Welcome back everyone to Term 2. It was wonderful to hear all the excited chatter from the children catching up with news in the hall before assembly on Monday. I hope you were able to enjoy the Easter break with your families and friends. Welcome also to the five new children who began at the school this week and their families. We hope that you enjoy being a part of the Roberts McCubbin community.

At the end of last term we farewelled Simon Altamura who has taken leave for personal reasons. Simon has been a great staff member who has made many positive contributions to the school. We all wish him well in his new ventures. We welcome Sarah Freeman to the staff team. Sarah has taken over the teaching responsibilities of 3/4S.

This Friday is the first session of our ‘Classroom Helpers’ program. The sessions will be facilitated by Maria Pase and Linda Abbott between 9.00 and 10.30am. A lot of time has been put in to preparing these sessions which I am sure will be highly beneficial to those of you who have put your name down to attend. If you are attending and haven’t handed in your reply slip, please do so ASAP it is important that we know numbers for planning purposes. The second session will be the following Friday, April 27th.

This term will involve many events. Our P-2 children will begin working with the Little Devils next week. The children will have eight sessions followed by an evening performance on June 19th.

Around the middle of the term, the Year 3 and 5’s will participate in the NAPLAN assessments in literacy and numeracy this will be followed by Education Week. The school will be open on the Tuesday morning between 9.30 and 11.45am. As in the past, tours will be conducted by our Year 6 House Captains. The open morning is a great opportunity for parents, grandparents and friends to come along and see the children working at school. We are not holding an Open Evening this year due to a forthcoming Science Night that we intend to hold. Further details will follow regarding this night once it is finalised.

Also this term, the children’s reports will be written, sent home along with their portfolios and our Partnership Meetings will be held on Thursday, June 28th between 3.40 and 7.00pm and also on Friday June 29th between 8.30am and 2.00pm. A reminder again that Friday 29th will be a pupil free day.

Marg Pickburn
Principal
Welcome Social Evening 24th April

All Roberts McCubbin families are invited to come along for a social night out on Tuesday, 24th April from 8pm to 11pm. Thank you to all the families that have responded so far. If you haven't, it's not too late as we have extended the RSVP date to this Thursday, 19th April. If you can reply by then it would help us to cater for the evening.

The Welcome Social Night is predominantly a social event. The cost of $15 per person is to ensure we cover our costs as we have decided to make it simple for our families with cheese and nibbles, wine, beer and non-alcoholic drinks provided.

It will be a great night for everyone in our school community to come along to socialise and mingle without the kids. So call and book the babysitter and join us!

We truly hope you are able to come along. Once again, if you can send your reply and money in by this Thursday, 19th April it would really help us cater appropriately.

What is On Next for the PFA?

Mother’s Day Stall, Thursday, 10th May

Our annual Mother’s Day Stall is on Thursday, 10th May (just before Mother’s Day weekend) for the children to go “shopping” for something special for Mother’s Day at our “Mother’s Day Stall”. The children will be allocated a time to go as a class with their teachers to the stall set up at the school. The children enjoy this shopping experience and we have chosen a wonderful range of items for the children to choose from at very reasonable prices, they are lovely and useful items. We will send out a flyer home soon.

Women’s Champagne Night – Friday, 25th May

Our Women’s Champagne Night is coming up on Friday, 25th May so ladies keep that night free and make yourself available for a night out of indulgence. Once again there will be some great pampering sessions available as last year, keep a look out for more information to come out soon.

Trivia Night - 11th August

Dana and her team have our fabulous and famous Trivia Night booked in for the 11th August - the theme for the Trivia Night is a secret and all will be revealed soon – you’ll love it!

Forest Hill Chase School Rewards Competition is on!

Does your family do all their shopping at Forest Hill Chase? If so, that’s great, if not maybe now is the time to start!

Our school has been registered for a chance to share in thousands of dollars worth of prizes and the chance to win one of two $40,000 School Rescue packages with the Run Around Australia Competition. There are Gold Medal Makeovers, School and Customer (VIP members) prizes to be won.

Every time you, your friends, or family shops at Forest Hill Chase Shopping Centre, you simply place the receipts in the Roberts McCubbin box at Forest Hill Chase Shopping Centre. Each dollar spent in the centre helps our school earn kilometres. These kilometres are then added to our school’s “journey” around a predetermined track around Australia. The more you spend the closer our school gets to winning a share of the prizes. Also, when customers sign up as a database member at Forest Hill Chase Shopping Centre and nominate our school at any stage of the competition the school gets a bonus 200 kilometres. PLUS double kilometres will be rewarded through purchases made at Fresh Food Retailers at Forest Hill Chase Shopping Centre and various other stores. There will be a flyer coming home with the full list.
The Forest Hill Chase School Rewards Competition is designed to positively influence children’s (and parents) food and lifestyle choices while offering school communities a great way to obtain additional funding. Visit www.runaroundaustralia.com.au for further details.

There are boxes for your receipts near the Body Shop and Best & Less. If you need your receipts you can take them to the Customer Service Deck at Forest Hill Chase and they will record the “kilometres” and stamp the receipt that it has been counted. There will also be a box available on the PFA table in the school office foyer. So tell your friends, family and neighbours!

**Can you help in the Art Room?**

Pauline Wilson and Cora Brownjohn need some help in the Art room, in particular to mount some of the children’s artwork. This task can be taken home. If you are able to pop your head in the art room and speak to Cora or Pauline they will be able to give you a “pack” – just check they are not busy with a class, perhaps during your child’s class if you are parent helper in the Art room, or just before and after school? Thank you!

**Your feedback is important to us**

Every year the PFA (not necessarily the same team of people) organises events for social and or fundraising purposes. Often the event is reviewed and we ask ourselves if it was a success. Could it have been done differently? What else can the PFA do for our school community? So this year we thought we would ask you these questions through an online survey. We would love your feedback, just click on the link [http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MXJGNY5](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MXJGNY5). If the link to the survey doesn’t work when you click on it, copy and paste the link to your browser.

If you would rather complete a paper survey you will find a copy of this survey on the PFA table in the office foyer - simply place it in our new suggestion box!

**Monday Morning Tea After Assembly**

Morning Tea is on in the hall after assembly every Monday morning. We hope you can come along for cuppa and friendly chat. All parents/carers, grandparents and toddlers are most welcome.

**Thought for the Week**

“If you fell down yesterday, stand up today.”

HG Wells

Matoula Romeo
PFA President

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**Specialists’ Spot**

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**Elite Sportsperson Trials**

Trial were held in the final week of Term 1 for District teams and several of our students were successful at these trial. Well done Kye B, Dylan W and Josh M in AFL. Tom L, Dylan W and Mia I for Basketball. These children will attend another trial in early May and we look forward to hearing how they went.

**State Swimming Championships**

The State Swimming Championships were held late last term and our girls freestyle relay team was successful for the second year in a row. They managed to add a Medley relay victory to their impressive list of wins also. Great work Minna K, Anna B and Danielle and Emma S. We’re extremely proud of your efforts. Congratulations to Danielle S who also finished 4th in the butterfly final.

Tim Fearn-Wannan

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**Education Committee Meeting**

Wednesday, 2nd May from 6:00 – 7:00pm in the Staffroom – Refer to ad on back page of this newsletter.
The excitement is building as the Junior School children anticipate learning circus skills with ‘Little Devils’. Don’t forget to return your permission slip as the fun begins next week and to mark the evening of June 19th in your diary now. It’ll be a colourful, fast moving, breathtaking show with students using their newly learnt tricks to entertain an audience. What a marvellous confidence booster for all!

This term the Junior School will extend their work in Performing Arts from term one to use expression as a basis for character. Together we’ll be using books to experiment with character development and take our understandings of literature further and deeper. Ask your child about the work we did this week using Stephen Michael King’s book, ‘Mutt Dog’.

Later this term we’ll begin shaping the year 3 – 6 production. This will be a challenge while giving the students the opportunity to truly ‘own’ their work. It also provides a vehicle for those who would like to participate in the performance experience using talents and skills that may otherwise remain hidden. We are continuing to build our skills in readiness for this and will begin to explore all aspects of theatre as the term progresses.

So, all in all it’s another highly creative, exciting time for the children at Roberts McCubbin.

Sharon Foley
Performing Arts

A huge thank you to Susie Calaki for laundering the lost property over the holidays. It is greatly appreciated 😊

Jen Walker – First Aid Officer

Uniform Shop
Shop Open Times

Tuesday: 3:00pm - 4:00pm
Thursday: 8:30am - 9:30am

Kathryn Anderson and Sue Truscott

5/6A Morning Tea
Parents and Carers from 5/6A are warmly invited to a morning tea
Date: Friday 27th April
Time: 9:00am after school drop off
At: Peta’s Café, 164 Elgar Road, Box Hill South
RSVP 5/6A newly appointed class reps: 111111
0430469092 Cathie
0410229930 Melinda

5/6 Dinner
Tuesday 8 May
All parents and carers of 5/6 children are invited to the first (albeit late) 5/6 dinner to be held at Safe Start Bistro
(http://www.sageleaf.com.au)
Time: 7.30 pm
Address: 541 Burwood Road, Hawthorn East
RSVP: 5 May
It is important to RSVP to your class rep or Julie Toomey (julestourney11@optusnet.com.au)
Roberts McCubbin Primary School
Dear Parents/Carers,
You are invited to attend a series of workshops on:

**Friday 20th April:** ‘Parent Helpers in the Classroom - Session 1’

**Friday 27th April:** ‘Parent Helpers in the Classroom - Session 2’

*These workshops are two different workshops, parents are encouraged to attend both.

These sessions will be held 9.10am in the LOTE room.

Please note that these sessions will finish at 10.40am
Coffee and tea will be provided.

‘Parents Helpers in the Classroom’ will provide some helpful information about how you can assist in the classroom.

We encourage all parents/carers to attend these worthwhile and informative workshops
Childminding is available.

We look forward to you participating in these sessions

Many thanks
Linda Abbott
(Reading Recovery Teacher)

I am able /unable to attend both ‘Parent Helpers in the Classroom’ sessions on Friday 20th April & Friday 27th April from 9.10am to 10.40am.

Name: ______________________

School Child’s Name: _____________________

Class__________

Childcare required:  Yes   No

Name_______  Age_______  Name_________ Age_________

*Please return to your classroom teacher by Thursday 29th March. If you have replied and are unable to attend these sessions, please notify the school as soon as possible.*
The PFA invites you to a...

WELCOME SOCIAL EVENING
Anzac Eve
Tuesday 24 April 2012 from 8pm to 11pm
at the Roberts McCubbin Primary School Hall
Come along for social night out of mingling without the kids.
• COST: $15 per person
• Wine, beer, soft drink, cheese and nibbles provided.
• BYO stubby holder

All Roberts McCubbin parents, teachers and carers welcome.
We especially welcome new families to the school to come along.
Let someone else put the kids to bed and come out for a good cause...YOU!
Any questions please contact Matoula at matoularomeo@yahoo.com.au

Call and book the babysitter!
Have a kid-free night out with some drinks, nibbles and music.

There'll be some fun Aussie pub games.
eg Darts etc

Wine and beer will be served in a responsible manner.

Tickets won't be issued, but your name will be on the door.
RSVP: Please return the form with your money by this Thursday 19th April
so we can cater appropriately and responsibly!

Your Name/s: __________________________________________________________

Eldest Child: ___________________________________________ Class: ________ Other Children's Class: ________________________________

No of Tickets @ $15 ea: ______ Money Enclosed: __________________________ Cash/Cheque/Eftpos

I/we will most likely drink: □ Wine □ Beer □ Soft drink
If paying by cheque please make payable to Roberts McCubbin Primary School
Parents and friends of RMPS are invited to pray together for our wonderful school community. Prayer group will now meet on the 2nd Wednesday (straight after school drop off) and 4th Monday of each month (straight after assembly). Location is at my home, 44 Foch Street, Box Hill South. For more details or prayer requests phone 9888 8665 or email jenniferpittendrigh@bigpond.com. Hope you can join us this Monday the 23rd April at 9.30 - 10.15am. Regular or occasional involvement is welcomed.

The 2012/2013 Entertainment Books are almost here! To order a copy, please put your order in at the office, $13 from every book sold will contribute to our fundraising.

Waverley Hockey Club

Hook in 2 Hockey

Integrated Health Camberwell
Physiotherapy Clinic
Open Day
Saturday 21st April 2012
11am - 1pm
Come & check out our newly renovated
Clinic and Pilates Studio!

- Free 30min Pilates Floor Classes (bookings required, please call)
- Free Physio Advice on sports & spinal injuries

Free Face Painting & story telling for the kids
BBQ Lunch (gold coin donation to charity)
Ph: 9836 1333
893-897 Riversdale Rd Camberwell (cnr of Essex Rd)

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Our first Education Committee for 2012 will be held on Wednesday 2nd May from 6.00pm-7.00pm in the staffroom.

All parents are very welcome to attend our meetings.
We always appreciate your constructive input.

AGENDA
- Reviewing School Policies: Homework and Assessment and Reporting
- Discussing staff Professional Development with Esther Weichart on our recent Curriculum day