



Robe Primary School Newsletter

respect integrity courage stand proud

Principal: Anne Grayson

Newsletter 1 - 24th February 2023

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome families to the 2023 school year! It has been wonderful to see all the kids settling back into their learning routines in their new classes. We are looking forward to a positive and productive school year!

I would like to welcome all our staff back for another school year. A special and warm welcome to Ms Taela Frusch. Ms Frusch has settled in well to our school community and we hope that she enjoys her time teaching across R-6.

Welcome to our new Reception families – 5 in all this year. The little humans have settled in well to 'big school'. It is a major change in their educational journey and takes a little time to adjust – that said, they have taken to 'big school' like fish to water and we are excited to share their learning journey for the next 7 years! A very warm welcome also to Cruz who has joined our Year 3/4 class. We look forward to getting to know you all and your families.

- DATES TO REMEMBER -

TERM 1

Monday 27 February - Friday 3 March
Swimming—whole school Rec-Year 6

Monday 6 - Friday 10 March
Nude Food Week

Monday 13 March
Public Holiday - Adelaide Cup

Wednesday 22 March
Governing Council Meeting @ 5:15pm

Thursday 23 March
Sports Day @ Robe Football Club Oval

Tuesday 28 March
Parent/Teacher Discussions

Friday 7 April
Public Holiday - Good Friday

Saturday 8 April
Robe Primary School 'Easter Fete'

Monday 10 April
Public Holiday - Easter Monday

Wednesday 12 April
District SAPSASA Athletics Day

Friday 14 April
Last Day of Term 1
Assembly 2pm - Early dismissal 2:15pm

TERM 2

Monday 1 May
First day Term 2

Friday 12 May
Naracoorte - Regional Cross Country



Lots of things happening in Term 1. Please see the calendar of term events for more information. Some things to look forward to in Term 1 are swimming which starts next week, school sports day – Thursday 23 March, S.A.P.S.A.S.A District Athletics day - Wednesday April 12 and our school fete – Saturday April 8.

Our Parent/Carer Learning Discussions will occur in week 9, Tuesday March 28. There will be the official dedicated afternoon/evening for meetings from 3:30 – 7:30pm; however, individual teachers will reach out about other times during this week that they will be available to meet. These sessions will focus on teachers sharing how children have settled into their new classrooms, strengths and possible areas for development. It is also an opportunity for parents/carers to share any information that will contribute to the overall well-being of their children.

2023 STAFF AND CLASS ARRANGEMENTS

This year we have 5 classes. They consists of a Year R/1 class, Year 2 class, Year 3/4 class, Year 4/5 class and Year 6 class. We began the year with 91 students.

Penny Day is teaching our Reception/Year 1 class.

Jane Hayes is teaching our Year 2 class and is also our Curriculum Coordinator.

Kylie Johns is teaching our Year 3/4 class.

Luke Wise is teaching our 4/5 class.

Tom Wachtel is teaching our Year 6 class and is also our Sports Coordinator.

Taela Frusch is releasing teachers from their teaching duties on Monday, Tuesday and half day Wednesday to teach HASS, Civics & Citizenship, and literacy.

Nat Boulden is releasing teachers from their teaching duties on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday to teach Science and is also our Well-being Coordinator and our Autism Inclusion teacher (AIT).

Our School Services Officers are **Cassie Bermingham, Jodi Keane, Georgie Sneath, Mardi Brooks, Lashay Semple, Lisa Maczkowiack** and **Stacey Wirth**. Cassie is our Finance Officer. Jodi has a front office/administration and intervention/classroom focus role. Georgie, Lashay, Lisa, Mardi and Stacey all support intervention services/student health and/or a classroom focus role.

QUALITY START PROGRAM

Our 'Quality Start Program' for this year is about strengths of character. Our theme is 'Our Individual strengths make us stronger together'. Teachers have been developing children's understanding about a growth mindset through their individual strengths and how to identify and use these strengths for their own personal well-being, as well as contributing to a safe and happy learning environment. Children participated in various activities to support and develop their overall understanding of strengths – including team building and resilience sessions, reflecting on being grateful and completing a gratitude diary daily and mindfulness activities. Thank you to Ms Boulden for her time and dedication in planning this unit - sharing ideas, activities and resources with the staff to ensure that we have a shared commitment to a quality start to 2023! The program ran in week 1 and 2 and culminated in open classrooms and a sausage sizzle.



SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

A whole school assembly will be held each Friday at 3:00pm to provide an opportunity for the school to come together and celebrate student birthdays, presentation of 'Students of the Week' awards - these awards are based around our school values of integrity, courage, respect and stand proud – as well as other quality attributes. This year we will also be presenting strength of character awards to maintain our Quality Start theme 'Our Individual strengths make us stronger together'.

Reading is a major focus for our school this year and to support and encourage a 'love of reading', each strength of character award will be accompanied by a gift – a book to keep and treasure!

SCHOOL FEES

Our 2023 fee structure, as approved by Governing Council, is \$269 per student (\$169 after \$100 rebate applied). This covers all their anticipated textbooks and pens/pencils, photocopying and other stationery/I.C.T. requirements for the year. All families/carers should have received a detailed invoice regarding the payment of this year's school fees. Fees are due by the end of term 1, Friday 14 April. The fees support our school in providing your children with the tools to be active and engaged in their learning. Your diligence and support in this matter is sincerely appreciated - thank you.

LITTLE LEADERS

Congratulations to the following students who participated in our Little Leader application process:

1. Written application to apply for the desired position, outlining why you would be the best person for the role. Please address application to Ms. Grayson and Governing School Chair. All written applications are due Monday Week 3.
2. Prepare campaign, which will involve presenting a speech to the whole school Monday Week 3.
3. Applicants to be interviewed by Principal, Governing Chair and classroom teacher during Week 3.
4. Announcement of positions Friday Week 3.

SCHOOL & VICE-CAPTAINS

This year there will be two School Captains and one Vice-captain.

Congratulations to Zoe Vearing – School Captain, Reid Johns – School Captain & Poppy McLachlan – Vice-captain.

Congratulations to Taela Ansell – Little Leader Treasurer and Siarra Dening – Little Leader Secretary for 2023.

The secretary will be required to create meeting agendas, take minutes, help with event marketing and will support the treasurer with money collection. The treasurer will be in charge of money collection for organised events and activities. Other responsibilities will include marking student donations, calculating money and working with Jodi and Cassie.

SPORTS CAPTAINS

There is one captain and one vice-captain for each Sports Day house.

LACEPEDE - Sports Captain – Spencer Aitken, Vice-captain – Braxton Maczkowiack

GUICHEN - Sports Captain – Lacey Brooks, Vice-captain – Noah Maczkowiack

LITTLE LEADER CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

Year 1 to 6 students will be selected by their class peers to represent them at the Little Leader meetings. All Little Leaders attend 2 formal meetings a term – Wednesday lunch - and bring along their notepad to take notes and share important information with classmates. At times, informal meetings will be held to develop posters to support and advertise fundraising events.

A special assembly will be held to announce our '2023 Little Leaders' and present them with their badges. We will announce this date when badges arrive.

2023 SCHOOL CARD SYSTEM

If you require financial assistance, you may be eligible for this scheme. Please refer to the letter that was sent home with your school fees invoice. Applications preferably can be submitted online but if you would like support to fill out the forms, please come in and see our Finance Officer. Deadlines required by State Government must be met in a timely matter. We are more than happy to assist you with this process.



Reid Johns (SC), Zoe Vearing (SC), Poppy McLachlan (VC), Taeya Ansell (T) and Siarra Dening (S)



LACEPEDE

Spencer Aitken (Captain) absent
Braxton Maczkowiack (Vice-Captain)

GUICHEN

Lacey Brooks (Captain)
Noah Maczkowiack (Vice-Captain)



[VOLUNTEERS AND SIGNING IN](#)

Parents/carers and volunteers who are visiting our school for any 'extended' length of time are required to sign our 'sign in book' and wear one of our visitors badges (both of these items are positioned at our front office counter). The requirement is part of our Child Protection Policy, as well as knowing who is on site in case of an emergency. Thanks for your co-operation in this matter.

[LATE ROLL ARRIVALS & EARLY DEPARTURES](#)

If a child is late to school and the teacher has marked the roll book, the child **MUST** check in with the front office and see Jodi and/or Cassie to receive a late slip and take it back to their class teacher.

If children need to leave school early due to being unwell, a medical appointment or for family reasons etc., it is of great importance and a parent/carers responsibility to come into the front office and sign your child in/out. Thank you.

[LATE PICK UPS](#)

If you will be late in picking up your child please contact the office directly rather than the class teacher. This will ensure the information is received and shared at the appropriate time. Text messages on teacher's phones are often read AFTER the day has ended.

[COMMUNICATION](#)

Our newsletter distribution is Friday and will continue to be distributed via email and available on our school website. Events and key dates for your diaries can be found on the Term 1 planner. Changes to dates will be notified as early as we can. Class Dojo will continue to be used for most class-based communication. For more information on how to stay informed and get in touch through the school year, please refer to the information guide below:

Robe Primary School website	General school information and current policies
Skoolbag app	Daily alerts and reminders will be sent through this application
Class Dojo	Individual and class student learning is viewed through this application for most classes
School newsletters	Delivered weeks 4, 7 & 10 in Term 1 and weeks 4 & 8 in T2, T3 & T4 via email and school website.
The school office	Email - dl.0384.info@schools.sa.edu.au Phone - 87 682 168 Mobile - 0408 846 884

If you have questions or concerns related to your child:

- **The class teacher is your first port of call** for questions or concerns about your child's progress in learning, learning needs, homework or wellbeing.
- If the matter remains unresolved your concerns will be referred to Ms Grayson.

[PANCAKE TUESDAY - 21 FEBRUARY](#)

A huge thank you to our new Robe District Council Mayor – Lisa Ruffell, Councillors Kylie Peel and Marcia Dening-Wasson for preparing and serving pancakes for all the kids and staff of Robe Primary School. It was a lovely way to start the day and the pancakes were delicious. Thanks to Chef Martin for volunteering his time to man the barbecue.

We look forward to strengthening the connection between our school and Robe Council in 2023.



EASTER FETE

Our Easter Fete is fast approaching and is our main fundraiser for the year. The funds raised ensure our kids are provided with quality teaching and learning experiences and resources. We ask all our parents and carers to consider supporting our Parents and Friends Committee by volunteering your time to be available to work at this year's Easter fete, which falls on Easter Saturday – shifts will be 1 – 2 hours. We will allocate each available family a shift during the day of the fete and this schedule will be distributed to families as soon as fete events are finalised. Please see notice below and respond accordingly.

We understand and appreciate that we all have other commitments, especially during holiday season, however your time, whatever you can spare, would be sincerely appreciated and is vital to the success of this fabulous event.

PARENTS & FRIENDS

P&F would greatly appreciate if families could advise the front office staff, if you **WILL NOT** be available to volunteer at the Easter Fete, Saturday 8 April 2023, 10-4:30pm.

All families available will be automatically allocated to the volunteer roster (1 per family). Duties may include working on the show-bag stand or supervising an activity such as the jumping castle. Shifts will be 1-2 hours in length.

Your time and support is sincerely appreciated and valued and is vital to the success of our most significant fundraiser!

Thank you!

- Robe District Council Mayor Lisa Ruffell and elected council members: Kylie Peel, Marcia Dening and Martin Ruffell for providing a delicious pancake breakfast for all students!
- H.F. Dicker & Sons for their donation of concrete and Jimmy Wasson & team for repairing our football goalposts
- Adrian Johns for ongoing oval maintenance
- Clare Ryan for her voluntary work looking after the class garden beds



ROBE PRIMARY SCHOOL Term 1 Planner, 2023



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Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1	30th January	31st January	1st February	2nd February	3rd February	4th February	5th February
2	6th February	7th February	8th February	9th February 'Meet & Greet' & Sausage Sizzle 12:30-2:15pm	10th February	11th February	12th February
3	13th February	14th February	15th February	16th February	17th February	18th February	19th February
4	20th February	21st February Pancake Day 8:30am-no charge	22nd February Governing Council AGM/meeting 5:15pm	23rd February	24th February	25th February	26th February
5	27th February SWIMMING	28th February	1st March	2nd March	3rd March	4th March	5th March
6	6th March NUDE FOOD WEEK	7th March	8th March	9th March	10th March	11th March	12th March
7	13th March P.H. ADELAIDE CUP	14th March	15th March NAPLAN testing starts	16th March	17th March	18th March	19th March
8	20th March	21st March	22nd March Governing Council Meeting 5:15pm	23rd March SPORTS DAY	24th March	25th March	26th March
9	27th March SAPSASA Football Trial NAPLAN testing ends SAPSASA Golf Day	28th March Parent/Teacher Discussions	29th March	30th March	31st March	1st April	2nd April
10	3rd April	4th April	5th April	6th April	7th April GOOD FRIDAY	8th April R.P.S. FETE	9th April EASTER SUNDAY
11	10th April EASTER MONDAY	11th April	12th April SAPSASA District Athletics Day	13th April	14th April Last day of Term 1 Assembly 2pm Early Dismissal 2:15pm	15th April	16th April

NAPLAN – privacy collection notice

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) takes place each year for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 and has been an everyday part of the school calendar since 2008.

NAPLAN helps parents, carers and educators to see if children are meeting important numeracy and literacy standards.

Collection of personal information

Schools are required by law to collect personal information about you and your child, irrespective of whether your child participates in NAPLAN testing.

The purpose of this notice is to advise parents and carers of how your child's personal information will be used for NAPLAN testing (both online and paper tests) in 2023 and, as part of NAPLAN Online, readiness activities scheduled at various times leading up to the test in March 2023.

NAPLAN testing

Since 2022, except for Year 3 writing which remains paper-based, all other NAPLAN tests are completed nationally online through computer-based tests.

Online testing brings many benefits and opportunities including providing better assessment, more precise results and faster turnaround of information.

More information on NAPLAN Online is available at: www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support/.

Readiness testing activities

A critical step in preparing for NAPLAN Online is schools' participation in readiness testing activities.

The purpose of readiness testing activities is to ensure your child is familiar with their device and the online test environment, as well as to test school and national infrastructure systems and processes.

Disclosure of personal information

For every student participating in NAPLAN Online testing and readiness activities, personal information will be uploaded by the Department for Education, as the Test Administration Authority (TAA), to the NAPLAN Online Assessment Platform ('assessment platform'). This information is listed over the page.

The information below marked with an asterisk (*) is also provided by the department, as the TAA, to FUJIFILM Data Management Solutions Pty Ltd for the purposes of printing paper test materials and the printing of student reports. FUJIFILM Data Management Solutions Pty Ltd ("FUJIFILM") is subject to rigorous information privacy and data security obligations under its contract with the Department for Education and is only permitted access to personal information from a relevant school for the purposes of providing the contracted services.

FUJIFILM's privacy policy can be found at: <https://www.fujifilm.com/au/en/privacy>

- Student name*
- School name, class and year level*
- Date of birth*
- Jurisdictional and local school student identifiers*
- Gender*
- Disability adjustments (where applicable) *

NAPLAN privacy collection notice – updated December 2022



- Country of birth
- Language background other than English
- Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander status
- Parents' occupation, education and language background

The personal information for students who are exempted, absent or withdrawn from NAPLAN testing is collected and used for reporting purposes.

Data security

Security and privacy are key requirements for the delivery of national testing.

NAPLAN Online

The online assessment platform has been designed to comply with relevant national data security policies and guidelines, as well as data encryption standards.

The assessment platform is managed by Education Services Australia (ESA). ESA is a not-for-profit company jointly owned by the Australian education ministers. ESA is subject to rigorous information privacy and data security obligations under its contract with the Department for Education.

ESA only has access to personal information from a relevant school or TAA for the primary purpose of fulfilling ESA's role in supporting the operation of the assessment platform.

ESA's privacy policy can be found at: www.esa.edu.au/contact-us/privacy.

Access and correction

To request access or correction to personal information collected for NAPLAN and held by schools, please contact your school principal in the first instance. Any concerns about a breach of privacy by a school should be directed in writing to the school principal.

More information

Speak with your school principal in the first instance if you have any questions about this information.