



Be Safe, Be Respectful, Aim High

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Students Return to School on Monday 14 October 2019 for Term 4

This busy term, in which On Stage was an absolute highlight, concludes on Friday 27 September 2019. Term 4 commences for students on Monday 14 October 2019. On behalf of the staff at Robert Townson Public School I wish you all a happy and safe holiday.

NAPLAN Results for Years 3 & 5

All Year 3 and 5 students who sat for the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy – NAPLAN have received their results. The tests provide important information to the school about what each student can do and results are used to support teaching and learning programs. Each student's level of achievement will be reported against national standards. If you wish to discuss any aspect of your child's results please make an appointment to see their class teacher.

Kindergarten Enrolments

We are currently organising the Kindergarten Orientation Program for next year's Kindergarten students. Kindergarten Orientation will take place on 29 October 2019, 5 November 2019 and 12 November 2019, students will need to attend on all three days. 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 and complete the form before the end of this term. We would appreciate it if you could pass this message on to friends and neighbours who have children approaching school age.

Linda Green - Principal

THE PARTNERS IN LEARNING PARENT FEEDBACK SURVEY

Our school is participating in the *Partners in Learning* parent survey, another part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement. Running this 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 8:30am and 9:00am each morning. If you would like to participate but do not have access to a computer please let us know. The survey typically takes 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 26 August 2019 (Week 6 Term 3) and 25 October 2019 (Week 2 Term 4) at Robert Townson Public School. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, however, your responses are very much appreciated.

More information about the survey is available at the link below:

<http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

Tell Them From Me Parent survey address:

<http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/ddncr>

If you have any other questions please contact Sue Hasler.

Sue Hasler – Deputy Principal

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

The PBL Focus for Term 4 Weeks 1-2 will be:

Be Safe, Aim High



In weeks 5-6 Robert Townson Public School students entered a competition to rename our old VISA Pass Event. We were overwhelmed with catchy names and suggestions for our new event from students K-6. We would like to acknowledge and congratulate the very creative Shaurya Pathak from 1 Lightning for her winning entry 'Super Stars Event'. We are all looking forward to participating in our new Super Stars Event with our classes in Week 10.



Kylie Yabsley – PBL Coordinator

RETURN AND EARN AT ROBERT TOWNSON PUBLIC SCHOOL



On Monday 16 September 2019, Anthony from Red Frog Recycling came to our Flag Raising Assembly to discuss the RETURN and EARN, schools initiative with us. Student Parliament will be running this initiative to raise money for playground equipment for the students to use at lunchtime.

We are proposing that the money, (ten cents earned for each container) will be raised to purchase the Peaceful Playgrounds Equipment to go with a student led program.

Children can earn a green Townie for bringing any **five**, ten cent containers on a Monday, and teachers will also be giving them out to children using the right bins in the playground!

Please get behind this important program and encourage your children, to not only raise the money, which will all go to playground programs for them, but to teach them how to improve **THEIR** future on the planet.

Michelle Carr – Return and Earn Coordinator

AREA ATHLETICS

Congratulations to the following students who proudly represented both Robert Townson Public School and The Fields Zone at the Area Athletics Carnival at Campbelltown Sports Stadium on 13 September 2019. Well done athletes:

Nate Milne, Olivia Cruwys, Tyler Gwilliam, Kyran Snee, Orlanda Wagstaff, Sai Raman, Chukwunoyelim Nwokolo, Mia Smith, Brianna Whieldon, Mikhaela Fowler-Green, Mariah Alone, Lincoln Stanislas, Zara Chounlamountry, Nathan Williams and Jared Cooper.

This year two of our students will go on to compete at the State Athletics Championships on 6 & 7 November 2019. Chukwunoyelim Nwokolo in 11 Year Girls High Jump and Nathan Williams in 12 Year Boys 800m. On behalf of Robert Townson Public School I would like to congratulate you both on your sporting achievement and wish you both the best of luck for state.

Kylie Rapa – Sports Coordinator

ANGLICARE PARENT WORKSHOP – 4 NOVEMBER 2019

Anglicare has arranged for Stephen Dinning a Family & Life Skills Facilitator to present a two hour workshop on Monday 4 November 2019 from 9:30am to 11:30am in the school library. The workshop is 'Riding the emotional rollercoaster with your kids'. All parents of Robert Townson Public School students are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to the school office by Friday 1 November 2019 for catering purposes.

Sashi Grayndler – Anglicare Community Chaplain

HAVE YOUR SAY ON BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE

The NSW Government is committed to providing before and after school care to all students of public schools in New South Wales. As part of the reform, a parent web form has been established by Service NSW that will enable parents to tell the department about their specific care needs and to stay up to date with any new developments.

The information provided by parents will help the Department of Education to understand your needs, give them insights into where there are gaps in service delivery and help to ensure the extra places are delivered where they are required.

Have your say today at the link below.

<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/basc>

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT

Here's how you can make sure parents know about the national photography competition!

The Your Health Link National Photo Competition provides a platform for students to get creative and express their concept of "Healthy Life, Healthy You".

The competition - endorsed by the NSW Ministry of Health and Healthy Kids Association - has four categories: Primary School, High School, Mobile and Open.

We've prepared a snippet (below) which you can use in your next school newsletter, so parents can find out more about the competition. This is a great way to help them to encourage their children to participate and express their creativity through the exciting medium of photography. You can also use the image if you wish.

Simply copy and paste the below!

"PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION - YOUR CHANCE TO WIN AN IPAD & OTHER GREAT PRIZES!"

An exciting national photography competition is providing primary and high school students the opportunity to express themselves creatively through the exciting medium of photography. Endorsed by NSW Health and Healthy Kids Association, the competition invites students to submit photos that express their interpretation of the theme "Healthy Life, Healthy You". There are heaps of prizes on offer, as well as the chance to feature in a photo exhibition. Each winning entrant in the Primary School Category will also win a healthy school canteen prize for the school. So grab your cameras and start shooting! You can find out more about the competition, the entry requirements and prizes on offer at: yourhealthlinkphotocomp.com.au. Entries close on 13th October 2019. There is also a special prize category sponsored by Healthy Kids Association that encourages children to take a photo that best captures the idea of eating the rainbow. Winners of this special category will take home their very own iPad!"

Your Health Link Photographic Competition

Competition Theme
HEALTHY LIFE HEALTHY YOU

NOW OPEN
GREAT PRIZES TO BE WON!

Categories and Awards

- Primary and High School
- Eating the Rainbow
- Mobile
- Open
- People's Choice
- Program Cover Award

Competition closes 13 October 2019

[click here](#)

yourhealthlinkphotocomp.com.au

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