Earlier this year Robert Townson High School supported a year 7 student, Tab Brown, who shaved his head in order to raise money for the Be Brave and Shave campaign. While Tab was brave enough to have his head shaved by his mother at a whole school assembly, five teachers and the Deputy Principal Mr Morrow, volunteered to have a student donor colour their hair in an array of colours to get behind and support Tab. This event proved to be a success as it helped to raise much needed awareness of Leukaemia and Lymphoma. One student on the day even said “leading up to the event I didn’t know that blood diseases were such a significant and relevant threat to people our age in society.”

All funds raised on the day went towards research to find a cure for blood diseases. This was all made possible through the help of SRC members who went to roll call classes and collected donations. Importantly, the entire school participated in the Be Brave and Shave campaign which helped to not only raise awareness but also to provide a sense of involvement for all on the day.

The SRC would like to thank the teachers and students for helping this day go forth and of course Tab for inspiring us all.
**Deputy Principal’s Message**

The Parent teacher night on the last Tuesday of term is an occasion I look forward to each year. My positive dealings with supportive parents enable the school to deliver great educational outcomes to students. As this will be my last meeting, I look to have what may be my final little chat to parents I have got to know over the years.

Reports are in the mail and teachers have looked at course outcomes as well as attitude to learning of over 800 students. Please read these reports and ask your child to reflect on their learning.

I would like to thank our Head Teachers, substantive and relieving, teachers and support personnel as their work ethic has provided support for classroom learning as well as the day to day administration and welfare for students.

Term 3 is approaching which will complete the Year 11 Preliminary course. Some students are struggling to meet all requirements, so parents are advised to direct their child to respond to any N award warnings.

Year 12 will have the TRIAL HSC exams in the first two weeks of term 3. Then in their final 8 weeks they will complete final course topics, receive valuable feedback to improve exam outcomes and revise each course in preparation for the HSC. I wish year 12 every success as they prepare for the conclusion of their schooling.

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**Principal’s Message**

**Literacy**

Our new school plan places significant emphasis on developing our student’s Literacy results. One of the reasons for this is that each year, one third to one half of our incoming year seven students falls below the state average by one or more years of growth. This gap follows them each year. Accordingly I have allocated human and fiscal resources to try to reduce this gap and extending those students at or beyond their year group. This is done at RTHS by implementing a targeted literacy program for all students in years 7, 8 and 9. This program has been trailed and is now being fully implemented. In a few weeks our first group of individual student’s literacy results will be reported to all parents of year 9 students. Years 7 and 8 parents will receive their reports at the end of the year. Though this report will demonstrate your child’s progress we have access to a far greater range of literacy information and we are investigating further ways of including this in your child’s report. If you ask your child about their experience with the program they can give you greater insight. Please note year 9 have only just finished and year 7 have just started.

**Science roof**

Last Newsletter I reported that the science block roof is being replaced. The scaffolding is up and the materials have arrived. I hold out great hope that by the student’s first day back in term 3 they will be in a water tight, mould free environment. I hope my expectations meet reality.

**Uniform**

All students who have been complying with our uniform policy (http://www.roberttownh.schoo.../our-school/uniform-shop) will receive their merit awards early next term. Some students have already achieved over 10 merits and are well on the way to achieving a medallion by the end of the year. This is possible for all students but not those who wear hoodies (including maroon) or track suit pants. Despite these students I and the rest of the school community have notice the significant improvement in the look of our students. Congratulations to the parents of the award winners and I look forward to even more students receiving awards when the weather begins to warm up later next term.

**Alcohol**

There have been several recent incidents involving students and alcohol this term. We continue to take a punitive plus developmental approach to addressing this issue. It has been reported to me that some other students in year 9 and 10 are drinking from a share opaque plastic drinking bottle that may contain alcohol. I have let my staff know and they will look into any concerns they may have. Please discuss any concerns you may have with your child and the school if needed.
On the 27th of May RTHS sent 24 gifted and talented students to represent our school at the Wizz it Up Trivia Day hosted by Thomas Reddall High School. On the day our four teams competed against over fifty other teams from various schools around the state. Our four school teams did very well, and had a very enjoyable and educational experience. Our Year 9/10 boys team came second in their stage group. It was a fantastic effort from all of our students who participated in the fun and challenging day.

Ms Paroz

Below are some of the student accounts of the experience:

“On the 27th May four teams, mostly from the gifted and talented roll call went to a trivia competition called ‘Wizz it Up’. The teams faced many challenges to test their academic limits. There were four parts to the competition:

2. Problem solving.
3. A hands on creative project.
4. General knowledge questions.

Robert Townson had a girls 9/10 team, a boys 9/10 team, and 2 girls 7/8 teams. Out of all of the RTHS teams the boys 9/10 team won the 2nd place in their category. Congratulations boys. We all had a fantastic experience as well as an amazing opportunity.”

Written by Eevee Clark & Rasmine Giles year 8.

Not only was ‘Wizz it Up’ a fun and enjoyable experience, but it was also a good educational and social activity. Many teams participated and proved worthy opponents for a place in this trivia day. Our team had a good time, and somehow managed to come second place. All in all, it was a great day, and we look forward to participating again.”

Written by Luke Martino from the boys 9/10 team


National Art School

Getting accepted into the Dobell Drawing Course at the National Art School left me thrilled, making me feel art was something I need to put more passion into. For me it was never a full time, go hard out at it thing, it was more ‘oh look, I’m bored let’s create something’.

Once going to this four day course I felt as though this passion should be something I aspire to do, something I should work for. I picked up so many broad skills that I had no idea about before and know these will stick with me.

One thing I adored were the new people and faces I had met or even just admired throughout this experience. They all had the same mindset and were all unique individuals living for one passion.

For classes we did a lot of still life and working around subjects turning it from simplicity to a visualised conception of how we saw the object. Along with a live model coming in over the four days we learnt proportions and where everything sits and is planted on the human body.

As the last day came, most of us explored and ventured around the school unknowingly running into so many wonders and noticing and admiring the other artists’ works and creations.

Later that night an exhibition was held showing a piece of each student’s artwork, inviting parents to come down and admire what was done. This course is certainly something for aspiring artists to strive for.

Jeremy Mortas
Year 11
On the 21st of May, Year 8, along with Ms James, Ms Gowdy, Ms Hogan, Mr Stanley, Ms Hooke and Miss Calman, travelled to Campbelltown Arts Centre for Creative Arts Day.

In previous weeks, students were involved in an interactive light workshop at school, with internationally renowned artists Rebecca Baumann and Brendan Van Hek. Students were able to see these artists works as a part of the exhibition ‘Colour Restraint’ at the gallery.

On the day, students participated in a variety of workshops including; experimenting with light and creating a hanging work (or an ‘installation’), a music workshop, drama performance, poetry, pattern and sculpture making and a tour of the gallery.
Exploring the gallery

Students participating in workshops in the gallery space and art making studio

A special thank you to all teachers, workshop tutors, staff at the gallery and to the artists for making the day possible.
PDHPE - what’s happening in class

During Term 3, PE units focus on Moving to Music. Each stage of education has a different focus:

Year 7 – Jump Rope for Heart  
Year 8 – Individual dances  
Year 9 – Partner Dances – Cha Cha  
Year 10 – Social Dance - Merengue

Health units in Term 3 are:  
Year 7 – Smoking  
Year 8 – Coping with Challenges  
Year 9 – Drugs  
Year 10 – Challenges and Relationships/ Decision Making

Our Year 12 classes are on the way to completing their HSC and the application and effort of most students has been very pleasing. However, all students need to develop an appropriate study timetable (and use it) and practice answering questions from previous HSC papers.

Our Year 12 Sports Coaching classes are involved in work placement. The Year 11 Sports Coaching class did a very professional job in assisting in the organisation and operation of the recent high school and primary school carnivals. Students in both Year 11 and Year 12 Sport, Lifestyle and Recreation (SLR) are completing units based on team sport games and participation.

GOOD LUCK to all senior students in their up and coming exams.

A reminder to all that students must have a complete change of clothes and the appropriate footwear for all PDHPE practical lessons. The school has a sports uniform that can be purchased from the uniform shop. If a student is unable to wear the correct sports uniform (it may be dirty, wet, not currently available or they have outgrown their uniform) an appropriate change of sports clothing should be bought in so the student can still participate, with an accompanying note that explains to the teacher why the student is not in their correct uniform. SINGLETS SHOULD NOT BE WORN IN ANY PDHPE LESSON.

Students are also encouraged to bring a hat, sunscreen and a drink to all practical PDHPE lessons.

A reminder to all students, spray deodorants are not permitted at school and will be confiscated by PDHPE staff. Students are encouraged to bring a roll on deodorant.

Craig Innes  
Head Teacher PDHPE

EARLY LEAVE PASSES AND SICK BAY

Just a reminder to parents of the procedures for your children to leave school early. If you want your child to leave early from school for an appointment they must bring a note from you to the office BEFORE ROLL CALL stating the reason and time they will be leaving. They will then be issued with a pass which will allow them to leave class at that time.

If your children are sick at school please remind them to come to the office so we can register them into sick bay and we will then contact you. Children are not to contact their parents directly to pick them if they are unwell.
**Sport**

*Cross Country:*  
An excellent turn out with students tackling the 3km and 5km course.

### AGE CHAMPIONS

12 years  | Ashleigh Weinert  | Troy Weinert  
13 years  | Jordyn Denham     | Khalil Khatel  
14 years  | Cindy Marshall    | CJ El-Esber    
15 years  | Bonnie Kuru       | Ismail El Omar 
16 years  | Rachel Weinert    | Jarrod Adams   
17 years  | Taylah Middleton  | Jonathan Greig-Williams  
18 years  |                    | Liam Ryan      

### OTHER SPORTING NEWS:

Congratulations to the multi-talented Jessica Tillack for being selected in the NSW School girl AFL team.

Baily McParland was selected to play for the 15’s NSW All School Boys team. He will be travelling to Geelong next month.

Jessica Fryer was selected to play Hockey for the NSW CHS team. This is an amazing achievement as it is the third time she has made the team.

A huge congratulations to the under 15’s boys 4 x 100 metre relay team (pictured below) who SMASHED the 44 year old record a for the Macarthur Zone Athletics carnival.

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**Zone Carnival highlights**

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**Sydney South West Carnival competitors**

Taylah Middleton, Rachel Weinert, Bonnie Kuru, Troy Weinert and Brandon Wilshaw

Ashleigh Weinert will be progressing to the NSW All Schools Carnival with an excellent 5th place. Well done Ashleigh!

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**Issam Merhi, William Louis, Michael Prasad and Baily McParland**
TEEN RANCH EXCURSION

On the 9th and 10th of June students from Robert Townson High School were selected from the SRC and Senior Leader groups to attend an educational, team building excursion at Teen Ranch.

The activities that took place over the two days required leadership, team work and knowledge in many forms. They included a challenge course, nature skills, the high rope course, rock climbing and abseiling. Students who participated in the Teen Ranch excursion bonded and learnt to work together using communication and collaboration.

“I had a fantastic time at Teen Ranch. I’ll never forget it” said Rasmine Giles, one of the participants at the excursion.
Excursion to Macarthur Area Careers Expo
Recently Year 10 students attended the Macarthur Area Careers Expo held at the Basketball Stadium at Minto. Their attendance reinforced that there is nothing more important than a student’s future. Students took the opportunity to talk to exhibitors and to obtain the most up-to-date information about further education, training and employment opportunities. Our students thoroughly enjoyed the experience – one of the students commented that the expo was heaven to him as he had different exhibitors to whom he spoke to and collected information to take home and speak with his parents. The information supplied were the first steps to start him onto planning his future including the subjects he would consider for his senior years.

Future students who are given the opportunity should attend as it can be the first step towards setting one up for a fantastic career that is interesting, enjoyable, satisfying and rewarding.

Aim Higher
Earlier this term, it was arranged for Year 7 to see Aim Higher which was presented by Gibber Productions and the presentation at Robert Townson was sponsored by UWS. The production has toured the state.

Aim Higher is a dynamic, hard hitting 45 minute high energy “magazine style” interactive performance which used humour, music, multi-media and popular culture to engage, inspire and inform Year 7 students about the many different progression routes into tertiary education with an emphasis on the education options in the Sydney basin area. It used identifiable characters and fun interactive scenarios which our students found it easy to relate to. The production dispelled any preconceptions or negative attitudes they had towards learning beyond the compulsory education period, while raising awareness of the specific routes into university and their accessibility for all.

What did Year 7 take away?
Sometimes you have to work for what you want.
Learning can be fun!
If you have an aim in life then learning has a purpose.
It is alright to change your mind.
Don’t waste your time – get serious about leaning.
There is always someone to help you.
AND ABOVE ALL...
Communicate with others including teachers and your family.

Aim Higher was a great hit with Year 7.

Careers Information
A lot of careers information crosses my desk at this time of year. It is extremely important that students in Years 12, 11 and 10 check their DEC or school emails. At present I send them Careers Newsletters fortnightly as well as extra information such as free study sessions, job opportunities, UMAT sessions and Tafe information.

If students have forgotten their user name or password to access their accounts, then they need to see out TSO who is situated in “C” block for help. It is important that students take a pen and book to write the information in and to keep it safe.

Congratulations to April Walker in Year 12 who attended the South West Sydney Institute of TAFE Student Awards. April received the School Based Traineeship Award for Student of the Year.
PBIS Student of Week

The PBIS Student of the Week award is presented once a week on assembly for students who have been nominated for consistently being Safe Respectful Learners. The following students have received student of the Week so far this year.

Congratulations to these students.

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### Year 7 students receiving their awards at their year meeting.
Children’s Book Week—August 22-28 2015
The short listed books for 2015 Book of the Year have been announced.
Book of the Year: Older Readers

The school library does not have all the nominated books in all categories apart from the Older Readers. We do, however, have a selection of books from other categories.

Younger Readers

Picture Book of the Year

Crichton Award for New Illustrators

Eve Pownall Award for information books

The full selection of nominated books in all categories is available from Campbelltown library.

School Holidays
Students are welcome to borrow books from the school library for the school holidays. The best time of the year to stay inside and enjoy a good book!
HIU students attended the DEC and Lion’s Deaf Camp for five days in May and participated in many activities, rock climbing, kayaking, damper cooking, night markets, BMX riding, rope climbing, archery and much more. The purpose of this camp is to develop self-confidence and build friendships with other deaf students from local and outside Sydney schools. They didn’t want to go back home in the end!

Mrs Beasley (HIU Support Teacher)

Year 7 have been studying Ancient Egypt this term. The students worked hard on individual projects developing power point presentations on the life of Tutankhamun. They are doing a fantastic job and these projects will be displayed on the monitor in the front office for visitors to the school to see some of the excellent work produced by our HIU students.

Mrs Griffiths (HIU Support Teacher)

The DEC School Sport Unit invited us to the “Come & Try Athletics Carnival” for students with physical and sensory disabilities. This was our first event and HIU students enjoyed participating with other deaf students from Nepean Performing Arts High School. The organisers were impressed with some of our students who have potential skills for Combined High School Athletics Competition.

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