

# Newsletter



10 NOVEMBER 2023



## From the Principal

Week 4 of Term 4. Five more weeks to go before the end of another school year. As always, school never seems to slow down with many events organised – Year 6 Transition and Aquatics Camp, lots of little leader events, P&F Colour Run in week 7, Year 6 Graduation Dinner, Semester 2 School Reports, Kindy transition and end of year concert preparation to name a few!

### **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: Nature Play Project**

It is with much excitement that I can formally announce that Robe Community Bank Bendigo have donated \$95 000 for our Nature Play Project. This is the largest sum of money that Bendigo has contributed a local school project and we are very privileged to be the recipients. THANK YOU – THANK YOU – THANK YOU. This, together with the funds from our P&F and the generous donations from families and local community members through the Come Fund Us campaign will ensure that this project is completed in its entirety. Climbing Tree have given May 2024 as the installation date of the final big ticket items. We can then hold one more working bee to finesse the area, add the water course and final garden bed. Once complete, we will have an official celebration and formal opening of our Nature Play Area.

### **Pupil Free Day**

A gentle reminder – Pupil Free Day is Week 6 – Monday November 20. This day will be utilised to reflect on our site improvement journey for 2023. Review lead and lag data and align with set targets and then begin to develop our plans for 2024.

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

**Wednesday 8/15/22/29 November**

Kindy Transition Days

**Thursday 16–Friday 17 November**

Year 6 Aquatics Camp

**Monday 20 November**

Pupil Free Day

**Tuesday 21–Friday 24 November**

Nude Food Week

**Friday 24 November**

L.L. Crazy Hair/Socks Day–gold coin

**Friday 1 December**

P&amp;F Colour Run–2pm

**Monday 4 December**Governing Council Meeting 5:15pm  
@ Robe Hotel**Tuesday 5 December**Susan McLean 'Cyber Safety'  
Parent Session TBA**Wednesday 6 December**

Year 6 Graduation Dinner @ Sails

**Wednesday 13 December**

Reports emailed to families

**Thursday 14 December**

Early Dismissal 2:15pm – School Concert

**Friday 15 December**

Late start – Arrival 10am

L.L. Casual Clothes Day–gold coin

P&amp;F Pizza lunch provided

Assembly 2pm

Early Dismissal 2:15pm



**Site Improvement Plan (SIP)**

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Part of this terms review process is returning to our SIP and looking at achievement against set targets and success criteria – this is Step 5 of our improvement cycle.

I will present this information at our final GC meeting for 2023, Monday December 4th or fist meeting for 2024 – TBA.

I will also hold an information session for parents/carers early in Term 1 of the new school year to present data and share implications for teaching and learning. This will also be an opportunity for our school community to be updated about and contribute to future school targets.

**5. Review and evaluate**

At the end of each year of the school improvement plan you need to review and evaluate its success.

While this step occurs in the busy final term of the school year, it is critical to set aside time to review and evaluate the impact of your hard work over the year. This final step is an important opportunity for reflection, consolidation of learning, and celebration of outcomes.

The final step is essential to make sure you are well prepared to complete the cycle at the beginning of the next year, and analyse and prioritise to continually improve learning outcomes for students.

By reviewing the impact and cost effectiveness of your actions you can answer the questions:

- Have we achieved our improvement goals?
- What have we learned?
- What are our next steps?



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**Attendance**

A gentle reminder parents/carers to keep the school informed when kids are absent. Our aim is to ensure all students have access to a full and rewarding education. Regular attendance at school provides students with the opportunity to gain maximum benefit from their schooling. Monitoring of school attendance enables identification of students at risk and the implementation of appropriate intervention strategies. At Robe Primary School our attendance strategies are guided by the South Australian Department for Education's attendance policy.

The attendance policy defines the following groups of students as at risk because of how often they miss school.

- **Habitual non-attendance:** a student misses 5 to 9 school days in a term (across terms). This is for any reason.
- **Chronic non-attendance:** a student misses 10 or more days in a term (across terms). This is for any reason.



For students in these groups, we assess the level of risk to their learning and wellbeing. When a student is at risk we will talk with the family about the issues.

We appreciate and understand that there has been a lot of illnesses around just recently – gastro and Influenza A, as well as Covid. We also appreciate that parents are keeping their children at home when they are clearly unwell, as this helps to stop the spread!

If you have concerns about your child's attendance and need support in this area, please reach out – we are here to help in any way we can.

### **Whole School Camp 2023**

Tandara Lutheran Camp–Wednesday September 21st to Friday September 23rd 2023 was absolutely fantastic on every level – accommodation, food, activities, student and teacher participation. A huge thank you to all the parent volunteers who also attended – your time and labour was greatly appreciated.

A huge thank you to all the staff that attended as well – time away from family is a sacrifice that these type of school events require and staff are more than happy to oblige – as usual – above and beyond!





# Out and About

## Year 2

Let's happening as usual around our busy little school. Our Year 2 being wise detectives – investigating real world objects to see whether they turn anti clock wise or clock wise!



## Year 6

Learning about timetabling and scheduling – a great life skill and a strong link to how mathematics is used in the real world.



## Reception/Year 1

Reconstructing sentence strips to create an information report – like information needs to put together to make a paragraph. Some students added sub headings once they had finished organising their texts!



## Year 3/4

Students are working on their understanding of number composition and how to think about numbers in flexible ways – this is called multiplicative thinking and is an essential foundation for deep mathematical knowledge.





## Writing Celebrations

At the end of last term Reception/Year 1 and Year 2 classes invited parents/carers to attend a writing celebration. Students shared their writing journey for the term which was to create information texts that teach an audience about a topic. Valuing children's writing in a visible way helps the children to see themselves as authors at any stage of schooling and at any stage of the writing process.









**Year 6 ‘Transition to Kingston Camp’ and ‘Kangaroo Inn Transition Day’**

Each year students from our school attend transition activities at their respective high schools. This is a wonderful opportunity for kids to make new connections with their high school and start building relationships with teachers and other students.



**Kindy Transition 2023/2024**

Our Kindy transition program formally started this week on Wednesday. We will have 11 little and excited humans visiting our school and participating in a variety of activities, giving them a small taste of 'big school'. Our connection with the Kindy continues to grow. Connections with the little ones have already been established and nurtured with informal visits to both sites and attending events on school grounds – all part of helping the transition to formal schooling be a joyful event and to maintain and strengthen the continuity of learning between sites.

**Netball Workshops**

Thank you to Kim Ross, Mahalia Bathurst-Warren and Rhiannon Maczkowiack for their expertise and time in providing netball workshops for all our students. The workshops were fun and fast paced and generated a love and new respect for netball!



**Robe to Recovery**

Jackie Bateman and Big Mick attended our school recently to share what Robe to Recovery is all about. The year 6 students prepared questions prior to the visit and were keen to hear firsthand experiences from Mick about his time and experience with the armed forces. The students were avid listeners and asked some really thoughtful questions. A take away from the visit was learning how important acknowledging an armed forces person is and thanking them for their service, and, if appropriate, shaking their hand. On behalf of the Year 6 students, we thank you for your service. Students are now writing letters to veterans that will become part of the Robe to Recovery welcome packs that the veterans receive when they come to stay in Robe.





**Graduation Dinner – Year 6 – Wednesday December 6 2023**

Preparations for this year's Year 6 graduation dinner are underway and will be held at Sails in the main dining room starting at 5:30pm. It promises to be a very special evening – a night for parents/carers and kids to celebrate their time at Robe Primary School, reflect on learning and friendships made and look forward to their next adventure – high school! Menu selection will be sent out soon to help keep costs down and reduce waste. Parents attending pay \$15 each. The Parents & Friends and Governing Council chairperson are invited to attend.

**P & F Events**

Quiz night was a fabulous success – thank you for all their hard work in organising and running the event. Much appreciated!



Their ongoing fundraising efforts and overall support of our school is sincerely appreciated.

**End of Year Concert**

As usual, planning and organisation for this year's concert is underway which will be held on Thursday December 14th 2023. All classes have chosen songs and are beginning to create and practice dance moves to the theme of 'Disney movies'. Costumes are being planned by class teachers and this information will be sent out to families by individual teachers.

Please start putting out positive thoughts to the universe for a beautiful, warm and calm summers evening for our end of year extravaganza. Weather will dictate our final decision as to where this year's event is held – either Concert on the Green as usual or we head to The Institute – this decision will be made on the Friday before Concert day. Please know if we go to The Institute, numbers will be limited.



**Year 6 Car Wash**

Year 6 will hold a 'car wash' on November 24th starting at 8:30am to 11am to help contribute to their Graduation Dinner. Reminders will be sent out closer to the date. Entry will be through Bower Street gate. Please take extra caution as you arrive on school grounds as kids will be out and about parking bikes and arriving at school. There will be teachers helping with the supervision but a little extra caution will be greatly appreciated.





WK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1	OCTOBER 16	OCTOBER 17	OCTOBER 18	OCTOBER 19	OCTOBER 20	OCTOBER 21 P&F Quiz Night/ Last Man Standing	OCTOBER 22
2	OCTOBER 23	OCTOBER 24	OCTOBER 25	OCTOBER 26	OCTOBER 27	OCTOBER 28	OCTOBER 29
3	OCTOBER 30 P&F Meeting 3:30pm	OCTOBER 31	NOVEMBER 1	NOVEMBER 2 Year 6 Transition Camp Tarooki	NOVEMBER 3 Year 6 Transition Camp Tarooki	NOVEMBER 4	NOVEMBER 5
4	NOVEMBER 6 Governing Council Meeting 5:15pm	NOVEMBER 7	NOVEMBER 8 School Photo Day Kindy Transition 9-11:30am	NOVEMBER 9	NOVEMBER 10 	NOVEMBER 11	NOVEMBER 12
5	NOVEMBER 13 P&F Meeting 3:30pm	NOVEMBER 14 Golf sessions	NOVEMBER 15 Kindy Transition 9-11:30am	NOVEMBER 16 Year 6 Aquatics Camp	NOVEMBER 17 Year 6 Aquatics Camp	NOVEMBER 18	NOVEMBER 19
6	NOVEMBER 20 Pupil Free Day	NOVEMBER 21 Golf sessions NUDE FOOD WEEK	NOVEMBER 22 Kindy Transition 9-12pm	NOVEMBER 23	NOVEMBER 24 L.L. Crazy Hair & Socks Day (gold coin donation)	NOVEMBER 25	NOVEMBER 26
7	NOVEMBER 27	NOVEMBER 28 Golf sessions	NOVEMBER 29 Kindy Transition 9-12pm	NOVEMBER 30 L.L. Ice Cream Day \$2	DECEMBER 1 P&F Colour Run 2pm	DECEMBER 2	DECEMBER 3
8	DECEMBER 4 Golf sessions Year 4-6 @ Golf Club Governing Council Meeting 5:15pm	DECEMBER 5 Susan McLean Cyber Safety (includes parent session TBA)	DECEMBER 6 Year 6 Graduation Dinner @ Sails	DECEMBER 7	DECEMBER 8 	DECEMBER 9	DECEMBER 10
9	DECEMBER 11	DECEMBER 12	DECEMBER 13 Reports emailed to families	DECEMBER 14 School Concert Early Dismissal 2:15pm	DECEMBER 15 Late start 10am Casual Clothes Day (gold coin donation) P&F provide pizza lunch Assembly 2pm Early Dismissal 2:15pm	DECEMBER 16	DECEMBER 17

# MELBOURNE CUP FUNDRAISER

Stacey Wirth deserves a huge pat on the back as she has taken on the organisation of this event for many years... and we can't thank her enough!

A big thank you must also go to Robbie 'Scratcher' Neale and Adrian 'Johnsy' Johns for taking on auctioneer duties and Chris McLay for spotting! Your help is valued and most appreciated.

**Supa Sweep**  
\$110 profit to the school

1 <sup>st</sup>	-	\$80	Chris McLay 33pts
2 <sup>nd</sup>	-	\$40	Anne Grayson 31pts (\$20) Kelly Allen 31pts (\$20)
3 <sup>rd</sup>	-	\$30	Robbie Munn 25pts (\$10) Adam Brooks 25pts (\$10) Leanne Cameron 25pts (\$10)

1 <sup>st</sup>	-	\$600	Robbie Neale 'Without a Fight'
2 <sup>nd</sup>	-	\$350	Robbie Munn 'Soulcombe'
3 <sup>rd</sup>	-	\$150	Susie Clements 'Sheraz'

**Calcutta**  
\$740 profit to the school





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**ROBE PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
PARENTS & FRIENDS

**COLOUR  
RUN**

**FRIDAY  
1ST DECEMBER**

- starting at 2PM ON SCHOOL GROUNDS
- NO ASSEMBLY - NORMAL PICK UP TIME 3.15PM
- CASUAL CLOTHES DAY - WHITE TEES WORK BEST!
- STUDENTS, TEACHERS, FAMILY/CARERS - EVERYONE WELCOME TO JOIN IN!
- PARTICIPATION BY ALL ENCOURAGED!

*Please run with us!!*

**P&F SPONSORED FUN EVENT**

**GOLD COIN DONATION**

**BBQ PROVIDED**

**BYO WATER BOTTLE & TOWEL**

**CFS**

**HOSE DOWN!!**

## ELDERS CHRISTMAS WISH TREE

Drop a new unwrapped gift off under the Christmas Tree at the Elders Robe or Kingston SE branch by Friday 8th December.

Gifts will be given to the less fortunate local families to unwrap on Christmas Morning.

Ages 5 to 14 years

Contact our office on

Robe 8768 3100

Kingston 8767 4000

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## Sausage Sizzle

Friday 1st September 2023



\$107.87

Little Leaders

## 'Sports Person'

### Casual Clothes Day

Tuesday 12th September



\$86.00

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# Little Leaders Donated \$235 to Diabetes Australia

Ice Cream Day—\$80.00

Sausage Sizzle—\$100.00

'Sports Person'—\$80.00

Milo Day—\$40.00

## Receipt

Date	23/10/2023
Invoice No	ORD0000538027
Customer ID	09929803

### Customer:

Att: Robe Primary School  
1 Union Street, Robe, SA, 5276  
Robe SA 5276

Description	Qty	Amount	GST	Total
Online Gift <sup>a</sup>	1	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
GST Amount				\$0.00
Total incl. GST				\$300.00
Amount Paid				\$300.00
Balance Due				\$0.00

<sup>a</sup> Donation items - donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.



## Ice-cream Day

Thursday 17th August 2023



\$84.90

Little Leaders

## Milo Day

Friday 29th September 2023



\$42.85

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# LITTLE RAY OF GIVING CAMPAIGN 2023



## 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

OUR MOST WANTED THIS CHRISTMAS

1. TEA
2. RICE
3. TUNA
4. PASTA
5. COFFEE
6. CEREAL
7. PASTA SAUCE
8. TINNED MEAT
9. LONG LIFE MILK (UHT)
10. SPREADS (JAM/VEGEMITE)
11. BAKED BEANS/TINNED SPAGHETTI
12. CANNED VEGETABLES/CANNED FRUIT



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## FOODBANK CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE

### WHAT TYPES OF ITEMS TO COLLECT

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|----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| CANNED MEALS   | CANNED VEGGIES  | CANNED FRUIT     |
| LONG LIFE MILK | CANNED SOUP     | CANNED TUNA      |
| TEA & COFFEE   | PASTA & RICE    | BAKED BEANS      |
| PASTA SAUCES   | OATS & CEREAL   | FLOUR            |
| SPREADS & JAMS | VEGEMITE        | MEAL BASES       |
| NAPPIES        | DENTAL PRODUCTS | WASHING PRODUCTS |

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