



Respect – Pride - Success



Robertstown Primary School

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Coming Events

Dear Families and Community,

I hope this message finds you well. We have been busy with several exciting projects and developments at Robertstown Primary School, and I'm thrilled to share some updates with you.

Our Circle of Belonging mosaic is progressing beautifully and will soon be placed at the school entrance. This project has provided a valuable opportunity for students to connect with each other and parent volunteers while learning a new skill. Watch this space for its completion! Students have settled seamlessly into Term 3 routines, thanks to the dedication of our staff and the effective Literacy and Numeracy Block structures. Our first stobie pole panel has been collected and is ready for installation, while work on the second panel has begun. Additionally, students are submitting art pieces for the upcoming SALA exhibition in Eudunda, showcasing their creativity and talent. Our behaviour policy is now finalised and has been approved by both staff and Governing Council. This will be uploaded to the school's website. We are pleased to announce that our school has gone 'live' with the Education Management System (EMS) as our site-based database. This transition involved many hours of work in finance, administration, and staff training. Thank you to everyone for your commitment and effort.

Please note that we have a School Closure Day on Monday, 1st September, followed by a Pupil Free Day for staff training and development on Tuesday, 2nd September. We will also be holding 3-way student led conferences this term, with the date to be confirmed soon. On a personal note, I will be heading to New Zealand on Friday, 22nd August, for six school days to babysit my grandchildren. During my absence, Emma Jones will be stepping in as Acting Principal. She will visit the school on Tuesday, 12th August, to meet students and staff and is excited to lead in my absence. There is a lot of work happening behind the scenes, and I look forward to providing exciting updates about multiple projects in the near future. Thank you, as always, for your support of our wonderful school.

Warm regards,

Bronwyn Whitelaw
Principal

WEEK 4

11th – 15th August

Science Week
Bullying No Way

15th August

Science Incursion

WEEK 5

18th – 22nd August

Book Week 'Book an Adventure'

21st August

Book Week Parade
Book Week Incursion

WEEK 6

29th August

SAPSASA Basketball
Carnival

WEEK 7

1st September

School Closure Day

2nd September

Pupil Free Day

Parent survey

You're invited to complete the 2025 annual Public Education Parent Survey.

The 2025 parent survey opens late July and closes midnight Sunday 7 September 2025.

During the survey window you will receive an email or SMS from the Parent Survey Team with a unique link to participate in the survey.

If you have not received an email or SMS with your unique survey link by Friday 15 August 2025, please check your spam or junk folders. Otherwise, please contact educaton.ParentSurvey@sa.gov.au and include our school's name in your email. A new survey will be sent to you.

The survey takes less than 10 minutes and will help us understand: what we're doing well, where we can improve and what's important to you.

It has been coordinated centrally so that added administration workload isn't placed on the school.

Your answers won't identify you or your child. Only collated feedback will be provided to our school.

Information collected will inform school improvement planning and activities at the school. The survey closes midnight Sunday 7 September 2025.

Breakfast Club – Supported by Kickstart for Kids and now Foodbank SA/NT

As most of you may already be aware our school runs Breakfast Club for students and families 5 days a week. Since the start of the year we wouldn't have been able to achieve this without the support of the school-partnered food agencies such as Kickstart for Kids and Foodbank. We would just like to acknowledge and take a moment to appreciate the 2 terms of weekly orders that supported us from Kickstart and now continued support from Foodbank SA/NT where we are currently receiving orders fortnightly. Some of the items that we receive through the orders are a variety of fresh fruit, sometimes vegetables, fresh loaves of bread, tins of spaghetti and fruit, staples like flour, milk, jams, vegemite and more. Because of this we are able to provide a range of breakfast options to our students on an ongoing basis.



In Art we made a Rainbow Serpent sculpture in celebration of NAIDOC week.



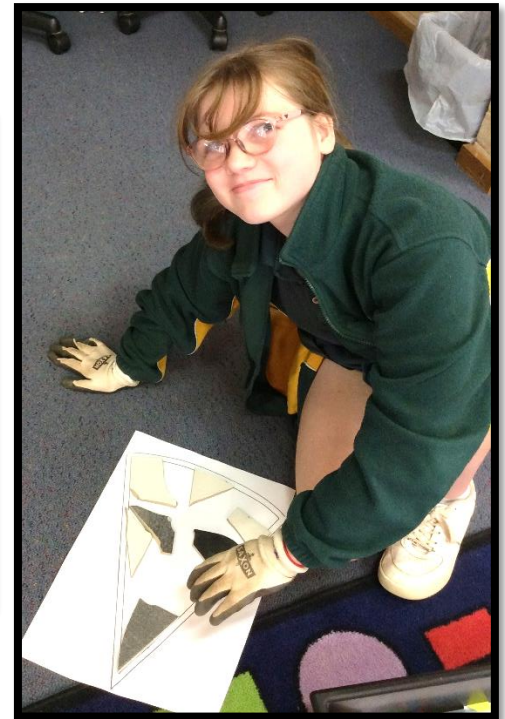
Rube Goldberg Machine

Rube Goldberg was an American cartoonist, engineer, and inventor, best known for his illustrations of complex machines designed to perform simple tasks in convoluted ways. These whimsical inventions, often called "Rube Goldberg machines," are characterised by a series of chain reactions that ultimately achieve a straightforward objective. Goldberg's work humorously highlights the complexity of modern technology and the human tendency to overcomplicate solutions. His legacy continues to inspire creativity and innovation, with many educational and engineering challenges encouraging participants to design their own Rube Goldberg machines. Check out ours, we were so proud of how it worked and we had a lot of fun.



Our Journey to Belonging: The creation of our Belonging Circle

At Robertstown Primary School, we are committed to fostering a strong sense of belonging and safety for all our students. In Semester 1, we focused on these areas as part of our whole school wellbeing initiative, and we are thrilled to see a marked improvement in student engagement and success. As part of this journey, we have been working on a special project: designing a Belonging Circle to be placed at the school entrance. This circle serves as a constant reminder of our school values and the importance of community. Throughout the process, I've captured photos of our students actively participating and collaborating, and I'm excited to share these moments with you. In addition to our Belonging Circle, we've been exploring the concept of the Learning Pit. This teaches us that when we learn something new, we often find ourselves in the "pit"—a place of challenge and uncertainty. However, it's in the pit that we develop problem-solving skills and strategies to overcome obstacles. With perseverance and support, we climb out of the pit and achieve success. Designing and creating a mosaic Belonging Circle is new learning for us all. Our motto, "We are ALL CREW, no passengers," reinforces the idea that we are all in this together, supporting each other through the ups and downs of learning. Thank you to Brenton Richards (parent) for assisting with the breaking of tiles for this important mosaic.



Little Town Productions Presents

Kick off ya BOOTS



COMMUNITY MOVIE EVENT
ROBERTSTOWN PEACE HALL

Friday 22nd August at 6pm

ADULTS: \$20 - Meal & Movie
CHILD (U15): \$10 - Meal & Kids Movie

For more information and tickets scan QR code
An initiative of Saints Fat Farmers



SCAN FOR TICKETS










FALCONS BASKETBALL

AGM

5PM THE ROBBIE HOTEL
17TH AUGUST



If you would like to attend
but can't please let Todd or
Kristen know, new members
wanted

ROBERTSTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

QUIZ NIGHT

Do you have what it takes to be the ultimate quiz champion?
Then, gather your friends and join us for Quiz Night.

BYO Nibbles / Bar Available for Drinks

FRIDAY, 19TH SEPTEMBER

STARTS AT 7 PM | ROBERTSTOWN BOWLING CLUB

PLEASE PHONE THE SCHOOL ON
(08) 8581 7127
FOR BOOKINGS

\$10 PER SEAT
OR
A TABLE OF 8



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