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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Save the Date – Tuesday 23 October 2018
for
Robert Townson Public School Art Show
Opening

'TELL THEM FROM ME' PARENTS IN LEARNING SURVEY

We need your valuable input and thoughts on how well we are doing at our school and suggestions on how we could make things even better. We have only had a few parents respond so far - HELP!

The *Partners in Learning* parent survey is available at:

<https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/qmhry>

The survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The school's computer lab (near the Library) will be open between 8:30 am and 9:00 am each morning. If you would like to participate but do not have access to a computer please let us know. The survey typically takes 10 to 15 minutes to complete and is completely confidential.

AT ROBERT TOWNSON PS WE VALUE ARRIVING AT SCHOOL ON TIME

Please note that arriving at school on time is extremely important for children's learning. School hours: 8:55 am – 2:55 pm.

Arriving at school on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day.
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine.
- Gives students time to greet their friends before class.
- Reduces classroom disruption.

TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL?

It's often hard to know whether to send your child to school or let them stay home to recover, especially when that means an adult cancelling work. For safety's sake, if your child seems unwell you should always keep them home from school and seek medical advice. School A to Z and NSW Health have created an at-a-glance chart to help answer your questions about common childhood illness and how long sick children need to be away from school. Find it by typing this link into your web browser

<http://www.bit.ly/1hytn2E>

RTPS SUPPORTING SEPTEMBER

Staff, students and families of Robert Townson will be raising money and awareness for cerebral palsy during the month of September. The aim of the challenge is to walk, run, jog or complete activity to reach the target of 10,000 steps per day. Alternate exercise such as yoga, cycling and swimming can also be converted into equivalent steps through the online tally

system. Keep an eye out on the playground for fast-moving children and staff wearing wrist pedometers.

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS FOR 2019

We are currently organising the Kindergarten Orientation Program for next year's Kindergarten students. If you have a child who is five or will be turning five before the end of July 2019, please collect an **application for enrolment** form from the office. We would appreciate it if you could pass this message on to friends and neighbours who have children approaching school age.

SCHOOL OPAL CARDS

One of the more significant changes created by the recent introduction of the School Opal card is the need for students to tap on and off when they travel to and from school.

Opal data gathered by tapping on and off is used to determine demand for bus services. If students don't tap on and tap off, services may be cancelled due to the lack of recorded patronage.

With this in mind, we ask for your assistance in reminding your child/ren that tapping on and off at the beginning and end of each trip is one of the conditions of using a School Opal card.

Your assistance helps the bus companies to ensure they are able to provide the appropriate level of service to our students.

Sue Hasler – Relieving Principal

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING



The PBL Focus for Weeks 9 and 10 are: Aim High – What can I say and do to fill a bucket?

Jennifer Masters – PBL Coordinator

CONGRATULATIONS – CARSON LEALUGA-PUHOTAU



After competing at the three day PSSA Area Softball Carnival in Milperra last week, Carson Lealuga-Puhotau has been selected in the NSW Boys 12 years and under Softball Team. Carson and his team will be competing against ACT, QLD, SA, VIC and WA for the National title at Hawker International Softball Centre in the ACT for a week in November. Everyone at RTPS wishes Carson all the best.

RTPS will be holding some fundraising events to help Carson and his family pay for the expenses of the events. More information will be provided closer to the event.

Kylie Rapa – Sport Coordinator

SAVE THE DATE: ART SHOW TUESDAY 23 OCTOBER 2018 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

The Robert Townson Biennial Art Show is fast approaching and the entire community is invited! Preparations are well underway for this spectacular event. The students and staff have been busily creating all sorts of artworks and performances. We encourage you to bring your family and friends to enjoy the amazing talents of our students.

Walking Trail

This year, there will be a 'Walking Trail', spanning the entire length of the school. Follow the path and hunt for your child's artworks, which will be displayed somewhere around the school. Even the children won't know where they are! Digital and 3D artworks, along with pieces from our Aboriginal and Japanese programs, will be displayed in the hall.

Community Art Work

Be prepared to participate! Each visitor to our Art Show will be invited to add to our community art work. Four painted trees will represent our four houses: Bahlou, Orana, Wangrah and Allunga. The completed art work will then be displayed in our school as a permanent memory of the 2018 Art Show.

Class Canvases

Each class has created a whole-class canvas and every student has contributed. A silent auction will be held to raise funds for our Creative and Performing Arts programs and the highest bidder will win the canvas! You never know, you may be able to

own a piece of history by bidding on a canvas. The canvases will be presented to the highest bidder at the following K-2 or Yrs 3-6 assembly. There are no limits to the number of canvases each person may bid for.

Performances

Not only are we showcasing Visual Arts, but our school's Performing Arts groups will also be on show. The Band, Senior Vocal Ensemble, Junior Vocal Ensemble, Half Pint Choir, Drumming Group, Digital Music Group, 5/6S class and the Circus Group will all be performing on the night.

Come for dinner!

Why not come for dinner and make a night of it? Food will be available on the night to purchase and seating will be provided. Menus and pricing will be announced prior to the night.

The excitement is building! We look forward to seeing our extended Robert Townson community celebrating the efforts of our students.

Sarah Cosis – Art Show Coordinator

K-2 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL



Last Thursday, 6 September the K-2 students showed off their athletic abilities by participating in ten different events that challenged their speed, co-ordination, balance, strength, and agility. They showed great sportsmanship as they encouraged each other to attempt all the activities and try their very best.

The day was a huge success with the support of the P&C who had their delicious cake stall and sizzling BBQ. It was great to see the students supported by family and friends throughout the day.

A big thank you to our teachers, support staff and Year 5/6 helpers who made the day successful for all the students involved. We can't wait for next year!!

Hannah Noakes – K-2 Carnival Coordinator

ZONE & AREA ATHLETICS



On 3-4 September, 53 students from Robert Townson competed at the Fields Zone Athletics Carnival held at Campbelltown Sports Stadium. All of our students competed with determination and resilience despite the adverse conditions of rain and the cold, to perform to the best of their ability.

Well done to the students who represented Robert Townson P.S. with pride.

Zone Competitors were:

Dante Alone, Matthew Attard, Jai Brown, Chloe De Lamotte, Amaanah Moosa, Olivia Amador, Tyler Gwilliam, Ryder Cradduck, Ryan Chillingworth, Mia Smith, Sai Raman, Isabelle Stevens, Zechariah Kaillis, Isaac Liew, Michael Novakovic, Brianna Wheildon, Zoe Bruce, Abbie Maher, Brock Gwilliam, Nathan Williams, Aleksandar Krsteski, Mariah Alone, Maria Negurici, Zara Chounlamountry, Rowan Gowdy, Benjamin Gallagher, Golffy Thirakul, Caitlin Demeary, Gemma Olling, Noye Nwokolo, Joshua Persen, Sienna Wagstaff, Leila Testa, Veronika Miller, Amy Lollback, Hamish O'Neill, Natalie Chillingworth, Elijah Dean, Lilly Reid, Chelsea Herborn, Jacob Penetito, Erin Turner, Maahi Patel, Carson Lealuga-Puhotau, Anthony Kuzela, Edward Tuigamala, Vincent Brancati, Shivraj Bhanot, Victoria Lealuga-Puhotau, Lafo Fainifo, Kaamilah Moosa and Jared Cooper.

The following students qualified for the Area Athletics Carnival to be held at Campbelltown Sports Stadium on 19 September 2018. Everyone at RTPS wishes you all the best of luck.

Tyler Gwilliam, Ryder Cradduck, Ryan Chillingworth, Zechariah Kaillis, Rowan Gowdy, Mia Smith, Sai Raman, Brianna Whieldon, Caitlin Demeary and Gemma Olling.

Kylie Rapa – Sport Coordinator

THREATENED SPECIES COMPETITION

Last month, 3/4C entered the Threatened Species Art and Writing Competition, which was conducted by the Campbelltown, Camden and Wollondilly Councils. The students researched information about the threatened species of the Macarthur region. They used the information to write narratives about their chosen animal to teach others about the importance of conservation. The class received the following congratulatory letter from Mitchell Clark from Campbelltown Council:

'Hi Ms Cosis and students from 3/4C Robert Townson Public School,

Thank you from Campbelltown, Camden and Wollondilly Councils for

entering the Threatened Species Art and Writing Competition in 2018!

The competition was huge this year with 414 artworks and 125 writing

entries and each and every one of the entries received was unique in

its own little way!

Did you know that nearly 100 species of plants and animals have

become totally extinct in Australia since European settlement around

230 years ago and currently there are more than 1000 species of

plants and animals in NSW alone that are at risk of becoming extinct

in the future? We do not want this extinction list to grow any longer

than it already is!

Each and every student should be very proud of what they have

learnt and the stories they have submitted. There were some clear

highlights about the impacts that land clearing, habitat loss,

climate change and pest species have on many of the 1000

threatened species in NSW.

We hope you can be a part of the competition in the 2019 and thank

you again for learning about some of our most vulnerable plants

and animals!'

Mitchell Clark
Coordinator Natural Areas
Campbelltown City Council

Sarah Cosis - Class Teacher

VISITING AUTHORS

Visiting Performer K-2 Jess Black



On Monday 13 August we had the author Jess Black present to our Kinder, Year 1 and 2 classes. She talked about the positives of reading and using imagination. Jess has written over 30 books. The students enjoyed hearing tales of her life and listened as she read from one of her books.

Visiting Performer Years 3-6 Martin Chatterton



On Monday 27 August we had the dynamic Martin Chatterton entertain Years 3 - 6. Martin is an author, scriptwriter and illustrator extraordinaire and had the students enthralled with his story telling and drawing skills.

Susan Greaves - Teacher/Librarian

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