



Thursday, 19 October 2023

# Rous Public School Newsletter

Principal - Krystal Jenkins



## Principal's Message

### Term 4 - Week 2

Dear Rous Families,

This term is shaping up to be a positive and rewarding term. This week we have boogied our way on the dance floor at our first RPS Disco. A huge thank you to our P & C for all the organisation and sausage sizzle. It was an awesome night, I'm sure the children will be looking forward to more in the future.

We have the Alstonville Show coming up next week, we are displaying some beautiful work. Make sure you stop in to the pavilion and have a look.

We are so grateful for having an opportunity to meet with parents this week to discuss learning goals and social connections for children. The door is always open, when or if you need to discuss anything - big or small. We are here to work beside you to achieve the highest possible success for your child. I truly do mean, we are a school family.

Remember school Dojo is the platform where you'll get daily information and updates. Please make sure you are connected. If you need help, please contact the school and we can support getting you connected.

Next Friday, we celebrate book week with open classroom activities and a dress up parade. Starting at 9.30am in your child's classroom. Please come and join in the fun.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kindly,  
Krystal

## Upcoming Events

**Fri 20 Oct - Rous RotaKids (Seed Propagation)**

**Fri 3 Nov - Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) meeting**

**Wed 25 Oct - K/1 Parent/Teacher Interviews**

**Wed 25 Oct - Rous PS Chess and Draughts Competition**

**Fri 27 Oct - Open classroom morning and  
Book Week Parade**

**Mon 30 Oct – Fri 3 Nov - Book Fair**

**Mon 30 Oct – Fri 10 Nov - K-6 Swimming Program**

**Tue 30 Oct - Year 5 STEM Day @ Kadina High School**

**Wed 1 Nov - Questacon Science Circus**

**Thu 2 Nov - Small School's Chess and Draughts  
Competition**

**Wed 15 Nov - Russ the Story Bus visit**

**Wednesday 15, 22 and 29 Nov - Kindergarten Transition  
Mornings**

**Tue 12 Dec - School Concert and Presentation Evening**

**Fri 15 Dec - Last Day for Students and Staff**

## RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN

Our Reconciliation Action Plan team will  
be meeting next week.  
Come along to contribute your thoughts.  
All Welcome!

**FRI 3 NOV 2023  
8:30AM**

**Keep our kids safe and  
Shut the Gate!!**

**Please close the gate when you  
are entering and leaving the  
school grounds.**



## Rous Public School Parent Information Sessions

We are thrilled to invite you to our Kindergarten Orientation Parent Information sessions. These sessions are designed to provide valuable insights into what school will look like for your child next year and beyond. They are open to all parents and will run between 9:00 AM and 11:30 AM in conjunction with classroom activities for students.

Throughout the morning, you will have the opportunity to learn from all our dedicated teachers. We will cover a range of key topics, ensuring that you are well-prepared for the significant journey ahead.

While these sessions will equip you with knowledge and resources to support your child's growth and development in their early years of schooling, they will also be an opportunity to meet other parents and school staff and ask more questions.

Mark your calendar for the dates below and make the most of this opportunity to engage with our Rous Public School learning community. We look forward to seeing you.

### DAY 1: 15 NOV

Welcome to Rous PS

2024 Class Structures

Number Talks

Phonics

Learning & Support

Q&A

### DAY 2: 22 NOV

Office & Canteen

Sport

Handwriting

Confident Learners

Small Schools Network

Q&A

### DAY 3: 29 NOV

Spelling Mastery

Creative Arts

Reading

Mathematics

Communication

Q&A

Please RSVP to (02) 6629 5294 or [rous-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:rous-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) so we can accommodate you comfortably and have adequate copies of resources available.



### Aboriginal Acknowledgement

We acknowledge the Widjabul Wia-bal people of the Bundjalung Nation, the Traditional Owners and ongoing Custodians of the land on which we work and play here at Rous Public School.

We honour the ancestors of our local country and their connection to land, sea and community.

We pay our respects to Elders, past and present and emerging.



### PBL Awards

K/1 - Kodah M  
1/2 - Maddie G  
3/4 - Adalyn J  
5/6 - Indi R

### Class Awards

#### K/1

- Rarvi A
- Charlotte G
- Olive H

#### 3/4

- Paige G
- Joe R
- Edie K

#### 1/2

- Billy P
- Nirvana E
- Leo O

#### 5/6

- Aurora C
- Edward T
- Chloe T



## Rous PS Book Week

### BOOK WEEK PARADE and Open Classrooms

FRIDAY 27 OCTOBER 2023

Come along dressed as your favourite book character. Parade will commence at 10:30am

Families are invited to join us for an open classroom morning from 9:30am followed by our book parade.

### BOOK FAIR

MONDAY 30 OCTOBER - FRIDAY 3 NOVEMBER

Book Fair books will be on display in the library and available to purchase.

CHILDREN'S  
BOOK WEEK®

#CBCA2023

READ  
GROW  
Inspire



### - Principal Awards -

#### K/1

**Ben H** - for his friendly and kind nature at all times.

#### 1/2

**Nirvana E** - for always being respectful and kind to teachers and peers.

#### 3/4

**Tahhi A** - for his all round efforts in all aspects of school.

#### 5/6

**Lani T** - for her strong leadership throughout the school year.

### Bronze

Max M  
Macey C  
Maddie G  
Billy P  
Nancy S  
William H  
Gemma J  
Mikayla S  
Elliot I  
Levi V

Angus J  
Arlo W  
Tilly M

### Silver

Arwin C

### Gold

# P&C News

## Calling all Volunteers

If there are any garden lovers out there in our Rous PS community willing to volunteer their time to help with our schools raised garden beds, please email the P&C at:

rouspublicschoolpandc@gmail.com

We are also looking for volunteers to help with jobs such as manning the gate etc. on Saturday, 28 October at the Alstonville Show.

Only a couple of gaps to fill on our Canteen Roster, if you can help, please contact the committee to add your name to the roster.

Email: rouspublicschoolpandc+canteen@gmail.com



## Next P&C Meeting

Tuesday, 14 November 2023

6:30pm @ Rous PS

**All Welcome!**



## SUSHI DAY

**Friday 10 November**

Please place orders via the 'Events' tab in the Spriggy Schools App

## Term 4 - Canteen Roster

Week	Helper 1	Helper 2
Wk 2 - 20 Oct	Katie	Veronica
Wk 3 - 27 Oct	Libby S	Tasha
Wk 4 - 3 Nov	Kirby	Katie
Wk 5 - 10 Nov - <b>SUSHI DAY</b> -	Libby S	Charlotte
Wk 6 - 17 Nov	Tasha	Maz
Wk 7 - 24 Nov	Libby S	Zoe
Wk 8 - 1 Dec	Kirby	Katie
Wk 9 - 8 Dec	Libby S	
Wk 10 - 15 Dec	Maz	

## Nutrition Snippet

### WHAT'S IN SEASON FOR SPRING?

Buying seasonal fruit and veg is cheaper, tastier and better quality.



The change in seasons brings a plentiful supply of vegies such as zucchini, spinach and tomatoes. Give these recipes a go:

- Zucchini and corn fritters
- Homemade tomato pasta sauce

Find these recipes and more on our seasonal blog at [healthylunchbox.com.au/blog/whats-in-season-for-spring/](http://healthylunchbox.com.au/blog/whats-in-season-for-spring/)



**Cancer Council**  
Healthy Lunch Box

## Ballina Salvage Shed

### DESIGN & CREATE AN ORIGINAL LETTERBOX



#### Design

Design a functional and practical letterbox with creative, artistic flair.



#### Recycle

Use at least 80% recycled/reclaimed materials to create your letterbox



#### Create

Grab your family, friends or class and enjoy the creative process while reusing materials that may otherwise be regarded as waste.



#### Win

Cash prizes to be won:  
Under 12 years \$50; 12 -18 years \$100; Open \$150

For further info and entry forms, head to [www.ballina.nsw.gov.au/salvageshed](http://www.ballina.nsw.gov.au/salvageshed) or visit the Ballina Salvage Shed, 167 Southern Cross Drive, Ballina.

Entries to be dropped off to the Salvage Shed by Saturday, 28 October (terms and conditions apply). Winners announced during National Recycling Week, with exhibition on 18 November.

Get creative and get recycling. Good luck!

Salvage  
Shed

momentum  
collective

ballina  
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## School Student Travel

### Term 4 2023

#### 2024 school travel applications are now open

Students who need a new or replacement School Opal card or travel pass for 2024 can [apply](#) now. A new application will need to be submitted if they are applying for the first time, or if they are requesting an additional travel entitlement because of a new shared parental arrangement (e.g. joint custody).

Students who change address, school, campus location, have repeated a year or received an expiry notification for their school travel entitlement should [renew or update](#) their details **before the end of term 4**. This will ensure that schools can endorse applications, and travel passes remain valid for the start of the 2024 school year. School Opal card holders will have the changes applied to their existing card.

If a student's distance eligibility has changed based on their grade (i.e. grade two to grade three), the system will automatically update their entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new [eligibility criteria](#), we will send an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition that is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

[Term Bus Pass](#) holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

Students in the Opal network applying for an Opal card (including a Term Bus Pass) for the first time will receive their Student Opal card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2024.

Students living in rural and regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the start of the new school year from their nominated transport operator. It may come via the school or be sent directly to them at home. **Note:** some R&R operators do not issue travel passes.

Students/parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

#### Changes to your bus service provider

Within Greater Sydney, a number of bus service providers have changed their names.

Parents intending to lodge an application for a School Opal card will need to visit [transportnsw.info trip planner](https://transportnsw.info/trip-planner) to obtain the correct bus operator name servicing your area prior to lodging an application.

#### Travel from Term 1 2024

We ask that parents plan ahead and make sure their child knows which service/s to use and has a valid ticket to travel; either a School Opal card or Child/Youth Opal card (within Greater Sydney) or a School Travel Pass (outside Greater Sydney), from the start of the school year.

Applications for 2024 School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) travel open at the start of Term 4 2023, so parents/students can [apply](#) or [update](#) details early and be ready for the start of the new school year.

Most students using the Opal network will not need a new Opal card and can continue travelling on their existing card each year.

The start of the year is a busy period for local transport operators, and students travelling without a valid ticket make service planning and operations difficult.

We recognise that for some families last minute changes to school enrolments mean they may not have a School Opal card or Travel Pass for the start of term. In the Opal network, we strongly encourage these families to have their children travel with a Child/Youth Opal card until they receive their valid School Opal card. If outside Greater Sydney, parents should contact their [local bus operator](#) to discuss their travel needs.

Bus operators are flexible and understanding, particularly at the start of the school year, and will ensure students can travel safely to and from school. But to best support our operators we encourage all students to have a valid ticket, as early as possible, from the start of the school year.

Students using School Opal cards are also reminded that they must tap on and tap off in line with the [Student code of conduct](#) and [Opal terms of use](#).



Further information can be found at [Plan your trip to school | transportnsw.info](#)

Enquiries can be submitted at [Fares, concessions, tickets & top-up feedback | transportnsw.info](#)