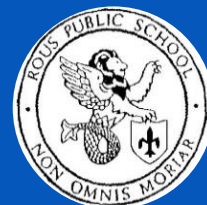


Rous Public School Newsletter



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Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all students who are meeting our expectation of being safe at school by wearing broad brimmed school hats whilst playing in the sun. If parents can, sunscreen could also be applied before your children leave home to offer them further protection. Also, it is important that students bring a drink bottle to school. Having a drink bottle in the classroom reduces lost learning time by allowing students to drink water in the classroom while they are learning and not to have to go outside to the bubblers for a drink.

Intensive Swimming begins next week at Alstonville Pool and will continue for 5 days. This year the program will run differently than it has in the past due to COVID restrictions on the number of students that can be at the facility at any one time.

- Kindergarten, Year 1, Year 2 and some Year 3 students will attend the first session leaving school at 10.45am and returning at 12.00pm
- The remaining Year 3 – Year 6 students will attend a second session leaving school at 11.45am and returning at 1.00pm. This is a fantastic, long running program funded by the Department of Education.
- To save time and reduce the chance of lost belongings, it is asked that students arrive at school with their swimmers on underneath their uniform. Students will then change out of their swimmers when back at school.

Our swimming program is an in school event, therefore students and teachers only will be attending. It would be appreciated if you could send your child/ren with two towels. One for the pool and one to sit on in the bus on the return trip

2021 Major Excursion – Plans are underway for this excursion. Next year it is scheduled to be a visit to Canberra and the snow. Looking back over our records, the last time Rous PS went to the snow it cost approximately \$800 per student. I have attached an expression of interest to this week's newsletter seeking input from you as to the viability of this excursion due to the cost. I would appreciate it if you fill it out and return it to school by next **Friday, 4 December**.

Social Enterprise – continued this week with Year 6 students preparing for the market day to be held at Alstonville High School on Wednesday, 9 December. Many of the groups already have some products available to sell. Regardless of the financial outcome of each group, this has been a wonderful experience for our students in collaboration, especially remotely, and building entrepreneurial skills.

Year 7 Orientation at Alstonville HS – Following Social Enterprise yesterday, our Year 6 students experienced a taster of high school with an orientation session. Students brought home a bag with information for parents. Thanks to Alstonville HS for this event and for the bus transport back to Rous.

2021 Captain Speeches – Year 5 students have begun to prepare their speeches and will deliver them to the whole school at a special assembly on Monday of Week 9. Students will then return to their classes to vote. 2021 School Captains will be announced at the K-6 end of year awards assembly on Thursday of Week 9.

Have a great weekend

Chris Duley

Teaching Principal

Library

Next week is the last week for library borrowing. Please have books in by Friday, 11 December. Thank you.

Mrs Lord

Swimming Carnival

Due to COVID restrictions, our carnival this year is an in school event. Therefore students and teachers only will be attending. Thank you for your understanding.

Pie Day

Please see attached order form for Week 9 canteen. Please complete and return by Monday, 7 December. All items on the menu are available and **must** be ordered prior to the day.

Calendar of Events

TERM 4 2020			
Date	Activity	Payment Due	Cost
Fri 27 Nov	Book Club Order	Fri 27 Nov	As per order
Mon 30 Nov – Fri 4 Dec	Intensive Swimming Program	Fri 27 Nov	\$30
Tue 15 Dec	Swimming Carnival Evans Head	Fri 11 Dec	\$4 Pool entry \$5 Bus
Wed 16 Dec	Last day of Term		



Our Award Winners this Week

K

Odin – for being brave and sensible when he got hurt.
Marley – for knowing lots of things about numbers and recognising the numbers to 100!
Lylah – for great creative play and cooperation in Fun Friday groups.

1/2

Isaac – for working on his art project independently.
Oliver – for keeping our classroom safe and tidy.
Claudia – for fantastic borrowing practices in Library time.

3/4

Angus – for always completing set tasks in the allotted time frame.
Milla – for improvement in her story writing! Well done!
Rosella – for being a fantastic speller and working independently.

4/5/6

Billy – for high levels of engagement with his science project.
Karter – for high levels of engagement with his science project.
Charlee – for being highly engaged in her geography project.



Certificates

Bronze Certificates were awarded to:

Kaide, Angus, LLOYDY, Patrick F, Zeus, Layla, Archie, Ruth

Silver Certificates were awarded to:

Clinton

P&C News

Canteen Roster Term 4 Fridays

Week 7	27 November	Deb, Chloe & Mel
Week 8	4 December	Ashleigh, Marilyn & Rani
Week 9	11 December Pie Day	Marilyn &?

Canteen News

Many thanks to Ash and Joan for your hard work as Canteen Co-ordinators for the past few years. Our families have benefited from your ongoing efforts. Your commitment to this role is greatly appreciated and reflects the culture of generosity we enjoy at Rous.

Starting 2021, Nat Salter and team are going to take over the helm of the canteen and give Ash and Joan a well-deserved break. Thanks Nat for your willingness to take on a new role in our school.

With just a few weeks left in the year, the canteen is seeking a couple more volunteers to fill the Term 4 roster. This can be Parents, Grandparents, Aunts or Uncles. Once again, if you are available to help out please let Jo know and she will pass on your name and number.

And of course, Nat will be looking to sort a roster for next year so please spread the word to new families that this is a great opportunity for them to be involved at Rous.

Community News

ROUS PUBLIC SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY COOKBOOK

To the parents of Rous Public School,

As you know, next year we will be celebrating 140 years of education at Rous.

The unprecedented arrival of Covid has disrupted our chances of having a bonfire this year and our major fundraiser.

A committee has been formed to get together a collection of family recipes from the parents and carers of Rous to create a special school cookbook that we hope to sell.

We greatly appreciate the recipes we have received so far but we still need more.

We have a list of suggestions if you are stuck for ideas and are only asking for 1-2 per family for those who have not yet contributed.

Salads

Seafood dishes

Playdough

Slime

Slices

Cakes

Pikelets and pancakes

Bread/ focaccias/dough

Pizza

Roasts

Vegetarian dishes

Biscuits

Dips/appetizers/starters

Kids cooking

Pasta dishes

Party food

Soups

Mexican food

We thank you for your contribution.

The Cookbook Committee

Christmas Trees for Sale

It's that time of the year again, and for the very last time.....

We are giving the Public an opportunity to purchase a Christmas tree and support the local Rous Mill Recreation Reserve.

The Land Managers of the Reserve are undertaking a final clean up of the Alexandra Tennis Courts, including removing the pine trees growing in the courts and selling them rather than throwing them away.



For the small cost of \$10 for a 4-5 foot tree and \$15 for a 6 foot and greater tree. There are about 30 trees for sale so Pre orders and payment will be essential and can be made through Melissa Towner (Treasurer) 0432366217

Pick up day will be Saturday 12th December 2020 between 11am-1pm at Rous Mill Recreation Reserve (Rous Cemetery Road).

K/1/2 Excursion

On Tuesday, 17 November K-2 went to Cape Byron.

Kindergarten went to The Pass for 'Dolphin Dreaming'. We learnt about Aboriginal Culture. We did aboriginal dancing and face painted with Ochre. It made our skin feel so soft!

Year 1 and 2 went to the Byron Bay lighthouse. We learnt about the animals and features of the area. We also learnt about the history of the lighthouse. Then we went walking. We went to the most Eastern part of Australia!

Then year 1 and 2 met up with kindergarten at Wategoes where we had lunch and played some games.

We had a wonderful time!!

Edie and Lydia Kelsall



School Swimming Scheme 2020

The School Swimming Scheme is a 5 day intensive Learn to Swim program that develops water confidence and provides students with basic skills in water safety and survival. It forms part of teaching and learning in the *Safe Living* strand of the PD/HP/E syllabus. All students will be participating this year. The details for the program are as follows:

When: Monday, 30 November through to Friday, 4 December (Week 8)

Time: K/1/2/3 - Depart school at 10:45am - Lessons commence at 11.00am
Return to school at approximately 12:00pm

4/5/6 – Depart school at 11:45am – Lessons commence at 12:00pm
Return to school at approximately 1:00pm

Who: All students

Where: Alstonville Aquatic Centre

What to bring: Swimmers, towel and goggles each day
Plastic bag for wet swimmers and towels

Cost: \$30 cost of bus for the week

Additional information:

Students will change in and out of their swimmers in designated classrooms at school each day. School uniforms and shoes will remain at school and students will only take their towels and goggles on the bus.

Please ensure that all swimming items and school uniforms are clearly labelled.

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School Swimming Scheme Permission 2020

I give permission for my child/ren _____ to participate in the School Swimming Scheme—Intensive swimming lessons during week 8 of Term 4, 2020.

I understand the students will travel to the Alstonville Aquatic Centre by bus.

I understand the total cost is \$30.00 and payment is required by Friday, 27 November.

Enclosed is: (please tick)

I have enclosed \$30.00

Please indicate by ticking box:

My child can confidently swim more than 25 metres

Signed: _____

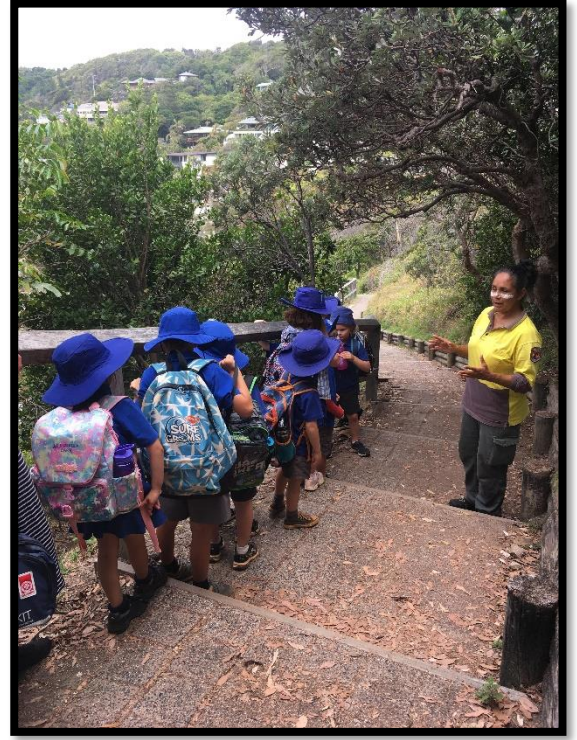
Date: _____

Friday Canteen Menu – 2020

Canteen open one day per week

Name: _____ Class: _____

Available every Friday			
	Cost	Order	Total
Vegemite sandwich/roll	\$2.00		
Ham sandwich/roll/wrap	\$3.00		
Chicken sandwich/roll/wrap	\$3.00		
Salad sandwich/roll/wrap (Combination salad items – lettuce, tomato, carrot, egg, beetroot, cheese)	\$3.00		
Ham salad sandwich/roll/wrap	\$3.50		
Chicken salad sandwich/roll/wrap	\$3.50		
Toasted cheese sandwich	\$3.00		
Toasted ham & Cheese sandwich	\$3.00		
Toasted tomato & Cheese	\$3.00		
Available last Friday of term only			
Meat Pie	\$3.00		
Sausage Roll	\$2.50		
Spinach & Feta Roll	\$3.50		
Poppers			
Orange	\$1.00		
Apple	\$1.00		
Apple & Blackcurrant	\$1.00		
Chocolate Milk	\$1.50		
Strawberry Milk	\$1.50		
Available Monday and Friday at recess			
Ice Blocks	70c		
Total			\$



K/1/2

Excursion

Photos