labelled using general terms and do not include the student’s name.
- Ensure that a Consent Form is signed by caregivers and retained at school for all student photographs or work that is put on the internet (including the school website)
- Ensure that information published on the Internet by students or the school is of a high standard and meets legal requirements.
- Provide E-mail accounts protected by a password.
- Include on-line learning opportunities into curriculum work for all students.
- Ensure that only students with signed Internet Agreement Forms utilise the Internet and E-mail.

Parent Responsibilities
- Read, understand and return Internet Agreement Forms to school promptly at the beginning of each school year.
- Reinforce safe Internet practices with their children.
- Immediately notify staff of any inappropriate material or concerns about student Internet usage.

Student Responsibilities
- I will only access appropriate learning Internet sites
- I will always ask a teachers permission to use the internet or email.
- I will take care of the computers, I pads, laptops and other ICT equipment
- I will tell my teacher immediately if I come across information that is rude, nasty or makes me feel uncomfortable.
- I will not send emails or messages to people I don’t know without checking with the teacher first.
- I will not give out any personal information.
- I will not send pictures of myself.
- I will not use public ‘chat’ rooms.
- I will not use another persons password or access another persons files.
- I will not give my password to anyone else.
- I will obey copyright laws.
- I will not use social media inappropriately or without the permission from a teacher.
- I will not introduce files or download software onto the computers or laptops.
- I will print responsibly, with the teacher’s permission and I will print only items that are school/ school work related.

**Consequences of misuse**
Failure to follow the above agreement may result in any of the following:
1. Internet lockout
2. Email lockout
3. Printer lockout
4. Computer lockout
5. Complete work without the assistance of a computer.
6. Parents being invoiced for repairs to equipment damaged due to lack of care.
7. Suspension from ICT activities
   
   - Lockout times can vary from 5 minutes to an entire term or year depending on the seriousness of the breach.


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Please fill in and return the following section.

**ICT agreement form**

Name:..........................        Date:..........................

Class:..................

I have read the Student Internet usage document, and agree to abide by the above rules. I accept any consequences if I am in breach of the agreement.

Signed........................................

Parent signature...........................................