Principal’s Update
By Margaret Berry

P&C FUNDS TO AIRCONDITION THE MUSIC ROOM
The P&C this week contributed funds to aircondition the music room. Ms Vanderbyl and music classes will be able to enjoy their music lessons right through the hottest summer days. Thank you P&C.

SCHOOL SAFETY
The crossing supervisor has reported that parents are parking in no-parking areas near the school crossing. They are also reporting that students are being dropped off in the middle of the road. There is significant concern for the safety of children when parents do not observe the parking and road rules. I ask parents to be patient and take extra care in observing parking signs and in dropping off and picking up students.

SCHOOL COUNCIL
The School Council met this week. Mr Andrew Grant, ICT Coordinator, gave a presentation on the BYOD 1:1 iPad trial.

Other topics discussed:
- School Enrolment for 2016
- Investing for Success Funding
- LOTE program and sister school
- Draft Strategic Plan

This was the final meeting for the School Council Chair, Mr Craig Bowie. Craig will step down as Chair and parent rep on the School Council after 9 years in the position. We wish to thank him for the years of service and commitment to this role. Mr Paul Tseng and Mr Pavneesh Gupta have also completed their term on the School Council. Although they can nominate for a second term, we would also like to thank them for their input to the Council.

Nominations are now sought for three parent rep positions on the School Council. If you are interested in nominating for one of these positions please collect a nomination form from the school office. Nominations need to be submitted by Monday 7 December.

CONGRATULATIONS MR ROSTRON AND TEAMS
Last weekend three teams competed in invitational weekend sporting events. This was a first for Robertson to compete in weekend team sport competitions. The teams achieved some significant results. Thank you to parents, Mrs Grafton and Mr Rostron for organisation. See results in Sporting News.

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We are only just over a week away from the commencement of our annual swimming program. Please ensure that you have paid for your child to attend. Being water safe is absolutely vital in our country – there are still child drownings every year which is very sad.

As you have been informed previously this is a learn to swim program with groups differentiated for all children. If your child can already swim, that is fine. As a parent in the same situation, I looked at it as another opportunity for my children to undertake a fun activity, that they were good at, that would help keep them fit and healthy.

Please ensure you label all of your child’s swimming equipment. There is always lots of lost property after these two weeks.

**WRITING**

I just thought I would share with you some of the amazing things your children are doing in the classroom. We have introduced everyday writing this term with the goal of helping every child develop a love of writing and also to develop stamina in this area, allowing their thoughts to flow and their hand to relax and not get tired.

Whilst visiting classrooms, I have seen some amazing writing. In Prep yesterday, I complimented a child on his amazing piece of writing. He just shrugged and said “Fred had better get a move on though or he won’t make his target”.

Whilst in Year 2, a couple of weeks ago, the classroom was full of adults and not one child was distracted from their writing and totally ignored us all. That might sound rude but that is exactly what we want – them to be so into what they are doing that they are not distracted.

Well done students and teachers, it will be a long journey but we will travel the road together.

**INSTRUMENTAL RECRUITMENT NIGHTS**

This year we are having two evenings for recruitment due to the vast number of students exhibiting an interest in Year 2 to play an instrument next year.

This week we had the Year 3 students also for a combined evening. Next week is only for the Year 2s invited to attend. Once this second meeting has taken place, the instrumental music teachers will proceed to test the children on the instruments to check for suitability and offers will be made on 23 November.

This year we will only be recruiting 18 strings players and 24 band players for group lessons.

However, this does not mean that your Year 2 or Year 3 child can not be part of the program. If they are learning a suitable instrument privately, they are more than welcome to make an appointment with the instrumental music teacher in charge of the appropriate ensemble type (Mrs Gray – Strings; Ms Mothershaw & Mr Bryer – Band) and request an audition for one of the groups.

**PLAYGROUP REMINDER**

Thank you to all of the families who have been attending our new playgroup each Thursday morning. I just love seeing all of the children (and parents) enjoying themselves and making new friends. They are going to be so ready for school next year.

Play group will run for two more weeks, with the final week being on Thursday 26 November.

**START DATE 2016**

The first day of school in 2016 will now be Wednesday 27 January.

**GALA DAY**

Congratulations and thank you to all the senior students who participated in the most recent Gala Day. The success of these days is a tribute to the ‘Robertson Team Spirit’ with a special acknowledgement extended to our parent volunteers, the coaches and our administration staff in the office who coordinate the logistics with external agencies.

Once again in 2015 we had exceptional participation rates and our students performed competitively in the sporting arena.

**YEAR 6 GRADUATION**

Graduation is in the preparation stages and we ask you to please remember to RSVP to Ms Balladone or ring the office on 3452 4111. Students were excited to take home the invitation and have mentioned they were in the initial discussions, with their parents, on what they should wear on the evening.

Robertson State School takes a great deal of pride in our students and we have certain guidelines for this ceremony which we would like to communicate for your consideration.

**Dress Code:**

- **Boys:**
  - Long pants/trousers – blue jeans are not acceptable.
  - Shirt with a collar and sleeves, tucked in.
  - Enclosed dress shoes.

- **Girls:**
  - Smart casual dress/pants – knee length with no revealing tops.
  - Full length dresses are not required.
  - Sensible shoes – no high heels (girls need to be able to dance and walk up and down steps safely).

Due to the lengthy formalities of the evening siblings, particularly younger siblings may not be able to sit still and keep quiet during the presentations. Parents should be mindful of this requirement in making a decision about who should attend.

The cost per guest (including students) for the food and beverages served on the evening will be $15.00 per person. This can be paid to the office by cash or credit card, all payments will close by Friday 27 November.

**SCHOOL UNIFORMS- LOST PROPERTY**

The last few weeks have presented with unpredictable weather and students have needed to utilise all aspects of the school uniform to protect against the elements. The cleaners and staff on playground duty have reported a number of hats, jumpers and jackets found in the school grounds. These have been taken to the lost property box outside the administration area and near the Music and PE room.

The clothing labelled with a student’s name is able to be returned, and we ask that if you are missing an item you check the lost property area. A friendly reminder, please label all items of clothing and school equipment. If you do find a jumper or hat accidentally comes home, if it is labelled, return it to the office as they may be able to track down the owner. Alternatively, returning it to the lost property box would also be appreciated.
Before and after school hours formal supervision

Parents are reminded that the school does not provide formal teacher playground supervision before and after school. Teachers are involved in professional development activities and teacher meetings. Children should proceed directly home at the conclusion of the school day or be in the care of their parents or Outside School Hours Care.

Children should not arrive at school before 8:30 am in the morning unless they are enrolled at Outside School Hours Care or are taking part in a formally organised school activity such as Chess Club or Choir. Children not involved in these activities must sit outside the office undercover area until 8:30 am.

Please note that the library also does not provide supervision for children before and after school. Students and parents should not enter unless there is a supervising staff member or are attending a specific program and have been invited in by staff.

We want all Robertson SS students to be kept safe at all times especially before and after school times where there is no staff supervision.

Music News

We had a very informative Instrumental Recruitment Night on Monday with 60 excited children and their parents hearing all about the program for 2016. Please return your acceptance forms etc to the green letter box asap, or we may have to select more students who are on the waiting list.

Senior Choir at 7:30 am this week.

Date Claimers:

Monday 30 November at 6:00 pm, End of Year Instrumental Concert for all Bands and Strings Children. Gold coin entry with lucky door prizes.

Wednesday 9 December at 10:00 am. Junior Concert for all Preps, Years1, 2 & 3s. Wonderful items by all children for you to enjoy, with special prizes too.

Wednesday 9 December at 5:00 pm. Breakup Sausage Sizzle, Caroling Walk and Concert at Brooklands Retirement Village. Notes coming home soon with details.

Cheers
Miss V

Musician of the Week:

Cantible | Jason & Lara
Songbird | Rachel & Declan
Corelli | Jamie P
Vivaldi | Tahlia P
Paganini | Harini S
Hultgren | Michael C

LOTE News

Ni Hao! 你好

LOTE assessments will commence this week. Year 4 to Year 6 students are required to sit the tests and conduct their group presentation as scheduled. Please remind your students to prepare for these
assessments to achieve their learning goals. If they are going to be away or miss the assessments, please contact Ms Hsieh in person or email yhsie5@eq.edu.au to arrange the catch-up time by week 8 before reporting.

- As part of the exploring the LOTE topic “food”, the parent volunteers in 3/4C will demonstrate how to make Chinese dumplings with the students in class next week. Please complete and return the permission form to Ms Hsieh by next Tuesday, 17 November.

Have fun 3/4C!

Some free Chinese apps for reference:

**Chinese Writer** - learn how to write thousands of Chinese characters - it’s educational, entertaining and addictive! — It’s easy to play —by Molatra

**Dictionary & Flash cards** - learn Chinese with an amazing dictionary and flash card system. This app will teach you Chinese, with a free and complete dictionary, thousands of vocab lists, example sentences, audio recordings, measure words and character animations - and a powerful flash card system featuring handwriting training! - by Molatra

**iLearn Chinese Characters Lite** - this app introduces Chinese characters to non-native speakers or young kids in a fun and intuitive way: to understand their origins as pictures of the objects they represent - by YOYASOFT LLC

**Today’s sentences**
- It is rainy. 下雨了 xià yǔ le
- It is windy. 刮风了 guā fēng le
- This game is fun/interesting. 这个游戏好玩/有趣 zhè ge yóu xì hǎo wán/yǒu qù

Xièxiè! (谢谢)
Ms Hsieh (谢老师 LOTE Teacher)

**PE News**

What an exciting week for Robertson sport. Last weekend saw a number of firsts for our school along with the final Gala Day of the year. At the AFL Gala Day, I saw what were easily some of the best and most competitive games of the semester by our students. I was particularly proud of the girl’s team in their final game which saw the ball travelling from one end of the field to the other. On our return to school, it was clear from the faces I saw and the students, teachers and parents I spoke with, that the day was a success even if the score board said something different at times.

A new experience for Robertson SS was participation in three different invitational sporting events.

Friday night saw a junior girls and a senior mixed team compete in swimming at the Sleeman Sports Complex. Each team competed in a freestyle and medley event. Both teams raced extremely well with the girls finishing the highest ranked state school for one of their events. Well done to all the swimming team.

Saturday had two teams competing at the Brisbane International Tennis Centre. The teams were involved in the Brisbane International Schools Challenge. Both teams competed against some very accomplished opposition and won a number of their games.

Saturday and Sunday saw a team contest the Queensland All schools Touch Football competition. The team was undefeated in all of their games on the Saturday which placed them in the top division for the Sunday games. Robertson was knocked out in an extraordinary game that saw extra time where each team was reduced eventually down to three players only on the field.

Thank you to all teachers and parents for helping out with coaching and providing your time in making the Gala Days throughout the year a fantastic experience for the children. A special thank you to Mrs Grafton for helping as team manager at the tennis, Mrs Rapata and Mrs Brown at swimming and Mrs Unicomb and all the parents at Touch. It was an exceptional effort by all our sporting students and I look forward to more next year.

Chris Rostron
PE Teacher
Library News

BOOK FAIR IS ALMOST HERE!

Our next Book Fair begins on Tuesday 17 November at 3:00 pm, and continues daily from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm until Monday 23 November. Join us to check out lots of fantastic books, raffles, competitions and prizes. Books start from just $3 each. All purchases help us to earn free resources for our school.

BOOK CLUB

Issue 8 has been sent home this week. All orders are due by 4:00 pm Monday 23 November. Cash orders can be placed at the office, in a sealed envelope. Credit card orders can be placed online at scholastic.com.au/LOOP or via the iOS or android LOOP apps. Thank you to everyone who has supported Book Club this year.

BORROWING ENDS

Borrowing for 2015 finishes this Friday. All library books are due for return no later than Friday 20 November. Please look out for overdue notices coming home in the coming weeks. It is important that all books are returned on time to enable us to begin our stocktake procedures.

ALTERNATIVES TO BORROWING

While school borrowing has now ended for the year, there are still many options for children to continue reading as we head towards the holidays. Most public libraries offer holidays reading rewards programs, and membership to your local council library is free! Children can also read from a huge variety of genres at home: recipes, menus, catalogues, magazines, game instructions, digital books, apps... and of course any books in your own home collections. Students can also access the Queensland State Schools Digital Library using their school MIS ID to log in.

Ms Claire Ennis
Teacher Librarian

Gifted News

WRITING COMPETITION

The last Schools Writing Competition for 2015 is now open. A great way to practice your writing and possibly win a prize.

Write a poem or short story for your chance to win $1000 cash ($500 for you and $500 for your school) as well as one of the awesome prizes below. Entry is FREE! Entries close Friday 20 November, 2015.

Entry forms can be collected from the Library or you can refer to the official competition website to enter online or for more details.
Enter online: www.write4fun.net
Email: admin@write4fun.net
Mail to: PO Box 2734, Nerang DC, 4211
Good luck everyone!

THE QUEENSLAND ASSOCIATION FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED CHILDREN (QAGTC)

The South Branch of QAGTC is a growing group of parents, educators and other friends who have an interest in the development and nurturing of gifted children in our community.

QAGTC South – Upcoming Events

Cool Gifts for Gifted Students
Students with advanced intellect enjoy ‘out of the ordinary’ and ‘mind stretching’ gifts that appeal to their passions and unique way of thinking. However this is not always an easy thing for parents to source. Come and find out about some cool gifts for gifted kids and share your tips and tricks. Save yourself some Christmas shopping heartache.

When: Thursday, 19 November 2015 - 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
Where: Robertson State School, Admin Block

Zoe Grafton
G&T Coordinator

Chess News

WELL DONE!

There were 10 students that participated in the Brisbane Individual Age Championship for chess. These students placed in the top 3 for their age group:

2005: 3rd place: Lucas S
2006: 3rd place: Daniel T
2007: 1st place: Dillon F
2010: 2nd place: Yang Hian P.

Yang Hian P in PI won against other students a year or two older than him (2008 & 2009). He had a draw against the student who won 2nd place for 2008.

A merit ribbon was also awarded to Ethan H.

Though this was an event that recognised individual talents in chess ability for the age groups represented, the students from our school were awarded the most medals. Congratulations everyone!
GOOD LUCK FOR THE FUTURE JASON C
My how time flies! The moment had arrived, last month, that Jason C was playing his last Primary School chess tournament representing RSS.

Jason joined the chess club in third term during his Prep year. I still remember his first tournament when he was in Prep. His first game was played against a year 7 boy. He surprised myself and Ms Ennis by beating his opponent. When Ms Ennis came to me to advise of the win, I thought it was a mistake, until I saw the poor student who lost the game was being teased by his fellow players that he lost to a prep student.

Since then Jason has built his confidence during his journey in chess. He started playing in the premier team when he was Year One, contributing to the chess team to win every single Interschool chess tournament. In 2014, the RSS team did a great job in defeating the Gold Coast Somerset team and Brisbane Boys Grammar to claim the Queensland title in the Interschool chess tournament. Individual wise, he was Queensland champion under 8 and under 10.

The school will follow his chess career as he progresses into high school.

P & C News
It’s been a busy week in the P&C. The family portrait day was a great success, we elected a new Assistant Treasurer at this month’s P&C meeting (welcome Karen Liao) and the fete committee for 2016 has been formed. The P&C also approved funding for the airconditioning for the Music room. This will provide a much more comfortable environment for everyone involved in the music program (and Miss V) during the hot summer months in early 2016 (and maybe the tail end of this year if it gets installed in time).

THINGS TO LOOK OUT FOR THIS TERM:
Working Bee – Saturday 14 November - this will now be a morning event only with no BBQ (from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm). We need as many people as we can get.

Disco – Wednesday 2 December. See attached flyer.

Don’t forget to check out the P&C website for the latest news and event info.

FAMILY PORTRAIT FUNDRAISER
Thank you to all the families that supported our family portrait fundraiser last Sunday. We hope you love your photos! Your photos will be available for viewing and collection at your nominated time on 26 November in the Boardroom.

NEXT MEETING
The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 8 December 2015 from 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm. This is the last meeting for the year. Members please send any requests for agenda items to pandc@robertsonss.eq.edu.au.

SCHOOL BANKING NEWS
School banking is as usual this Friday. Please place your completed deposit book in the green bin located in the administration building before 9:00 am Friday morning.

Marketing News
Please support our Sponsors from Spring Fest 2015 – contact me for more information on these businesses.

Did you know Extragreen Holidays are a travel agent located in Sunnybank behind Market Square shopping centre. They offer some great deals on specialised holidays and can help you with any of your travel needs. Extragreen holidays offer all adventures from passes for a day out at Dreamworld, a tour of Mt Tamborine to interstate or overseas holidays.

Contact them today for your next holiday or day out.
www.extragreen.com.au or on 07 3105 1450.
Quote of the week:
Believe you can and you’re halfway there. – Theodore Roosevelt

Mel Kennedy
Communications & Marketing Manager
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mkenn213@eq.edu.au

Uniform Shop News

HOLIDAY OPENING TIMES
Below are the extra opening times for the Uniform Shop in January 2016.

Holiday Hours:
Thursday 21 January –
9:00 am - 2:00 pm
Friday 22 January –
9:00 am - 2:00 pm
Saturday 23 January –
9:00 am - 2:00 pm
FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL ONLY
Monday 25 January
8:30 am - 10:30 am
and 2:00 pm - 3:45 pm
Tuesday 26 January -
Closed Public Holiday
Wednesday 27 January –
8:30 am - 10:30 am
Thursday 28 January –
8:30 am - 10:30 am
Friday 29 January –
8:30 am - 10:30 am

Tuckshop News

Tuckshop Opening Times
9:00 am - 2:00 pm Tuesday -
Friday www.flexischools.com.au

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Bill Walker 3P |
| Thursday| Linh Ly  
Di Slack (9am - 10am)  
Anita Chang (10 am - 11am)  
Sandi Beckman |
| Friday| Kelly Lee  
Candy (10am - 11am)  
Jayne Tacon 3P |

TUCKSHOP VOLUNTEERS
Thank you to all classes who have sent their volunteers to help in tuckshop in the past few weeks. However, we do desperately need help from our classes. N.B. If you have a volunteer in your class who already regularly volunteers at tuckshop please do not include them as one of your helpers as we need extra hands on top of what we already have rostered.

Please see below for the list of dates of classes on the roster for the rest of this term required to send a volunteer each day. Volunteers are needed between 9:00 am – 11:00 am Tuesday through to Friday. Even if a couple of volunteers do an hour each to cover the time period.

Please email your volunteer’s names and the day that they can help to the tuckshop at: rssstuckshop@gmail.com.

Week 7:
3P (17/11/15 - 20/11/15)

Week 8:
3V (24/11/15 - 27/11/15)

Week 9:
3/4C (01/12/15 - 04/12/15)

Week 10:
4B (8/12/15 - 10/12/15)

Chaplaincy News

CHAPEEZE STICKS
Make your lips look and feel great. Chapeeze sticks are made from flavoured lip balm. They are now available to buy at the Tuckshop.

Cost: $4
Flavours: Caramel, Natural, Tropical (Mango, Coconut, Pineapple), Latte Lip and Red Currant.
All funds raised go to support chaplaincy in our school.
Chaplain Ben Chapman
“bringing hope to a young generation

THANK YOU
Thank you to everyone who participated in the Silly Socks Chaplaincy Free Dress Day. It was a great success and raised $755 for Chaplaincy. It was lots of fun to see so many silly socks’ on the day! The winning class, 5H raised $56 and were each rewarded with ice blocks by Mr Chapman. The second class who raised the most was 4M with $41, and third was PIY with $39. Well done everyone and thank you for your support for Chaplaincy.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
CHRISTMAS BREAKUP CONCERT
The R.E. Christmas Breakup Concert will be held on Friday, 27 November at 12:45 pm in the Assembly Hall, for all students doing Religious Education from Year 1 to Year 6. Can all students please bring a gold coin donation towards the cost of the concert. All parents are invited.
Nicky Stirling
Religious Education Co-ordinator
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- Michael Hancock – Broncos NRL
- K-Mart Sunnybank Plaza
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- Dan Murphy’s Sunnybank
COMMUNITY NEWS

SPEECH AND DRAMA SHOW
Every two years the Speech and Drama students present their own show in a professional theatre to an audience.

This year it will be held at Faith Lutheran College, Beveridge Road, Thornlands – In The Creative Arts Building.

45 Robertson Students will present their own show entitled “DREAMS”. The lead character – Chris G (Year 5) will have many dreams that are acted out by his fellow drama mates. A birthday scene, a famous scene even a nightmare scene will be presented. Full lighting and sound will be used: A smoke machine and UV lights will be used. This is only an hour show and it is a show appropriate for all ages.

If you would like to buy tickets come to the music room after school on Friday and tickets will be available to purchase.

The show will be on Sunday the 22 November at 5:15 pm. Tickets are $10 for adults and $5 for school aged children. Please come and support your friends.
Robertson State School
NEWSLETTER
12 November 2015

Principal's Update

P&C FUNDS TO AIRCONDITION THE MUSIC ROOM 家長會撥款安裝音樂教室的空調
本周，家長會為音樂教室安裝空調項目撥款，這樣Ms Vanderbyl的音樂課將迎來一個清涼的夏天，感謝家長會！

SCHOOL SAFETY 學校安全
交通執勤老師彙報說家長在不允許停車區域停車，有的家長還在馬路中間讓孩子下車，這樣不遵守交通規則的行為對於孩子來說是非常危險的，在此我希望家長能夠耐心一點，注意交通指示牌，注重孩子上下學安全問題。

SCHOOL COUNCIL 學校委員會
本周學校委員會召開了會議，信息技術科負責人Mr Andrew Grant就BYOD 1：iPad計畫試行進行了發言，除此之外會議還討論了1) 2016年學校招生；2) 成功基金的投入；3) 中文課項目和姐妹學校；4) 發展策略草案。這次會議也是學校委員會主席Mr Craig Bowie的最後一次會議，在9年的任職後，Craig將卸任學校委員會主席和家長代表的職務，感謝他這些年在這個職位上做出的貢獻。Mr Paul Tseng和Mr Pavneesh Gupta也即將在本學期結束任職，儘管他們可以申請第二學期的提名，但是仍感謝他們對委員會的貢獻。現在我們需要三名家長代表提名任職學校委員會，如果您有興趣，請至學校辦公室領取提名表格，並於12月7日星期一之前提交。

CONGRATULATIONS MR ROSTRON AND TEAMS 恭喜Mr Rostron和他的團隊
上週末，三個團隊參加了週末體育邀請賽，這是Robertson第一次參加週末體育賽事，我們的團隊取得了令人欣喜的好成績，感謝學校，Ms Grafton和Mr Rostron的安排於組織，具體得獎情況請見體育科新聞。

Deputy News 副校長通訊 (by Ms Lesley Boshammer )

SWIMMING PREP – YEAR 4 游泳課程
游泳課程還有一週就要開展了，請確認您已經繳清了課程費用，水上安全一直是我們國家非常重視的問題，每年仍有兒童溺水事件發生讓我們感到十分痛心。與之前通知的一樣，我們的體育課程實施分級教學，所以您不用擔心您的孩子已經會游泳。作父母，我認為這對孩子來說不僅是一個有趣的課程，並且鼓勵孩子多運動保持健康。注意: 請為孩子的游泳設備標上名字，每年的游泳課程後都有一些招領的失物。

WRITING 書寫
我想和大家分享下課堂上孩子學習的新動向，我們這個學期開始實施了每天堅持書寫的新概念，目的培養每個孩子對書寫的熱愛和毅力，引導孩子正確的握筆姿勢從而減少手部的酸痛。在參觀課堂的時候，我多見了很多孩子的字都很漂亮，昨天在學前班，我表揚了一個孩子的書寫，他聳聳肩說: "Fred要抓緊，不然就達不到目標了"。幾個禮拜前在二年級課堂上，當時有很多家長在場，但是沒有一個孩子因為有家長而分心，都專心致志地書寫而忽略了其他的人，儘管這聽上去有些沒有禮貌，但這正是我們想要的——專心致志學習不分心。

INSTRUMENTAL RECRUITMENT NIGHTS 器樂招募之夜
由於收到了大量學生的申請，今年我們將籌辦兩個器樂招募夜晚，這個禮拜是三年級和混年級學生，下個禮拜為二年級學生，兩次招募活動結束之後，器樂老師將會安排器樂測試，招募結果將於11月23日公佈。此次招募名額為18名弦樂成員和24名樂隊成員，這並不意味著其他的二三年級學生不可以在加入我們，歡迎自發參加器樂課程培訓的學生聯繫器樂老師來安排樂隊中合適的角色 (Mrs Gray – 弦樂; Ms Mothershaw & Mr Bryer – 樂隊)。

PLAYGROUP REMINDER 遊戲活動小組
感謝所有週四早來參加遊戲活動小組的家長們，很高興看到孩子們（也有家長們）度過了快樂的時光並結交了新朋友，看來大家已經為明年入學做好了準備。遊戲活動小組還有兩周時間就結束了，最後一次活動日期為11月26日星期四。

START DATE 2016 明年開學日期
明年學校於2016年1月27日開學。

Deputy News 副校長通訊 (by Ms Cartia Balladone)

GALA DAY 校際運動會
Congratulations and thanks to all students who participated in the School Sports Day. The success of the Sports Day cemented the "Robertson team spirit," and we thank parents, coaches, and staff for their support and contributions.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION 六年級畢業典禮
Graduation ceremonies are being arranged, please visit the office, 3452 4111, or Ms Balladone to confirm attendance. Children are very excited about their invitations, and parents are discussing what to wear. The school has some requirements:

**Boys:**
1. Long trousers (no jeans allowed);
2. Long-sleeved shirt, tucked in;
3. Shoes that cover the toes.

**Girls:**
1. A tasteful dress or pants (knee-length, no exposed upper body);
2. No long skirts required;
3. Footwear that is comfortable and safe for dancing and navigating stairs.

Due to the length of the graduation ceremony, younger siblings may not be able to stay quiet. Please consider the number of attendees carefully. The cost for each guest (including food and drink) is $15, which must be paid in full by 11/27.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS- LOST PROPERTY 學校制服-失物招領
The school lost some hats, sweaters, etc., recently due to changing weather conditions. Lost property is located in the music room and next to the physical education teacher. Items with names can be returned. If you have lost school uniforms, please contact the school office or the designated collection box.

Before and after school hours formal supervision 上學前與放學後的監管
Parents are reminded that the school does not provide supervision before or after school hours. Teachers will be attending professional development meetings during these periods. Students should return home directly or go to after-school activities. If a student does not apply for after-school activities or supervision, he/she is not allowed to arrive before 8:30am.

Music News 音樂科通訊 (by Miss V)
1. The annual器樂招募之夜 was held this Monday, with 60 students attending. Parents were informed of the information. Please submit the consent form as soon as possible.
2. The upper grades will practice for the 7:30am rehearsal.
3. The final concert will be held on 11/30.
4. The concert for grades 1-3 will be held on 12/9 at 10:00am.

Musician of the Week 優秀的音樂科學生
- Cantible: Jason & Lara
- Songbird: Rachel & Declan
- Corelli: Jamie P
- Vivaldi: Tahlia P
- Paganini: Harini S
- Hultgren: Michael C

LOTE News 中文科通訊 (by Ms Hsieh)
1. Chinese testing will be held this week. Grades 4-6 will participate in written and oral tests. Please remind your child to prepare well.
2. To teach parents how to make Chinese dumplings, a volunteer will host a workshop next week. Please complete the consent form and submit it by 11/17.

PE News 体育科通訊
This is an exciting week. Last weekend, we participated in the last School Sports Day of the year. AFL sports were held, and the students performed well. We celebrated with great satisfaction. In addition, we participated in three invitational games during the weekend. On Saturday, our team won all matches, and on Sunday, we lost in a tie.

Library News 图書館通訊
BOOK FAIR IS ALMOST HERE! 图書展即將開展!
下一期圖書展即將到來，開始時間：11月17日星期二3：00pm，每日開展時間為8am-4pm。快來圖書館和我們一起暢遊在書籍的海洋中，圖書展包括一系列的抽獎、比賽和獎品，圖書最低為$3，您的每一筆購買都將幫助學校獲得免費的資源。

BOOK CLUB 圖書俱樂部
第8期的圖書俱樂部這周已經發達到家中，預約於11月23日星期一4pm截止，現金購買可以至辦公室，將現金置於封閉的信封中，信用卡請預訂至網站scholastic.com.au/LOOP，或通過手機終端。

BORROWING ENDS 圖書館借閱關閉
2015年的圖書借閱於本周截至，所有的書籍請於11月20日星期五前送還，這樣便於我們清點文獻庫存。

ALTERNATIVES TO BORROWING 其他閱讀機會
尽管圖書館借閱關閉，但是學生仍然可以繼續閱讀，大部分的公立圖書館提供假期讀書計畫，並且加入當地圖書館是免費的，家中也有很多孩子可以閱讀的材料，如菜單、目錄、雜誌、遊戲攻略等，學生還可以通過學校的MIS ID登錄昆士蘭公立學校的電子圖書館。

Gifted News 資優班通訊
WRITING COMPETITION 寫作比賽
2015年最後一場寫作比賽已經拉開序幕，這是一個鍛煉寫作贏得獎品的好機會。學前班至12年級的學生寫一首小詩或一篇小故事，就有機會獲得$1000的獎金（$500給學生$500給學校）還有其他的一些獎品，如平板電腦或遊戲機等。無報名費，報名於2015年11月20日截止。報名表格可以在資源中心或官方網站上獲取。網上報名：www.write4fun.net；電郵：admin@write4fun.net；郵寄地址：Po Box 2734，Nerang DC, Qld, 4211；傳真：（07）5574 3644。

THE QUEENSLAND ASSOCIATION FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED CHILDREN昆士蘭資優教育協會
QAGTC的南區協會是由家長、教育者和其他人士組成的資優教育協會。QAGTC即將展開的資優教育活動時間：11月19日星期四，6：30pm-8：00pm，地點：Robertson State School，行政樓。

Chess News 國際象棋通訊
WELL DONE! 喜訊

GOOD LUCK FOR THE FUTURE JASON C 祝Jason C未來好運
時間飛逝！Jason C上個月最後一次代表Robertson SS參加象棋比賽。Jason在學前班第三學期參加了象棋俱樂部，他的第一場比賽是與一個7年級男生，令我和Mrs Ennis驚喜的是他戰勝了他的對手，當Mrs Ennis來告訴我他取勝的時候，我以為是一個玩笑，直到我看見那個7年級學生被朋友取消戰敗給一個學前班學生時我才相信。在那之後，Jason在他的象棋之路上建立了信心，在所有校際象棋比賽中都取得了優異成績，在2014年，本校擊敗了黃金海岸的Somerset團隊和布裏斯班Boys Grammar取得了昆士蘭冠軍，就Jason個人來說，他獲得了8歲以下級別和10歲以下級別的昆士蘭冠軍。

Marketing News 市場營銷部通訊（by Mel Kennedy）
請支持我們2015年校慶的贊助商，更多信息請聯繫Mel Kennedy，3452 4105。金牌贊助商、銀牌贊助商、銅牌贊助商以及友情贊助商列於英文通訊中。
Extragreen Holidays是Market Square購物中心後面的一所旅遊仲介，他們提供很多優惠的項目滿足您的旅遊需求，他們提供一天Dreamworld的旅遊，也提供去Mt Tamborine、其它州或者國外的旅遊假日項目。

P & C News家長會通訊
P&C UPDATE家長會新聞
家長會又度過了繁忙的一周，全家福日舉辦得十分順利，我們也選舉了新的會計助理（歡迎Karen Liao）並組建了明年的校慶委員會。家長會還未音樂教室安裝空調項目撥了資金，這為參加音樂課程的學生在炎炎夏日提供了一個舒適的學習環境（空調於明年年初安裝好，或抓緊與今年年底完成）。

THINGS TO LOOK OUT FOR THIS TERM: 本學期接下來的活動
Working Bee：11月14日星期六9am-12pm，無BBQ，我們需要義工的幫助；Disco舞會：12月2日星期三，請查看附件。請不要忘記查看家長會網站獲得最新信息。

FAMILY PORTRAIT FUNDRAISER 全家福
感謝上週日拍攝全家福的家庭，希望大家滿意自己的全家福照片，您的照片可於11月26日在會議室領取。

NEXT MEETING 下次會議
時間：2015年12月8日，星期二，7pm-9pm。成員請向pandc@robertsonss.eq.edu.au索要會議議程安排。這將是今年最後一場家長會議。
SCHOOL BANKING NEWS 學校銀行服務資訊
學校銀行服務每週五提供。請在星期五早上九點前將存款簿放在行政樓的綠色郵筒裏。

Uniform Shop News 校服社通訊
校服社的開放時間列於英文版通訊中。

TUCKSHOP NEWS 福利社通訊（By Mary Maric）
TUCKSHOP OPENING TIMES 福利社營業時間
星期二– 星期五9:00am – 2:00pm (星期一休業) www.flexischools.com.au/?r=1

TUCKSHOP VOLUNTEERS
感謝各班級幫助福利社的義工們，接下來幾週的義工時間表如下，請家長代表在你們班級找一至兩位家長於星期二至星期五9 am至11: 15am之間幫助福利社一個小時，如果您有時間請電郵rsstuckshop@gmail.com，無需經驗。如果你們班上有一兩名家長一直幫助福利社工作，請不要算他們，因為我們需要更多新人手幫助我們。

| 4th Semester 7th Week (17/11/15 - 20/11/15) | 3P  
| 4th Semester 8th Week (24/11/15 - 27/11/15) | 3V  
| 4th Semester 9th Week (01/12/15 - 04/11/27) | 3/ 4C  
| 4th Semester 10th Week (08/12/15 - 10/11/27) | 4B  

Chaplain News 軍校主教通訊（by Ben Chapman）
CHAPEEZE STICKS 潤唇膏
福利社開始售賣潤唇膏，所有的資金將用來支持學校的主教工作。價格：$4; 味道：焦糖、紅醋栗、自然、熱帶水果（芒果、椰子、鳳梨）和拿鐵。

THANK YOU 謝謝大家的參與
感謝所有參加穿便服日活動的學生們，我們一共為學校主教項目募集了$775。5H共募集了$56為第一名，每一個學生都獲得了一個冷飲，4M為第二名，募集了$41，PIY第三名為$39。在此感謝大家的支持。

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CHRISTMAS BREAKUP CONCERT 宗教教育，聖誕節年末音樂會
聖誕節音樂會為11月20日星期五，12: 45pm，地點為學校禮堂，請學生攜帶一枚金幣作為入場費用，也歡迎家長的參加。

COMMUNITY NEWS 社區通訊
KEYBOARDKIDZ 鋼琴課
報名請洽 3219 0808

NORTH SHORE 開放日及2016年招生
具體信息請洽--- 3343-1883/ 0422 001 399 （Vanessa）
時間：11月10日至11月19日，星期二和星期四，3：30至4：30。
地址：本校，第二教學樓

SPEECH AND DRAMA SHOW 演講與戲劇演出
每兩年，演講和戲劇演出的學生都會為大家帶來精彩專業的演出，45名Robertson學生的戲劇名字為“夢想”。
地點：Faith Lutheran College, Beveridge Road, Thornlands – In The Creative Arts Building;
時間：11月22日星期日5: 15pm
購票請於星期五放學後至音樂教室。