

## COMING EVENTS

Monday, 1 August	Twilight Concert
Tuesday, 2 August	Prep Enrolment Sessions 9am and 6pm
Friday, 5 August	Jeans for Genes Wear Sports Shirt and Jeans (gold coin donation)
Monday, 10 August to Tuesday 25 August	Gold Coast Eisteddfod Performances
Thursday, 25 August	Junior Sports Carnival
Friday, 2 September	Interschool Sport Starts
Wednesday, 14 September	Jump Rope for Heart Jump Off
Week 10 Term 3	HPE Week
Friday, 16 September	Tuckshop Closed
Friday, 16 September	LAST DAY OF TERM 3
Friday, 7 October	Ladies Night - Fashion and Beauty Extravaganza

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### SAME DAY STUDENT ABSENCE NOTIFICATION

The safety and well being of students are the highest priorities for the Department of Education and Training and for the Queensland Government.

On Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2016, the report *When a child is missing: Remembering Tialeigh – a report into Queensland's children missing from out-of-home care* was released and the Queensland Government has accepted a recommendation from the Queensland Family and Child Commission that the Department will implement same day notifications advising

parents/carers when a child has an unexplained absence from school.

Schools were notified last term that the new Education Queensland initiative of same day absence follow up for students in out of home care was beginning at the start of this term. This will apply to all students by Term 4 through legislation. This is a significant change as previously it was after the second day on unexplained absences that the school was required to follow up.

This is not a major change for Robina State School as we have been using an automated same-day student absence notification texting system for several years.

As parents you can assist us as a school to take the best possible care of your child by notifying the school on the same day your child is away.

I thank the majority of parents/caregivers of Robina State School for doing an excellent job in letting the school know when your child is absent. The quickest way to inform the school is by phone.

Robina State School has updated to a new digital phone system that offers more convenience for parents and caregivers when contacting the school. Callers have options to leave messages, or select specific areas to speak directly to a staff member.

Options offered are:

1. Student Absence
2. Administration
3. Finance
4. Student Services
5. Tuckshop
6. Uniform Shop
7. OSHC

Parents can use the Student Absence option to inform the school 24/7 of an absence.

When leaving a message for an absence:

- Be clear and concise.
- State your child's name, and class.
- Reason for absence.
- Duration of the absence.
- Be mindful that car phone (Bluetooth) messages are difficult to decipher.

Below is an excerpt from Education Qld regarding parent/caregiver responsibilities in relation to attendance at school and absenteeism:

- Each parent of a child who is of compulsory school age has the legal obligation to ensure their child is enrolled and attends a school, on every school day for the educational program in which the child is enrolled, unless the parent has a reasonable excuse.

From time to time a student may be absent from their educational program. Parents comply with their compulsory

schooling or compulsory participation obligation by providing a [satisfactory reason](#)

Remember every day counts.

*C R Eveans, Principal*

## **SCHOOL OPINION SURVEY**

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The annual School Opinion Survey will be conducted 11 to 29 July 2016. All families, school staff and a random sample of students will be invited to participate. We encourage you to take this opportunity to have your say about what this school does well, and how this school can improve. Each of the online surveys is currently open and will remain so until Friday, 29 July 2016. Access details for the Parent/Caregiver Survey will be sent home with students this week. Survey queries can be directed to the Office on 55 624 111 or email [office@robinass.eq.edu.au](mailto:office@robinass.eq.edu.au).

## **P&C NEWS**

### **TUCKSHOP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - URGENT**

Volunteers Required for the TUCKSHOP.

A monthly volunteer roster is now available at the Tuckshop. We are seeking regular volunteers that can assist once a week, fortnight or month. Days available are Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Please see Janine or Julie in the Tuckshop.

### **LADIES NIGHT - FASHION AND BEAUTY EXTRAVAGANZA**

**SAVE THE DATE - Friday, 7 October**

Doors open for stalls at 6.30pm. Designer Wear Fashion parade starts at 7.30pm (same as last year with stalls). We require the following for this event:

- Caterers – cold selection only - i.e. wraps, sushi, platters (cheese, cold meats etc.). Dessert options required also.
- Stallholders - selling make up/beauty products and accessories i.e. shoes, scarves, handbags etc. NB: We already have Avon, Envy Jewellery, Park Lane Jewellery, Arbonne and possibly Younique.
- Donations for raffles.

## **ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS**

The Perspex Box outside the Tuckshop is a great place to advertise your business to the Robina State School community. To place your business card in this box is just \$50 per year and an A3 promotional poster is \$25 for a one-month period. See the Tuckshop team to get the ball rolling.

Enjoy your week.

*Colin Frew, P & C President*

### **MUNCH MONITOR - ORDER FROM OUR CANTEEN ONLINE**

Our canteen has teamed up with MunchMonitor to offer a convenient and easy to use online service.

- no more writing out canteen lunch orders or looking for lunch money in the morning
  - order up to 4 weeks in advance (edit or delete the order right up until 8:30am on the day)
  - no more lost or forgotten lunch orders and money
  - top-up the account using VISA/MasterCard online or using cash at the canteen
- access account statements online
- It only takes a few minutes to set up an account online and you are ready to go!

## **CPR NEWS**

### **LIBRARY VOLUNTEER CHALLENGE FOR THURSDAY, 4 AUGUST**

If you have a child in Prep C then please join your CPR in the library on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> August from 1.00pm to 3.00pm. You can spend a few hours helping out in the Library as well as enjoying some lovely afternoon tea provided by the Tuckshop ladies.

Don't forget if you have a spare half hour while waiting to pick up your children, or at any other time during the day you can always visit the library to help out. Your hours can then be added to your class total or you can choose to donate your hours to another class.

The library staff (and our children!) really appreciate your help!

## **MUSIC PARENT REPRESENTATIVE (MPR) NEWS**

### **Twilight Concert – Monday 1st August**

The Music Department's Twilight Concert is on the evening of Monday 1st August.....not far away now! This is a wonderful night of music, which showcases our strings, bands and choirs all in one performance.

The Music Department in conjunction with the P&C are running another great raffle offering a

range of prizes with all funds processed through the P&C. In order to make the raffle a success the Music Department is looking for donations for the raffle:

- Wine
- Chocolates
- Beauty products
- Vouchers
- Gift vouchers from local businesses

Please drop any donations into the Music Department by this coming Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July.

Thank you so very much for your support, which benefits all children at our school.

A very big thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help prepare raffle baskets this Friday morning & on the evening of the Twilight concert. There are still a few spots that need filling (one for this Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July to help prepare raffle prizes & 5 spots to help in the CPAC canteen during the Twilight concert interval). If you are available to help please click on the SignUpGenius link below & add your name to the appropriate time slot / location. Thank you in advance!

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0E4CABAF23A0F49-twilight1>

## **HOMELESS CHARITY**

A HUGE thank you to everyone who donated food to the Homeless Connect Charity.

Today we had representatives from Homeless Connect and Gold Coast Youth Services visit our school to collect all of the donations that our very generous school community donated. They were overwhelmed and so very appreciative of the quantity of food items that were donated to this special cause.

We were very fortunate to also be visited by the Sun's mascot 'Sunny' and one of the Suns players along with some great media exposure for our school, including Channel 9 for the Gold Coast news & ABC radio.

Homeless connect is helping to minimise the rate of homelessness on the Gold Coast. The event allows homeless people or families at risk of becoming homeless to enjoy a day of recreation, entertainment, personal care & access services like accommodation support, doctors, dentists, laundry services & hairdressers for free. Homeless Connect day is being held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August from 7am at the Metricon Stadium.

## **DO YOU HAVE A CHILD IN THE MUSIC PROGRAM OR ARE YOU INTERESTED IN THE RSS MUSIC PROGRAM?**

We have again set up a 2016 Closed Group on Facebook for the Robina State School Music Community Group as another way to provide information to our families involved in the music community (which means you have to request to join) but everyone within the school community is welcome to join, whether you have a child in the music programme or not. The link to the page is:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/RobinaSSMusicCommunityGroup2016/>

## **ROBINA STATE SPORTS GROUP - FACEBOOK PAGE**

A Sports Facebook page has been set up called 'Robina State Sports Group'. The link to the page is:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1134883919867031/>

Everyone in the school community is welcome to join.

## **FIT FRIDAYS - EVERY FRIDAY MORNING**

Fitness classes for Robina State School Mums, Dads, Caregivers and Prep – Year 6.

Details as follows:

Prep – Year 6 – please note that there will be no bootcamp for the kids for the next 2 weeks – it recommences on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> August.

Robina State School Parents (Mums and Dads) & caregivers

When: 9:00am to 10:00am

Where: Meet outside the CPAC Hall after school drop off every Friday morning during the school term.

Cost: FREE

Suitable for all fitness levels. Come along & meet fellow parents from our school community while improving / maintaining your fitness levels. Plenty of laughs & fun guaranteed along the way!

Did you know that a one hour workout is only 4% of your day? Hope to see you there!

Thank you to Ray White Robina who are giving parents the opportunity to participate in these great fitness classes.

If you would like more information about the CPR / MPR program, please don't hesitate to contact me on [mfrew11@eq.edu.au](mailto:mfrew11@eq.edu.au)

*Marian Frew, School Community Liaison Officer*

## **MUSIC NEWS**

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The music department is buzzing with excitement as we approach the twilight concert and eisteddfod season.

Our MPR's will be emailing some documents which give more detailed information regarding each groups performances. A few reminders:

- 1) Raffle tickets are due back tomorrow
- 2) Please ensure your eisteddfod note has been returned
- 3) Keep up the good work with home practice. Every little bit helps.

## **LOST PROPERTY**

### **STUDENT SERVICES**

There is a white basket in front of Student Services with a collection of clothing with no names. If not collected by Friday, 29 July these items will be donated to the school or to charity.

## **LIBRARY NEWS**

## **LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL NEWS**

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**