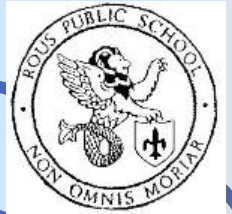


Rous Public School Newsletter

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



Term 4 Week 7

24 November, 2022

School Captain's Report

Hello everyone,

This week our PBL focus is **STAYING IN BOUNDS**.

This means students are to stay in the areas where teachers can see us and know where we are at all times, so that we are safe.

This week the Year 3-6 students have been completing our swimming and water safety program at the Alstonville pool. This has been lots of fun and will help to prepare us for the next swimming carnival. Next week it is Kindergarten – Year 2's turn.

There will be no assembly this week and next week due to students attending these swimming lessons.

Upcoming events

TERM 4

| | |
|--------------------|--|
| Mon 21 – 25 Nov | School Swimming Program Years 3-6 |
| Mon 28 Nov - 2 Dec | School Swimming Program Years K - 2 |
| Thu 1 Dec | 2023 Captains Speeches Assembly |
| Wed 7 Dec | Year 6 Day Out Ballina Water Slide |
| Thu 8 Dec | Volunteer's Morning Tea |
| Tue 13 Dec | Concert and Presentation Evening |
| Thu 15 Dec | Year 6 Farewell Assembly |
| Fri 16 Dec | Dress Up Day – 80's Theme Last Day of Term 4 for Students |

BE A LEARNER

BE SAFE

BE RESPECTFUL

Enrolments for Kindergarten 2023 are still open.



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

For further information and RSVP please contact the school

Phone: (02) 6629 5294

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

Sport News

School Swimming and Water Safety Program

Students in Years 3-6 have had a wonderful week of swimming and learning about water safety.

Next week it will be Kindy – Year 2's turn to participate in the school swimming program. Please ensure your child brings their swimmers, sun safe shirt, towel, goggles and applies sunscreen each day next week.



Attendance Matters

Compulsory School Attendance

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.

If your child is away, please notify the school of the reason for absence within 7 days. This can be done via a phone call or email.

Late arrival and early leavers

If your child arrives at school late or needs to leave early, you will need to contact the office and explain the reason for the absence.

Justified reasons for arriving late or leaving school early include medical and specialist appointments, illness, and urgent family matters. Please contact the school if you have any questions.



EVERY MINUTE COUNTS....

| When your child misses just... | that equals... | which is... | and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is... |
|--------------------------------|---|---|--|
| 10 minutes a day | 50 minutes of learning each week | Nearly 1½ weeks per year | Nearly ½ a year of school |
| 20 minutes a day | 1 hour and 40 minutes of learning each week | Nearly 2½ weeks per year | Nearly a year of school |
| ½ hour a day | ½ a day of learning a week | 4 weeks a year | Nearly 1 ½ years of learning |
| 1 hour each day | 1 whole day of learning each week | 8 weeks per year or nearly a term a year. | Over 2 ½ years of learning |

Your child's best learning time is at the beginning of the day...

Check the time your school starts. DON'T BE LATE!

9:10am

Learning starts 9:10am and finishes 3:10pm

Kindergarten 2023

Best Start Kindergarten Assessment (BSKA) information and appointments have been sent out. Please confirm your time and date if you have not done so already.



| Week | Day/Date | Details |
|----------------|------------------------------------|--|
| Term 1, Week 1 | Friday 27 th January | School Development Day (Staff Only) |
| Term 1, Week 2 | Monday 30 th January | School Development Day (Staff Only) |
| | Tuesday 31 st January | Year 1 - Year 6 students commence Term 1 Kindergarten Best Start Assessments |
| | Wednesday 1 st February | Kindergarten Best Start Assessments |
| | Thursday 2 nd February | Kindergarten Best Start Assessments |
| | Friday 3 rd February | Kindergarten students commence Term 1 |

The BSKA is a state-wide assessment that helps show teachers the literacy and numeracy skill of each student at the beginning of Kindergarten. This helps teachers to plan lessons to best support the learning needs of every child.

NSW Department of Education

Best Start Kindergarten Assessment

Parent and Carer Information

The Best Start Kindergarten Assessment helps teachers identify the literacy and numeracy skills of each student when they start Kindergarten.

Assessment

Your child will answer questions to assess their literacy and numeracy at the beginning of Kindergarten. There is no preparation required for the Best Start Kindergarten Assessment.

Feedback

You will be provided with feedback about how you can support your child during the first year of school.

Your child

We know that every child starts school with their own set of experiences, skills and abilities.

Understand and plan

The information gathered will help teachers to develop effective learning programs that build upon what each child knows and can do when they start Kindergarten.

Best possible start

The Best Start Kindergarten Assessment will ensure your child receives the best possible start to formal school education.

The next P&C meeting will be held on
Tuesday, 6 December 2022
7.30pm - Rous Mill Hall
All welcome

Exciting canteen news....

Online ordering and payment is here!

Say goodbye to hunting around for a bag and coins on Friday mornings and order via the 'Spriggy Schools' app instead. We have decided to trial the app for the rest of the term and if it goes well, to gain P&C agreement to use Spriggy Schools next year.

The canteen menu options and prices will remain the same. There is a 29c fee per online order, which is on a par with other online canteen providers and should be worth it to save hassle for parents and to help make canteen run more smoothly.

For the time being it will still be possible to order with brown paper bag and coins, but we would encourage you to download the app and give it a try. Please see details below.

Thank you.

P&C Canteen Committee

Spriggy Schools

The canteen has partnered with Spriggy Schools for online lunch orders!

Creating your account

- Download the app
- Register your details
- Create a profile for each child

Placing your first order

- View the canteen menu on the home screen
- Browse the menu and tap 'Add to Cart' on any item
- Go to cart and tap 'Place Order' to confirm
- You can edit or cancel your order before the cut-off time

Download the app now!

Get it on Google Play | Download on the App Store

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Canteen Roster – Term 4

| WEEK | DATE | HELPER 1 | HELPER 2 |
|------|------------|----------|----------|
| 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 Our Community

YEAR 6 STUDENTS OF 2022 ARE INVITED TO
**ALSTONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
TRANSITION DAY**
TUESDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 2022
9.30AM – 3.00PM



- Students to meet in the school hall upon arrival
- Students will participate in a variety of activities and experience some lesson tasters
- Students to bring recess, lunch, drink and hat. The canteen will also be open for students to access

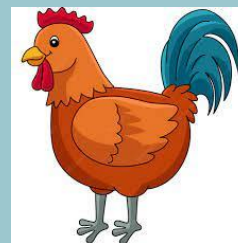
Address: Cawley Close, Alstonville NSW 2477 Tel: 6628 5222
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Bantams Free to Good Home

Six Hens and One Rooster
needing to be re-homed.

If you are interested or
would like more details
please contact Rous PS
office.



'Melaina's workshop was amazing!
It's inspired me to be more
creative and use my
imagination. I loved it!!!!' Lilly



'Brilliant, funny
and awesome.
Thank you!!!!'
Ed



SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS ACCEPTING 2022 & 2023 CREATIVE KIDS VOUCHERS!

CREATIVE WRITING MASTERCLASS FOR KIDS!

IN PERSON WORKSHOPS FOR 10-12 YRS (GRADES 5-6)
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POTTSVILLE TUESDAY JAN 10TH
MURWILLUMBAH WEDNESDAY JAN 11TH
TWEED HEADS THURSDAY JAN 12TH

BRUNSWICK HEADS TUESDAY JAN 17TH
BANGALOW WEDNESDAY JAN 18TH
LISMORE (BEXHILL) THURSDAY JAN 19TH

Year 6-7 Transition 2022-2023

The Rivers Secondary College welcome all
children enrolling into Year 7 in 2023. Our
Rivers Orientation Days are Tuesday 22nd
November and Tuesday 29th November
2022.



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Education

SCHOOL SWIMMING and WATER SAFETY PROGRAM

Dear Parents / Caregivers

The School Swimming Scheme will be conducted over five days. Each daily lesson will be between 1:30 and 2:30pm.

All students are eligible to participate in the School Swimming Program regardless of their swimming ability.

Instruction will take place at Alstonville Pool.

The Program will continue **daily for five days** from Monday, 21 November to Friday, 25 November for students in Years 3 – 6 and from Monday, 28 November to Friday 2 December for students in K - 2. There will be no charge for instruction.

Transport will cost \$25 for the week. **Pool entry** is \$27.50 per day or Ballina Shire Pool Pass. **Please note Fitness Passports are no longer accepted.**

The **total cost** for the program is \$52.50 – for those students who hold a Ballina Shire Pool pass the cost is \$25.00. This can be paid by cash to the office or on the website. Flood funding can be used If your child still has a balance – please check with Jo regarding balances.

Students will get changed at school before boarding the bus. They will need a towel and goggles. Sunscreen will be applied before leaving school, a rash shirt is also recommended.

Please complete and sign the form below and return it to the office.

Brad Johnson

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SCHOOL SWIMMING SCHEME PERMISSION

I give permission for my child/ren _____ to participate in the School Swimming Scheme to be held at Alstonville pool from Mon 21 to Fri 25 Nov (Years 3 – 6) and Mon 28 Nov to Fri 2 Dec (K-2). Travel will be by bus.

Total cost for the program is \$ 52.50

In the event of injury or illness, I also authorise (on my behalf) the seeking of such medical assistance that my child may require. Special needs of my child of which you should be aware (eg. allergies, sensory impairment, etc).

☐ I have included \$52.50

☐ I have a pool pass and included \$25.00

I acknowledge that this event/activity is required to be held in accordance with any current NSW Health COVID-19 Public Health Orders and the NSW Department of Education's policies and procedures. I acknowledge and accept that there is a risk that my child may be exposed to COVID-19 whilst attending and participating at this event.

Signed: _____

Date ____/____/____