



Respect – Pride - Success



# Robertstown Primary School

Newsletter No.9 September 19<sup>th</sup> 2025

## Coming Events

### WEEK 10

**22<sup>nd</sup> September**

Culture Excursion

**24<sup>th</sup> September**

Parent Club 9am

**26<sup>th</sup> September**

Last Day of Term 3 ~

Early departure 2:30pm

### TERM 4

### WEEK 3

**29<sup>th</sup> October**

Governing Council

Dear Families,

I am delighted to announce that I have been appointed as Principal of Robertstown Primary School for the next 10 years, beginning at the start of the 2026 school year.

As Term 3 draws to a close, I am filled with pride reflecting on all that has been achieved by our students, staff, and wider school community. It has been a term highlighted by growth, connection, and exciting learning opportunities that showcase the unique strengths of Robertstown Primary School.

Our recent 3-way conferences were a wonderful success, giving students the chance to share their learning journey across English, Mathematics, Health and Physical Education, and Auslan. Students showed increased confidence in presenting their work to families, demonstrating not only their progress but also their pride in their achievements. It has been heartening to witness the improvement in outcomes and engagement across the term.

We also extend a big congratulations to James (Mr Sherwin) and Sophie on their recent wedding—a joyous moment for them and a celebration for our school family. Additionally, Mr Sherwin has been hard at work, attending the Positive Partnerships 2-day training and the Autism Inclusion Teacher (AIT) Annual Conference. He will bring his learning back into our classrooms, supporting staff to further develop inclusive practices over the coming weeks—a fantastic step forward for our school.

Our electives program in weeks 7, 8, and 9 provided students with the opportunity to explore new skills and create remarkable projects. From cooking to crafting and everything in between, the students' creativity has been on full display. Some of these items will be showcased at the Eudunda Show in November, and we can't wait to see the community appreciate their talent and hard work.

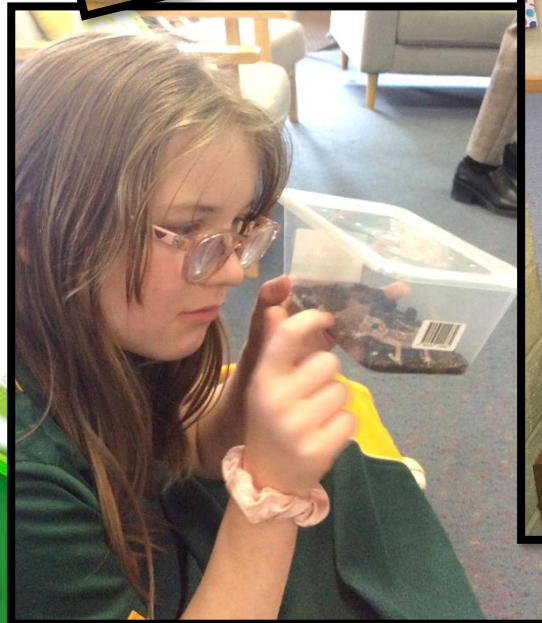
I am consistently encouraged by the effort and growth shown by our students and remain confident that the opportunities provided by our small school allow them to shine. Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to this incredible community.

Warm regards,

**Bronwyn Whitelaw**  
Principal

# News from Mrs Schutz

In Science we are studying the biological element this term. Our mini focus is on food chains, producers, consumers, decomposers and carnivores, herbivores, omnivores and the Animal Kingdom. In Technology we are in the process of designing, researching and making an enclosure to house an animal so that it can be happy, safe and have it's needs met. As part of our research we invited Jodie from the Farm Barn to bring her 'Travelling Zoo' to our school. Jodie and her daughter Sophie were a wealth of information and were able to tell us about the housing and health requirements for various animals. We were able to hold mini lop rabbits, guinea pigs, chicks, goslings, stick insects and a puppy! We also viewed many other reptiles and insects. The incursion was amazing and enjoyed by all staff and students.





Our SRC students have been busy again creating fun at school while raising money for our chosen charity. They made yummy milkshakes for our students, staff and school families. Yesterday they also held a 'Wheels Day'. Everyone enjoyed riding their bikes at school!

# Jam Band



Last week we travelled to Eudunda Area School and joined in with the Jam Band music performance. We gave the performance a 10/10, it was so much fun, we loved the songs and we laughed the whole time!

# Electives

Electives is one of our favourite times of the year! We ran our program across three weeks and students were able to choose from 11 different options. We learnt new skills and loved getting creative with activities we haven't tried before. Some of our favourites were making and cooking damper on the campfire, candle making, hat / coat hangers using woodwork, sewing our own pillows, lino printing, jewellery making, creating bags, rock painting and making Bull Roarers.





## Do you have a health care card? You could be eligible for Saver Plus.

For every dollar you save, you'll get a dollar from ANZ to spend on educational costs, up to \$500.

To join, you need to meet all of these requirements:

- ✓ Be 18 years or older
- ✓ Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- ✓ Have a child in school, starting school next year, or be studying yourself
- ✓ Get a regular income (can be you or your partner)
- ✓ Agree to join in free online financial education workshops

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## Guide for eligible savings goals



### Education items that are eligible:

- ✓ Textbooks
- ✓ Uniform mandatory for education (sports uniform included for children only)
- ✓ Computers and tablets (new or purchased second hand from a registered business with an ABN)
- ✓ Stationery (furniture for studying (desk, chair, bookshelves, desk lamp))
- ✓ Tutoring specific to study
- ✓ TAFE/VET fees
- ✓ Computer Accessories (peripheral software, the Microsoft Office suite, monitor, modem, printer, external hard drives, other hardware etc.)
- ✓ Bulk transport passes (monthly, 6 monthly and yearly passed to school, university, or TAFE)
- ✓ Equipment and industry specific clothing mandatory for vocational training. Please note that evidence must be provided to show that the equipment and/or clothing is a requirement for the course being undertaken.
- ✓ Short courses and conferences that complement the vocational training being undertaken.

### For children only the following educational items are also eligible:

- ✓ Children's Primary and Secondary School items that are eligible:
  - Excursions, trips, and camps
  - School bag, lunch box, drink bottle
  - School materials
  - Laptop Hire Scheme
  - School materials for specialist subject costs
  - School photos
- ✓ Children's club or community activity items (e.g., sport, music, dance, scouts/girl guides, cadets, art):
  - Membership fees and lesson fees such as swimming or piano lessons
  - Equipment and uniform
  - Excursions, trips, and camps

### NOT eligible:

- ✗ Private school fees
- ✗ Childcare fees and school holiday programs
- ✗ VET-FEE-HELP debts
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- ✗ Motor vehicles and accessories, driving lessons and car parking costs
- ✗ Medical or health equipment
- ✗ Glasses (prescription or otherwise)
- ✗ Mobile Phones, Mp3 Players, TVs, or gaming consoles
- ✗ Internet plans
- ✗ Shoes, clothes, or accessories for school formal
- ✗ Shoes, clothes, or accessories for outside school, including watches, wallets, and purses
- ✗ Non study related furniture
- ✗ Bicycles
- ✗ Gym memberships
- ✗ Second hand goods not through registered dealer (with ABN (Australian Business Number))
- ✗ Item purchased without a Tax Invoice that includes an ABN

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## Could Saver Plus help with your education costs?

### Saver Plus Information Sessions

We are running Information sessions for anyone thinking about joining the program and wants to learn more about how Saver Plus works.

Eligibility, income and participation criteria. To find out more head to <https://www.thesmithfamily.com.au/>.

To Register please use the QR Code or Zoom Link Below.



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## ROBERTSTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL



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

Nibbles and Drinks Available for Drinks

**FRIDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER**

**7 PM | ROBERTSTOWN BOWLING CLUB**

PLEASE PHONE THE SCHOOL ON

(08) 8581 7127  
FOR BOOKINGS

\$10 PER SEAT  
OR  
A TABLE OF 8

**New date:  
Friday 7<sup>th</sup>  
November. More  
information to  
follow early next  
term. Keep this  
date in mind, we  
can't wait to see  
you there!**

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