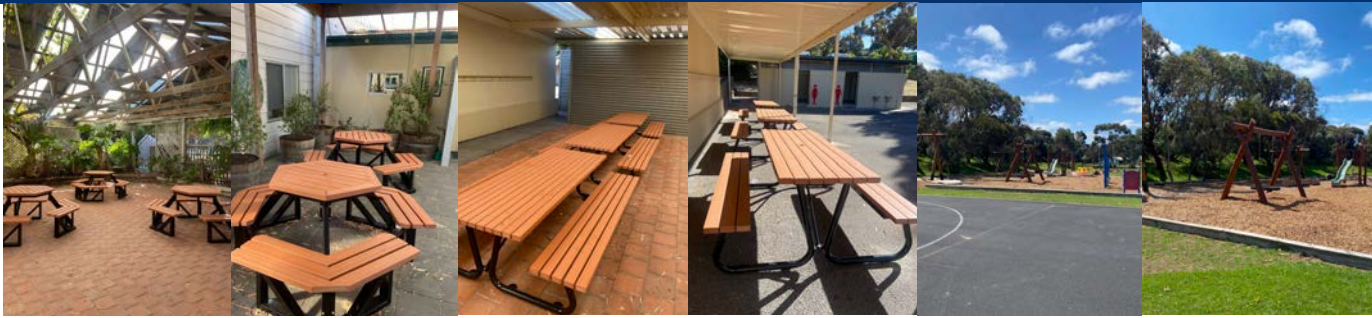
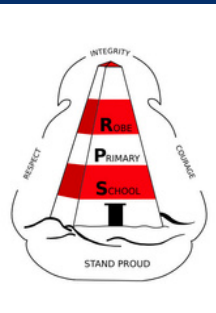


Newsletter

6 December 2024



IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday 11 December

- Student reports emailed

Thursday 12 December

- Early dismissal 2:15pm-to prepare for concert
- **School Concert**-5:15pm arrival 5:30pm start

Friday 13 December

- Late start 10am (staff onsite from 8:30am)
- P&F to supply all students with an icy pole /ice-cream (no lunch will be provided)
- Last day Term 4
- Assembly 1:50pm
- Early dismissal 2:15pm

2025

Tuesday 28 January

- First day term 1

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The last newsletter for 2024. Time has flown and we near the end of another year. Another amazing year – our continued and diligent focus on our Professional Learning has put us in great stead for our PL for 2025. We continue to have a more visible impact on well-being, continuing with Smiling Minds and incorporating that with our Berry Street training has supported teachers and children throughout the year. Nat Boulden has played a significant role as our Well-being Coordinator and we thank her for the diligence and sensitivity she has shown following up and checking in on kids who just need that “extra person” to listen in and support. Our collective priority is the overall well-being of the unique little humans in our care and working together to ensure this, I believe, continues to be a real strength of Robe Primary School community.

I'm really excited about 2025 and the Professional Learning we have planned – it will change the way we view the role and purpose of our school. I am hoping that a paradigm shift will occur and our focus will be on how to learn – our overarching theme for 2025 is ‘Learning to learn – Learning for Life.’

Thank you again for the continuing and ongoing support given to me by families and community – it is sincerely appreciated. I look forward to nurturing and strengthening these relationships and connections in 2025.

Thank you to our Governing Council – your advice, creative ideas, perspectives and collective wisdom over 2024 has been appreciated – I look forward to strengthening these partnerships in 2025. We say farewell to Ben Jess as a GC member and I thank him for his time as chair and then as a general member – your calm manner, perspective, advice and good humour will be missed.

Thank you to our Parents & Friends – your efforts, organisation, creativity, planning and contributions in 2024 have been greatly appreciated – I look forward to strengthening these partnerships in 2025.

A massive and heart felt thank you to each and every one of our wonderful volunteers who have given up their time:

- Parents & Friends - Kyla Ramsey as team leader and Lashay Semple as secretary and all the other members for their diligence, commitment and hard work organising and participating in events to fund raise for our school

- Anna Brooks for her time and labour in bringing the 2024 Year 6 Graduation to life - setting and packing up and the beautiful balloon garland
- Parents/carers who attended the many camps and sporting events or provided transport and supervision – your efforts are awesome and invaluable!
- Parents/carers who attended our Nature Play working bees to bring this project to life then to conclusion – words cannot express our deep gratitude

A heartfelt and sincere thank you to all the staff at Robe Primary School. I feel honoured and privileged to work with such an outstanding group of people. Their dedication and commitment to the kids in their care is exemplary and many, many times – above and beyond. Enjoy the upcoming break – rest, sleep in and relax – you have certainly earned it! I take this opportunity to farewell Luke Wise who has been a teacher at our school for 2 years. Luke heads to Adelaide to pursue his teaching career in the city. We thank him for his dedication and commitment to the kids in his care and wish him all the best for 2025 and beyond.

A massive and sincere thank you to parents/carers for all that you do for your kids each and every day – the relationship between our school and home, as said, is so vitally important to ensure each and every child has a safe, happy and positive school experience. As always, please know my door is open – always feel welcome.

I am looking forward to another year of positivity and productivity. Onwards and upwards for 2025.

But for now – I'll take a moment, reflect on the year that was – learn the lessons, take the wins and look forward to another year as Principal of Robe Primary School...We are all ready for a break – spending quality time with friends and family to recalibrate & rejuvenate. Enjoy the upcoming holiday season - keep safe, happy and healthy.

Take care –choose kind!

Anne

TERM 4 EVENTS STILL TO COME

Term 4 events still to come:

- Semester 2 reports emailed home December 11
- End of year concert - December 12 - early finish - 2:15pm - concert start 5:30pm
- Last day of school - December 13 - start 10am - finish 2:15pm
- Last day Assembly - December 13 - start 1:50pm

KINDY TRANSITION 2024

Our Kindy transition program was a great success as usual and we have lots of little people very excited about attending 'big school'. A huge thank you to Penny Day and Sami from Kindy for their organisation and supervision for another successful transition program – much appreciated.

2025 CLASSES

We have been discussing class formations for 2025 – this is always a complex process and we try and look at each model thoroughly to best meet the needs of the children in our care. Unfortunately, we lose our RAAP funding and this means we drop down to 4 classes, as well as decreased hours for SSO support. Class sizes will increase significantly in 2025 – we will go from average 19 students to 24/26 or more students per class. All these factors play a role in our organisation of teacher and SSO placement as well as make up of classrooms.

Parents/carers and children will find out their class teacher for 2025 on Monday when we do transition activities to help prepare for 2025 and to help develop connections and/or build on relationships.

An email will be sent to families on Monday indicating classes/staffing for 2025.

PARENT & FRIENDS EVENTS

The colour run was, again, a raging success. We could have done with a little more water so get your thinking caps on for next year!

Thank you to the P&F for preparation and organisation of this awesome fun event.

A special thank you to Kimberley Austin and year 6 kids who helped design and set up the course. Well done!

Quiz Night was also a huge success – raising \$5,636.80. A massive effort by our fab P&F – a very special mention to Lashay Semple – above and beyond – sincerely appreciated. 😊

END OF YEAR CONCERT

Concert on the Green

We will make the final decision on Monday (week 9) as we will have a more accurate idea of what Thursday weather will be like. Thanks for your patience. An alert will be sent via usual communication channels when the decision has been confirmed.

Our concert preparation is in full swing with ‘Spooktacular’ being the theme! This evening represents a celebration and the ending of another productive school year. A massive thank you to all the teachers and SSO’s for another year of their creative & diligent preparation and organisation in getting this event up and running. Many of the costumes and props you will see have been made in the classrooms by kids and teachers and of course, our SSO angels.

Thank you also to the parent volunteers who will come in early to help with the ‘spooky’ face painting. Much appreciated.

GRADUATION DINNER

Class of 2024 Year 6 done and dusted. Last night was a huge success – such a special evening for our young humans that are flying the RPS coop and preparing for their journey to high school. We will miss each and every one and wish them much happiness and success as they continue on their educational path. Robe Primary School will always be a special place, a special memory - but lots of new adventures to be had at your new high schools.

Thank you once again to our Parents & Friends for gifting the Year 6 pens as special reminders of their time at Robe Primary School.



DISTRICT COUNCIL OF ROBE - CHRISTMAS DRAWING COMPETITION

Congratulations to Alexis Roach and Jimmy Collins for winning the DCR Christmas Drawing Competition. Both Alexis and Jimmy will assist the mayor in lighting the Robe Christmas Tree tonight, Friday 6 December at 8.30pm.

Be there! It is a very special event 😊

ROBE LIONS CLUB - PEACE POSTER COMPETITION

Congratulations to all students in years 4-6 who participated in the Lions International Peace Poster Competition for 2024-2025. The theme was 'Peace without Limits', we saw some amazing artwork created. A special mention to Edie Bates, whose artwork was judged by the Lions Club representatives and awarded the winner from Robe Primary School, her artwork will now go onto the next stage of judging against other regions. We wish her luck!

YEAR 6 HONEY CRACKLES

This term, we sold honey crackles to raise money for the year 6 graduation dinner. We raised \$166.87 and made 233 of them. It was very fun and the year 5/6 and Mrs Austin spent lots of time making them and everybody could agree they were extremely delicious and filling.

By Livia Jess

YEAR 6 CAR WASH

On Thursday 14th of November, the year 6's did their yearly car wash and we raised just over 200 dollars. Each car was ten dollars to get cleaned, we spent 3 hours cleaning cars. All up we cleaned 20 cars including staff and local cars. The money was raised for the year 6 Graduation Dinner.

By Aleyah Pelkonen

KANGAROO INN TRANSITION

On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of week 7, three year 6 students went to the Kangaroo Inn transition. On Wednesday we played dodge ball, started making a cheese board and made fried rice. On Thursday we finished the cheese board, started pinch pot creatures and sewed some buttons on material. On Friday we finished our pinch pot creatures and did PE. We had a great time and made new friends and are really excited for next year.

By Brock Gibson

KINGSTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL TRANSITION CAMP

On the 17th & 18th of October, Nate, Olivia, Aleyah and myself went on camp to the Tarooki camp site in Robe with the Kingston Year 6's. We did some really fun activities such as a sandcastle competition, free time and a music quiz night. We also did a 'what to expect in high school' slide show. We did a safety quiz and what we would like in Kingston.

By Jimmy Collins

SAPSASA TENNIS

In week 6 I participated in SAPSASA Tennis in Adelaide. It was held at the Playford Tennis Centre. I represented the Mid South East and played with kids from Penola and Millicent. We played against 5 other regions from around South Australia. I played a double and a single against each team and the Mid South East team finished 4th in our division. I had a great time playing tennis with other kids from around the region and made some new friends.

By Harry Austin



'CHRIS MCLAY NATURE PLAY' DEDICATION

Wednesday, December 4, 2024, was the day that the Nature Play project came to fruition with the formal dedication to Chris McLay. It was a wonderful turn out of parents/carers, past and present students, branch manager/directors from our major sponsor – Bendigo Bank - Community Bank Robe & Districts, past and present P&F members, community members that donated through 'Come Fund Us' and Robe Primary School staff and of course – the guest of honour – Chris McLay.

Chris started at Robe Primary School in 1985 and became principal in 2000 – a total of 34 years – wow! The Nature Playground is a wonderful way to honour a special educator and be a reminder for the dedication and commitment he gave to Robe Primary School.

Thank you to Mardi, Stacey, Cassie and Jodi for organising and prepping the food – much appreciated.

Thank you to staff and kids for helping the school to look so lovely on this special day – as well as Noel for mowing the yard and Mark for final tidying before our big event and every other volunteer who has contributed to bring the Nature Play area to completion!



PARKING BEHIND SCHOOL HALL

We would like to remind parents that there is to be **no parking** behind the school hall, both before and after school. This area is actively used by students to drop off or pick up their bikes from the bike shed, and parking there poses safety concerns.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in keeping our students safe.



PARENTS & FRIENDS SAY THANK YOU

The annual P&F Quiz Night was a huge success which of course wouldn't be possible without all the very generous donations of prizes from our wonderful community. Also, the Robe Town Brewery for their ongoing support toward the night by way of providing the venue, their time as well as donating funds, made on the night, most appreciated. Lastly a big thank you to the band for their time/performance as well to Jason (Leroy) Fennell for his time and expertise on the night as MC.



RPS COLOUR RUN

The Colour run is a very special event held at Robe Primary School usually on a hot day. There are many obstacles that the children have to complete, while being sprayed with colourful chalk by parents. Last week we did the colour run and it was extremely fun and I enjoyed going round the course with my friends. The course wrapped around the whole oval, and lots of kids were soaked by the end of the run. When parents ran out of chalk, kids played with the sprinklers. Lots of kids got to go home early because of Ms Grayson letting us have an early dismissal. Children really enjoyed getting sprayed with colour because it makes them look vibrant and fun, kids ran with their friends which was good because it makes them happy and excited. We are all very excited for the next colour run to come. Overall, the colour run was a great success filled with lots of enjoyment.

By Edie Bates, Mani Brooks, Ariaah Lynch.



GOVERNING COUNCIL & PARENTS AND FRIENDS - We need your help...

Our Governing Council and Parents & Friends play a significant role in the overall culture of our school and are positive and productive school bodies to get involved with. Running a school and supporting all the kids in our care really does take a village. Our current GC and P&F are doing an amazing job but help and support is ALWAYS needed. WE are all super crazy busy but an hour here and there or a shift at the fete or helping at quiz night, volunteering to read with your child's class – all go to support a positive school experience. And, a bonus, for some reason, kids who have their parents help out at school are really proud – faces light up when mum or dad appear at the door for reading or the turn up for a working bee. I appreciate that not all parents can come to school through the day and listen to kids read but there are many ways to support. Please reach out to the GC and/or P&F to see how your valuable time can be put to great use! 😊



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Enquiries / bookings : Ali Mudge : aliqw68@gmail.com

BICYCLE FLOAT - ROBE CHRISTMAS PARADE

If you'd like to be part of the bicycle float, please arrive at the RPS oval no later than 4pm Sunday 22nd December. Entry is open to adults & children with prizes awarded to 3 best decorated bikes.



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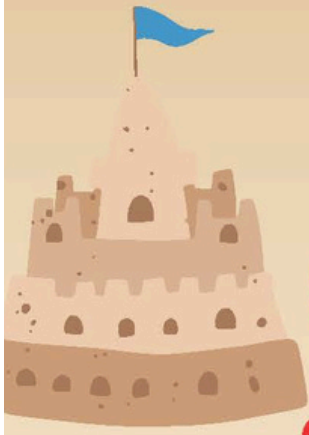
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SANDCASTLE COMPETITION



SATURDAY 11 JANUARY 2025

FRONT BEACH, ROBE

Registrations from 9.30am

Competition from 10.00am - 11.00am

Presentations of prizes to follow on grassed Foreshore area

\$5 entry fee per child

Register & prepay at the Robe Library or bring cash on the day

Age Groups

5 & Under - with parent supervision

6 - 8 years

9 - 11 years

12 - 15 years

Open - 16 years plus



Rules

Bring your own bucket and spade

All sandcastle decorations must come from the beach

Each entry will be issued a marker pole on the day

Pole must be in or near the sandcastle when judged

No teams (except 5 years & under)



For more information phone the Robe Library 8768 2465