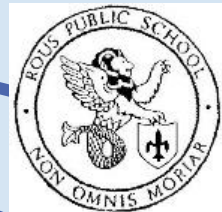


Rous Public School Newsletter

Principal – Krystal Jenkins Mon/Tue/Fri
Relieving Principal – Brad Johnson Wed/Thu



Term 4 Week 3

27 October, 2022

Dear Rous families,

This week, we have seen our soccer team represent our school so proudly on NBN news! What a great news story for our school. Once again congratulations to our small schools soccer team and a huge thank you to Mr J!

BIKE DAY

A checklist will be sent home on Monday to help families check your bike/scooter is ready to go, before the big day. Friday will be about putting our road/bike safety lessons into practice! Students will practice important road safety skills and get their own road safety licence.

Attendance Matters

Regular attendance at school is important for your child to maintain connection with peers and learning.

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An Application for Extended Leave may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

Please take some time to read the attached attendance matters resources and if you have any questions please contact the school.

Transition 2023

We are so excited to meet our new Kindergarten students who are arriving next Tuesday for their first orientation day! A big thank you to Miss Allen for your amazing organisation in these very important days.

This year, current K-4 students will rotate teachers and classrooms each week. Students will be aware of the teacher they will work with and the classroom they will attend. Students will know their 2023 class and teacher towards the end of the term.

Year 5 students will support pre-schoolers as Buddies. Year 6 will work with their current Kindergarten buddy in the first week and with Mrs Ivy in the remaining weeks.

Have a wonderful week everyone. Let's hope the weekend brings us some much needed sunshine.

Mrs Jenkins and Mr Johnson

What's Happening

| Upcoming events | |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| TERM 4 | |
| Thu 27 Oct – 10 Nov | Book Fair |
| Fri 28 - Sat 29 Oct | Alstonville Show |
| Tue 1 Nov | Kindy Orientation |
| Wed 2 Nov | Chess and Draughts Competition |
| Fri 4 Nov | Bike Day |
| Tue 8 Nov | Kindy Orientation |
| Thu 10 Nov | Handball Competition |
| Tue 15 Nov | Kindy Orientation |
| Mon 21 – 25 Nov | Swimming Years 3-6 |
| Mon 28 Nov - 2 Dec | Swimming Years K - 2 |
| Thu 1 Dec | 2023 Captains Speeches Assembly |
| Thu 8 Dec | Volunteers Morning Tea |
| Tue 13 Dec | Concert and Presentation Evening |
| Thu 15 Dec | Year 6 Farewell Assembly |
| Fri 16 Dec | Last Day of Term 4 for Students |



FRIDAY 4TH NOVEMBER
BRING YOUR BIKE AND HELMET!!

Sport News

What a fantastic news story for our school.
Congratulations to our Small School's Soccer Team and a huge Thank you to Mr J!
If you missed it – you can view it by clicking on this link

<https://www.nbnnews.com.au/2022/10/26/rous-public-school-wins-primary-sports-associations-schools-football-knockout/>



ICAS Results

English

Gwen - High Distinction

Trixie- High Distinction

Spelling

Gwen - Distinction

Trixie- High Distinction

Wow! What fantastic results!

A High Distinction means they are in the top 1% of students in their year level, who sat the ICAS tests in Australia!!!

Congratulations Superstars!



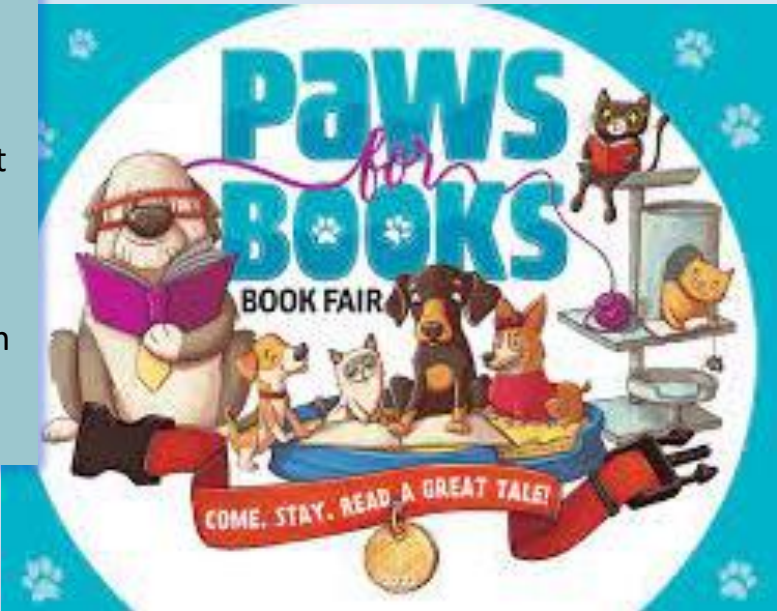
School Awards

| Bronze | Silver | Gold |
|---|-------------------------|---------|
| Charlotte H Arwin Miles Olive Arlo Spencer Mikayla Adalyn Paikea Dart Billy P Kaleb Arahbella Harry Ethan J Luca Tahii Madelyn L Indi Lloyd Molly Lacey Asiah | Gemma Elliot Owen | Ethan J |
| Principal's Awards | | |
| Ethan J ✦ Sullivan ✦ Alex ✦ Ethan M | | |

Book Fair 2022

Book Fair has arrived!
 Students will have the opportunity to view and explore the books on offer and create a wish list to take home to share with parents.

To purchase from the Book Fair, you can simply go online to order and make payment or send in money with your child to purchase books



Farewell Function for Margaret Simpson

Where: The Federal Hotel, Alstonville

When: Saturday 12th November 2022

Time: 2:00pm

Past and present families and staff who acknowledge the outstanding contribution that Margaret provided to students and families during her years of teaching are most welcome to celebrate with Margaret.

Snacks and light meals will be available to purchase from the kitchen.

For any further enquires, contact Rous Public School

Enrolments for Kindergarten 2023 are still open.



For further information and RSVP please contact the school

Phone: (02) 6629 5294

Email: rous-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Kindergarten Orientation Mornings

Tuesday 1st November

Tuesday 8th November

Tuesday 15th November

9.00am – 11.30am

Bring fruit/vegetable snack, waterbottle & hat.

- ★ classroom program for students
- ★ information session for parents

2023 enrolments



Rous Public School

Quality education in a caring environment

The next P&C meeting will be held on
Tuesday, 8th November 2022
7.30pm
Wollongbar Tavern
All welcome

Canteen Roster – Term 4

| WEEK | DATE | HELPER 1 | HELPER 2 |
|------|------------|----------|----------|
| 3 | Fri 28 Oct | Veronica | Zoe |
| 4 | Fri 4 Nov | Tasha | Katie |
| 5 | Fri 11 Nov | Maz | Karina |
| 6 | Fri 18 Nov | Zoe | Suse |
| 7 | Fri 25 Nov | Tasha | Gopal |
| 8 | Fri 2 Dec | Kirby | Abbi |
| 9 | Fri 9 Dec | Karina | Maz |
| 10 | Fri 16 Dec | Julia | Kirby |

From the Community



Intro Musos

Six-week music course for 5-7 year olds

WITH ROCHELLE WRIGHT

This exciting course introduces singing, percussion and instrument playing from our range of instrument resources. Children will learn the foundations of musical notation and music concepts through song, rhythm and movement. There will be visits from our inspiring tutors to demonstrate a variety of instruments, opening up the possibilities of what and how you can learn!

Thu 3rd Nov to Thu 8th Dec, 4-5pm | \$100

The Northern Rivers Conservatorium is a registered Creative Kids provider.



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Connect locally, learn globally ...

Join the virtual school for rural and remote students

Aurora College is NSW's virtual school for high potential and gifted students in rural and remote government schools.

Our school provides innovative, flexible learning in a whole new context, by allowing students to connect locally and to learn globally.

The 'bright lights' of Aurora learn with their classmates from across the state in timetabled lessons using cutting-edge technologies in a virtual learning environment.

Aurora teachers are highly qualified and experienced subject experts with specialised training in delivering best practice learning and teaching to high potential and gifted students.

Applications for placement in **Year 7** in 2024:

- open Tuesday 18 October 2022
- close Wednesday 16 November 2022

For further information, visit www.aurora.nsw.edu.au or phone 1300 287 629.



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For enrolment information, please visit:
<https://aurora.nsw.edu.au/about-our-school/enrolment>





Compulsory school attendance

| Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

What are my Legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age of 17 years. The Education Act 1990 requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the NSW Education and Standards Authority for home schooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The Importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An Application for Extended Leave may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.

My child won't go to school what should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- **Compulsory Schooling Conferences**

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- **Application to the Children's Court – Compulsory Schooling Order**

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department may apply to the Children's Court for a Compulsory Schooling Order. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- **Prosecution in the Local Court**

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

Working in Partnership

The NSW Department of Education recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight
 = **4** weeks
 = Over **1** year missed

1 day per week
 = **8** weeks
 = Over **2.5** years missed

More information

Further Information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

Policy, information and brochures:

Please visit the Department of Education's Policy Library AND The Department's Attendance Matters Website

The school leaving age:

Please visit the Department of Education's Wellbeing and Learning website

Do you need an interpreter?

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on **131 450**. You will not be charged for this service.

