



Respect - Pride - Success

## Coming Events

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### WEEK 5

**24<sup>th</sup> Feb**

Governing Council  
AGM – 9am  
Parent Club 10:30am

### WEEK 6

**4<sup>th</sup> March**

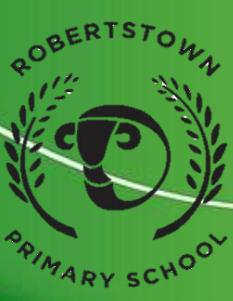
Pancake / Shrove  
Tuesday

**5<sup>th</sup> March**

School Photos

**7<sup>th</sup> March**

Pupil Free Day



# Robertstown Primary School

Newsletter No.1 February 13<sup>th</sup> 2025

Dear Families,

I am delighted to welcome you to the first edition of our school newsletter for the year. As we embark on this exciting journey together, I am pleased to share that we have a vibrant community of 10 students who are eager to learn and grow.

We are thrilled to introduce our new staff member, Mr Sherwin, who brings fresh energy and expertise to our school, working alongside our existing staff. His dedication, alongside the unwavering commitment of our existing staff, is already contributing to the positive learning environment we strive to create. Mr Sherwin will be working Mondays and Tuesdays.

Our students have returned with enthusiasm, ready to engage in meaningful learning experiences. It is heartening to see their excitement and commitment to developing their skills across various areas. Our focus this term as we work with the Department's strategy for education is Wellbeing where we are looking at the key elements of: belonging and safety, resilience and persistence and cognitive engagement. We are also unpacking our school values of Respect, Pride and Success and making connections across all learning.

At Robertstown Primary School we acknowledge that we live, learn and play on Ngadjuri land, where the inhabitants of the gum forest areas have cared for this Country for millennia. We acknowledge elders past and present.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to make this year a successful and enriching one for all our students.

**Bronnie Whitelaw**  
**Acting Principal**

# 2025 Teaching Staff

**Mrs Bronnie Whitelaw (Principal):** Monday – Friday

**Mr James Sherwin (Teacher):** Monday & Tuesday

**Mrs Julie Schutz (Teacher):** Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

**Mrs Lynda Lewis (Teacher):** Tuesday & Thursday afternoons

## Welcome Mr Sherwin!

Hello folks and families of Robertstown Primary School!

I'm James Sherwin, a new teacher here at RPS. I'll be supporting this lovely school on Mondays and Tuesdays. I am already so proud to be a part of this wonderful community, and the students, staff and everyone I have met have helped me feel incredibly welcome.

I have recently moved to Clare with my family – my partner Soph, our baby Sonny and our dog Rory. Previously I have taught at Elizabeth and Wallaroo Primary Schools, and prior to that I supported students to reengage with their education. I am passionate about ensuring that all students receive their entitlement of a fair education so that they can develop the skills required to live fulfilling lives.

I love cooking, reading and gardening and look forward to bringing those things into the classroom! If you ever have any questions or would like a chat, please don't hesitate to reach out.

I'll see you around!

James Sherwin



# New Students!

A big welcome to our new students and their families. We can't wait for another exciting school year.



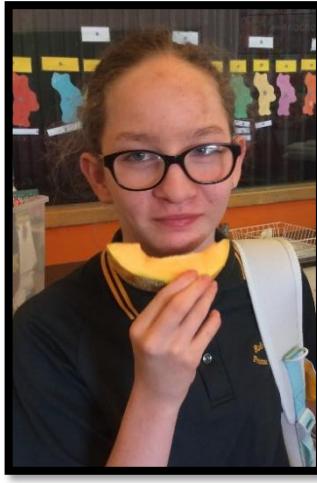
Thomas, Harry  
and Marcello.

## Art and Science



# Kitchen Gardens

We have been busy in the garden already this term. We picked and enjoyed some delicious rock melons and harvested some more of our sunflower seeds from our sunflowers.



## Port Power Visit

The Port Adelaide Football Club visited our school this week. We met Willem Drew (#28), Jordan Sweet (#24), Joe Richards (#35), Joe Berry (#5) and some of the staff at the football club. We learnt about healthy eating habits, exercising, a football player's career and we even got signed posters and had a kick of the footy!



## Robertstown Primary School

### Play Group 2025

We are excited to announce that we are opening up play group to the Robertstown community.

Playgroup offers a quality play-based learning space to before school-aged children and their families.

Family members attend with their children and can build relationships with other families and their local school and community services.

Parents/carers are responsible for supervising their child/ren in their care at playgroup, indoors and outdoors.



**Tuesday and Thursday  
9-10:30am  
Starting Tuesday 4th February**



**All that is missing is you! It's FREE!!!**

For enrolment information please contact Bronnie Whitelaw – Robertstown Primary School 85817127

## *In loving memory of Mrs Stacey (Sue)*

We extend our heartfelt condolences to Sue's family and friends during this difficult time. As a school community we are grieving the loss of Sue.

Sue's dedication to education and her unwavering commitment to our school community has left an indelible mark on all of us. She will be remembered for her significant contribution to the Robertstown Primary School and wider community on her 30 years of service here. Sue began teaching at Robertstown Primary School in 1994, bringing her passion for education into the classroom.

In Term 3 of 2015, Sue took on the role of Principal, where she continued to lead with compassion, integrity and a vision for excellence. We hold Sue's memory as we continue to learn and grow at school.

In August 2024, an audit of the playgrounds was completed by KidsSafe South Australia. They have provided a report with recommendations around the maintenance and repairs required.

As we work through this document we will be closing the playground near the car park until we have completed any works required.

Thank you for your understanding. Linden is currently working on the tasks required in play areas near the courts as a priority as the students use this area more often at the moment. Thanks Linden.



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