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SCHOOL & ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVALS

Our school swimming carnival was held on Monday 25th of February at Bradbury Pool. Many keen swimmers attended on the day, competing for various school swimming titles and the opportunity to represent our school at Zone Swimming. Students were well-behaved on the day and are to be commended for their participation. We encourage even more students to participate in swimming events next year.

Following our school carnival, the Macarthur Zone Swimming Carnival was held on Tuesday 5th of March at Camden Pool. Ms McKenzie, our Zone Swimming Manager, Ms Waden, Mrs Griffiths and Mrs Wood were all present to support our swimmers on the day. See inside the newsletter for more photos.

This will be the last printed version of our newsletter. You will be notified via text message when our next newsletter is available to view on our website. If you would still like to receive a printed version of the newsletter, please complete the slip on the back of this newsletter.
Congratulations to all parents on the wonderful start of the school year. All year groups are settled and focused on school-based activities. I have had the pleasure of meeting all of our year seven classes and they seem to be a great group of students. I have high hopes that they will do exceptionally well at their new school. Very few issues have arisen that have affected student learning. We will continue to act quickly and firmly with students who choose to break how school’s rules.

The uniform has improved significantly. Last year the students looked good, this year they look great. There is some confusion about what students should wear during sport. Students have been told that they can participate in sport and PE as long as they have an appropriate change of clothes. This is not correct as students need to wear the appropriate school uniform. However as they have been receiving mixed messages, students will be allowed to continue wearing an appropriate change of clothes for the time being. Fortunately the number of students not in sport uniform are few but they do stand out in their sporting groups. A big thank you goes to all parents and citizens who have assisted in the uniform shop to outfit our children. Parents are encouraged and welcome to do assist on the Tuesdays and Fridays the uniform shop is open.

Samples of our new girls senior necktie arrived early in the year and were displayed to our current year 11 girls.

I would like to introduce the school community and our new staff some of whom commenced at the end of last year:
Miss Saskia Beeton replaces Mr Ross in HSIE
Ms Emily McKenzie replaces Mrs Child. Though Ms McKenzie has been with us for many years she is now a permanent member of our staff.

Though we will miss the teachers that have moved to new schools and undertaken a new position we look forward to building good relationships with our new staff. During this time of transition is often difficult for parents and students who are use to a particular teacher who has develop their teaching skills over many years, commonly replaced by teachers new to the profession. As we continue to work to develop our teachers skills we have several of our long-term casual teachers continuing to fill positions for staff on leave of which the most common type is maternity.

As continues to be the case for our school, student numbers continue to fall. Each year we lose about 10-20 students. This pattern will remain for at least the next few years as our feeder primary schools inform me that student numbers are down in years five and six. This will result in a loss of a teacher every year or so. Last year, year 10 students indicated that 90% would be returning. This however proved incorrect. Of the 155 students that indicated they would be returning, only 135 arrived. When trying to develop a curriculum for senior students we based the number of classes on the number of students. This may mean that some of the smaller classes will now no longer continue. By the time you receive this newsletter you will already know if your child is in this situation.

This term every faculty area will have their own class set of student laptops. The larger faculties will have more. We have chosen to do this because the DER laptop program completed last year. No more money is are available from the government to purchase any more student laptops. Without these school purchased laptops the work that teachers and students have undertaken over the last four years will not be able to continue. It is hoped that using these new laptops, combined with those students who received theirs before last year, the teachers can develop their programs for the Australian curriculum that engage our 21st century students.

This year our teachers will spend almost all of their professional development time developing their teaching programs around the new Australian curriculum which commences next year for; English, maths, science and history in year is seven and nine. As the Australian Curriculum (ACARA) produces more syllabus documents, the other subjects and years will also be implemented. Implementation of the Australian curriculum will be a mammoth task. It affects every student in every year. The government has provided one extra school development day at the beginning of term two to assist schools in the production of school program. Though this will be of assistance our teachers have already begun working on the task so that they can have it ready by 2014.

Though only a few weeks of the school year has elapsed, I have had the pleasure of observing many classes and extracurricular activities such as our student and leadership courses and swimming carnival. Congratulations to all concerned on the wonderful job you are doing.

Warren Parkes
Principal
Our school is now 25 years old and during that time we have had to share the burden of news often sad. At the beginning of this year I was informed of just such an event. The day before students started back at school I attended the funeral of Mr John Chippendale. Many parents have spoken to me about their time here as students. Often, if not always, they would reflect and share stories about Robert Townson High School’s first principal; Mr Chippendale. They spoke about his demand for excellence in terms of behaviour and attitude which was often reflected in the wearing of our school uniform. Never once did any parent share with me a story about Mr Chippendale that was not in the best interests of each student and the school community.

I personally had the pleasure of working with John 15 years ago at another school. He was friendly and approachable, professional and not without wise counsel. Even though John left Robert Townson High School several decades ago to enjoy retirement we were very fortunate to have John and his lovely wife Anne return to the school and attend our school's 20th anniversary. A tour of the school was conducted and John shared many stories. During the night’s celebration John was our guest speaker. He spoke of his time building the school and forging a name for Robert Townson High School in the wider school community. It was fascinating to hear about his professional life and aspects of his personal life. As a teacher and educator of children he led a wonderful life. Our condolences go out to his family and friends and our thanks too, for having John in our lives.

Warren Parkes
3rd Principal
Robert Townson High School

On Wednesday 20th of February, the Macarthur Zone Sport Trials were held in a variety of locations around the Macarthur area, involving the six schools from our Zone. Students were invited to trial for a variety of sports, attracting players from a representative level.

Robert Townson High School has a proud tradition in sporting excellence and as a result we had over forty students trial on the day. Our particular strengths were soccer (with eight of our senior players selected for the Zone Team) and hockey (with several of our State representative players making selection). Congratulations to all students and staff involved for their strong representation of our school on the day.

These students will move on to represent the Macarthur Zone in Sydney Southwest Competitions throughout the second half of Term 1. Best of luck to all of our selected player. We will keep updated with more results on our school website as we receive them.

Ms N Waden
PDHPE Faculty

SPORT'S ORGANISER’S REPORT

SCHOOL NEWS

SAD PASSING OF ONE OF ROBERT TOWNSON’S GREATS

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3rd Principal
Robert Townson High School
Deputy Principal’s Message (Yr 7, 9, 11)

Welcome back to school. I hope all students, parents and community members had an enjoyable break. At the start of the school year we set expectations on our students which enable them to achieve to our school goals of being SAFE, RESPECTFUL and a LEARNER.

Please ensure correct uniform is worn. The uniform shop is available on Tuesday and Friday from 10am for purchase of all aspects of uniform. Students must note that correct safe shoes must be worn in practical classes. If shoes are deemed unsatisfactory, students will be excluded from class for OH&S standards.

Year 8: Students seem to have adjusted to following timetables effectively but I have some concerns with playground behaviour. The school must act to ensure the safety of all students and unsafe behaviour cannot be tolerated.

Year 10: Information will be constantly supplied for TAFE courses and year 11 2014 choices.

Year 12: Students should have already started study programs to ensure a quality HSC. I am looking forward to their future success this year.

Mr Morrow
Deputy Principal
Years 7,9,11

Deputy Principal’s Message (Yr 8, 10,12)

It has been a busy start to the school year in the DP office and surrounds. A special welcome to Year 7 students who seem to be settling into high school very well with the help of their Year Advisers, teachers aides, Mrs Lunn and Mrs Willmott and no doubt, many other teachers. Year 9 & 11 students have been preoccupied with their new subjects and TAFE has begun for 2013.

I work together with TAFE offering students short courses that usually operate for one or two semesters. I can offer these courses to Years 10 and 11 students or students who are aged 15 years and over. I have to consider whether students can sustain four to six hours of concentration at TAFE in an adult learning environment. They are generally courses of a practical nature such as Carpentry, Hairdressing, Beauty and Fashion offered by Macquarie Fields TAFE.

This year we have the opportunity to work with Padstow TAFE and have been able to offer students a choice of training in Horticulture, Barista training & Automotive studies.

TVET courses and SBATs (school based apprenticeships) are organised by Ms Lampe, our Careers Adviser. Students and parents must seek careful advice prior to considering an SBAT or TVET course. Mrs Lampe works Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in 2013 and can be contacted during school hours.

Our VATT program with the trade van begins Friday February 22nd 2013. This trade program is on offer to students in Yrs 8-10 who are keen to gain skills in some of the trade areas and gain experience in volunteering in the community. We are looking at training this group in dry stone-walling and landscaping in Terms 2-4.

Mrs Chapman
Deputy Principal

Drama Ensemble

Our Drama Ensemble are working on a new performance piece based on the Titanic this year. We are currently seeking donations of old fashioned clothes, shoes, hats and suitcases that could be used for the item. If you have any items, please send them into the Front Office.
This year we have had an overwhelming response for a position on the Student Representative Council. Over 68 students applied for just over 20 positions. We were highly impressed with the calibre of all our nominations. We are pleased to announce the names of students elected by their peers and staff for the Student Representative Council (SRC) in 2013. To students who were unsuccessful in this year, I encourage you to apply again next year.

Congratulations to all the elected SRC students and I look forward to working alongside you this year. We have a busy year ahead filled with many fundraising events for both the school and community charities. There will also be opportunities to attend leadership workshops and forums.

Mrs E Griffiths
SRC Coordinator

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Ensure the school office has all up to date medical and contact details for your child/ward. It is vital that we can contact you in an emergency.

Recently parents of children with an allergy or anaphylaxis received a Department of Health form to be completed by your Doctor. Please ensure that you take the time to complete these forms and return to school as soon as possible so we can provide the best possible care for your child.

The vaccination schedule is outlined in this newsletter. Place all dates on the calendar - as in order for the vaccine to be effective your child must have all doses.

Very early this term our Police Youth Liaison Officers spoke to Year 7 about bullying and its effects, and the dangers of online social media. We take a no tolerance approach to bullying and violence at our school. On 15th March we will join hundreds of other schools and organisations in the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence. Activities and discussions are planned for all years 7 – 11. In this newsletter you will find some information about how parents can help their child – if they are a victim or a bully. Please take the time to read this important information.

This term all Year 8 students will be participating in a depression prevention workshop. As you are aware depression is one of the most common mental illnesses affecting young people with 1 in 4 diagnosed with a depressive disorder. Please speak to our School Counsellor or myself should you wish to discuss this further. You can find up to date information on the beyondblue website.

Many of our Year 11 students participated in the y-worri pilot project last year and have completed a follow up survey. The online program is well worth discussing with your adolescent and is available to anyone just type e-couch in your browser.

Staff are always updating knowledge through training opportunities. On the last day of the year all staff were trained in responding to students with severe allergies and anaphylaxis. There were numerous staff trained in catering for the learning needs of students with learning difficulties and dyslexia. This term some staff members are completing mental health training and next term about 10 staff members will complete an online course on teaching students with Autism Spectrum Disorder. If any parent wishes to discuss the support or learning needs of their child please contact me at school.

Congratulations to our Year 11 Peer Mediator Trainers who did an awesome job of training Peer Mediators at Robert Townson Public School on 21st February. See the photos!

We continue to enjoy close ties with local community organisations – MTC Youth Connections, Burnside and MDS who are conducting group activities including Year 9 Boys Group, Links to Learning for Year 8 students, Year 8 Girls’ Groups, Respect Me Respect You program for Years 9 & 10...just to name a few!

Activities students will look forward to next term:
Rock & Water seminars for Year 7
Anti-bullying workshops
Cyber awareness seminars...

Mrs Sally Willmott
Head Teacher Welfare
English students in every class will now be preparing for their Public Speaking Competition. Every student in every class will give a speech to their class. Topics are provided and each student has those topics on an assessment sheet distributed at the beginning of the year. These can also be found on Moodle if students have lost their sheets. Senior students will speak on their Area of Study. This is *Journeys* for Year 11 and *Belonging* for Year 12 Advanced and Standard Students, and *The Future* for Year 11 Studies, or *We Are Australian* for year 12 Studies.

The duration for the speech is 3 minutes. Classes are writing some of their speech in class as well as at home, but they’ll need to practise at home in order to manage their time and eye contact well. The score sheet is also available on Moodle, and there is an A4 copy on the wall in every English classroom.

Public Speaking is an assessment task for all students at RTHS. Remember, the idea is to entertain your audience by getting them to think about new ideas or new ways of seeing familiar things – nobody likes a dry lecture! At the end of term, class winners speak to their year groups, then we have school finals at eh end of term assembly – there are medallions and vouchers for each year champion, and Junior and Senior champions are awarded trophies on Presentation Night, and have their names engraved on the perpetual shield which is displayed in the library.

Ms C Wright  
HT English

**Mathematics Faculty**

EQUIPMENT again seems to be an issue. Students require the following every period— pens (or pencil), exercise book (A4 or grid), calculator and ruler.

Mathletics is up and running. Please send $5.00 with your child to pay at the front office. They should then show their teacher the receipt and receive their login and password. I have placed links on the school website for more information.

**Peer Mediation Training**

Congratulations to the following Year 11 students who have been involved in peer mediation training with our local primary school.

**Year 11 Peer Mediators:**  
Nicole Bowden  
Gloria Bisson  
Grant Lewis  
Rebecca Fowell
**Safety and Footwear**

After completing all the necessary safety requirements, students are beginning to undertake their practical work for the year. The majority of students are involving themselves in the production of their projects with enthusiasm but unfortunately some students are letting themselves down. They have not been able to participate in the practical work due to unsafe footwear. The Department of Education and Community require students in practical subjects to wear shoes with good soles and enclosed leather uppers that cover the top of the foot. Rabens, volleys, canvas covered shoes, some sports joggers and most ‘slip on shoes’ do not fulfil the D.E.C.’s footwear requirements and are unsuitable for the practical workrooms.

Parents, please ensure that your child wears appropriate footwear so that they are not disadvantaged in practical subjects.

The following excerpt is from the Departments guideline on protective footwear;

**Areas where safe footwear must be worn**

In accordance with the Safe Working Policy, the Department has identified areas of its workplaces where appropriate footwear must be worn by staff, students and visitors to ensure their safety.

Areas where enclosed leather footwear (or other material confirmed by the manufacturer to be suitable, refer to Australian/NZ Standard 2210: Safety Protective and Occupational Footwear) is required are:

- Industrial Arts and trades workshop areas
- Science laboratories
- Canteen or Food Technology (Kitchen) areas

**Senior Students**

HSC Industrial Technology - Timber students are well on the way with their major projects. Some interesting designs are evolving with the students showing outstanding practical skills in their workmanship. The projects being constructed include tables, cabinets, storage units and chairs. The students aim to have completed the construction phase by the end of semester 1 to allow themselves time to apply a quality finish to their work in the time remaining.

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**Year 10 Media Research Assignment**

During Term 1 all year 10 science students of Robert Townson High School will be given a “Science in the Media” Research Assignment. This task will contribute to 15% of the Half Yearly Assessment. The task will be due on Friday the first week back in Term 2, May 3rd.

The task requires students to collect newspaper articles involving science and observe television advertisements. It is the belief of the science faculty of Robert Townson High School that students should broaden their understanding in science and keep up to date with the latest scientific developments. The task also has literacy components and requires students to write practice formal letters.

**Year 9 and 10 Homework Books**

By this stage all year 9 and 10 students in Science would have received a homework book containing past school certificate exam questions. Students will gradually be expected to complete the booklet as homework book directed by their individual class teachers. It is important that students attempt the homework book as it contributes to their half yearly reports.

**Year 7 and 8 Vocabulary Books in Science**

All students of year 7 and 8 should have received a vocabulary book (if not please ask their teacher for a copy). Students will be given 20 words for each science topic that they do to complete in their vocabulary booklets. We believe it is important for our students to familiarise and learn specific words used in science and to improve our students overall vocabulary. The booklets contribute to their overall homework marks in science.

Mr P Sakic,
Head Teacher Science
The HSIE department would first like to welcome Ms Beeten to the HSIE department. Ms Beeten joined the faculty towards the end of 2012 and has now officially been appointed as a new social science teacher. She will be teaching geography and Business Studies this year. After a year’s leave, we would also like to welcome back Mrs Gile who has also been given a new position this year. With the departure of Mr Ross to another school, she returns as a history teacher.

We have a number of really exciting opportunities for students to be involved in this term:

The year 11 Legal Studies class will be going to the Campbelltown Court and Macarthur Legal Centre on 1st March. Eight students are competing in the Australian National Geographic Channel competition. This will take place on 26th March. News of their achievements will be in the next newsletter. For the first time Year 10 geography students will be given the opportunity to travel to Stockton Beach as part of their case study into Coastal Management. Unfortunately the school can’t take every Year 10 student. So please get money in as quickly as possible to guarantee a spot on the bus.

To secure a position a $5 deposit needs to be paid at the front office as soon as possible. The total cost for the excursion is $51. It will run on 5th April. Year 8 and 10 History students have the chance to participate in the Australian History Competition. Thousands of students across Australia will compete in this test comprising of 50 multiple choice questions. The test will occur on the 29th May. Cost to students is $6 and is due by 5th of April.

Our semester one year 7 geography classes have already participated in a local excursion to Lake Burrendah. This was a fantastic opportunity for students to conduct geography fieldwork. The other year 7 geography classes will complete this trip in Semester 2.

As for the rest of the year the faculty will be endeavouring to provide the following opportunities to students: a year 8 Medieval Day; a year 10 history presentation delivered by the local Indigenous community; a Mysteries and Disasters excursion for elective History classes; a year 7 HSIE excursion to Katoomba; a year 9 geography excursion to Wombeyan Caves; a new year geography excursion to Fitzroy Falls; Society and Culture excursions to Cabramatta, Nan Tien Temple and the NSW State Library; and a possible senior excursion to Canberra. More information regarding the dates and costs associated with these excursions will be put in coming newsletters.

We look forward to a great year with our students. Please contact any of the teachers in HSIE if you have any concerns.

There have been many changes to our school sport organisation for 2013 and Mr Kelava has done a fantastic job of implementing our new Scattered Sports model. This means that there is no more ‘Wednesday Sport Afternoon.’ It has been a smooth transition into our new system, receiving plenty of positive feedback from both our students and staff.

Please ensure that your child comes prepared to their double period of sport with the correct sports uniform, including appropriate footwear with shoelaces. Any students who are not prepared with uniform will unfortunately go to sports detention instead of participating.

We would also like to use this opportunity to give a general reminder regarding deodorant in spray cans. Spray deodorant creates a dangerous situation for those students who have asthma – for the safety and comfort of all of our students, please ensure your child brings roll-on deodorant only.

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Congratulations to all our 2012 year 12 students who completed Creative & Performing Arts subjects for their HSC last year. Students performed better in the Higher School Certificate in visual arts and drama compared with all other subjects in the school.

In visual arts, 44.4 per cent of candidates achieved Band 5, which is an increase from the previous year and higher than the state result. 51.9 per cent of students achieved Band 4, and no student achieved less than Band 3. With the exception of one student, all students met a minimum state determined growth, with six students demonstrating growth well above the state. For 93 per cent of students, their visual arts mark was their highest subject mark in the Higher School Certificate. These results are consistent with previous years, showing a slight increase in results above the state trend.

In drama, 71.4 per cent of candidates achieved Band 5, almost three times as many as the state. 21.4 per cent of students achieved Band 4, and no student achieved less than Band 3. All students met a minimum state determined growth, with four students demonstrating growth well above the state. For half of the students, their drama mark was their highest subject mark in the Higher School Certificate.

Overall, drama results were the best in the school, slightly above the state trend. This year’s results were very pleasing for the first HSC drama class at the school.

Mrs D. James
Head Teacher Creative & Performing Arts

We started off the year at a high rate of speed. The students started on 30 and 31 January and our first excursion was on Monday, 4 February. Year 12 had their first excursion of the year with 35 students travelling to the University of Wollongong for their annual Discovery Day. In November 2012, the students selected the lectures/workshops that they wanted to attend. It was also a great opportunity to tour the campus, meet with uni students, find out about accommodation, scholarships, early entry, different clubs/organisations that they could join. There were also many food stalls and a live band for the students to enjoy. We chose a great day as Discovery Day goes on for the whole week and over 5,500 students from all over the state attending this year. Monday was the only day that it did not rain!

On the Tuesday, the senior leaders organised and prepared a morning tea for the 2012 Year 12 students. This was a wonderful opportunity to see the ex-students and find out what they were going to do in 2013. Quite a few ex-students attended and it was good to see them all well and happy. The senior leaders had previously assisted with the end of year BBQ held on Thursday 20 December 2012. Nearly all of the Year 12 students attended and most were able to obtain extra information on alternate pathways. Tuesday, 5 February was also the starting date for continuing students at TAFE. These Year 12 students were already familiar with the procedures and all went smoothly. The year 11 students and new year 12 students started their TAFE courses on 12 February and again, all went well and the students have settled into an adult learning environment.

On Wednesday, 13 February, two female senior leaders and myself attended a Business Relationship at Sunrise (BRAS) breakfast where the girls were able to talk to successful business women in our local area. We also listened to a motivated speaker who spoke about using our personal strength in the work place.

This is only week 5. Coming up we have so many activities for Year 10, Year 11 and Year 12.

As I always say, it is never dull in the Careers Room.

Mrs N Lampe
HT VET/Careers
Year 7 SRC Members
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Staff Development Day  
NO STUDENTS | 30          
Years 7, 11 & 12 return to school | 31          
Years 8, 9 & 10 return to school | February 1 |
| 2B   | 4      | 5       | 6         | 7        | 8      |
| 3A   | 11     | 12      | 13        | 14       | 15     |
| 4B   | 18     | 19      | 20        | 21       | 22     |
| 5A   | 25     | 26      | 27        | 28       | 29     |
| 6B   | **March 4**  
Swimming Carnival | 5          
Year 7 vaccinations Hpv & Hep B | 6         | 7        | 8      |
| 7A   | 11     | 12      | 13        | 14       | 15     |
| 8B   | 18     | 19      | 20        | 21       | 22     |
| 9A   | 25     | 26      | 27        | 28       | 29     |
| 10B  | **April 1**  
EASTER MONDAY | 2          
Public Speaking finals | 3         | 4        | 5      |
| 11A  | 8      | 9       | 10        | 11       | 12     |

**Newsletter By Post (Please return to Front Office)**

Student’s Name ___________________________ Roll Call: __________________

I would like to continue receiving a paper copy of the school newsletter by mail.

Parent/Guardian Signature: __________________