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NEWSLETTER

Robe Primary School



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Week 4 done and dusted – 5 full weeks of school to go. As you are all well aware, school does not slow down, with many events still to come - Aquatics Camp for our Year 6, Little Leader events, P&F Colour Run – week 8, Year 6 Graduation Dinner, Semester 2 School Reports, Kindy transition and end of year concert preparation to name a few!

A formal heads up – my beautiful mum – Franny – has been diagnosed with aggressive Acute Myeloid Leukemia a week ago. The initial prognosis was a tentative 6-12 months. Further bloods were completed and this has changed to 6-8 weeks. As you can imagine, our family is pretty shell shocked. Though mum's passing is inevitable, she is 87, but she is a robust, social and pretty active lady – we were all hoping for a few more years. As such and given the short time we have, I left today to care and support mum until her passing. This will take me to, at least, the end of this school year.

Jane Hayes will step into the role as Acting Principal while I am away. Our amazing staff have already wrapped around and have been super supportive – they will all step up as and when needed. I am very sad and disappointed to be missing our special end of year events such as our very lovely grad dinner and our end of year concert – I will be there in spirit. I will be in regular communication with the school and still be completing several administrative tasks remotely. I appreciate your support and understanding at this very difficult time.

All the very best for the holiday season – stay safe and be happy – choose kind. I'll see you all next year, if not before! 😊

PUPIL FREE DAY

We will have our final PFD on Friday November 20 – week 6. The staff will be working together to finalise a draft blueprint for our framework Learning to learn – Learning for Life. This will then be presented at our first GC meeting in 2027.

IMPORTANT DATES
TERM 4

WEDNESDAY 11TH NOV
- Variety SA - @ foreshore
- Remembrance Day - Years 1-6 walk to memorial service
- Kindy Transition Visit
- New 2027 Reception students - Parent Information Night 5:30pm

MON 16TH - THURS 19TH NOV
- Nude Food Week

TUESDAY 17TH NOV
- Raise a Glass to Stacey

FRIDAY 20TH NOV
- PUPIL FREE DAY

WED 25TH - FRI 27TH NOV
- Year 6 KIAS Transition days

MONDAY 30TH NOVEMBER
- P&F Colour Run - 2:15pm

WEDNESDAY 2ND DEC
- Year 6 KCS Subject Taster Day

THURSDAY 3RD DEC
- Year 6 Graduation Dinner

WEDNESDAY 9TH DEC
- Student reports emailed home

THURS 10TH DEC
- EOY Concert on the Green
- Early dismissal 2:15pm

FRIDAY 11TH DEC
- Last day Term 4
- Late start 10am - staff onsite from 8:30am
- Assembly 2pm
- Early dismissal 2:15pm

SITE LEARNING PLAN - SLP

At this time of the year and over the course of the next 5 weeks we will review and analysis data – looking at this year's NAPLAN, PAT, Brightpath, Initialit and other internal assessments to review progress, identify strengths and areas of need to ensure our professional learning for 2027 remains strategic, targeted and helps to nudge learning forward.

GRANT APPLICATION SUCCESS – VARIETY SA

We have been successful in our application for a Variety SA well-being grant of $10, 000. This will go towards our well-being space and help to purchase regulation resources and soft furnishings once this space is established.

Variety SA in Robe
Wednesday 11th November

The **Variety 4WD event** are visiting Robe and they will be on Mundy Terrace, opposite the Information Centre. This is a wonderful opportunity for our school community to thank Variety – the Children's Charity SA, along with the 4WD event entrants and sponsors, following their generous donation of $10,000 to our school.

We would love to see as many children and families attend as possible. Breakfast will be available from **8:00am**, formalities will begin at **8:30am**, and the cars will depart at **9:00am**.

Please note that all Year 1/2 students have a visiting performance at school commencing at 9:15am.

TERM 4 EVENTS:

- **Year 6 Aquatics Camp -** Week 4 - Wednesday and Thursday - November 4 & 5
- **Variety SA -** information as above
- **Remembrance Day -** Week 5 - Monday November 11 - 10:45am
- **Kindergarten transition:**
  - Wednesday October 28 – 9am – 12pm
  - Wednesday November 4 – 9am – 12pm
  - Wednesday November 11 – 9am – 12pm
- **Kindergarten Information Night -** Wednesday November 11 – 5:30pm
- **Year 3/4 Excursion -** Mount Gambier
- **PFD -** Week 6 - Friday November 20
- **P&F Colour Run -** Monday November 30th - 2:00pm
- **Year 6 Graduation Dinner -** Thursday December 3 - 5:30pm
- **Semester 2 reports -** emailed Wednesday December 9
- **End of year concert -** Thursday December 10 - early finish - 2:15pm
  - Thursday December 10 - starts @ 5:30pm (arrival from 5pm)
- **Last day of school -** December 11 - start 10am - finish 2:15pm
  - quick assembly to farewell our Year 6 kids -2:00pm

KINDY TRANSITION 2026/2027

Our Kindy transition program formally started on Wednesday Oct 28. Five little and excited humans visited our school and are participating in a variety of activities, giving them a small taste of 'big school'. Connections with the little ones have already been established and nurtured 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.

GRADUATION DINNER – YEAR 6 –THURSDAY 3RD DECEMBER

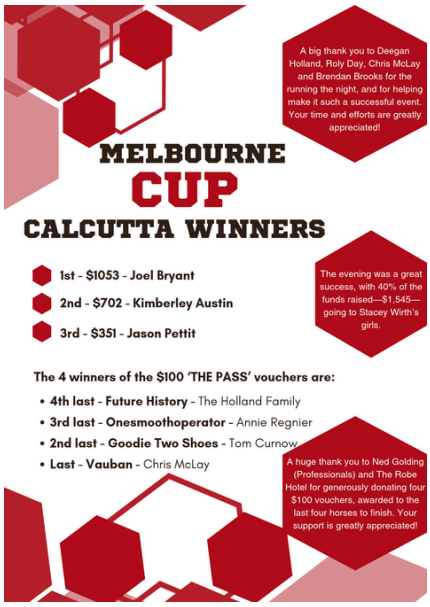
Preparations for 2026 Year 6 Graduation Dinner are underway. This special event will be held at ARDO. As usual, it promises to be a very special evening – a night for parents/carers/grandparents and kids to celebrate their time at Robe Primary School, reflect on their learning and friendships made and look forward to their next adventure – high school! Menu selection will be sent out soon to help keep costs down and reduce waste. Parents $25pp, partners and grandparents $50pp. A huge THANK YOU to Kim Ross who has taken over planning and preparation for this year's special dinner and to Jack and Tayla for hosting the night.

MELBOURNE CUP CALCUTTA FUNDRAISER

This event was held on Monday, 2nd November at the Robe Hotel. Funds raised were donated to Stacey Wirth's daughters, Georgie and Maddie.

We sincerely thank everyone who attended and supported this very worthwhile fundraiser. A special acknowledgement goes to Cass, Jodi, Mardi, and Chris McClay for their outstanding generosity in preparing for and hosting the event. Stacey would no doubt have been incredibly proud and grateful for the support shown to her beautiful girls.

We also extend our thanks to the Robe Hotel for generously providing the venue, to our auctioneer Deegan Holland, and to Roly Day and Brendan Brooks for their assistance as spotters. In addition, we appreciate the Robe Hotel and Ned Golding for donating four $100 vouchers, which added a wonderful extra incentive to the evening.



SCHOOL REPORTS – SEMESTER 2

School reports will be emailed home on Wednesday, 9th December. Each report will include individual comments for English, Mathematics, and a general comment for each student. Other key learning areas will include a description of content covered, along with achievement and effort grades.

END OF YEAR CONCERT – THURSDAY 10TH DECEMBER

As usual, weather will dictate our final decision, and this will be made on the Monday before concert day. Please know if we go to the Institute, seating is limited.

The theme of this year's end of year celebration is 'Rhythm Revolution.' Costumes and dance routines are currently being planned and organised by class teachers and this information will be sent out to families by individual teachers.

RSL VISITS

Robe Primary were lucky enough to visit the RSL, it was a blast! When we got there we sat down and we had a book read to us by the veterans. It was really interesting and it just showed how much pride the veterans took in teaching us about our history. After that we had a look at some old gear and we even got to try the trumpet. We left with a lot on our mind and are so grateful for our veterans.

Tanner Wehl

CROSS COUNTRY



In September I went to Sydney to participate in the National Cross Country Championships. I competed in the 11 year old age group with 5 other girls from South Australia. The Championships were held at the International Equestrian Centre (where they held the Olympics in 2000). We flew to Sydney on Sunday, on Monday we had the opening ceremony and course familiarisation, then on Tuesday we had our main race, where I competed against NSW, Victoria, Queensland, Western Australia and the ACT. I had to run 3km, it was a tough course with lots of hills and it was quite dusty. I came 22nd overall and was the 2nd South Australian, I bet my PB also by 20 seconds. On Wednesday we got to have an excursion at the Sydney Zoo, it was great fun to do this with my team mates. On Thursday we had the relay event, where the 6 of us had to run 1500m each, SA came 5th. At the presentations Queensland and NSW were very strong and won most of the events; however, SA was awarded the most improved state which was a great achievement for us. It was a great experience to meet other girls from around the country and I really enjoyed myself, even though I had to work hard and train to do the best I could. I would like to thank Jamie Kelly for helping me with my training and Mum and Nanny for taking me to Sydney.

Lydia Austin

SAPSASA GIRLS FOOTBALL



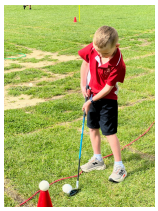
In week 3 I went to Adelade to play SAPSASA football for the Mid South East team. It was really fun and the girls there were so nice and encouraging, it was great playing with girls from other schools. We didn't win any games but I still had a lot of fun. It was a great experience and we improved a lot over the 3 days.

Lydia Austin

YEAR 6 KCS/ROBE TRANSITION CAMP

On the 19th and 20th of October Max, Jose, Jett and Joseph went to Tarooki campsite in Robe to meet the year 6 class from Kingston. We did a variety of team building activities such as a sandcastle competition, minute to win it, a music quiz and much more. For dinner we had tacos with a selection of different fillings and for dessert we had ice -cream. In the morning we had an option of toast or weetbix, the toast came with a many options of toppings. We were all separated into different dorms with people we got along with. Overall, we all made some friends and it was a great boost into high school.

Max Semple









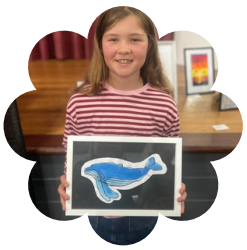
GOLF

At Robe Primary we have been doing golf lessons with Mrs Foreman and Heather. They have been teaching all the classes and all the school kids have loved this. Golf was amazing because we all got to learn new skills and everyone thought it was fun. Thanks to Mrs Foreman and Heather for running the sessions and thanks to Mr Wachtel for organising this.

Charlotte Grant













SOUTHERN OCEAN ART PRIZE (SOAP) VISITS

On the third of November we went to the Southern Ocean Art Prize. We started by looking at the student artworks, then the winner of $10,000 and the other Limestone Coast resident winners. In art the Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 students worked on and created pieces of art to enter. 10 of these were selected to go to the SOAP. Matilda ended up winning the primary student award and $100. Overall going to the SOAP was an amazing experience and everyone that entered should be proud.

Betty Fennell

VARIETY GAMES



We would like to thank the organisers/host of the Variety Games. Our favourite sport was wheelchair basketball, it was fun and not as hard in a wheelchair as I thought it might be. A big congratulations to who we played in basketball, they persisted, had a great attitude and good sportsmanship. Soccer was also very fun and I recommend for others to play it.

Henry Sneath & Arawan Griffiths



RAISE A GLASS TO STACEY

Feel welcome to come and join the staff of Robe Primary School to 'raise a glass' in remembrance of our beloved Stacey.

TUESDAY 17TH NOVEMBER

3:15PM

Meet at the yarning circle/amphitheatre area.

Bubbles and light refreshments will be provided.

PUPIL FREE DAY

Friday 20th November

PARENTS & FRIENDS PRESENTS RPS COLOUR RUN 2026

EXTRA DETAILS!

- MONDAY WILL BE A CASUAL CLOTHES DAY
- WHITE OR LIGHT COLOURED CLOTHING WORKS BEST
- PLEASE SEND A TOWEL WITH YOUR CHILD AS THEY WILL GET WET DURING THE EVENT
- PARENTS AND SIBLINGS PLEASE FEEL FREE TO COME AND WATCH THE FESTIVITIES FROM 2PM

MONDAY 30TH NOVEMBER
2.00- 3.15

COME AND JOIN THE FUN!
PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR COLOUR STATIONS!

COMPLIMENTARY ZOOPER DOOPER!



ROBE CHRISTMAS PARADE

SUNDAY 20 DECEMBER
4.30pm | Victoria Street | Robe

MEET & GREET SANTA
JUMPING CASTLE
FACE PAINTING
SLED RAFFLE
LOOPHOLE BEERS
CAPE JAFFA WINES
ROBE LIONS BBQ
DONUTS & DRINKS
*Strictly no BYO



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