FROM THE PRINCIPAL CLASS TEAM

Last Friday the 5/6 students returned to school from their weeklong camp at Camp Corriemungle. I spent some time chatting to the students during the week about their camp adventures and the feedback was very positive. The children participated in a huge range of outdoor activities, (actually nine choices in total) including; camp cooking, archery, giant swings and rock climbing and enjoyed the many farm animals that wandered nearby. Part of the camp experience included an amazing sightseeing along the Great Ocean Road stopping at the Twelve Apostles, Loch Ard George and a night visit to the glow worms at Melba Gully. Special thanks must go to all the staff who attended the camp Peter Wright, Chad Neilsen, Vanessa Lovell, Raelene Aleandro, Sophie Posselt, Robyn De Wever, Linda Abbott and Ash Van Hattum for their time and commitment. Thank you also to the parents who supported the camp and gave up their time over five days, Scott Reid, Simon Woodfull, David Blake, David Elоварis, Andrew Halliday, Geoff Simmons and Sandy McIver. Congratulations to Peter Wright for the coordination and preparation of the camp, ensuring that it was a great week for all of the students!

Following the PFA Annual General Meeting last week a new Executive has been elected: Matoula Romeo (President) Rachel Fleetwood (Vice President) Inga Young (Treasurer) and Cathy Jones (Secretary). Marg & I would like to thank outgoing Executive: Matoula Romeo, Janelle Pandit (co- Presidents), Rebecca Wheaton (Vice President), Cathy Jones (Secretary) and Sue Truscott and Shauna Wilson (co- Treasurers). Their support within the school community has been overwhelming. We thank the committee for the number of fundraising and special events they have organised and contributed to over the past 12 months.

OSHC notices for the School Holiday program were sent home on Tuesday. Please send notices back to school if you require a place in the program for your child.

A reminder to parents that Friday 30th March will be a Curriculum Day. Thursday 29th March will be the last day of Term 1 for all students with the finishing time of 3.30pm.

The final ‘Helping Your Child Learn to Read’ workshop was held last Friday. I was delighted with the number of parents who attended (some parents even returned for a second year) and a number of dads attended too. This session focused on reading at home with your child including sharing picture story books and making reading a positive and fun experience. It is really important to make the time you spend reading with your child enjoyable. The ‘Classroom Helpers’ workshops will follow next term and will be on Friday 20th and 27th April. Please look out for more information to follow shortly.

14th March 2012

We value:
✓ Creativity
✓ Endeavour
✓ Respect
✓ Trust
✓ Honesty
✓ Friendliness

Reading
You Make the Difference
Read
Every day,
Anytime,
Anywhere
to enjoy, to learn, to make things.

Amanda Wigg – Assistant Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday, 15th March
- JCO Morning Tea, Chocolate Couture, 1069 Riversdale Road, Box Hill South – straight after school drop off
- National Young Leaders Day – 8 x Year 6 students going to Convention Centre – 8:30am – 3:30pm

Monday, 19th March
- Junior Rockers Presentation at Assembly
- Enviro Captain Badges handed out at Assembly

Tuesday, 20th March
- 20 x Year 6 students Excursion to NVG – 12:15 – 3:30pm

Wednesday, 21st March
- District Athletics Carnival – selected children in Years 3-6 attending
- Finance Committee Meeting – 6:00pm
- School Council Meeting – 7:00pm

Friday, 23rd March
- National Ride2School Day
- JCC Morning Tea, Red Cup, 1124 Whitehorse Road, Box Hill – straight after school drop off
- Multicultural / Japanese Sports Day – Whole School
- School Tour - 9:30am

Thursday, 29th March
- Last day of Term 1 for students – normal dismissal time

Friday, 30th March
- Curriculum Day – Student Free Day

Monday, 16th April
- Term 2 begins

NOTICES SENT HOME LAST WEEK

To:
All Children
Rice Ball Order Form
All Children
Japanese Undoukai Sports Day Notice
All Children
OSHP Eggstastic Day of Fun
JCD, 3/4A & 5/6N Head Lice Letter
All Children
OSH Club April School Holiday Program

* Please note – items marked in BOLD require parent response.
** For your convenience, this notice can be printed from the school’s website. Click on Practicalities tab on the Home page, then 2011 Permission Forms and Information Forms.
The PFA would like to offer Roberts McCubbin families the opportunity to win an Easter Basket full of yummy Heritage Chocolate Easter Eggs. Graham Watt, Member for Burwood, has generously donated the Easter Hamper to us and it is valued at $80.

The funds from the raffle will go towards paying for the Mathletics Program at Roberts McCubbin Primary School. All children use the program at school and it is accessible from home – it is a wonderful learning tool and the children love to use it.

Each family would have received a book of 5 raffle tickets this week with a zip lock bag, each ticket is $1 each. All tickets and monies are **due back by Friday the 23rd March** and the winner will be drawn at assembly on Monday 26th March. If you would like to purchase more tickets there will be some available at the office. We really appreciate your support and wish you luck!

**Bakers Delight - The Glen** has distributed their Hot Cross Buns order forms - for every 6 pack ordered $1.50 is donated to our school. We would like to thank the Costello family, Kelly and Ian for their ongoing and generous support for our school! Don’t forget to ask family and friends if they would like to order some delicious Hot Cross Buns too! Orders are due back on Tuesday 20th March and your Hot Cross Buns will be ready to collect on Monday 26th March.

**Japanese Sports Day is on the 23rd of March** and Kelly Vimpani and Tim Fearn-Wannan have organised a great day of “Undoukai” for the children as part of Cultural Diversity Week from 11.10am to 3.15pm. Parents are most welcome and encouraged to attend. You will have the opportunity to join in some events with your children and enjoy a picnic lunch together.

If your children are to order Onigiri Rice Balls for lunch on the day please note the lunch order form is **due back this Friday 16th March** to your class teacher and don’t forget to order some for yourself if you are joining in on the fun!

The PFA has been asked to help with the lunch orders for the day and we will require some helpers to group and distribute the delivered Onigiri Rice Ball orders from 11.50 to 12.50 to all the classes. If you are available to help during that time, please contact the PFA via matoularomeo@yahoo.com.au or call/text Matoula on 0411 089 506. You will also find our PFA board on the junior deck area to place your name down. We will need approximately 9 helpers to distribute the orders to each class prior to lunch. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

**The PFA Request for Volunteers Forms** keep on coming in which is fantastic! We have such a helpful community here at Robbie Mac! We will compile all this information and send you a reminder email soon!

Thank you to Narelle McGeehan, Amie Hooper and Jenny Halliday for helping me out last week with preparing the tickets for our Easter Hamper Raffle.

**PFA AGM**

We had our AGM on Thursday last week and I would like to take the opportunity to welcome Inga Young as Treasurer and Rachel Fleetwood as Vice President. Cathy Jones is staying on as Secretary and I as President.

Thank you to our outgoing committee members Rebecca, Shauna and Sue, for your help and participation throughout the year, the PFA would not have managed without you. And to our outgoing co-President Janelle, thank you for taking on the role as a new parent to the school last year and sharing the work and responsibilities - it was fun working with you.

It was great to see a few faces attend the PFA AGM just to see what we get up to and offer support. Thanks to Ann Rennie and Josefine Antoniades for coming along and to Rebecca Wheaton and Sue Truscott, even though not continuing in their roles they have offered their help and support as they are able to this year.
We would like to see more people attend our monthly meetings. We will be advertising our meeting dates as usual but this year we will also be mentioning our agenda in the newsletter so if you would like to contribute to our discussions on a particular event we would love to see you at our meetings. Meetings are held once a month alternating between Mondays after morning tea and on Tuesday evenings. We would like to add a third option and we will let you know once it has been decided.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday 26th March just after morning tea. We will be discussing the events coming up for the year in particular Mothers’ Day Stall, Welcome Social Evening and Women’s Champagne Evening. If you would like to join us we would love to see you attend!

**What is The PFA all about?**

Briefly, the PFA’s objectives and role is to “contribute to the positive and caring environment of our school community, to assist in building the participation of parents in the life of the school, provide opportunities for families to come together, and forge strong links between families and school. The PFA also is to contribute funds and resources to the school to improve educational and social outcomes for the children and encourage parents to offer suggestions...provide support for the teachers in a range of organisational tasks and encouraging parents to participate in school activities and special events...” You don’t have to a Committee member to be a member of the PFA or attend our meetings. If you think you would enjoy being a part of all the above and you have paid your $5 PFA subscription fee, you are a PFA Member and we would love to see you at our meetings! You don’t have to given a task to do - just come along and be a part of the discussions!

**PFA Monday Morning Tea After Assembly**

The PFA will hold its regular morning tea this Monday March 19th after assembly. We hope to see more families come along especially some of our beginners families now that pick up time is 3.30 you have more time to join us and still have time to do what need to gets done! All parents, carers, grandparents and toddlers are welcome to join us in the hall for a freshly plunged coffee (well maybe a glass of milk or water for the little ones!) and meet other parents and carers in the school community. Hope to see you there!

**Thought for the Week**

“We all take different paths in life, but no matter where we go, we take a little of each other everywhere”. Scott Adams

Matoula Romeo
PFA President

**SPECIALISTS’ SPOT**

Visual Arts

Thank you to the parents who offered their assistance in the cutting of the wood for the 5-6 painting project. It is this kind and generous community that makes this a truly special place to be a part of.

I am thoroughly enjoying getting to know everyone and feel very lucky to have such wonderful students to teach. There are many who share a passion for Visual Arts and I can see evidence of this in their Art work. We are completing some work now and putting it around the room and hallways on display so as to share it with you. I am happy that everyone has an art smock now so we can experience the fun of messy activities without staining uniforms.

It is a pleasure to see the students happy and enjoying their learning. I look forward to seeing them develop and grow over the year.

Cora Brownjohn
In 2012, the Harmony Day theme Sport - play, engage, inspire recognises the important role and positive influence that sport has in our multicultural nation. Involvement in sport whether as a participant, volunteer, spectator or administrator unites people of all ages and fosters a sense of belonging, acceptance and an understanding of other cultures.

REMINDER

FROM SENSEI

JAPANESE UNDOUKAI SPORTS DAY

Friday 23rd March 2012

11.10am-3.15pm

- Parents, siblings and extended family please come along and cheer, join in some events and enjoy a picnic lunch with your child’s class
- Keep an eye out for notices about colour your child needs to dress in for the day
- Rice Ball orders need to be in by THIS FRIDAY 16TH-one form per child, parents please add your order to your child’s form.

Looking forward to seeing you at our first ever

Undoukai!
Have you seen the new school Polar Fleece?

Do you want to order one for your child for the cooler weather in term 2?

Did you know there is only 3 weeks left until the end of this term?

Our new school jackets are made to order for us, just up the road in Canterbury.

Place your order now to make sure we can order the right amount of tops to be made for this winter.

Kathryn Anderson and Sue Truscott
Badges will be handed out at Assembly on 19th March

2012 Enviro Captains

5/6N: Josh D and Lilly O’B
5/6W: Michael L and Hannah M
5/6L: Tom P and Thomas J
5/6A: Callum G and Maddie C

3/4A: Brooke L and Bill K
3/4S: Tarquin M-J and Jennifer O
3/4M: Logan C and Sara L
3/4K: Hannah H and James H
3/4T: Eve C and Daniel H-P

JCP: Finn C and Emma P
JCD: Hamish P and Gabrielle A
JCR: Brendan H and Taylor I
JCS: Thomas M and Emily K
JCC: Darcy P and Bella B-R
JCB: Jonah L and Cate M
JCJ: Zoe C and Josh H
JCL: Imogen C and Kevin L
JCV: Mimi G and Lachlan G

JCC – Morning Tea
Please come for a cuppa.
When: Friday 23 March
Time: 9.15 am (after drop off)
Where: Red Cup (1124 Whitehorse Rd, Box Hill)
Hope to see you there.
Toddler welcome

PAYMENTS TO SCHOOL

Please note that if you are paying for excursions, incursions, or other school curriculum events by cash, the cash and the signed pink Permission Form, are to be handed to the classroom teacher for recording through the class Cash Book.

No change is available from the office. Schools are required to conduct regular banking so that no money is held on the premises.

Card payments only are made through the office, by either Visa or Mastercard with the option of EFTPOS and credit available. Please present the signed pink Permission Form, at the office when making the payment. However, keep in mind that there is a minimum amount of $40.00 set for payments.

If you are using BPay, please make sure that you allow at least two full working days for the payment to reach the school, as payment needs to be received prior to the event. When setting up BPay, Biller Code 87361 will show as Department of Education & Early Childhood Development (DEECD) and this is correct. Your unique family reference number ensures that the payment reaches the school’s bank account.

Thank you for your assistance.

Suzie Markopoulos
Business Manager
Roberts McCubbin Primary School Outside School Hours Care

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce OSHClub to all families and children of Roberts McCubbin Primary School. We have recently partnered with the school to take over the running of the current Before School Care, After School Care and Holiday Program service from Term 2, 2012.

OSHClub provide high quality Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) services to kinder and primary school aged children. We believe that an OSHC service of exceptional quality is one that provides a safe environment in which children learn, relax, thrive and have fun. We develop our services so that children enjoy the experience and want to keep coming back.

Activities include Arts & Craft, Sports, Cooking, Drama, Science Activities, Toys, Games, Delicious Healthy Foods, Theme days and much more.

As from Term 2, all bookings will be done on-line. During Term 1, we ask you to visit our website at www.oshclub.com.au to enrol with us, and then you will be able to create your bookings. During Term 1, the current booking process will remain in place.

The program hours and fees will remain the same:

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A late booking fee of $2 applies to all bookings made within 24 hours of the session. Fees subject to change.

*Families can apply for Child Care Benefit and the 50% Child Care Rebate so the actual fee payable will vary between these amounts depending on individual families’ circumstances.*

We will be holding a parent information session on March 26th to discuss the details of the program and answer any questions that you may have.

Please also check out our website www.oshclub.com.au. Enrolments for this program will be open through this site from 9 March 2012.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact us on 03 8564 9000.
Canteen

For every lunch order that is placed during the month of March, your name will be entered in a draw and you will have the chance to win a prize - 1 order=1 chance, 3 orders=3 chances etc.

Canteen Easter Draw

1st Prize  Easter Rabbit & Eggs
2nd Prize  12 Hot Cross Buns
           (6 fruit & 6 choc chip buns)
3rd Prize  6 Hot Cross Buns
           (6 choc chip buns)

Drawn on Wed  28th March 2012

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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. Buy your book before 3rd April 2012 and you will receive BONUS Offers worth over $150 that you can use straight away.
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and much more.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Girls Soccer

Nunawading City F.C. is inviting Girls who are interested in playing Soccer in 2012 to contact us now. If you have a daughter, a niece, a grand-daughter or know of friends who want to play soccer contact us now.

Season Starts: Sunday 14th April, 2012
Six positions available
12 positions available
Under 12 born 2000 & 2001
Seven positions available
Under 11 born 2001 & 2002
Seven positions available
Under 9 born 2003 and later
Unrestricted
Programs available for girls as young as 5 years of age.

Unrestricted
Venue: Nunawading Soccer Ground
Mahones Road Forest Hill
www.nunawadingcityfc.org.au

Enquiries Head Coach, Tim Daka: Contact Number: email: 0412 447 799 timdaka2001@bigpond.com
Or Girls Soccer Coordinator: Arthur Kinos: 0410 655 554 kinosa@bigpond.net.au

OPEN TO ALL GIRLS AGED 5 – 16 YEARS OLD
Nunawading City your local Club in a friendly environment and try Australia’s fastest growing sport. If you want to meet new people, make new friends and have some fun playing the World Game call us now.

2 Days Only
Friday 16th March,
10am - 3pm
&
Saturday 17th March,
9.30am - 1pm
My Christmas Store
269 Huntingdale Road
Chadstone Vic 3128
Tel: 1300 551 960
For a sample of what is in store check our website:
www.designmyparty.com.au

Calling all parents of 5-8 year olds who want their kids to learn how to play football and have fun!

Nunawading City is looking for new players to join our U6 – U8 teams.

Training takes place on Saturday mornings from 9 – 10 and starts on 14th April.

Grab a friend and come and have fun! Call Andy on 0400 210 699 for more information.
COMMUNITY NEWS

Youth Bands Program

Calling all young musicians:
We invite all brass, woodwind and percussion players to play with us in:

The John Mallinson Youth Band (= AMEB 4-6)
or the The Wilf Dyson Wind Ensemble (= AMEB 2-3)

Time: every Saturday afternoon
Venue: Mt Waverley Secondary College Melways 01 F11
Email: melaniebennetts@optusnet.com.au

Blackburn North Baptist Soccer Club

Are still looking for new players for the 2012 soccer season starting on Saturday, 21st April. We are looking for both boys and girls in all age groups, as well as beginners, between the age of 5 and 7 years of age to join our Kick-off program. The club trains on Mirrabooka Reserve off Holland Road in Blackburn South. Training is once a week and games are played on Saturday mornings. If you are interested in playing soccer go online http://www.newhope.net.au/ministry.php?ministryid=25 or please contact Rudi Klein on 0432 333 631 or rudi.klein@newhope.net.au

National Ride2School Day 2012

Don’t forget to be part of the forthcoming National Ride2School Day on Friday, 23rd March 2012. All Prep-4 students need adult supervision to and from school. Note: Walk, scoot, skip, hop or skate to school is fine too!
PLEASE NOTE:
In addition to the Holiday Program Booking Form, a normal OSHP Enrolment Form needs to be completed if you haven't already filled one in, it can be found on the website under Practicalities, 2012 Permission and Information Forms, 2012 enrolment updated Version September 2011

You choose what you want to do!
6TH & 7TH ARE PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

What choices are there everyday:
› Special theme days (specific days themed)
› DIY workshops
› Craft supplies
› Sports games and equipment
› Great fun and friendly staff
› Yoyo and games

Incursions and Excursions:
Importantly: Please note that payments made on the day for incursions are non-refundable and cannot be exchanged for use in the day that they are booked on. Please check thoroughly whether they choose to participate or not. It is advisable to fill in the enrolment form on the website under Practicalities, 2012 Permission and Information Forms, 2012 enrolment updated Version September 2011

Daily fee: $3.95 to $40.00
* Prices vary depending on your age and Tax Relief eligibility.
Plus any daily additional costs for excursions and incursions.

Monday April 2

Excursion Today
Autumn in Our Backyard
The leaves change colours and create many activities from collecting nature to sharing physically fit. The backyard games we played and fun are adventure in the outdoor of our place.

Activities today include:
* Scarecrow Hunt
* Pumpkin Carving
* Nature Weaving

Candle Making Incursion - Additional cost $15.00

Tuesday April 3

Excursion Today
Enchanted Maze
Come along into this adventurous wonderland of Creations, Hedge Mazes and Animal Costume Design. Test your name on the 3D City Maze and 10 Hidden Mazes at the Artist’s Seat Enchanted Maze today!

Bus Departs 8:30am
Bus Returns 4:30pm
Additional Cost $25.00

Wednesday April 4

April Fools
Come along with your best practical jokes and have a joke today!

Activities today include:
* Worn ie my apple
* Party Pranks
* Funny Races

Thursday April 5

Easter Bonanza
Easter is almost here and it’s very Egg-iting!

Activities today include:
* Treasure Hunt
* Egg and Spoon Races
* Pin the Tail on the Rabbit
* Easter Hat Parade

Friday April 13

Egyptian Adventure
Travel with us across the desert to Egypt today. Visit the pyramids, climb the pyramids and learn a camel!

Activities today include:
* Build your own Pyramid
* Snake in a Basket
* Mummy Wrap Game