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Romsey Primary School Newsletter

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COMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY:

Tuesday 14th:

Meet the teacher 3.45-8pm

Wednesday 15th:

Book Club orders close

Thursday 16th:

School Council meeting

Monday 20th:

Working Bee & Sausage Sizzle
2.30-5.00pm

Tuesday 21st:

Helper information session 9.00am

Thursday 23rd:

District tennis
Meet the teacher 3.45-6pm
Helper information session 2.30pm

MARCH:

Wednesday 1st:

Semper Dental forms due back.

Friday 3rd:

District Summer Sport

Monday 6th:

Preps commence full time attendance.

Wednesday 8th:

Division Swimming

Thursday 9th:

School photo day

Monday 13th:

Labour Day public holiday

Saturday 18th:

Working Bee 9.00am-12 noon

We have had a great start to the 2017 year. Our preps have settled in very well to their full days at school. Currently they attend 4 days a week with each Wednesday off, in this time the children have been involved in 1:1 interviews and assessments with their teachers. Preps commence 5 days a week on Monday the 6th March, they are well on their way to being independent learners.

Assembly

We have had our first assembly with our new seating arrangement and it went very well. Congratulations to our new school captains on running their first assembly.

Meet the Teacher

Next Tuesday night is the first night of our Meet the Teacher sessions. We are looking forward to seeing all parents over the 2 nights. **This is a chance for parents to provide insight into their child/ren and their learning.** Our second session is next Thursday February 23. If you have not made a meeting time please contact the office to make a time or follow the **links on the flier in the newsletter.**

2017 School Council Nominations

We are seeking nominations for school council in 2017. If you would like to contribute to the school by being a part of the council please collect a nomination form from the office. Council nomination notice is on page 3.

Learning spaces

Please feel free to visit our newly refurbished area of the school. It is coming along nicely. Currently across the school students and teachers are co-designing the learning spaces to best fit their joint learning needs. This is a very important part of our work in engaging our learners in taking responsibility for their learning. Spaces designed only by teachers tend to make children feel like visitors in the teacher's classroom. We are aiming to have all learners feel ownership of their environment.

Working Bee

Our first working bee and sausage sizzle will be on Monday 20th Feb starting at 2:30pm-5pm. It will follow assembly which will start at 2pm. We are encouraging as many parents, grandparents and friends of the school as possible to attend. Please bring brooms, shovels and manual clippers and personal protective equipment (gloves, hats and closed in shoes). Our second working bee will be Saturday 18th March 9am – 12noon. I hope you can arrange your calendars to attend at least one of these dates. Our beautiful grounds need your help.

Semper Dental

Semper Dental notices are being sent home today. This is a service which brings dental care to the children at school under the Child Dental Benefits Schedule, this is funded by the Federal Government. The service comes at no cost to the school or eligible children, for children not covered by the scheme the cost is \$99. If you want your child to participate forms are due back on March 1st.

Helper information sessions.

Parent helpers will be able to start in classrooms in Week 6 of the term. Parents who wish to help in the classrooms must attend one of the parent helper sessions which will be held in Week 4. The sessions will be 9am -10am Tuesday 21st Feb and 2:30- 3:30pm Thursday 23rd Feb. Extra sessions will run if we have enough parents who require an alternative time. Parents will also require a current Working with Children Check. We can help you to obtain this if you do not have a current one. Please let the office know if you wish to attend the helper information sessions.

Happy learning,

Loren Peavey, Principal

Can You Help?

For tomorrow only we need volunteers for Fresh Fruit Friday to prepare fruit for the classrooms at 9.00am

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Sandpit Team

In 2017 we are wanting to build a sandpit near the courtyard area. Thanks to the Parent Committee we have enough money to start the project. In order to get this project up and running we need to bring together a team of willing volunteers from the school community for the planning and implementation. If you would like to be a part of the creation of this much needed resource please come to the office and put your name down. Our children really have missed having a sandpit to play in.



Awards to be presented Monday February 13th:

Organisation:

Caitlin R. 3/4BT for the preparation and presentation she showed with her Student Council speech.

Hayley C. 3/4 HT for showing care to the art room and her work station.

Getting Along:

Grace P. 5/6 MM for being positive and eager to learn.

Poppy A. Prep FH for being a delightful friend and helping others when they need it.

Makynli M. Prep TC for making a great start to Prep.

Confidence:

Tyler D. 1/2JH for being a fantastic helper and making good choices for his learning. Well done!!

Annastasia S. 1/2SW for settling into her new class and being positive and eager to learn.

London R. 1/2KC for making a positive start at Romsey Primary School.

Jesse H. 5/6 LS for being positive in his approach to his perspective drawing .

Persistence:

Scarlett J. 1/2JH for showing creativity and taking her time to create her name art.

Felicity M. 3/4IS For persisting to write an engaging speech when applying for Student Council representative.

Abigail B 5/6 LS for displaying fantastic persistence with two class tasks this week, even when feeling nervous about them.



Our award winners from assembly last Monday.

Student Enrolment Information

All students have received a printout today of the information we have on our enrolment records. Please check all of this information carefully and note any changes on the forms. These should then be signed on the front page and sent back to the school no later than Wednesday February 22nd. Even if there are no changes you are still required to return the signed form.

Book Club

The first Book Club magazine for the year has been distributed to students. If you wish to purchase from this edition of Book Club please send your orders to school by Wednesday February 15th.

Scholastic Book Club LOOP is now enabled for parents to order and pay directly online. If you search Scholastic Book Club Loop you will find the page to register for this service. If you click on the HELP tab it will guide you through the registering and ordering process. You will need to order on or before February 15th.

Sports Report

Division Swimming

If there are any students who would like to be entered into the Division Swimming Championships in Bendigo on March 8th Please see Annie Horton ASAP. This event is for the winners of all the District competitions which our sport district doesn't have. Therefore any students wishing to go MUST be competent swimmers of squad level.

School Council News

Our first School Council meeting is on **Thursday 16th February 2017**

Eight parent vacancies exist for the 2017 School Council and I would like to announce the Notice of Election and Call for Nominations. The March School Council meeting is on Wednesday 15th March for the new School Council for 2017. The Annual General Meeting will be held before the March meeting. The five positions are for a 2 year period

School Council Elections 2017

What is a school council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within centrally provided guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on the school council?

For most school councils, there are three possible categories of membership:

A mandated elected Parent category – more than one third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Training (DET) employees can be Parent members at their child's school as long as they are not employed at the school. We have 10 parents on our School Council.

A mandated elected DET employee category – members of this category may make up no more than one-third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members. There are 5 DET members.

An optional Community member category – members are coopted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DET employees are not eligible to be Community members. On School Council we do not have any Community members though Steve Westbury is coopted to the Facilities Subcommittee.

Why is Parent membership so important?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school. Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

How can you become involved?

The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant. In view of this, you might seriously consider standing for election as a member of the school council or encourage another person to stand for election.

Do I need special experience to be on school council?

No. What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future. Ask at the office for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do.

Consider standing for election to council this year

Be sure to vote in the elections.

Schedule 4: Notice of Election and Call for Nominations

An election is to be conducted for members of the School Council of Romsey Primary School.

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by

4.00 pm on Friday 24th February 2017

If a ballot is required it will close at 4.00 pm on Friday 6th March 2017.

Parent members positions to be filled:

Adam Brown

Amanda Lepore

Kate North

Christine Diamond

James Collins

Xavier Delattre

And 2 vacant positions

This means there are 8 parent positions for a 2 year term:

DET Employees positions to be filled:

Simone Wood Jo Emond and 1 vacant position

Nomination Forms can be collected from the office along with the School Council Handbook. I would encourage parents who are considering nominating to speak to a present member of School Council or myself for additional information.

School Council members who are not up for re-election are:-

Elizabeth McDonell

Kaye Walker

Leanne Stewart



Book School Interviews Online

Dear Parents

Our Meet the Teacher sessions will be held on **Tuesday the 14th Feb (3:45pm – 8pm) and Thursday 23rd Feb (3:45pm – 6:30pm)**. These sessions are designed for you to share any pertinent information in relation to your learner with their new teacher. It is also an opportunity for you to get to know your child's classroom teacher for 2017. These sessions are not to be viewed as parent teacher interviews.

Bookings for the sessions can be made by following the link below or by contacting the office.

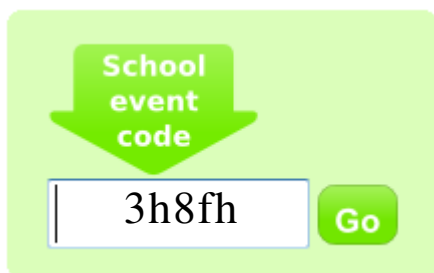
I encourage all parents to attend these sessions as the relationship between school and home is vital to the success of your child's learning journey.

Interviews will be of 10 minutes duration.

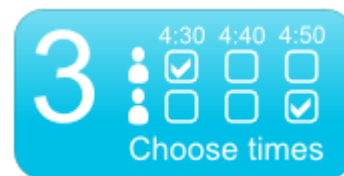
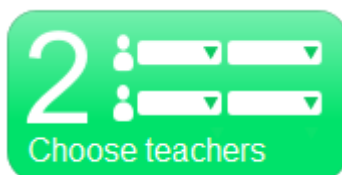
You can now book interviews at times that suit **YOUR FAMILY BEST**.

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these simple instructions.

Kind regards



Enter THIS school event code.
Then follow the 3 simple steps.



When you click **finish**, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically - **check your junk mail folder** if you do not receive your email immediately.

You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time, and change your interviews - until bookings close.

For parents that don't have access to the internet at home, at work, at a friend's house or on their phones, reception staff will be available at the **Front Office**, to make bookings. Parents may also send a note to school with the approximate times they require, or phone the school on 54295 099. Interviews are strictly 10mins and spaces are limited. If you require more time, please contact your teacher directly to make alternative arrangements.

Parents can change their interview bookings, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address, you used when you made your original booking. Parents wishing to change their interview times after the closing date should contact the school directly on: 54295 099