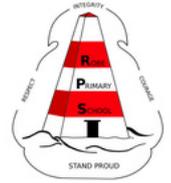


NEWSLETTER

Robe Primary School



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

SPORTS DAY 2026

What an amazing day – I think the best ever! Our school oval came alive to host this annual event and it was so much fun. I really enjoyed the close proximity of events and facilities, especially the team games and BJ Cup – the energy and commitment of the teams was palpable and so very exciting!

Congratulations to both Guichen and Lacepede House Captains – Max and Jett - and Vice Captains – Kendall and Betty - for your leadership and support of your house members to maintain their war cries, helping them to be organised during the march and general encouragement to give their best in all events throughout the day. You all displayed such passion and enthusiasm and the level of sportsmanship this year was absolutely outstanding. The house with the most points on Sports Day 2026 was Lacepede. Congratulations – I think that's 5 years in a row!

Sincere thank you and congratulations to all the parent/carers participation in the annual BJ Cup. It is an event that we all look forward to and the kids just love seeing the parents get in there and have a go! Congratulations again to Lacepede for taking home the BJ cup for 2026!

A massive Thank You to Tom Wachtel, Cassie and Jodi, students and parent helpers for their organisation and preparation for the big day. The 'behind the scenes' preparation is huge and takes weeks of planning to make this event a smooth and fun day!

Thank you also to the parent/carer volunteers; whether helping out at the bake sale, setting/packing up for the day and the chaperone's – your time and labour is sincerely appreciated and we simply couldn't do it without you.

We are open to any feedback that may help us to improve and/or streamline this event - please reach out to the front office, Tom as Sports Coordinator or myself.

IMPORTANT DATES

FRIDAY 3RD APRIL

- **PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

SATURDAY 4TH APRIL

- **RPS EASTER FETE**

MONDAY 6TH APRIL

- **PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

FRIDAY 10TH APRIL

- **Last day of Term 1**
- **Assembly 1:45pm**
- **Early dismissal 2:15pm**

TERM 2

MONDAY 27TH APRIL

- **PUPIL FREE DAY**

TUESDAY 28TH APRIL

- **First day Term 2**





8 YEAR OLD BOYS

Winner: Hudson Kokiousis
 Runner Up: Chase Wasson



9/10 YEAR OLD BOYS

Winner: Max Simcock
 Runner Up: Jack Austin



11/12 YEAR OLD BOYS

Winner: Fred Fennell
 Runner Up: Max Semple



8 YEAR OLD GIRLS

Winner: Poppy Edwards
 Runner Up: Nadia Cunningham



9/10 YEAR OLD GIRLS

Winner: Violet Norman
 Runner Up: Betty Fennell



11/12 YEAR OLD GIRLS

Winner: Lydia Austin
 Runner Up: Kendall Ross







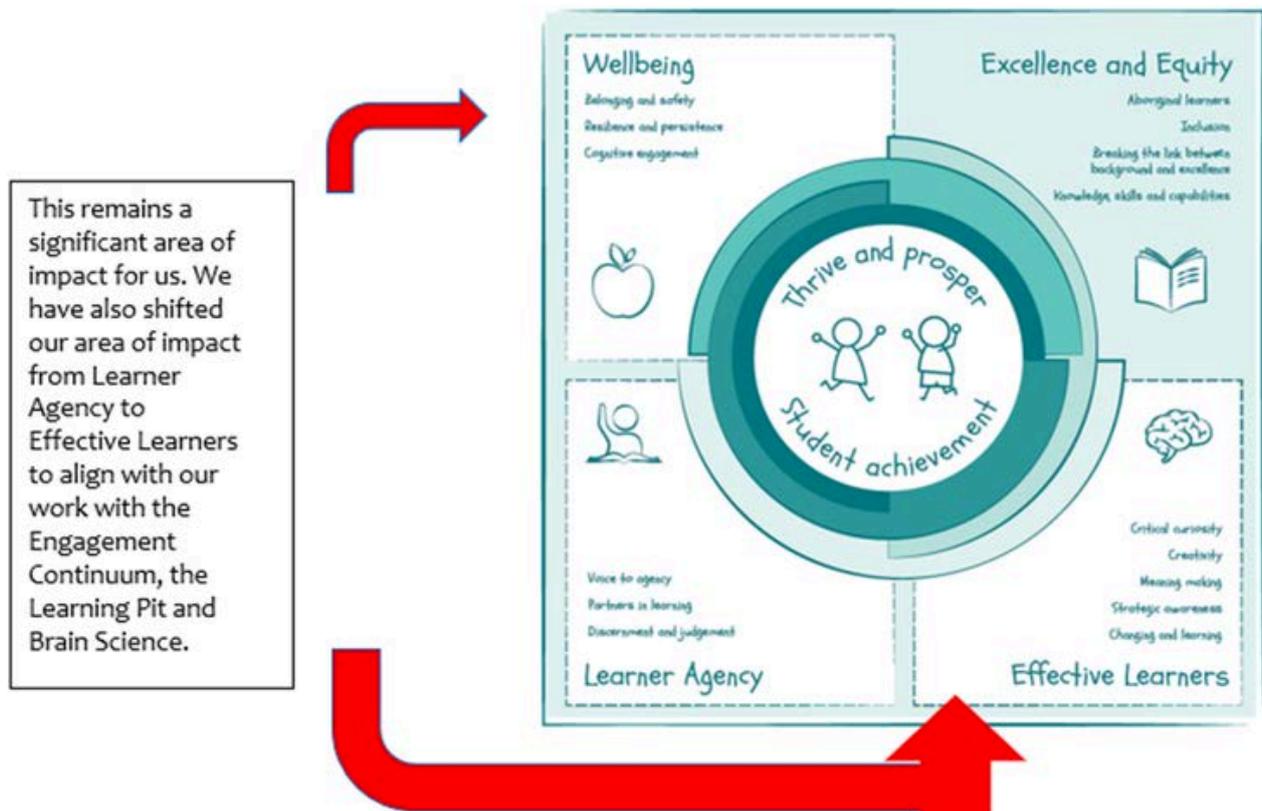
SITE LEARNING PLAN-SLP- to keep you all in the loop

Effective Learners remains as our main area of impact and our integrated work with the Engagement Continuum, the Learning Pit and brain science will help us strengthen a sustainable shift in how we think about learning at Robe Primary School.

Effective learners

Education must develop children and young people who can learn, not only when they are being taught. At school and throughout their lives, learners need to develop the skills to be effective learners so that they can make the most of future opportunities and respond to changes in their worlds.

- Curiosity - Learners ask questions to 'get to the bottom of it' and are less accepting of received wisdom until it is evidenced.
- Creativity - Learners think 'outside the box', take chances, use imagination and intuition and are receptive to hunches and inklings.
- Meaning making - Learners make connections between past information and/or experiences and new knowledge.
- Strategic awareness -Learners know what to do when they don't know what to do.
- Metacognition and self-regulation - Learners who can stop and think about what's needed to best achieve the task in front of them. Learners are able to understand and manage their behaviour and reactions to their environment.



Well-being is also a priority that permeates our school day. We are blessed this year to have Nat Bolden work as our Well-Being Coordinator on Tuesdays and Lashay Semple as our Well-being SSO on Thursdays. Our goals with well-being are as follows:

Our learners feel safe, included, and valued. They have access to support, experiences, teaching, and resources to build their resilience and social and emotional skills to positively and confidently engage in learning.

Resilience and persistence - Learners have the capacity to cope with day-to-day challenges and persevere when faced with new or complex learning situations.

Cognitive engagement - Learners have the mental capability to engage actively in learning and feel stretched and challenged.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN started on Wednesday, March 11, and was interrupted by a national glitch. It caused quite a bit of unnecessary stress for students and teachers, especially as this was the same day the high jump and 400/800m championship events were being held. The writing component of NAPLAN is mandatory on this day across Australia. Moving forward however, all care will be taken to avoid sporting events being held on the same day(s) of NAPLAN assessments. All other NAPLAN assessments were administered without issue and we are now finished for another year.

LITTLE LEADERS

2026 School and Vice Captains

School Captains are Fred Fennell and Amelie Norman, and our Vice Captain is Mali Brooks.

2026 Sports Captains

Sports Captain for Guichen is Max Semple and Vice is Year 5 aspiring leader, Betty Fennell. Sports Captain for Lacepede is Jett Edwards, and our Vice is Kendall Ross.

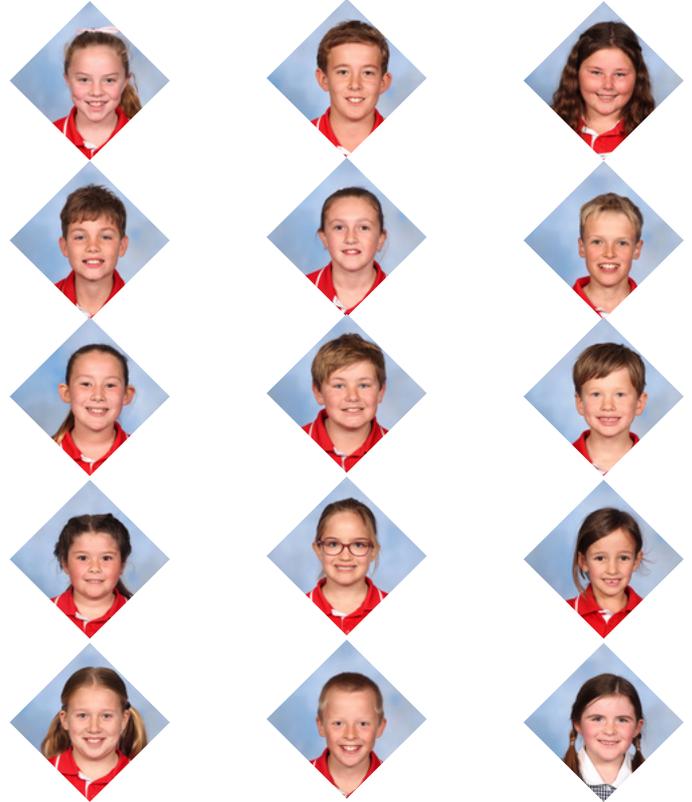
Our **Little Leader class representatives** for 2026 are as follows:

Reception/Year 1 – Harlyn Rains & Molly Baker

Year 1/2 – Rooney St John-Ryan & Cash Agnew

Year 3/4 – Matilda Coxon & Albie Cece

Year 5/6 – Mia Matthews & Adele Burzacott



FETE PREPARATIONS

We are currently in full swing with preparations for our annual fete – the delegation of duties seems to have worked well, and the process seems more equitable. The fete is on Saturday April 4th from 10am – 4pm. Any support you can offer, whether as part of the Governing Council, Parents & Friends, or in any other capacity, is sincerely appreciated.

We are trying to take the pressure off families this year by NOT requesting baked goods or for families to purchase Easter eggs for our school raffle. The school will take responsibility for these going forward, but we would greatly appreciate it if families could volunteer their time to help cover a stall shift on the day!

The school stall will be a combination of kid made cards, herbs and plants and some baked goods. The stall will also be run by our Year 3/4 students. Our year 5/6 students will be expected, if in town, to volunteer an hour of their time to help out at a ride or an activity during the day of fete.

This opportunity is in the spirit of gratitude and community mindedness. All monies raised by the fete go back to the kids, so we thought this might be a lovely way for our young leaders to say 'Thank You' to all the adult volunteers.

WAIT MATE

South Australian schools with primary-aged students have been invited to host a free presentation and discussion that encourages parents to work together to reduce their children's smartphone use.

[Wait Mate](#) is an initiative designed to reduce smartphone use among children and reshape social norms around early phone adoption.

The program empowers parents and carers to unite, delay smartphone introduction, and support each other through shared commitment. Supported by resources, presentations, and an online pledge system, parents commit to encouraging their children to wait.

State Government has announced that it will make the Wait Mate program available to parents and carers.

Robe Primary School has signed up for a free parent session facilitated by Wait Mate. Sessions will commence in July 2026. Watch this space for more details and a confirmed date of presentation.

SAPSASA GOLF

On Friday, 13th March, Mid South East SAPSASA Golf trials were held at the Penola Golf Course. 4 students participated and showed great persistence, determination and courage. Everyone should be really proud of their efforts. Thanks to the parents for taking us and walking the track with us.

A special congratulations to Fred, Max and Albie on making it through to the next round of trials in Naracoorte, where they will be participating against kids from the South East, we wish them luck.

Fred Fennell - I went to SAPSASA golf it was nice day of fun and sportsmanship. The round of nine short end holes was played in Penola. I found it exciting and fun because it was my last year of it.

Max Semple - 4 kids competed at SAPSASA Golf in Penola. The kids that went were Max, Fred, Albie and Betty. We all did great and competed well. Max, Fred and Albie played well enough to make it to Naracoorte. Thank you.

Betty Fennell - I enjoyed it very much and did not play my best game but that's okay. I am not moving up to the next stage but I am excited for the people that did.

Albie Cece - It was so fun. I played better than I thought. It was me, Max, Fred and Betty that attended.



SAPSASA SWIMMING

On Monday, 23rd March, we had 6 students represent the Mid South East at the State SAPSASA Swimming Championships at Marion Aquatics Centre in Adelaide. Our region came runner up in Division 4. Everyone showed good sportsmanship, resilience and courage throughout the day, it was a great experience for everyone.

Ethan Gibson - I participated in breaststroke and backstroke, it was a lot of fun. I got to compete against other schools.

Fred Fennell - This year was my first year of SAPSASA Swimming. I didn't realise how big the stadium would be, it was huge! I was able to walk away with a bronze medallion for the relays and had loads of fun.

Betty Fennell - I found the day really fun and competitive, at first it was really scary but after my first race I was less scared and won a 3rd place medal.

Lydia Austin - I participated in 50m Freestyle, 50m Backstroke and the Freestyle Relay. I was lucky enough to get a bronze medal in the relay with some girls from Penola, it was lots of fun and a great experience.

Bruce Turner - I loved SAPSASA swimming, it was so fun! It was my first time and I met some new friends. I felt a bit nervous through my swims, but had fun.

Adele Burzacott - Swimming is the best sport because it is very fun, SAPSASA swimming was a fun and cool experience.



SAPSASA ATHLETICS

District Athletics Day was held on Tuesday, 17th March, at Newberry Park Primary School in Millicent. Lots of kids attended from Robe and we represented our school with pride! It was great to see so many people participating. It was a warm day, but everyone put in lots of effort and tried their best.

Congratulations to the students who qualified to represent the Mid South East in Adelaide in September at the SAPSASA Athletics State Championships, we wish them luck.

Thanks to Mr Wachtel for organising the day and Lashay for coming along and helping throughout the day.



PREMIERS' READING Challenge

Is your child taking up the Challenge in 2026?

The Challenge is to read 12 books in total.

For Reception to Year 6 students, 8 of these books are to be from the Challenge booklists (available on the Premiers Reading Challenge website) and 4 of their own choice.

The Premiers Reading Challenge booklist is divided into 3 different age groups for primary students. Books will usually have a coloured sticker either on the spine or front cover to indicate the targeted age group:

Orange: Reception to Year 2 students

Green: Year 3 to Year 5 students

Yellow: Year 6 to Year 9 students

Reading record sheets are available from the front office. Once 12 books have been read and the record sheet completed, it can be returned to the class teacher or Jodi Keane by **Friday 4th September, 2026.**

Robe Primary School also offers extra incentives for students that read beyond the 12 book Challenge expectations. Please see the page following for more details.

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact Kylie Johns or Jodi Keane, or visit the website at premiersreadingchallenge.sa.edu.au.

PUPIL FREE DAYS 2026

Monday 27th April – Term 2 Week 1

Monday 3rd August – Term 3 Week 3

Friday 11th September – Term 3 Week 8

(SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY)

Monday 14th September – Term 3 Week 9

Friday 20th November – Term 4 Week 6



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please note that the Squires Drive entrance temporary fence, between the school and kindy, will be removed next week on Friday, 27th March. As a result, the Squires Drive gate will be locked and **NO** cars will be permitted to park on school grounds.

We ask that you please park along the verge of Squires Drive and walk across the oval, or use the kiss n drop zone. If using the kiss n drop, please stop only to drop off your child and move on—no parking is allowed in this area.

Any questions please reach out as needed.

Thank you for your cooperation.



FRESH FLOWERS

**Penny Day is
seeking donations
of fresh flowers
for Easter Fete**

**Please drop
donations to
Year 1/2
classroom on
Thursday 2nd
April**



Term 2 2026 (10 weeks)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	27-Apr PUPIL FREE DAY	28-Apr	29-Apr	30-Apr	01-May
2	04-May Year 6 GRIP leadership Conference-Mount Gambier	05-May	06-May	07-May	08-May SAPSASA Cross Country-Naracoorte
3	11-May Kingston Transition Evening	12-May	13-May	14-May	15-May
4	18-May Governing Council Meeting 5pm	19-May	20-May	21-May	22-May Newsletter Day
5	25-May	26-May	27-May	28-May	29-May
6	01-Jun	02-Jun	03-Jun	04-Jun	05-Jun
7	08-Jun King's Birthday	09-Jun	10-Jun	11-Jun	12-Jun
8	15-Jun Governing Council Meeting 5pm	16-Jun	17-Jun	18-Jun	19-Jun Newsletter Day
9	22-Jun	23-Jun	24-Jun	25-Jun	26-Jun
10	29-Jun	30-Jun	01-Jul	02-Jul	03-Jul Term 2 ends Assembly 1:45pm Early Dismissal 2:15pm

ROBE PRIMARY SCHOOL

EASTER FETE

SATURDAY 4TH APRIL 2026
10AM - 4PM

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY AT THE RPS OVAL
DONUTS - BAR & BBQ - FOOD + DRINKS - MARKET STALLS
CAR BOOT SALE - SPINNING WHEEL PRIZES & MEGA RAFFLE

KIDS AMUSEMENTS +
RIDES

JUMPING CASTLES
ROCK CLIMBING
PETTING ZOO
LASER TAG
KIDS ZONE & MORE!

WRISTBANDS

4 & UNDER

\$15 PRESALE / \$20 ON DAY

5 & OVER

\$25 PRESALE / \$30 ON DAY



LIVE MUSIC

COFFEE VAN

GOLD COIN DONATION AT GATE



18 HOLE AMBROSE CLUB FUNDRAISER

with Live Music

SATURDAY 28 MARCH 2026

Join us for our first 'Volunteers Cup' 18 Hole Ambrose Day!
 Honouring our Volunteers & Raising Funds for Club House Improvements!
 This event is for golfers and non-golfers, juniors and adults and members and non-members!

- Competition & Novelty Prizes • Raffles
- Putting Contest • Silent Auction
- Live Music by Profile Music Duo

Registration 9.30am
 Shot Gun Start 10.00am
 BBQ Lunch
 Live Music 4.00pm – 7.00pm

Registration Forms are available from the club house, on the events section of our website or can be requested by emailing manager@robegolfclub.com

Entry
 \$40 per person
 \$160 per 4 person team
 Entry Fee includes:

- Competition Entry
- Green Fees
- One beer, cider or soft drink
- BBQ
- Post Ambrose Nibbles
- Entry for Live Music

Entry to Live Music Only \$5 per person

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