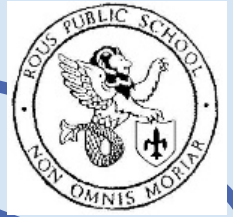


Rous Public School Newsletter

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



Term 1 Week 10

31 March, 2023



School Captain's Report

Hello everyone,

This week our PBL focus is to keep the sports shed clean and organised. That means if you take a piece of sports equipment, you must bring it back when you've finished using it and put it back in the same spot. Also, if you see a piece of equipment in the playground not being used, put it away neatly in the shed.

Next week, on Thursday we are having our Easter Fete and Hat Parade!! Don't forget to bring your decorated hat and some money to spend at the fete. (Please bring in small change). There will be cupcakes, Guess the number of Jelly Beans, Disco Dance, Spiders and a Commando course. The prices for the stalls will range from 50c to \$2.

SRC and Rous RotaKids have been planning and organising the planting of flowers and veggies in our raised garden beds, and in Term 2 we will be holding a handball competition where everyone will be able to play. Stay tuned!

Bye and Happy Holidays
From your Rous PS School Captains

Upcoming events

TERM 1

Tue 4 Apr	Anzac Assembly 9:30
Thu 6 Apr	Easter Hat Parade and Fete
Thu 6 Apr	Students Last Day - Term 1
Mon 24 Apr	Staff Development Day
Tue 25 Apr (Public Holiday)	ANZAC Day March 9:40 – Alstonville
Wed 26 Apr	Term 2 Begins for students
Fri 28 Apr	Tregeagle District Cross Country (held at Wyrallah PS)

Rous PS Award Winners

CONGRATULATIONS!

Bronze	Silver	Gold
Angus F Paloma Max Will W Kodah Tilly Charlotte H Spencer Emilee Finn Molly Bella Quillan Addy Patrick S Jess Chase Dart Ethan Connor Aurora Kaide Patrick F Dom Indi Sophie	Leo W Marley Angus F Lloydy	Molly Mabel Miles

Congratulations to all the Term 1 Gold Award recipients!!

We will be rewarding our Term 1 Gold award recipients on Wednesday, 5 April.

The students will share a picnic lunch with Mrs Jenkins and Mr J.

Keep working hard Rous PS students- we are so proud of you all.



General Knowledge

Congratulations to our Stage 2 and 3 General Knowledge teams who attended the SCCoSS General Knowledge Day on Thursday at Cabbage Tree Island Public School.

Stage 2 - General Knowledge Champions!!
Stage 3 - Winners of the poster design!!



2023 Easter Fete

Our Easter Fete is fast approaching. Thank you to the families that have already brought in donations of Easter eggs.

Each class will have an Easter egg hunt and a little surprise left for them in their baskets. If you are able to assist with donations of Easter eggs, we ask you kindly to drop them into the office.

Thank you in advance, we greatly appreciate your support



Library

Library borrowing will commence in Term 2. Could you please send in a library bag for your child to take their books home in.

Library Borrowing Days	
K/1	Friday
1/2	Thursday
3/4	Tuesday
5/6	Monday

Tregeagle District Cross Country

The Tregeagle District Cross Country will be held at Wyrallah Public School in the first week of Term 2, on Friday, 28 April. Permission note is attached to this newsletter, please complete and return to the office.

Wyrallah PS will have canteen facilities available for any students wishing to order lunch. An order form is also attached to the bottom of this newsletter. Please complete and return to the office by **Wednesday, 5th April**. Snacks and Ice blocks will also be available to purchase on the day.

2023 School Book Pack Fees - Reminder

The school has purchased educational supplies for all students - this includes writing materials, all textbooks, workbooks and portfolio folders. This ensures all students have materials required for their class work throughout the year.

We endeavour to keep costs down by subsidising the cost of these resources but require your support. The Book Pack fee has been set at \$80.00 per student this year. Families that have not already finalised payment, could you please make payment online or in cash at the office. Please contact the office if you require support. Thank you in advance.

High School Expression of Interest Form

Could all **YEAR 6 Parents**, please return their child's completed High School Expression of Interest form as soon as possible.

Thank you to the parents that have already returned their forms.

2024 Year 5 Opportunity Class Placement

Is opportunity class placement the right fit for my child?

What does high potential and intellectually gifted mean?

High potential students are those whose potential **exceeds** that of students of the same age.

Gifted students are those whose potential **significantly exceeds** that of students of the same age.

This could be in one or more areas, such as:

- intellectual
- creative
- physical
- social-emotional

Tips for identifying if your child has high academic potential

High potential and gifted students often have some, or all, of the following characteristics, they:

- enjoy learning
- have intense curiosity
- display a good memory
- ask complex questions
- enjoy learning new and often complex ideas or skills
- require fewer repetitions when learning new things
- are creative
- become intensely focused in their area of interest or passion

Please keep in mind that these traits are only one way to identify high potential students. Some high potential and intellectually gifted students may not act like this, for example, due to lack of opportunity, disability or disadvantage.

Ask your child's teacher if you want advice about whether your child might benefit from attending an opportunity class.

More information is available in the department's [High Potential and Gifted Education Policy](#).



Opportunity classes are for primary school students who have high academic potential or who are intellectually gifted.

They provide an environment where students can learn and make friends with classmates of similar ability. This can benefit a student's academic progress and also their wellbeing.

Opportunity classes are offered in Years 5 and 6, with parents/carers applying in Year 4.

Students who are successfully placed will usually have to leave their current school to enrol in a school with an opportunity class for Years 5 and 6. Opportunity classes are just one of the ways that we cater for our high potential and gifted students.

Testing and assessment

Applications for opportunity class placement are considered on the results of the Opportunity Class Placement Test. Students who wish to be considered for placement are required to sit the Opportunity Class Placement Test on Thursday 27 July 2023.

How to apply

Parents/carers must apply online between Thursday, 30 March and Monday, 15 May 2023 at: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/oc>

Curriculum Corner

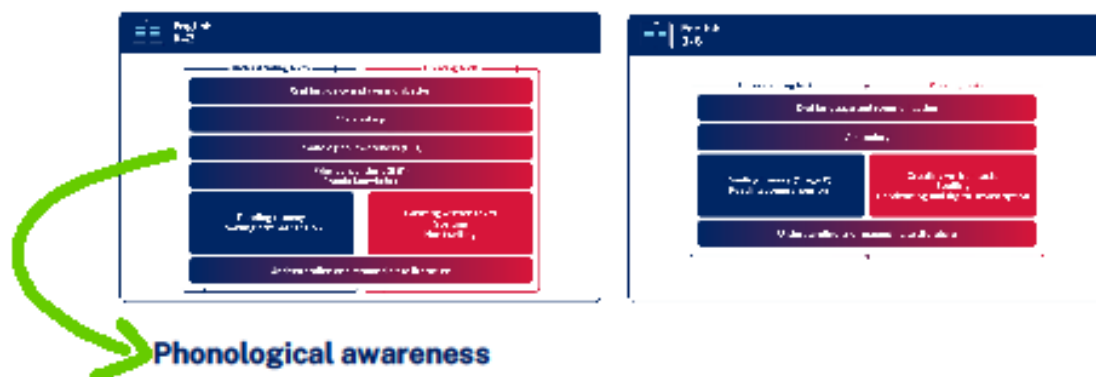
You have an important role in your child's learning in the primary years of schooling.

Differences in the K-2 and 3-6 syllabus content

Phonological awareness, print conventions and phonic knowledge are taught and most often consolidated in the early years of primary school (K-2). They are **constrained skills**. The aim of instruction is to achieve 'mastery' of these skills before Year 3. That is why you do not see them referenced as content to be taught in 3-6.

Constrained skills are necessary, though not sufficient, for full literacy. They are best taught and assessed systematically as part of comprehensive language and literacy program.

The figures below show the organisation of English K-2 and 3-6 syllabus content.



Phonological awareness focuses on the sounds within spoken words such as syllables and rhymes.

Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten)

You can help at home by:

- Clapping or tapping the syllables they can hear in words when reading together. For example, dog (one syllable – one clap), zebra (2 syllables – two claps) and elephant (3 syllables – 3 claps)
- Playing rhyming games such as starting with a base word and taking turns to say a new rhyming word. For example, *the base word of hat, can be rhymed with bat, sat, mat, flat and chat*. Made up (or nonsense) words can also be used such as *blat, lat and zat*.
- Reading or listening to nursery rhymes, songs and poetry.

What does this mean for students in Years 3-6?

When a student is having difficulty with reading comprehension, it is important to investigate if there are phonological awareness and/or phonic knowledge concerns. Where concerns are identified, intervention may be needed to strengthen these word recognition skills to the point of automaticity.

Do you have a question for Curriculum Corner? Email me at rous-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Kelly-Rae Allen
Teacher/AP Curriculum and Instruction



2023 Annual P&C Bonfire

Saturday, 17 June

Save the Date!!

Saturday, 17 June 2023 may seem a long way away, however it will creep up on us very quickly. Please put this date on your calendar.

We will need everyone's support this year to make this whole school fundraiser a success. Stall holders would greatly appreciate any of the following items to be donated.

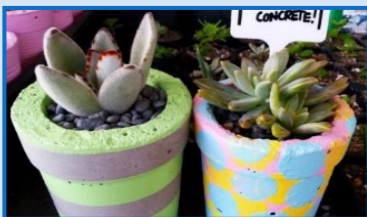
Craft/Produce Stall

Any knitters out there? Or expert jam makers? Everyone loves handmade items. The produce stall would appreciate donations of jams, pickles, sewing/craft items or farm produce.



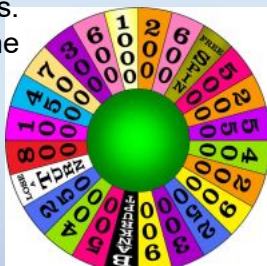
Plant Stall

If you have any plants to donate to the stall. Please drop them in closer to the day.



Wheel of fortune

We would appreciate donations of any new items / unwanted gifts. These can be left at the office.



Chocolate Toss

Donations of chocolates would be appreciated and can be left at the office.



Café de Rous

Donations of home cooking of cakes, slices, biscuits to sell on the day.



Book Stall

Donations of books would greatly appreciated. These can be left at the office.

Trash'n'Treasure Stall

Donations of clothing, bric-a-brac greatly appreciated and can be left at the school.



Music

We are looking for children interested in performing musical items. If you are interested please call George on 0411687463





Next P&C Meeting

6:30pm on Monday, 3 April 2023
at Rous Public School.
All welcome

School Soccer Uniform

If you have a business and are in the position to support our school soccer team with the purchase of new uniforms, we would be very grateful.

Please contact the P&C on rouspublicschoolpandc@gmail.com

We really appreciate your support.

Canteen

Hi everyone, it has been a busy start of the year at Rous Public School Canteen – it is great to see this service being so popular with Rous families and staff. Thanks to all our volunteers.

A few updates...

From the start of Term 2, ordering on Spriggy Schools will be possible up to ten weeks in advance – this means that you can order ahead for the whole term if you wish to! Orders via the app can be cancelled and refunded at any point up until the order cut-off time, so no problem if your child is off sick or changes their mind.

Also from the start of Term 2, the online order cut-off time will be 8.45am Fridays, to help give enough time to get the current volume of orders ready for that 11 o'clock lunch bell! This needn't make your mornings harder however, as you can order the night before – or even 'set and forget' as above!

Any volunteers for next term, queries or feedback, please contact:
rouspublicschoolpandc+canteen@gmail.com

Rous P&C Canteen Committee

From Our Community



Year 7
2024

Blue Hills College

Year 7 Enrolment Information Night

Year 6 students and their families are invited to learn about the unique learning opportunities offered at Blue Hills College.



6pm - 7:30pm Thursday 30th March 2023

17 Blue Hills Avenue, Goonellabah

Join us for a college tour, hear from students and teachers, and participate in some fun activities.

Bookings are essential - Phone (02) 6625 6000

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AIR DRY CLAY WORKSHOP

For All Ages and Abilities



Get creative and learn handbuilding techniques

April 11, 2023
Ballina Scout Hall
9am-10.30am OR 11am-12.30pm
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

For more info:
Email- sunst.clay@gmail.com
OR Phone- LIZ - 0431 998 605
KEISHA - 0488 230 684



GONE FISHING

Rock Fishing Safety & Skills Day

FREE HOBIE LIFEJACKET VALUED AT \$160!



- Free Lunch
- Family Fun
- Fishing Skills



SATURDAY APRIL 15

Ballina
9.30am to 3.30pm

LEARN MORE & REGISTER NOW
<https://bit.ly/GoneFishing-Ballina>



CROSS COUNTRY CANTEEN ORDER

Wyrallah Public School P&C will be offering lunch for the Cross Country.
There will also be snacks and ice blocks to buy on the day.

STUDENT NAME: _____

*** Pies are local pies from Mark's Gourmet Pies, Tregearle :)

FOOD

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| Option 1: | <input type="checkbox"/> Sausage Sandwich | <input type="checkbox"/> Onion | <input type="checkbox"/> No onion | \$2.50 |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Tomato sauce | <input type="checkbox"/> Mustard | <input type="checkbox"/> BBQ sauce | |
| Option 2: | <input type="checkbox"/> Plain Meat Pie | | | \$5.00 |
| Option 3: | <input type="checkbox"/> Gluten Free Plain Meat Pie | | | \$6.00 |
| Option 4: | <input type="checkbox"/> Sausage Roll | | | \$4.00 |
| Option 5: | <input type="checkbox"/> Spinach and Cheese Roll | | | \$4.00 |

DRINK

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| Option 1: | <input type="checkbox"/> Bottle of water | \$1.00 |
| Option 2: | <input type="checkbox"/> Apple popper | \$2.00 |
| Option 3: | <input type="checkbox"/> Apple & Blackcurrant popper | \$2.00 |
| Option 4: | <input type="checkbox"/> Orange popper | \$2.00 |

Total Enclosed: \$ _____