



Robe Primary School Newsletter

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Principal: Anne Grayson

Newsletter 2 - 17th March 2023

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Week 7 already of another school year. 2023 seems like it is moving faster than usual! Lot's happening in our busy school community and lots to look forward to – Sports Day, our annual School Fete and the Easter break, school holidays ...never a dull moment!

SITE IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Goals for 2023-2024

To improve students' achievement in reading.

Target 1

60% of students in years 3 & 5 to reach Higher bands in NAPLAN Reading. 35 % of years 1-6 students to reach grade B or above in A-E reports. 75% of R-2 students to meet Initialit cumulative review benchmarks throughout the year.

To improve students' achievement in writing.

Target 2

60% of students in years 3 & 5 to reach Higher bands in NAPLAN Writing. 35 % of students to reach grade B or above in A-E reports. 75% of R-2 students to meet Initialit cumulative review benchmarks throughout the year.

We have shifted our goals and reading is now our lead target. The focus on writing will be maintained; however, we believe that a shift to reading as a priority will support children to develop more complex vocabulary and as such, utilise this language in their writing. We will continue to utilise Bump it up walls in each classroom to support children on their writing journey and help them 'see' the destination.

Home reading therefore plays a vital role in children's reading development

and ongoing progress. It is imperative that all our kids read out loud to someone at least 4 nights a week. This only requires 5/10 minutes but will have huge impact on their self-concept as readers and help to consolidate and practice what they are learning about at school.

Please note this is NOT a teaching time but rather an opportunity for children to 'show' what they are learning. The books kids take home should be at their independent stage of reading – about 95-100% accurate in decoding. The only requirement of a parent/ carer is to listen, support as needed and importantly, ask questions and talk about the text read. This helps children to 'think' about what they have read and helps deepen comprehension. Please ask your classroom teacher for more information if required.

NAPLAN

Naplan started earlier than previous years this year. Our first session was writing and students in Years 3 and 5 completed this component on Wednesday and completed the reading component today. Monday March 20 will be Conventions of Language and Tuesday March 21– Numeracy. I wish each and every student all the best during this time.

- DATES TO REMEMBER -

TERM 1

Thursday 23 March
Sports Day @ Robe Football Club Oval
8:30am arrival

Tuesday 28 March
Parent/Teacher Discussions
3:30pm-7:30pm

Friday 7 April
Public Holiday - Good Friday

Saturday 8 April
Robe Primary School 'Easter Fete'
10am-4pm

Monday 10 April
Public Holiday - Easter Monday

Wednesday 12 April
District SAPSASA Athletics Day
Newbery Park Primary School - Millicent
Governing Council Meeting @ 5:15pm TBC

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

OUT & ABOUT

Lots of quality learning happening in all our classrooms. In science kids are learning about living things - invertebrates and vertebrates and their life cycles!



Reception/Year 1 children actively participating in the morning routine of investigations - from dinosaurs, tower building, bookmaking and gymnastics!



Our Year 1 students love to write – they are currently making books about castles, days of the week – and many other topics!



Year 4/5

A real world learning opportunity! Students are currently designing a new sign for our local skate park!



Reception-2

Initialit groups meet Monday to Thursday from 10 -11am. Children participate in a variety of activities that help them to learn the alphabetic code and apply to reading and writing!



YEAR 6 HALOGEN LITTLE LEADER CONFERENCE

Our Year 6 departed yesterday to participate in the Halogen Young Leaders conference in Adelaide. They were all very excited and am sure that when representing Robe Primary at the conference they will stand proud and represent our school proudly. Thank you to Tom Wachtel for organizing and supervising students while away. I also thank Adrian Johns and Rhiannon Maczkowiack for volunteering their time and transport to attend and help care for our kids – much appreciated.



LEARNING DISCUSSIONS

Learning discussions for 2023 will take place in week 9 Tuesday March 28. We see these discussions as highly beneficial and worthwhile. We sincerely appreciate the time parents/carers take to come and share their perspective of their child's/ children's strengths and areas of need and receive feedback from respective teachers about how they are settling into the new school year. Please visit Skoolbag, to use the online form to book a time with your child's teacher.

SPORTS DAY

Full steam ahead as usual! This yearly event is next Thursday and practice events and marches have been taking place over the last few weeks. Everyone is excited about another great day – I wonder who will take the cup home this year? Thank you to Tom Wachtel for his organizational and preparation skills in getting this major event organized and implemented – a huge task. A special thank you to Jodi for her administration support – sincerely appreciated. Thank you also to parents/carers that have already put their hand up to volunteer on the day – **we simply couldn't do it without your amazing support.**

SCHOOL FETE

As usual at this time of the year, our annual fete preparations are moving full steam ahead. The fete will be held on Easter Saturday April 8th 2023 from 10am – 4pm. Parents & Friends are seeking volunteers so any support you can provide will be sincerely appreciated. Your time during this event is highly valued and goes towards our biggest and most significant fund raiser of the year.

P & F have worked really hard to secure the services of other vendors and have replaced these activities with a petting zoo, a rock climbing wall, laser tag, motorized animal cars, Virtual Reality booths and indoor jumping castles. Plenty of fun stuff for kids to do!

Robe Primary School will have a stall – baked goods and other treasures - run by students and supervised by rotating teachers, as well as a raffle – **don't forget to bring your egg donations in! Please drop at the front office. An information note has gone home today to oldest in family.**

KISS & DROP

A gentle reminder to parents and carers to adhere to the purpose of this space – kiss and drop. This ensures that traffic moves through the carpark in a fluid and safe way. Thank you for your support with this request.

PARENT WORKSHOP

Reading is our main target this year for our Site Improvement Plan. As such, I will be holding a parent/carer workshop on reading and how to best support your children at home and school as they develop their reading knowledge and skill. This will be held in the Science room in Week 10 Wednesday April 5 at 9am – 10:30am. Please let the front office know if you will be attending.

I look forward to your attendance and contributions.

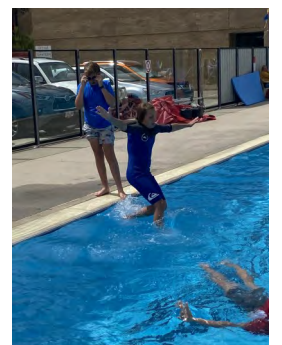
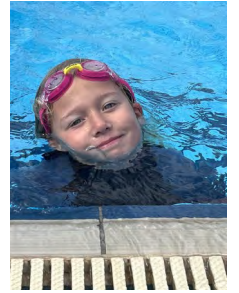
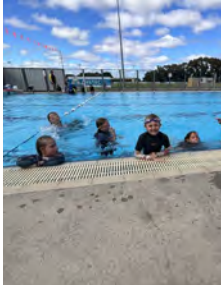
NATURE PLAY WORKING BEE

Next Sunday March 26 from 10-2pm will be our third working bee to continue working on our Nature Play area. Volunteers are needed! Your precious time on this day – even for 30 minutes or an hour – will be greatly appreciated and highly valued. This working bee is vitally important as some of the necessary ground work needs to be completed before 2 of our big ticket items – the rope swing and flying fox – are installed in May. Many hands make light work!



Swimming 2023

From Monday 27th of February to Friday 3rd of March Robe Primary School students participated in swimming lessons at the Kingston Community School pool. In the mornings the Reception/Year 1 class and the Year 2 class swam for an hour each and in the afternoons the Year 3/4, Year 4/5 and Year 6 classes swam in 2 x 1-hour blocks. In this time children improved their confidence and skills in the water (from blowing bubbles for the younger students to correct technique for swimming strokes for the older students). Children also developed their knowledge and understanding of water safety; including how to be safe around water and how to assist people requiring help in the water.



Learn to Knit & Crochet

When: Monday 17 & Monday 24 April
2 to 4pm

Where: Robe Library with the Knitting Group

Cost: \$5 per person

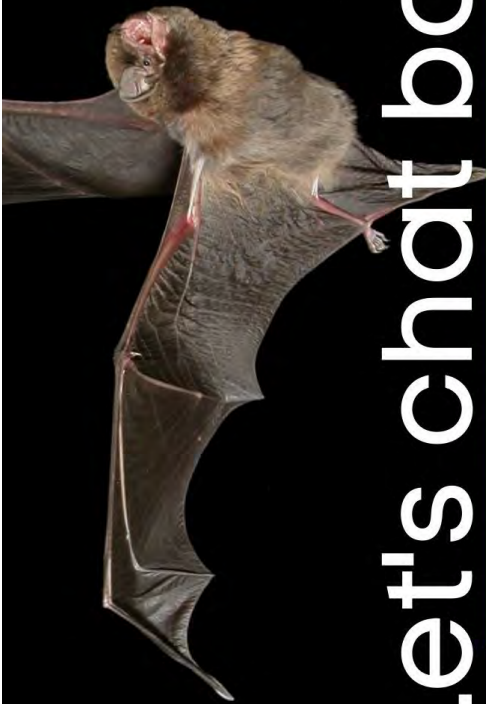
Please ring 87682465 to book your spot!



Thank You!

- Adrian Johns & Rhiannon Maczkowiack for attending the Little Leaders Conference with Tom and the Year 6 class.
- To our volunteers who assist in class and read with students.
- Clare Ryan for her ongoing work with the student gardens.

Let's chat bats



Come and chat with local bat expert Nicole Bail in the Bat Observation Centre, witness the spectacular event of bats in their natural habitat.

FREE
EVENT

Friday,
31 March 2023
5.30pm

SAUSAGE
SIZZLE

@ Naracoorte Caves



To register please visit



Naracoorte
Caves

WAVY LANDSCAPE
SOUTH AUSTRALIA
LIMESTONE COAST

KIDS SANDCASTLE COMPETITION

TOWN BEACH, ROBE
GOOD FRIDAY – 7 APRIL 2023



REGISTRATIONS FROM 9:30AM
COMPETITION 10:00AM UNTIL 11:30AM
PRESENTATIONS TO FOLLOW

\$5 REGISTRATION FEE PER CHILD
ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS THE KIDS CORNER AT THE ROBE LIBRARY!

AGE GROUPS

5 & UNDER - INDIVIDUAL CHILD WITH AN ADULT HELPER
6 TO 10 - INDIVIDUAL CHILD
11 TO 15 - INDIVIDUAL CHILD

RULES

BRING YOUR OWN BUCKET AND SPADE
ALL SANDCASTLE DECORATIONS MUST COME FROM BEACH
EACH ENTRY WILL BE ISSUED WITH AN EASTER EGG POLE UPON REGISTRATION,
THIS POLE MUST BE IN OR NEAR THE SANDCASTLE WHEN JUDGED



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT LONNY - 08 8768 2465

FREE EVENT

Farewell to Shorebirds



10AM TILL 1PM

SATURDAY 25 MARCH



Join us for an interactive walk around Fox Lake and discover the world of shorebirds. Meet the Flock and paint a bird to join the creative community driven art project, learn about First Nations culture in the local landscape of Robe, and find macroinvertebrates in the Lake.

Hands on experiences for all ages.
Meet at Carpark 1, The Esplanade Robe.

Scan here to register
or visit
www.landscape.sa.gov.au/lc

