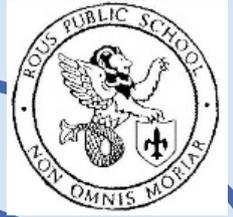


Rous Public School Newsletter

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



Term 1 Week6

3 March, 2023

Captain's Report

Hello Everyone,

This is, Lani and Patrick. We are both so excited and proud to be the new 2023 Rous PS School Captains. We look forward to being your leaders for the year.

This week our PBL focus is STAYING SAFE IN OUR PLAYGROUND. That means staying inbounds and if you have any issues in the playground you TELL THEM TO STOP, WALK AWAY and FIND A TEACHER.

This week we had our zone swimming carnival at Alstonville pool. Congratulations to Jess T who made it in the 50m backstroke and 50m freestyle.

Thank you to the families that came to the Kindergarten Tree planting afternoon, the kindy's did a great job planting their tree.

The SRC have been busy this week working hard, planning for the Easter Fete. It's going to be a great day!!

Welcome BBQ and Kindergarten Tree Planting

A big thank you to all the families that braved the wet weather and came along to our Rous PS Welcome BBQ and Tree Planting on Friday.



Upcoming events

TERM 1	
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
Rarvi Charlotte G Rylan Max Ben H Olive Winnie Freya Roman Will W Paloma Nirvana Miles Maddie G Gemma Tilly Levi V Arwin Billy P Paige Liam Connor Ethan Kaide	William H Ethan Kaide	Charlotte H

Rous Rotakids

During assembly last Friday, the elected student leaders within Rous RotaKids were inducted into their roles and responsibilities for 2023. Mrs Jenkins, and all the Rous Public School staff, are very pleased with these incoming executive members.

President:- Ben Towner
Vice-President: Lloyd Collins
Secretary: Molly Macfarlane
Assistant Secretary: Sophie Powell
Treasurer: Lydia Kelsall
Assistant Treasurer: Rowan Ison.

Rous RotaKids is surely in capable, enthusiastic and responsible leadership this year --- just watch this space



Scripture

Scripture began last Friday and will continue to run on Friday morning at 9:30am for half an hour sessions. If you would like your child to participate in scripture this year and have not returned your permission slip. Please contact the office to arrange this.

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](#) 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.

Sport News

Northern Rivers Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to those students that attended the Northern Rivers PSSA Swimming Carnival on Wednesday. All Rous PS students gave it their all!

A huge congratulations to Jessica Towner who has qualified for Regional Swimming in 50m freestyle(3rd) and 50m backstroke(3rd)! What an awesome effort!!

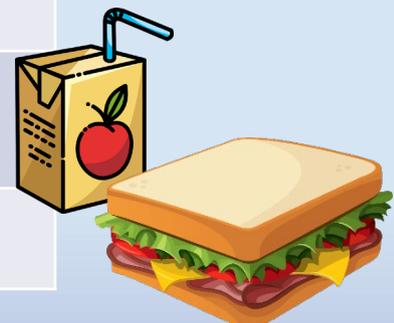


P & C News

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

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



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

Address: Cawley Close, Alstonville NSW 2477 Tel: 6628 5222

Email: alstonvill-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au www.alstonvill-h.schools.nsw.edu.au



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

www.rousunplugged.com



ROUS UNPLUGGED

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Last friday of every month
Come and join us for a beautiful evening of music,
poetry, song and dance.

Doors open at 6.00pm for a delicious dinner:
\$20 per meal- includes dinner, cake and cuppa
(coffee/tea/chai) OR \$5 for cake and cuppa only.
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

WOLLONGBAR PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C PRESENTS

A Fair to Remember

SATURDAY 18TH MARCH 2023 9AM - 2PM



Market Stalls, Plants, Food, Coffee, Drinks, Cakes, Rock Wall, Meltdown, Super slide, Tea Cups, Mickey Mouse castle, Jurassic Park, Ninja Wall, Mega fun, Fairy floss, Snow Cones and more..

There is something for everyone at A Fair to Remember!

Pre-paid ride passes available on the Flexischools App or email:

wollongbarpc@hotmail.com

Don't attend Wollongbar? You can still purchase ride passes just download the app create an account and purchase the pass as a guest.

\$35 (\$40 on the day, single ride tickets available on the day for \$5per ride) or email: wollongbarpc@hotmail.com

Rides for all ages!

For more info on Rides; <http://www.nrjc.com.au>

For more information contact Anna on 0410 594 676 or email:

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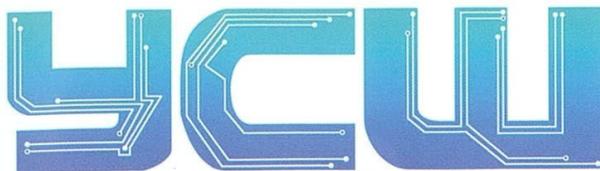
READY TO PLAY?

**2023 RUGBY SEASON
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An invitation to Grandcarers



If you are a Grandcarer who looks after your grandchildren fulltime, DAISI Services is here to support you in your important role of helping your grandchild or grandchildren reach their potential.

The Grandcarer Project, an established group, is ready to welcome you.

Frequency: The first Monday of every month.

The dates are: 6/3/23, 3/4/23, 1/5/23, 5/6/23, 7/8/23, 4/9/23, 6/11/23

Time: 11.30 am – 1:00 p.m., with lunch provided

Venue: Ballina Masonic Hall, 56 Cherry St, Ballina

Please contact Sue Hetherington on 0491 065 906 for more information.

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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

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