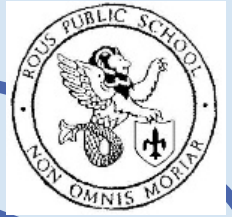


Rous Public School Newsletter

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



Term 1 Week 5

24 February, 2023

Principal's Report

Dear Rous Families,

Congratulations to all the students who proudly represented Rous at Tregeagle District swimming carnival. Awesome effort to all the students who attended. We have 12 students who have qualified to move on to the Northern Rivers Swimming carnival; they include Patrick S, Jessica, Lacey, Lani, Dart, Leo W, Griffin, Angus F, Patrick F, Kaide, Lloyd and Mikayla. What an outstanding result for a small school.

Thank you to all the parents and students who participated in our goal setting meetings. It was a pleasure to speak with you all and I know the teachers really enjoyed sharing your child's educational experience here at Rous. Together as a team, we can work together to enrich our students to be the best they can be.

On Thursday, our new SRC met for the first time, and they have planned four exciting fundraisers for the year. This term, the first fundraiser will be the Easter fete in week 11. The students will organise some exciting stalls for our students to purchase food items or play some fun games. Term 2, the students are organising a "Spaghetti Day, Term 3 will be a bike day and Term 4 will be a water obstacle course. Stay tuned for further details.

This year at Rous, we will be participating in a music program called Music Mates. This program will teach our students the fundamentals of music and how to play a range of instruments. Every student has online access to the program at school and home. If you would like to have a look at home please visit <https://musicmates.com.au/>

Mrs Duncan is back this year, to get our Rous RotaKids out into the community! Our new 2023 Executive has been voted in and they will receive their badges on assembly tomorrow. The focus of this group is to connect with our local and wider community to enhance vital teaching and learning programs at Rous PS.

MAJOR EXCURSION

We are planning our major excursion to the snow, however we are still awaiting quotes from the bus company. Mrs Bate, Mr Johnson and Mrs Jenkins are trying really hard to get all excursion information out to parents as soon as possible.

Have a wonderful weekend
Mrs Jenkins

Upcoming events

TERM 1

Fri 24 Feb	2023 Welcome BBQ and Kindergarten Tree Planting 4:30 – 6pm
Mon 27 Feb	Premier Reading Challenge – open to register
Wed 1 Mar	Northern Rivers Swimming Carnival
Wed 15 Mar – Tue 21 Mar	NAPLAN (Years 3 and 5) Wed 15 - Writing Thur 16 – Reading Mon 20 – Language Conventions Tue 21 – Numeracy
Tue 4 Apr	Anzac Assembly
Thu 6 Thu	Easter Fete



Rous PS Award Winners



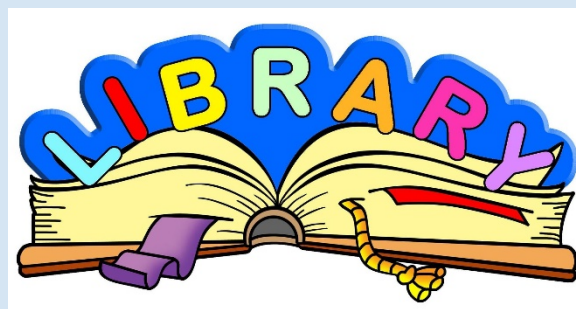
Bronze	Silver	Gold
William H Billy Mikayla Charlotte H x 2 Arwin Nancy Connor Ethan J Leo W		Paieka Gemma J Charlotte G

Library

We are in the process of re-organising our library. Please look around home to see if you have any Rous PS library books that need returning.

We will be completing a stocktake in the coming weeks and this will allow us to achieve the most accurate records.

Borrowing will commence for all students in Term 2



Premier's Reading Challenge



Welcome to the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely. The Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) is open to all NSW students in Kindergarten to Year 10, in government, independent, Catholic and home schools. If you need help using the website and the answer cannot be found on the [PRC Support](https://prc.det.nsw.edu.au) site, please contact us at prc@det.nsw.edu.au

2023 Challenge dates

Students can include any books read from the end of the 2022 challenge on their 2023 reading record. Key dates for the 2023 challenge are:

27 February 2023 - challenge opens for student entries

Friday 18 August 2023 - challenge closes for student entries

Friday 1 September 2023 - final date for coordinator validations of completed reading records.

Annual Welcome BBQ and Kindergarten Tree Planting

Our 2023 Rous PS Welcome BBQ and Kindergarten Tree Planting evening will be held on Friday 24 February from 4:30 – 6pm. The Kindergarten tree planting ceremony will begin at 5pm. ALL families are invited to come along and join us for a sausage sizzle and an evening of fun.

Sausages (\$2) and drinks (\$1) will be available to purchase.



Sport News

Tregeagle District Swimming Carnival

What an awesome time we all had at the Tregeagle District Swimming Carnival on Tuesday! All students demonstrated excellent sportsmanship and participated in a manner that makes us all proud!

Congratulations to our champions!

Junior Boys- Patrick Silver

Junior Girls- Jessica Towner

11year Boys - Kaide McGivern

12/13 Boys - Griffin Macfarlane

12/13 Girls- Lani Turner

Notes have been sent home for those students who qualified for zone on Wednesday, March 1st.



P & C News

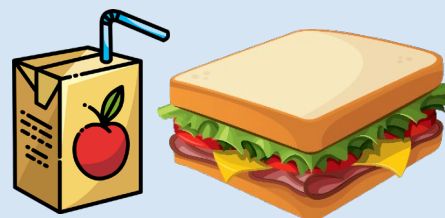
P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting will be the AGM. The meeting will commence at 6pm on Tuesday, 14 March 2023 at Rous Public School. All welcome

Pre-loved Uniforms

There will be an opportunity to purchase pre-loved Rous PS uniform items for a gold coin donation on Friday 3, March. Members of our wonderful school community will be available following the Friday afternoon assembly through to pick up time to purchase uniforms from.

Canteen Roster – Term 1			
WEEK	DATE	HELPER 1	HELPER 2
6	Fri 3 Mar	Chinta	Maz
7	Fri 10 Mar	Tasha	Katie
8	Fri 17 Mar	Katie	Abbi
9	Fri 24 Mar	Zoe	Abbi
10	Fri 31 Mar	Tasha	Julia
10	Thu 6 Apr	Maz	Kirby



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
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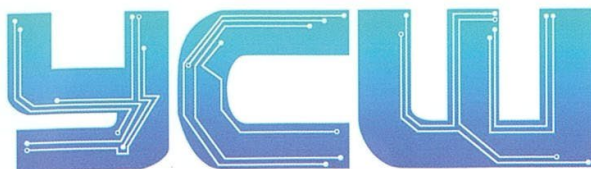
YEAR 6 STUDENTS AND FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO
ALSTONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
YEAR 7 2024 - INFORMATION EVENING
TUESDAY 14TH MARCH 2023
5:30PM-6:30PM



- General information regarding different aspects of high school
- Displays of student work in Key Learning Areas
- School tour

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READY TO PLAY?

2023 RUGBY SEASON IS COMING!

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www.rugby.com.au/rugby-xplorer

Wollongbar-Alstonville
PIONEERS
RUGBY CLUB

Ocean Film Festival World Tour in Lennox Head

Celebrating 10 years of inspiring and educating audiences around the globe, the Ocean Film Festival World Tour is coming to the Lennox Head Cultural Centre on Saturday 4 March 2023.

For further information and tickets, visit communityspaces.com.au/tickets



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Sacrament of Confirmation – Catholic Students

Children who have reached Year 3 in their schooling are eligible to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Confirmation will be administered by the Bishop on Thursday, 27th April 2023 at 6.00 p.m.

If you believe that your child is ready to receive this Sacrament please visit the parish website at

www.alstonvillecatholicchurch.org.au and download the enrolment form. Once completed, forward it to the Parish Office (P O Box 102 Alstonville) or scan and email to alstonvillewardellcc@gmail.com by Monday, 27th March 2023.

Parents who wish their child to receive this Sacrament are asked to attend one meeting with their child/ren, which will be held in the staffroom of St Joseph's School on Wednesday, 15th March 2023 at 6.00 p.m.

It is essential that parents and child/ren attend this meeting, to ensure that proper preparation can be made for the reception of the Sacrament.

Thank you

Fr Max Gow

Great night of entertainment and food!

This months Featured Artist

Levi Maxwell

Also performing: Erica and Ben, Mim OGrady,
Veronica Lovejoy, Simon Chate, Liora Claff, Rainer
Eichorn, 5th Sunday and Josie Myers

Doors will open at 6.00pm for....

\$20 delicious dinner including Lentil curry/ Moroccan
chicken curry/Rice and Accoutrements and cake and
coffee/ tea/ chai

OR... \$5 for coffee/ tea/ cakes etc

\$5 entry with performers kicking off at 7pm

ALL \$\$\$ raised go to the Sierra Learners

For more info and line up go to

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Profits go towards Sierra Learners- books, teachers,
classroom, reading program based in Sierra Leone

Unplugged starts at 7.00pm \$5 entry, \$15 per family.
All profits go to CORE Flood Relief, Wardell

NAPLAN

Information for parents and carers

2023

Why do students do NAPLAN?

NAPLAN is a national literacy and numeracy assessment that students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 sit each year. It is the only national assessment all Australian students have the opportunity to undertake.

As students progress through their school years, it's important to check how well they are learning the essential skills of reading, writing and numeracy.

NAPLAN assesses the literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through the school curriculum and allows parents/carers to see how their child is progressing against national standards and over time.

NAPLAN is just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process. It doesn't replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance, but it can provide teachers with additional information about students' educational progress.

NAPLAN also provides schools, education authorities and governments with information about how education programs are working and whether young Australians are achieving important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy.

Your child will do the NAPLAN tests online

Schools have transitioned from paper-based to computer-based assessments. All Year 3 students will continue to complete the writing assessment on paper.

Online NAPLAN tests provide more precise results and are more engaging for students. One of the main benefits is tailored (or adaptive) testing, where the test presents questions which may be more or less difficult depending on a student's responses.

Tailored testing allows a wider range of student abilities to be assessed and measures student achievement more precisely. A student's overall NAPLAN result is based on both the number and complexity of questions they answer correctly. Your child should not be concerned if they find questions challenging; they may be taking a more complex test pathway.

What does NAPLAN assess?

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through their regular school curriculum.

Students sit assessments in writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. The questions assess content linked to the Australian Curriculum: English and Mathematics.

All government and non-government education authorities contribute to the development of NAPLAN test materials.

To find out more about NAPLAN, visit nap.edu.au.

Participation in NAPLAN

NAPLAN is for everyone. ACARA supports inclusive testing so all students have the opportunity to participate in the national assessment program.

Adjustments are available for students with disability who have diverse functional abilities and needs.

Schools should work with parents/carers and students to identify, on a case-by-case basis, reasonable adjustments required for individual students with disability to access NAPLAN. Adjustments should reflect the support normally provided for classroom assessments.

To help inform these decisions, you may consult the [NAPLAN public demonstration site](#), the [Guide for schools to assist students with disability to access NAPLAN](#), or our [series of videos](#) where parents/carers, teachers and students share their experiences in using NAPLAN adjustments.

In exceptional circumstances, a student with a disability that severely limits their capacity to participate in the assessment, or a student who has recently arrived in Australia and has a non-English speaking background, may be granted a formal exemption.

Your school principal and your local test administration authority can give you more information on adjustments for students with disability or the process required to gain a formal exemption.

What if my child is absent from school on NAPLAN days?

Where possible, schools may arrange for individual students who are absent at the time of testing to complete missed tests at another time during the school's test schedule.

What if my school is closed on NAPLAN days?

Schools with compelling reasons may be given permission to schedule tests after the 9-day test window.

What can I do to support my child?

Students are not expected to study for NAPLAN. You can support your child by reassuring them that NAPLAN is a part of their school program and reminding them to simply do their best. Some familiarisation and explanation of NAPLAN is useful to help students understand and be comfortable with the format of the tests. Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the types of questions in the tests and will provide appropriate support and guidance.

ACARA does not recommend excessive preparation for NAPLAN or the use of services by coaching providers.

See the types of questions and tools available in the online NAPLAN assessments at nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site.

NAPLAN timetable

The NAPLAN test window is 9 days. This is to accommodate schools that may have fewer devices.

The NAPLAN test window starts on Wednesday 15 March and finishes on Monday 27 March 2023. Schools are advised to schedule the tests as soon as possible within the testing window, prioritising the first week.

How is my child's performance reported?

Individual student performance is shown on a national achievement scale for each assessment. This scale indicates whether the student is meeting expectations for the literacy and numeracy skills needed to participate fully in that year level.

A NAPLAN individual student report will be provided by your child's school later in the year. If you do not receive a report, you should contact your child's school.

How are NAPLAN results used?

- Students and parents/carers may use individual results to discuss progress with teachers.
- Teachers use results to help identify students who need greater challenges or extra support.
- Schools use results to identify strengths and areas of need to improve teaching programs, and to set goals in literacy and numeracy.
- School systems use results to review the effectiveness of programs and support offered to schools.
- The community can see information about the performance of schools over time at myschool.edu.au.

Where can I get more information?

For more information about NAPLAN:

- contact your child's school
- contact your local test administration authority at nap.edu.au/TAA
- visit nap.edu.au

To learn how ACARA handles personal information for NAPLAN, visit nap.edu.au/naplan/privacy.

Test	Scheduling requirements	Duration	Test description
Writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 3 students do the writing test on paper (on day 1 only)• Years 5, 7 and 9 writing must start on day 1 (schools must prioritise completion of writing across days 1 and 2 only, with day 2 only used where there are technical/logistical limitations)	Year 3: 40 min Year 5: 42 min Year 7: 42 min Year 9: 42 min	Students are provided with a 'writing stimulus' (sometimes called a 'prompt' – an idea or topic) and asked to write a response in a particular genre (narrative or persuasive writing)
Reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To be completed after the writing test• To be completed before the conventions of language test	Year 3: 45 min Year 5: 50 min Year 7: 65 min Year 9: 65 min	Students read a range of informative, imaginative and persuasive texts and then answer related questions
Conventions of language	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To be completed after the reading test	Year 3: 45 min Year 5: 45 min Year 7: 45 min Year 9: 45 min	Assesses spelling, grammar and punctuation
Numeracy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To be completed after the conventions of language test	Year 3: 45 min Year 5: 50 min Year 7: 65 min Year 9: 65 min	Assesses number and algebra, measurement and geometry, and statistics and probability