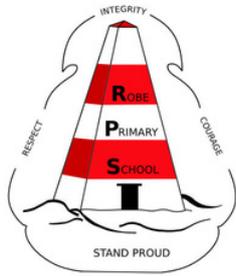


# NEWSLETTER

## ROBE PRIMARY SCHOOL



### IMPORTANT DATES

#### TERM 4

##### Monday 8 December

- Wood Raffle tickets due

##### Wednesday 10 December

- Semester 2 reports emailed

##### Thursday 11 December

- Early Dismissal - 2:15pm
- End of Year School Concert - arrival 5pm for a 5:30pm start

##### Friday 12 December

- Last Day Term 4
- Late Arrival 10am - students may arrive from 8:30am if required (staff are onsite)
- End of Term Assembly 12pm
- Early Dismissal 12:30pm - parents who have indicated their child/ren need to stay, will be supervised until 2:15pm

#### 2026 TERM 1

##### Tuesday 27 January

- Start of Term 1

### PRINCIPAL - ANNE GRAYSON

A heartfelt and sad farewell to our beloved staff member Stacey Wirth - a dedicated and passionate educator - Stace was kind and thoughtful, funny - loved a good joke and a dress up, empathetic, resilient and one of the hardest workers I have ever known. Our collective RPS heart is shattered.

Darling Stacey - forever in our hearts and never far from our minds. ❤️



Sincere thank you for the heartfelt messages and flowers - greatly appreciated.

Another year has passed so quickly...

Sincere thank you for the continuing and ongoing support given to me by families and community – I appreciate that parenting, especially in our current world, can be extremely complex and demanding. Please know we are here to support in any way – our door is always open. I look forward to nurturing and strengthening these relationships and connections in 2026.

Thank you to our Governing Council – your advice, creative ideas, perspectives and collective wisdom over 2025 have been appreciated – I look forward to strengthening these partnerships in 2026. We say farewell Rhiannon Maczkowiack, a GC member and our deputy chair – I thank Rhi for her time as deputy chair– your perspective, advice and good humour will be missed. We also welcome Karly Vearing as a new GC member who joined mid 2025.

Thank you to the ongoing work of our amazing Parents & Friends – your efforts, organisation, creativity, planning and contributions in 2025 have been greatly appreciated – I look forward to working together again in 2026 to strengthen these partnerships.

A massive and heart felt thank you to each and every one of our wonderful volunteers who have given up their time:

- Parents & Friends – Kyla Ramsey as team leader and Lashay Semple as secretary and all the other members for their diligence, dedication, time, good humour and hard work organising and participating in events to fund raise for our school.
- Anna and Adam Brooks for their time and labour in bringing the 2025 Year 6 Graduation to life. This will be the last year at Sails and we truly appreciate their generosity.
- Parents/carers who attended the many camps – especially our fabulous whole school camp, and sporting events or provided transport and supervision – your efforts are significant and truly invaluable!
- Parents/carers who attended our working bees to help maintain the school grounds – words cannot express our deep gratitude.
- Parents/carers, with a special mention to Tina Stanhope, for giving their time regularly to come in and read with students.

A massive and sincere thank you to all the staff at Robe Primary School. I have always felt honoured and privileged to work with such an outstanding group of people and still do – particularly in the wake of Stacey's passing – their resilience and selflessness to put their grief aside to support the kids in our care has been truly humbling.

Their everyday dedication and commitment to the kids in their care is exemplary and many, many times – above and beyond. Enjoy the upcoming break – rest, sleep in and relax– you have certainly earned it!

A massive and sincere thank you to parents/carers for all that you do for your kids each and every day – the relationship between our school and home is so significant and essential to ensure each and every child has a safe, happy and positive school experience. As always, please know my door is open – always feel welcome, even for the tricky and hard conversations.

I am looking forward to another year of 'Learning to Learn – Learning for Life' – the impact can be heard across classrooms in the way our kids are talking about their level of engagement with their learning, what strategy they can choose when they get 'stuck and making choices to help with their regulation – something special is happening at our school and we are all really excited so see these connections in 2026.

For now, time to take a step back and think about and reflect upon on the year that was – learn the lessons, reflect on choices and decisions made, take the wins, mourn the losses and then begin to look forward to another year as Principal of Robe Primary School...

Each and every one is ready for a break – Spending quality time with friends and family to recalibrate & rejuvenate. Enjoy the upcoming holiday season – keep safe, happy and healthy.

Take care – choose kind

Anne

## **TERM 4 WEEK 9 EVENTS**

- Semester 2 reports - emailed Wednesday December 10
- End of year concert – Thursday December 11 – early dismissal – 2:15pm
- End of year concert – Thursday December 11 – arrival from 5pm with a 5:30pm start
- Last day of school – December 12 – late start 10am (arrival from 8:30am if required )
- Last day of school - December 12 - quick assembly to farewell our Year 6 kids – 12pm and early dismissal 12:30pm

## **GRADUATION DINNER – YEAR 6**

Another great night - class of 2025 Year 6 done and dusted. Last night was a huge success – such a special evening for our young people that are flying the RPS coop and preparing for their journey to high school. We will miss each and every one and wish them much happiness and success as they continue on their educational path.

Thank you to Adam and Anna Brooks for hosting this special event for the final time at Sails.

Thank you once again to our Parents & Friends for gifting the Year 6 pens as special reminders of their time at Robe Primary School.



## **END OF YEAR CONCERT – THURSDAY DECEMBER 11 2025**

Weather will dictate our final decision, and this will be made on Monday 8 December, before concert on Thursday 11 December. A gentle reminder - if we go to the Institute, numbers will be limited.

## **CLASSROOM ORGANISATION FOR 2026**

We have been discussing class formations for 2026 – this is always a complex process, and we try and look at each model thoroughly to best meet the needs of the children in our care. Class sizes will be between 17 and 26 students per class. All these factors play a role in our organisation of teacher and SSO placement, as well as make up of classrooms.

Children will find out their class teacher for 2026 on Monday when we do transition activities to help prepare for the next school year and to help develop connections and/or build on relationships.

An email will be sent to families on Monday afternoon indicating staffing and student placement for 2026.

The classes for 2026 are:

- R/1 – 17 + mid-year intake – teacher TBA
- 1/2 – 25 – teacher TBA
- 3/4 – 25 – teacher TBA
- 5/6 – 22 – teacher TBA

Total students: 89

Well Being - Nat Boulden – 1 day

NIT teacher Hass/Science/Digital Technology - Kimberley Austin – 3 days

## **A CALL TO ACTION - GOVERNING COUNCIL AND P & F – WE NEED YOUR HELP...**

Our Governing Council and P & F play a significant role in the overall culture of our school and are positive and productive school bodies to get involved with. Running a school and supporting all the kids in our care really does take a village. Our current GC and P&F are doing an amazing job, but help and support is ALWAYS needed. WE are all super crazy busy but an hour here and there or a shift at the fete or helping at quiz night, volunteering to read with your child's class – all go to support a positive school experience. And, a bonus, for some reason, kids who have their parents help out at school are really proud – faces light up when mum or dad appear at the door for reading or the turn up for a working bee. I appreciate that not all parents can come to school through the day and listen to kids read but there are many ways to support. Please reach out to the GC and/or P&F to see how your valuable time can be put to great use!

## **KINDY TRANSITION 2025/2026**

Our Kindy transition program for this year was again a huge success. We have 7 little and excited children starting 'big school' in 2026. Connections with the little ones will be maintained with informal visits to both sites and attending events on school grounds - all part of helping the transition to formal schooling be a joyful event and to maintain and strengthen the continuity of learning between sites. A huge thank you to Penny Day and Sami from Kindy for their organisation and supervision for another successful transition program – much appreciated.

## **RECEPTION - CELEBRATION OF LEARNING**

On Tuesday Penny Day hosted a 'celebration of learning' for our Reception children. It was a fabulous morning of parents, aunties and uncles and grandparents celebrating the progress that these little people have made in their first experience of big school! All should be super proud of the curiosity, creativity and diligence each and every child has demonstrated over the year to be active participants in their learning. Onward and upward - the sky is the limit!



## **DID YOU KNOW? SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE**

Parents/carers may be worried that the change may cause conflict within their home. The below is some advice from safety about how to handle this...

You're not alone. Many parents and carers are worried about how under-16s will react to no longer having access to social media accounts. It's common for tensions to rise when people are coping with change – especially if they don't want it to happen. Boredom can cause stress and irritability, too.

Also, it's likely that many under-16s will have siblings, friends or classmates who are older and still using social media accounts – or know other under-16s who are trying to get around the law. This may cause resentment and conflict within social groups and families. It can be even more complicated if there are different approaches and rules in different homes or settings where your child is cared for, or in their friends' homes.

It's important to keep the focus on your child's wellbeing, remembering that conflict can be stressful for them too.

### ***You don't have to work this out on your own.***

You can try the suggestions in the FAQs on the esafety site: 'What can I do now to help my family prepare?' and 'I don't think my child will cope with losing important connections and support. What should I do?'

You can also check in with other parents, your own friends, the communities you belong to and your child's school. It may even be possible to come up with ideas together that ease the pressure for everyone.

For example:

- talk with other parents or carers about the age restrictions, including their expectations, how they feel about the change and how they're approaching it with their own children
- share the information you've learnt from eSafety, to help others understand what's happening, why, and what they can do
- set clear agreements – for example for sleepovers or shared device use
- organise joint activities or events to help relieve the boredom for under-16s withdrawing from social media accounts
- check in with each other regularly to stay aligned and discuss what to do about problems.

For more information go to

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/about-us/industry-regulation/social-media-age-restrictions>



Some events have limited places so be quick!

FREE

# 4 Fantastical EVENTS FOR YOUNG CARERS

Mount Gambier

**1** Valley Lake Playground inc BBO  
5-8 year olds  
Tuesday 20 January 2026  
12pm-2pm



**2** Tantanoola Cave Tour (transport provided)  
9-12 year olds  
Monday 16th December 2025  
1pm-4pm



**3** Tantanoola Cave Tour (transport provided)  
13-17 year olds  
Monday 19th January 2026  
1pm-4pm



**4** Dinner at Nalou  
18-25 year olds  
Tuesday 23 December 2025  
5pm



To RSVP or for further information please contact us on 0491 066 939 or email [youngcarersteam@carerssa.com.au](mailto:youngcarersteam@carerssa.com.au)



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Community Bank  
Robe & Districts - Bendigo Bank

## Learn to Sail Classes January 5th - 9th, 2026

Full Week \$200 - 5 X 1.5 hr Lessons

Thanks to the support of the Community Bank - Robe & Districts - Bendigo Bank, Robe Primary School students are entitled to a 10% discount.

Enquiries / bookings : Ali Mudge : [aliqw68@gmail.com](mailto:aliqw68@gmail.com)

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# Anything But a Tree CHRISTMAS TREE COMPETITION!

Join our fun and festive challenge to  
create a Christmas Tree using  
*anything but a tree!*

Think cardboard, fabric, driftwood, recycled  
materials - let your imagination shine!

- Only one entry per person or group
- Maximum size 2m3
- Must be portable and non-perishable



**SUBMIT YOUR ENTRIES**

**Wednesday 17 December 2025,  
between 10am - 4pm**

Along with your application  
form to the Robe Institute  
(via the Robe Library)



**VIEW & VOTE FOR PEOPLE'S CHOICE**

**Online - Thursday 18 - Sunday 21 December 2025 until 10am**

Via Council's Facebook page online

**In person - Sunday 21 December 2025,**

**between 5pm - 6pm, at the Robe Institute**  
After the Christmas Parade



**WINNERS ANNOUNCED**

**Sunday 21 December 2025 at 6pm**

At the Robe Institute, after the Christmas Parade!

*Join the Fun and Get Creative! Prizes to be Won!*

Application forms available at the Council Office,  
Library or on Council's website.

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