Principal’s Update

By Margaret Berry

WELCOME
Welcome to 2016. A very big welcome to any new students and their families. Prep students have settled in and look superb in their new uniforms. Returning students have quickly navigated the school routine and learning is underway. It was delightful to see our Prep parents at the ‘tea and tissues’ after they dropped off their new Preps for the day.

2016, the Year of the Monkey in the Chinese Calendar, hopefully will promote some smart and inquisitive although sometimes mischievous learners.

WELCOME TO NEW STAFF
Jennifer Johnson
Jennifer Johnson is an additional Master Teacher we have acquired for this year. She comes to us from Stretton State College where she was a passionate classroom teacher and acting HOD.

Jennifer loves teaching students of all ages to improve their writing and reading skills. This year she will work with teachers and students to improve the reading levels of students in the upper grades. Additionally, she will assist with co-ordination of the very successful Gifted Education Program we have here at Robertson. Jennifer is excited to be at our school and is really looking forward to the challenges and celebrations that 2016 will bring.

Shane Galbraith
Shane Galbraith has come to us from Yugumbir State School and started his teaching career 16 years ago. Shane is a Year 1 teacher this year at Robertson. He believes in promoting a love of learning by believing in yourself and always doing your best. Welcome to Robertson State School Jennifer and Shane.

FOCUS FOR 2016 - INSPIRING TEACHERS INSPIRING STUDENTS
The focus for this year is Inspiring Teachers Inspiring Students. Last year we saw the greatest improvement in students below benchmarks reaching benchmarks for Reading and Writing and this year we want to move all students, especially those in the middle bands (Cs and Bs) to achieve significant gains in Reading and Writing. A second Master Teacher, Ms Jennifer Johnson, has been employed to assist teachers in achieving this goal. Deputy Principal, Ms Cartia Balladone is leading the whole of school reading and Deputy Principal, Mrs Lesley Boshammer, is leading whole of school writing. Teachers will also be refining their teaching skills through the Marzano Mentoring program led by Head of Curriculum, Ms Cathy Coleman.

NEW PARENTS – JOIN THE ROBERTSON COMMUNITY
The P&C hold meetings on the second Tuesday of each month. For new parents this is where you can meet other parents and join with the Robertson school community.

Other ways that you can get to know staff and other parents is by becoming a parent rep for your class or volunteering in the classroom. Please phone the school office if you are interested in helping out.

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Welcome back to 2016. I hope you and your families had a great holiday.

This year looks like being a very busy and exciting one. I will be working with the Years 4 to 6 classes and also the multi-age classes. I am looking forward to spending time seeing how much they have progressed over the past couple of years.
**Music News**

Welcome back from our music team: Miss Josephine Vanderbyl (Music Classroom and Choir Teacher), Ms Balladone (Music Line Manager), Mr Tony Bryer (Bands Teacher) and Mrs Robyn Gray (Strings Teacher). Mrs Gray is at Robertson on Monday and Thursday, and Mr Bryer is at Robertson on Monday and Tuesday. Please contact them only on these days if you have any issues.

Band and Strings lessons and rehearsals will commence soon. Your child will be notified of times for their instrumental lessons and rehearsals where applicable. Beginners do not have rehearsals until they have developed some skills on their instrument.

The first Senior Choir rehearsal commences next **Friday 5 February at 7:30 am** in the music room. All boys and girls interested from Years 4, 5, 6 are welcome to sign on. Please bring a music folder for choir music.

Parents of children in Years 5 and 6 who sign on for Senior Choir are invited to an information session on Tuesday 9 February at 8:15 am in the music room, if you are interested in participating the Education Creative Generations Onstage Production 2016 which takes place at the Brisbane Convention Centre on 15 and 16 July.

All students in Years 4, 5 and 6 are required to have a Descant Yamaha Recorder for Classroom music, this requirement is on the booklist. Toy recorders are not suitable.

**STRING NEWS**

All String lessons will commence next week. All Beginner students are to bring their equipment and instruments (except their music stand) to school on Monday 1 February for their lesson. Their teachers will be notified of their lesson time and students will be given a copy of the timetable to bring home for your perusal. All other students are to check the timetables displayed on Mrs Gray’s door and in the music room to ensure they know which day their lesson is on (Monday or Thursday).

Cheers

Miss V

**LOTE News**

Ni Hǎo! 你好 Welcome back! (huān yíng huí lái 欢迎回来！)

- Welcome to the year of the MONKEY in 2016. The **Monkey** (hόu) is the ninth of the 12-year cycle of animals which appear in the Chinese zodiac related to the Chinese calendar. The Monkey possesses such character traits as curiosity, mischievousness and cleverness. The Year of the Monkey will start from 8 February 2016 (Chinese New Year) and last to 27 January 2017. For more information about the year of the monkey, please refer to the link below: [http://www.travelchinaguide.com/intro/social_customs/zodiac/monkey.htm](http://www.travelchinaguide.com/intro/social_customs/zodiac/monkey.htm)

- Chinese New Year celebrations will be held on Monday 8 February in the school assembly in week 3. Staff, parents and students are invited to join us for
this special event at the beginning of the school year.

- In Term 1, the LOTE office will hold a Chinese reading-aloud competition at school in week 6. Students in Years 4, 5 and 6 are encouraged to participate in this event. More information will follow soon.

Today’s words
- Chinese New Year 中国新年 zhōng guó xīn nián
- Spring Festival 春节 chūn jié (also is called Chinese New Year)
- Happy New Year 新年快乐 xīn nián kuài le

Xià cì jiàn (下次见 see you next time). Xièxie! (谢谢)
Ms Hsieh (谢老师 LOTE Teacher)

ICT News
It was “All Systems Go” this morning as over 350 students from P-6 brought their own iPad to school. Along with the almost 60 students involved in the 1:1 laptop program, that is over 400 students bringing a personal device to school every day to enhance their learning. The morning went off without a hitch which a great testament to all our dedicated teachers.

Be on the lookout for an ICT Newsletter coming out later this week with more information, photos from classes and tips and tricks for your iPads.

Mr Grant
ICT Coordinator

CHAPLAINCY News
How great it is to be gathered together again to learn and to grow together in 2016. However some of us need a little extra help to deal with the social and emotional challenges of school life. There are just 6 words that I want you to remember: "YOU CAN CHAT WITH YOUR CHAPPY"

I am at the school on Wednesdays and Thursdays for students and teachers (and sometimes parents if needed). You can find me through the orange door at the end of Teaching Block 2 (that’s the special needs area near the library) or you can make an appointment at the office on the days that I am unavailable.

Ben Chapman
Chaplain
“bringing hope to a young generation”

TUCKSHOP News
Welcome back to the new school year! The tuckshop is up and running and ready to service the whole school community.

Our tuckshop uses online ordering only. If you would like to place an order for lunch please follow these instructions:
1. Go to: www.flexischools.com.au
2. Register your child’s name and class, or for teachers, please use your class and name.
3. Choose the break you are wanting to place the order for ie. 1st or 2nd break.
4. Place your order choosing items available from the menu provided.
5. Pay for the order and Confirm the order.

You will automatically receive a confirmation of your order once it has been completed. No need to send a copy to the tuckshop as it will be sent electronically to us. It’s so easy and convenient!

Orders are sent to the classrooms during the main break only ie. 1st break at 11 am. 2nd break orders need to be collected by your child at the tuckshop.

Volunteers are needed to help in Tuckshop.
If you would like to be involved in the school and would like to volunteer at the tuckshop please contact Jodie O’Reilly on 3452 4111 or drop into the tuckshop and say hello. Alternatively, please send an email to rsstuckshop@gmail.com

We are always happy to see new faces at the tuckshop and it’s a great way to meet other parents too! Not to mention how much your child will love seeing you helping out!

I am still on leave for the first couple of weeks but am looking forward to starting the new year soon. In the meantime, Jodie O’Reilly, who is also our uniform shop Convenor will be filling in. She would love some volunteer support so if you are free anyday between 9:00 am and 11:30 am Tuesday - Friday in these first couple of weeks please let her know.

Mary Maric
Tuckshop Convenor Robertson State School 3452 4111

UNIFORM News

MUSIC BAGS
Music bags are available at the uniform shop for $15. The bags are excellent for carrying instrumental books, pencils, oil, reeds etc all in one convenient carry bag.
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**Speech and Drama Tuition Thursday & Friday afternoon classes.**

Classes commencing for Speech and Drama will occur in the Music room on a Thursday or Friday afternoon (4 or 5 February). Due to popularity we will offer two classes. Students are invited to only attend one and the content will be taught the same.

3:00 pm – 4:15 pm. Preps are collected from their class. This is a great class to build confidence and communication skills and also learn performing arts skills. Interested students are able to enter into Eisteddfods. Two age appropriate classes.

Enrol online – [www.ltkspeechanddrama.com.au](http://www.ltkspeechanddrama.com.au) or call 3821 5755. All classes are conducted by qualified performing arts teachers.

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**MACGREGOR NETBALL ASSOCIATION SIGN ON DAY**

**Date:** Saturday 30 January  
**Time:** 8:30 am – 11:00 am  
**Where:** Granadilla St, MacGregor

Players from 8 plus can play netball. Girls aged 5 - 7 can participate in NETSETGO. Starting 7 May, the cost is $90.00 for a 10 week program.

For any enquires please email **macgregorna@optusnet.com.au**

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**Facebook:** Macgregor Netball Association
**Principal’s Update 校長通訊**

**WELCOME 欢迎**

歡迎來到2016年，歡迎新加入Robertson的新學生和家長們！學前班新生穿著他們的新校服，融入了新的學校生活，返校的學生迅速瞭解了學校的日程並且快速投入了學習。我很高興在早茶上見到了送完孩子的學前班新生家長。2016年是猴年，這將是一個勤奮好學和充滿樂趣的一年。

**WELCOME TO NEW STAFF 歡迎新教師**

Jennifer Johnson是我校新聘的高級教師，她曾是Stretton State College的課堂教師和課程負責人。Jennifer熱愛教學，致力於幫助孩子提高閱讀和寫作能力。今年她將幫助高年級的學生提高閱讀水平，此外，她還將協助資優教育導師的工作。Jennifer期待新的一年在Robertson的工作與挑戰。

Shane Galbraith從Yugumbir State School加入我們，他執教了16年，今年任職為本校一年級教師，他提倡熱愛學習，相信自己，盡最大的努力做最好的自己！

歡迎Jennifer和Shane加入Robertson State School。

**FOCUS FOR 2016 - INSPIRING TEACHERS INSPIRING STUDENTS 聚焦2016—激勵老師、激勵學生**

今年的焦點將是“激勵老師、激勵學生”。去年我們見證了閱讀和寫作標準線下的學生提高到了標準線上，今年我們希望所有學生，特別是中等的學生（C和B）在寫作和閱讀上有顯著提高。我們另一位高級教師Jennifer Johnson將幫助我們達到這個目標。副校長Ms Cartia Balladone帶領著全校的閱讀，副校長Lesley Boshammer帶領著全校的寫作，老師們也將在課程負責人Cathy Coleman的指導下通過Marzano培訓計畫提高教學水平。

**NEW PARENTS – JOIN THE ROBERTSON COMMUNITY 學校社區的新家長**

家長會每月的第二個星期二舉辦例會，新家長們可以通過家長會給予學校更多的支持以及瞭解學校的新動向。您還可以通過成為家長代表、幫助課堂教學等途徑來瞭解學校的教職工和其它家長。如果您感興趣請聯繫學校辦公室。

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

**WELCOME BACK 新學期歡迎大家**

我們迎來了新的2016年，很期待在新的一年中和我們學校社區中的每一位成員，特別是學前班至三年的學生、家長和老師們一起努力加油。學前班新生作為我們Robertson的新成員已經迅速地融入了我們的學校環境，他們使用著他們的iPad，聽著故事，參與提高數學和文學能力的遊戲，他們下午3點的笑容表明他們度過了愉快的一天。

**副校長通訊** (by Ms Lesley Boshammer)

歡迎大家新學期回到學校，希望你和你的家人度過了一個愉快的假期，今年預計又是一個繁忙的年，今年我的工作將著重於四至六年級的班級以及混合班級，很期待大家在新一年可以取得超越以往的進步。昨天我參觀了所有的教室，重新回到學校學生們都很高興，有這樣積極的態度，同學們在新的一年中一定會取得令人欣喜的進步。學生們迅速地投入了學習，並制訂了iPad管理方案，期待看見學生們在新一年利用科技取得更多學習上的進步。
Exursions and Camps  远足與野营
四年級：8月3-5日，Tallebudgera
五年級：3月22日，參觀天文館；4月19日，St Helena Island；8月22-24日，Mapleton野營；10月，Eureka淘金熱
六年级：9月5-9日，堪培拉

Sport (Semester 1) 体育（上半年）
Gala Day 1 校際運動會 1.2月1-26日
Cr oss Country 長跑，3月7日
Gala Da y 2 校際運動會 2.4月2-29日
Gala Day 3 校際運動會 3.5月3-20日
Athletics 田徑運動（4至6年級），6月22&23日

請記下以上日期，屆時相關信息、費用以及醫療表格等將發給家長。

LEADERSHIP ASSEMBLY 學生領導職位會議
我們的學生領導職位會議將於2月15日星期一舉行，2016年的領導職位名牌將於屆時頒發，更多關於時間等的信息將於下週公佈。

Music News  音樂科通訊(by Miss V)
• 音樂團隊歡迎大家來到新學期，Robertson的音樂團體：Miss Josephine Vanderbyl (音樂老師和合唱老師)，Mrs Balladone（音樂部負責人），Mr Tony Bryer（樂隊老師），Mrs Robyn Gray（弦樂老師），Mrs Gray週一和週四在學校，Mr Bryer於週一在學校，如果您需要聯繫他們，請於老師的工作時間內。
• 樂隊和弦樂的課程和排練即將開始，屆時將通知學生時間和地點。初学者沒有排練，初期將專注於樂器學習上。
• 高年級和唱團排練為2月5日星期五早上7.30於音樂教室，4-6年級的男生和女生都可以報名參加，請同學們帶上音樂文件夾來參加合唱。
• 五至六年級報名參加高年級合唱的學生家長，如果對參加7月15和16日在布里斯班會議中心開的創作時代演出感興趣，請參加2月2日星期二早上8:15於音樂教室舉辦的信息分享會。
• 弦樂：所有的弦樂課程將於下週開始，所有的初學者請於2月1日星期一帶自己的樂器來學校（不需要帶樂器支架），老師會告知學生上課時間，並將上課時間表發給家長。其他學生請查看Mrs Gray門上貼的時間表以及音樂教室裏的時間表，瞭解課程是星期一還是星期四。

LOTE News  中文科通訊(by Ms Hsieh)
• 歡迎來到2016猴年。猴子是十二生肖中第九個動物，它擁有許多性格特點，比如好奇、惡作劇、聰明等。猴年從中國新年2月8日開始直至2017年1月27日，更過關於後年的信息請查看http://www.travelchinaguide.com/intro/social_customs/zodiac/monkey.htm。
• 中國新年的慶祝活動將於2月8日第三周的星期一在學校集會上開始，歡迎教職工、家長和學生來參加這個特殊的活動。
• 第一學期中，中文部將於第六周舉辦放聲閱讀比賽，歡迎4、5和6年級的同學參加，請關注相關信息。

ICT News  信息技术通訊
今年早上，課堂全面啟動了“新系統”，超過350名學前班至6年級的學生帶了自己的iPad來學校，接近60名學生參加了1:1筆記本電腦項目，所以有超過400名學生將每天攜帶自己的電子設備來學校學習。此外，請關注本周的ICT通訊，裏面將會有更多的課堂信息和照片，以及一些使用管理iPad的小技巧。

Chaplain News 駐校主教通訊(by Ben Chapman)
很高興在2016年和大家一起學習成長。如果你在情感和社交上遇到困難需要幫助，請不要忘記“你可以和我聊聊”。
我星期三和星期四在學校為學生和老師提供幫助（家長如果有需求也可以）。你們可以在二號教學樓的黃門裏面找到我（特殊教育部門，在圖書館旁邊）。我不在的時候，你也可以去辦公室預約。

**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）

歡迎大家回到學校！福利社已經準備好為大家提供服務了。福利社只接受線上預定，如果你想在線上預約午餐，請按照以下步驟：
2) 註冊您孩子的姓名和班級，或者教師請用自己的名字和班級；
3) 選擇第一個午餐休息時間還是第二個午餐休息時間；
4) 從菜單中選擇午餐項目；
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rsstuckshop@gmail.com，或者直接到福利社告訴我們。我們非常歡迎新面孔的加入，這也是家長互相認識的好機會。你們的孩子應該也會很高興您對學校的幫助。

我還有兩週左右的時間才會回到學校，在這期間，校服社的Jodie O'Reilly會填補我的空位，如果您週二到週五的9am至11:30am有時間幫助我們，請聯繫Jodie O'Reilly。

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地点：音乐教室，2月4或5日。将会有两班教学，教学内容一致，时间为3:00pm-4:15pm。

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MACGREGOR NETBALL ASSOCIATION SIGN ON DAY

日期：1月30日星期六 時间：8:30am—11:00am 地點：Granadilla St, MacGregor

5月7日开始，10周课程费用为$90。

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