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Romsey Primary School Newsletter

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Our School Values Are: *Resilience Respect Responsibility*

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COMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY:

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

Friday 24th:

Meal Deal lunch orders close

MARCH:

Wednesday 1st:

Semper Dental forms due back.

Coffee, cake & conversation

Friday 3rd:

District Summer Sport

Monday 6th:

Preps commence full time attendance.

Wednesday 8th:

Division Swimming

Thursday 9th:

School photo day

Friday 10th:

Meal Deal day—no other canteen this day

Monday 13th:

Labour Day public holiday

Saturday 18th:

Working Bee 9.00am-12 noon

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Working Bee

Next Monday February 20th from 2.30pm to 5.00pm

Come along and give our beautiful grounds
some TLC!



All students are requested to
bring a named bucket and a
pair of gardening or rubber
gloves to school on Monday.



Parents—you are encouraged to join
your children from 2.30pm and it
would be great if you could
bring shovels and wheelbarrows.

Our aim is to spread as much mulch as
possible in our garden beds.

Everyone who helps out with our working bee
is welcome to join in the
sausage sizzle at the
end of the day.



Settling In

It has been fantastic to be able to get around to all the classrooms and observe how quickly the children have settled and how well they have adapted to the classroom routines with their new teachers. It has been wonderful to see our Prep children in the classroom and in the playground all so happy and engaged with their peers. It has also been really pleasing to see the way the older children have welcomed our Prep children and new children to the school and made them feel so special and welcome. Well done everybody.

Warm weather

The warmer weather brings an important reminder about the need for children to have their school hats and drink bottles at school every day. Please ensure that these items are included as children pack their school bags each day.

The school hat is compulsory in Terms One and Four of each school year. Our preference is for hats to be left here at school.

Meet the Teacher

Our first Meet the Teacher session took place on Tuesday night with many families taking the opportunity to provide teachers with valuable insight into our child/ren and their learning. Our second session is next Thursday 23rd February, 3:45pm – 6:30pm. 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. Nominations are to be lodged no later than 4pm Friday 24th February. On behalf of the School Council I would like to extend thanks to the retiring members who have made valuable contributions to School Council. Adam Brown, Kate North, James Collins and Amanda LePore. Please do not hesitate to come and have a chat if you have any questions regarding School Council.

Working Bee

Our first working bee and sausage sizzle will take place next **Monday 20th Feb** starting at 2:30pm- 5pm. It will follow assembly which will start at 2pm. We are hoping many parents, grandparents and friends of the school will 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.

Emergency Procedures

In the coming weeks we will be practising our emergency procedure schedules. It is vital your child is signed in at the office by an adult if they arrive after 9am each morning, OR signed out from the office if they are leaving the school before 3:30pm. Also parents who come during school hours to volunteer in a classroom or activity are required to sign in at the office. In the case of an emergency we must have all students and visitors accounted for at all times. Thank you in advance for your support.

Coffee, Cake and Conversation

The first Coffee Cake and Conversation for the year will be held on Wednesday 1st March 9 am – 10am to look at the revamped Mission statement and Values for the school. This work is the result of the student, parent and teacher forums held last year as part of the School Review. Come along and be a part of how we will be working with our learners. Meet other parents and sit down and talk about the learning at RPS. Our Parent Committee will also be present to talk with us about the activities for 2017. Please come along and be a part of your child's learning journey

Semper Dental

Permission 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

CSEF**Camps Sports and Excursions Fund**

Application forms for 2017 are now available. If you are the holder of a valid means-tested concession card, please request an application form from the office.

Parent applications close 23rd June 2017

Late applications cannot be accepted.

The office needs to sight and take a copy of your concession card as per the CEF policy.

If you are unsure whether you are eligible or not, please see Bernie Carter at the school office.

Awards to be presented on Monday February 20th:**Organisation:**

Paige L. 1/2JH for organising her show and tell promptly and expressing the topic precisely.

Charlie W. 5/6LS for the great start to the year and the pride he is showing in the presentation of his work.

Getting Along:

Tylan S. 1/2 KC for being an inclusive class member.

Ruby D. Prep TC for sitting nicely and listening to all instructions.

Shaeley M. 3/4IS for handing in Pokemon cards that were lost in the yard.

Confidence:

Aiden S. 1/2SW for his fantastic effort making groups of ten in maths.

Georgia E. 3/4BT for being positive and eager to learn.

Tayden A. 5/6ND for focussed and confident playing during Music.

Jaeda C. 1/2KC for working tough to create her Pop Art.

Persistence:

Jay A. Prep FH for unjumbling a tricky sentence and not giving up.

Dylan P. 5/6 LS for concentrating and taking his time by adding detail to his city perspective Art piece.

Lucy D. 3/4BT for having ago and trying her best to use oil pastels on her Lion Art piece.

Marcus G. 3/4SH for making sure his handwriting is neat and on the lines.

Advance Notice: Photo Day

School photo day is Thursday March 9th. Photo envelopes will be sent home with students shortly.

**Conveyance Allowance - Term 1**

Conveyance Allowance is paid to parents/guardians to assist them with the transport cost of driving their child/ren to and from school.

For students to be eligible for Conveyance Allowance they must:

- Be aged over 5 years by April 30 2017
- Live more than 4.8km by the shortest practicable route from the nearest bus stop
- Be enrolled at the nearest government school

Applications close March 10, 2017

Late applications cannot be accepted.

Forms are available from the office. If you wish to check your eligibility please see Bernie Carter at the office.



Our award winners from assembly on Monday.

Meal Deal Day - Friday March 10th - \$6.50

Order forms for our special Meal Deal Day though the canteen were sent home yesterday. Please note that orders and payments need to be returned to the school no later than Friday February 24th. Late orders will not be accepted. Please also note that there is no other lunch orders available on this day.

Student Banking

Each Tuesday children have the opportunity to participate in student banking through the Bendigo Bank. Parents can set up a school banking account and children can bring their bank books and deposits to school each Tuesday. This is a great way to encourage children to develop good savings habits. Please see the Romsey branch of the Bendigo Bank if you want your child to participate.

Head Lice

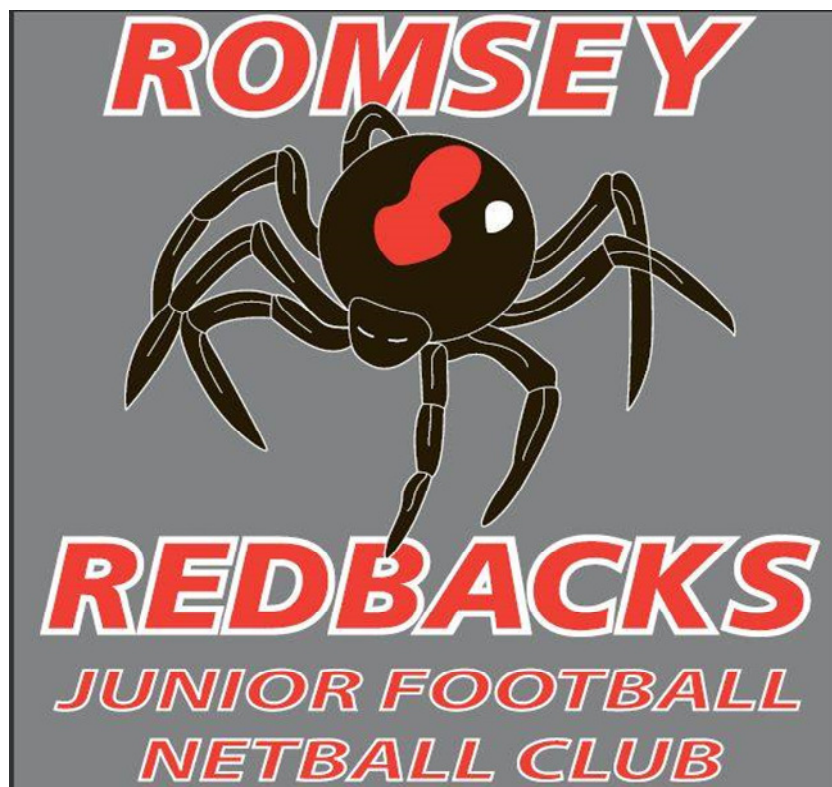
There have been some reported cases of head lice at school. We ask that parents please check their children for head lice and treat them as needed, and treat again 7 days later. Constant vigilance is needed to keep on top of this problem and we thank you for your efforts.

Canteen Volunteers Needed

If you can spare some time to help out in the canteen please contact Trish, the canteen manager, via the office. You do not require food hygiene training, but you do need to have a current Working With Children check to volunteer. Please note that for health and safety reasons, you cannot bring children with you when working in the canteen.

Have you returned:

- ◆ Student enrolment information—whether there are changes or not, these need to be returned as soon as possible
- ◆ Year 5/6 Camp form and \$50 deposit—due Monday February 20th
- ◆ Expressions of interest for Somers Camp—due Monday February 20th
- ◆ Sempler Dental—forms due March 1st



U10s FOOTBALL

**INTERESTED IN JOINING THE MIGHTY REDBACKS
TRAINING IS STARTING NEXT WEEK, DETAILS BELOW:**

WHEN: THURSDAY 23RD FEBRUARY 2017

TIME: 5PM – 6PM

ALL NEW PLAYERS WELCOME

www.facebook.com/RomseyJuniorFootballClub

Student Council

Congratulations to the following students who have been elected by their peers to represent their classes and all students on our 2017 Student Council:

Nathan Wilmann (BT)
Caitlin Rowe (BT)
Jonathan Steven (MM)
Grace Phillips (MM)
Noah Hartney (SHT)
Jordyn Tadd (SHT)
Campbell Bryant (IS)
Edie Langman (IS)
Gabriel Calovic (LS)
Lucy Bloomfield (LS)
Nick Porter (ND)
Janae Candzoukovski (ND)

2017 School Term Dates

Term 1: 31st January to 31st March
Term 2: 18th April to 30th June
Term 3: 17th July to 22nd September
Term 4: 9th October to 22nd December

Fresh Fruit Friday

Unfortunately our sponsor for Fresh Fruit has been unable to continue the programme weekly this year, but we will be having fresh fruit in the classrooms on the first and last Fridays of each term. Thank you Lisa from the fruit shop for supporting our school so well.

Dates for Camps 2017:

5/6 Camp to City Camp – 26th – 28th April
3/4 Camp to Billabong Ranch in Echuca. 9th – 11th Aug
Somers Camp – 23rd—30th May.

Violin Lessons

Violin lessons are offered at Romsey Primary School under our extra-curricula music programme. Lessons will commence on Friday February 17th for those students who are already involved in the programme. If there are any students who may be interested in learning violin they can see the violin teacher Rita Vandervalk in the music room at recess time on Friday for more information.