



Robe Primary School Newsletter

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Principal: Anne Grayson

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to Term 2 – full steam ahead for another busy few months.

Food for thought...

Parenting is the hardest job in the world! Just saying... I am sure it is also the MOST gratifying role any human can take on and my admiration for all parents is second to none. As you know I am not a parent; however I am a beloved aunty and have been an educator for a long time. One of my strengths, I believe, is how much I care for the kids in my care – the kids of Robe Primary School - your kids - each and every one – when times are good and when times are tough!

Keeping all our kids safe is our utmost priority and responsibility as educators and as parents/carers. Living in a digital world brings a level of pressure to parents that is at times, overwhelming.

In our busy lives, sometimes we do not look at the fine print but often it is here that lie important details to arm you as parents/carers with managing the demands of children who are seeking to access digital platforms before the appropriate age of consent.

Did you know that Snap Chat, Tik Tok, You tube, Twitter and Facebook all require sign ups and users to be at least 13 years of age? Instagram actually require users to be 16+! The age restrictions trace back to the 1998 US law called COPPA (Children's Online Privacy Protection Act) that prohibits the tracking and data collection of children under the age of 13.

The tricky part here is that many platforms do NOT have age-verification processes in place so the responsibility lies with parents/carers to monitor kids screen time or at least the apps on their phones.

A few handy hints:

Snap Chat

If children under the age of 13 do sign up for a Snap Chat account they are given access to 'SnapKidz' which is a limited version of Snapchat that doesn't allow images to be sent to other devices.

Tik Tok

If you enable 'Parental Controls' from Google and/or Apple, Tik Tok can be automatically blocked on any underage children's devices.

Instagram

Instagram accounts that represent someone under the age of 13 **must clearly state** in the account's bio that the account is managed by a parent or manager.

If I can support any family in navigating this tricky space, please reach out. I am happy to support in any way I can. Take care.

- DATES TO REMEMBER -

TERM 2

Monday 5 June - Friday 9 June
Nude Food Week

Monday 12 June
Public Holiday—King's Birthday

Monday 19 June
Governing Council meeting @ 5:15pm

Wednesday 5 July
Student reports sent home

Friday 7 July
Last day of term
Assembly 2pm
Early Dismissal 2:15pm

TERM 3

Friday 8 September
School Closure Day

Wednesday 20-Friday 22 September
Whole School Camp @ Halls Gap

Electronic Sign In/Out

Please note from Monday 29 May all parents and visitors will need to sign in/out electronically, using the iPad provided, in the front office.



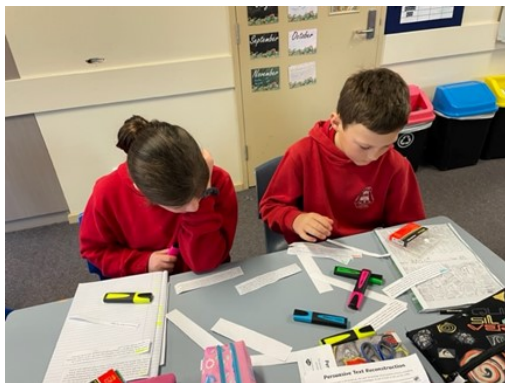
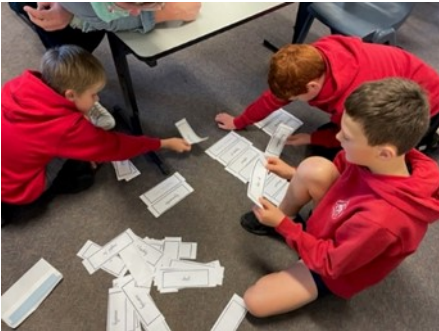
Out & About

On a lighter note and as usual, lots of learning happening across the school. Persuasive writing is a focus and children are learning about different types of persuasive texts, how they are structured and particular features that help position an audience. Children are learning about structure, features – such as: modality, calls to action, using statistics and emotion to convince someone to think or act in a particular way. Teachers are conferencing with students to set goals that move learning forward

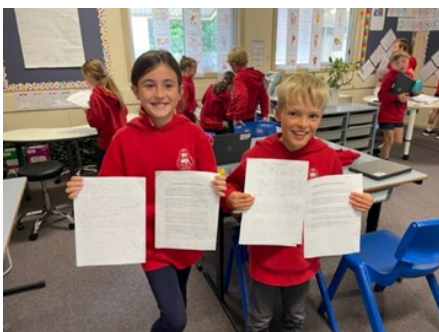
Year 4/5 and 6 discussing strengths and areas of need in writing. Students then identify and set individual goals to help nudge their writing progress forward.



Year 4/5 students learning about persuasive structure and the feature of modality and how choice of words can strengthen or weaken a persuasive text.

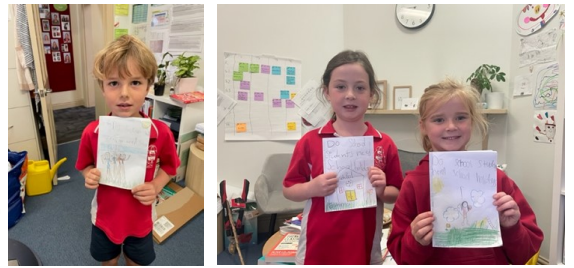


Year 3/4 students displaying their final pieces of narrative writing – sharing how they kept improving their writing through feedback and further drafts.



Reception and Year 1 students participating in independent literacy activities while Mrs Day takes a small group for guided reading.

Year 1 Persuasive Writing – some hot topics! Why children should have school holidays!



Year 2 Writing circle – students share out their persuasive writing with classmates. In mathematics students are learning the very important idea that ‘10 of these equals one of these’! A foundational concept of our number system!



Buddies

Big kids looking after little kids and vice versa. So lovely to see the older kids support and spend time with some of their younger school citizens.

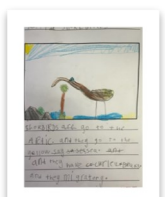


Shorebirds

On Thursday 11th May each class walked to the outlet to meet Robbie Andrew from the Limestone Coast Landscape Board along with John and Mel from Birdlife Australia. The students were split into groups and participated in sessions on the migrating Shorebirds of Robe and the importance of macro invertebrates. Students also learnt about the incredible distances the migrating shorebirds travel on their journey to the Arctic for breeding and the different species of shorebirds we see in Robe. During the macro invertebrate session, students spent time looking for macro invertebrates in the outlet and learnt about the importance they play as indicators of a healthy water system.
Nat Boulden



Did you know that when shorebirds sleep they keep one eye open while one side of their brain sleeps? Then through the day – the other eye opens to let the other side of the brain rest!



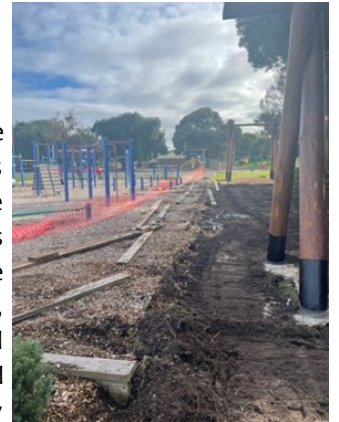


Walk Safely to School Day 2023

National Walk Safely to School Day is a community initiative that aims to raise awareness of the health, road safety, transport and environmental benefits that regular walking (especially to and from school) can provide for the long term well-being of our children.

Nature Play

Climbing Tree have been on-site installing 2 of our big ticket items – the zip-line and the rope swing. It is looking amazing so far but more work needs to be done before we officially open this part of our nature play area. The children are extremely excited and eagerly awaiting the opportunity to enjoy these additions. The water course will go in eventually; however this has been put on hold due to access for other big ticket items – the nest swing and cubby. Once these items have been purchased then the final phase of the Nature Play can be completed. Clearly, there is still work to be done and grants to be secured to help us complete this long awaited project. Your ongoing support – volunteering your time and labour during working bees – should not be underestimated and is sincerely appreciated. Thank you to Matt Austin for his voluntary contribution and a big thank you to Lisa and Alan Hall from Sea Vu Caravan Park for their extremely generous donation to provide accommodation for two weeks for the Nature Playground construction company, Climbing Tree. We are extremely grateful for this kind donation and look forward to the completion of the zip-line and rope swing in the very near future! This project is a true reflection of our great school community spirit. Keep an eye out for upcoming working bees to help keep the momentum going.



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School Fete

What a fantastic day! Another successful fundraiser for our very dedicated Parents & Friends. A huge **THANK YOU** to all the members for the behind the scenes organisation and preparation that goes into such an enormous event – a massive effort! Thank you to all the volunteers – teachers, families, kids and community members that gave their time and labour to supervise and run various activities – hot dog stand, kitchen duty, donut making, face painting, jumping castle crowd control – to name a few! The day is dependent on your generosity and it is sincerely appreciated.



National Simultaneous Storytime

National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS) is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA). Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country. Now in its 23rd successful year, it is a colourful, vibrant, fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy, using an Australian children's book that explores age-appropriate themes, and addresses key learning areas of the National Curriculum for Foundation to Year 6.

The writer of *The Speedy Sloth* is Rebecca Young, an award-winning author from Sydney and the illustrator is Heath McKenzie, an award-winning children's book illustrator.

A HUGE thank you to Kylie Peel who was our very special guest reader. We appreciate your time and beautiful reading skills. Sincerely appreciated!



Joining Robe Primary School

***** Governing Council *****

is sincerely requested and greatly needed!

Our current GC body has 5 parent members and we are seeking more parents/carers to join our council. We are asking that you consider becoming a member and being part of a school body that will continue to help move Robe Primary School forward in the spirit of community collaboration.

[Governing councils](#) are important bodies that help to govern a school. Governing councils work with the principal to help set and monitor the direction of a site.

A governing council meets twice a term to talk about the direction and management of the site. Meetings are a big part of being on a governing council, but it's not only that. In your role on the council, you might also be asked to:

- be on an interview panel to select the site's principal
- deal with media in response to an event or a good news story

In your role on our governing council, you'll work with myself to:

- involve the local community
- develop and approve local policies
- set the broad direction and vision of the site
- monitor and review the [site improvement plan](#)
- be the [employing authority](#) of some services, including OSHC and canteen.

My role as principal in Governing Council is to work with members to, for example:

- give educational leadership
- carry out the site's policies
- carry out the site improvement plan

Please consider this request and contact the school if interested. The next Governing Council meeting will be held **Week 8 Monday June 19 at 5:15pm**.

SAPSASA Athletics

A selection of students participated in 'SAPSASA District Athletics' at Millicent's Newbery Park Primary School in April, with fantastic results!

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| Max Semple | - | 3rd 200m, 2nd 800m |
| Lydia Austin | - | 1st 100m & 200m, 2nd High Jump |
| Adele Burzacott | - | 3rd 800m, 1st Long Jump |
| Jessica Hayes | - | 1st Shot Put |
| Amelie Norman | - | 2nd Shot Put |
| Adalynn Hann | - | 2nd Discus |
| Harry Austin | - | 3rd 100m, 1st Shot Put |
| Scarlett Ferguson | - | 1st High Jump, 2nd Shot Put |
| Morgan Fennell | - | 2nd Shot Put |
| Braxton Maczkowiack | - | 2nd 100m, 1st 200m |
| Jimmy Collins | - | 2nd Shot Put |
| Will Carter | - | 2nd Discus |
| Eli Jess | - | 3rd 100m, 2nd 200m, 1st High jump |
| Daniel Hayes | - | 2nd Discus |
| Freya Randell | - | 2nd 100m & 200m, 3rd 800m & Long Jump |
| Lacey Brooks | - | 2nd Discus |



SAPSASA Football

The school had 3 Year 6 boys represent Mid South East at the SAPSASA Football State Carnival in Adelaide this week, Spencer Aitken, Eli Jess and Braxton Maczkowiack. The boys won 3 of their 9 games played and thoroughly enjoyed their time away, an invaluable experience with new friends being made.

Cross Country

A great effort by all students who attended this year's Cross Country – well done. Thank you to all the parents for their attendance, transport and supervision of our little athletes. A special mention to Lydia Austin for placing third in her age group.



Would you like to be part of a committee

to bring a

SA Rural Women's Gathering to

Robe

in the latter half of 2024?

- An initial public meeting to discuss ideas with the aims to develop communication networks knowledge and skill through participation, experience and contact with other women.
- link women from rural backgrounds with members of formal or informal networks across SA.
- provide access to opportunities for self-development, self-expression and information.

These events are a whole town event as there are speakers and workshops, venues and setting up spaces, sponsorship, transport, IT & website organisers, catering and accommodation aspects.

7:30pm June 22nd at the Robe Institute

There are opportunities for local groups

- to raise money through catering for morning/ afternoon teas on Saturday
- providing the packed lunch on Sunday
- to lead workshops
- to be inspirational speakers
- to provide venues for the workshops

There are many tasks including:

- speaker systems set up in venues for speakers
- Gala dinner Saturday night catering and music for dancing
- Workshop manager
- Manager of speakers
- Sponsorship/raffles

There is a template to follow and it supported by the SA Rural Women's Gathering Association and members from previous committees.

How could you or your group be involved in this exciting weekend?

Contact Heather Gibbons for more information: 0407 978 335

RPS Parents & Friends

Fundraising Committee Meeting

Tuesday 13th June 2023

Robe Hotel 6:30pm

All Welcome

Email rpsparentsandfriends@gmail.com for Agenda items

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| WK | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY |
|----|--|---------|--|---|---|----------|---------------------------|
| 1 | MAY 1 | MAY 2 | MAY 3 | MAY 4 | MAY 5 | MAY 6 | MAY 7 |
| 2 | MAY 8 | MAY 9 | MAY 10 | MAY 11 Mother's Day Stall | MAY 12 South East Cross Country-Naracoorte | MAY 13 | MAY 14 MOTHER'S DAY |
| 3 | MAY 15 | MAY 16 | MAY 17 | MAY 18 Walk Safely to School Day - 8:20am | MAY 19 Pupil Free Day | MAY 20 | MAY 21 |
| 4 | MAY 22 SAPSASA Football | MAY 23 | MAY 24 Governing Council Meeting 5:15pm (data presentation) National Storytime Reading @ 11am | MAY 25 | MAY 26 | MAY 27 | MAY 28 |
| 5 | MAY 29 National Reconciliation Week | MAY 30 | MAY 31 | JUNE 1 | JUNE 2 | JUNE 3 | JUNE 4 |
| 6 | JUNE 5 | JUNE 6 | JUNE 7 Nude Food Week | JUNE 8 | JUNE 9 | JUNE 10 | JUNE 11 |
| 7 | JUNE 12 Public Holiday King's Birthday | JUNE 13 | JUNE 14 | JUNE 15 | JUNE 16 | JUNE 17 | JUNE 18 |
| 8 | JUNE 19 Governing Council Meeting 5:15pm | JUNE 20 | JUNE 21 | JUNE 22 | JUNE 23 | JUNE 24 | JUNE 25 |
| 9 | JUNE 26 | JUNE 27 | JUNE 28 | JUNE 29 | JUNE 30 | JULY 1 | JULY 2 |
| 10 | JULY 3 NAIDOC Week | JULY 4 | JULY 5 Student Reports sent home | JULY 6 | JULY 7 End of term Assembly 2pm Early Dismissal 2:15pm | JULY 8 | JULY 9 |