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Coming up...

Cancer Bike Ride
Support 27/07

Red Track Athletics
Nth Ward 07/08

Year 6 Transition Day
09/08 NBSHS

Indonesian Day 17/08

Science Week 14 to
18 Aug

Bookweek Parade
24/08 @ 9-11am

School Disco 31/08 @
6-7:30pm

Pineapple Festival
09/09

Rolly Beach Walk
15/09

*Our Rolly R's are the
rules for all of our
students, staff, parents
and community
members at all times.*



**TAG Rolly - Every
Tuesday 9 - 11am**

*Reminder..... a gentle
reminder that monies
sent to the school office
be enclosed in an
envelope with name and
what it is for on the front.*

From the principal...

Over the past two weeks I have spent a large amount of time watching students read, watching students being taught reading skills, reflecting on our reading results and speaking with staff about reading at school. Reading is so important and I'm pleased to say that there are a number of amazing things happening in our school to drive improvement in reading. Reading at home daily results in improvement too. Students need to read regularly at home. With this in mind, here are some suggestions to help you when listening to your child read.

Reading At Home

Activating Prior Knowledge –or -what do you know about the topic?

At the beginning of a lesson or when a new book or topic is being introduced we aim to get students to think about what the book will be about. Read the title of the book, read the blurb and skim through the pictures to predict what is happening in the book. Good readers think about what they will be reading, the type of text they are reading, words they may encounter and what they know about the topic before they start reading. By thinking about the topic, students are able to connect with what they already know, giving them a base on which to build new knowledge and give them a head start to comprehending the text.

Here are some questions you can ask your child when reading with them.

What do you think this book will be about? Why do you think that?

What do the illustrations tell us about the text?

What type of text is this –narrative, letter, poem, information report?

What do you already know about this topic?

Have you read something similar?

Have fun reading!

Change to normal school bus routine – On Monday, August 7, selected students will be travelling by bus to the Red Track Athletics Carnival. These students need to be at school by 7:45am to catch the bus into Townsville. Parents of these students will also need to pick them up from school on their arrival back, hopefully by 3:30pm. Permission notes for Red Track were sent home on the 17th July. If your child did not receive a "Red Track" permission note, they are to attend school as normal on this day. However, please be aware that the normal bus run will not be happening on this day. Parents of students not attending Red Track will need to drop off and pick up their children at normal school times. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Prep Enrolments for 2018 – Whilst it may seem like a long time away, schools require as much notice as possible to ensure a successful transition to school for beginning students. With this in mind, if you or anyone you know is intending to enrol their child in Prep at Rollingstone State School for 2018, I encourage you to come to the office to collect an enrolment pack. If an older sibling already attends our school, they could pick up an enrolment pack for you.

TAG Rolly -

To assist with the transition to school, the school runs a playgroup that meets every Tuesday from 9am – 11am (TAG Rolly). I encourage all parents with children who are not yet school age to attend. It's a lot of fun and can really improve the outcomes for children when they commence formal education. I hope to see you there!

Attendance – Our current year to date attendance rate is 91.2%. This means that in the last two weeks our attendance has slipped further. Our aim is to raise this to 93% by the end of the year.

Thursday Lunch Order List from the BP Servo:-

Each pack receives the preferred choice as well as a popper drink (please state flavour of milk or juice); a piece of fruit; and a cookie; for the cost of \$7.00. Orders on recycled or new envelopes are to be placed in the Pink/Magenta box in the office as students arrive at school on Thursday mornings.

It may be advisable to send along extra food for second break if your child is a big eater.

Jul 27 - Crumbed fish & Salad or Lasagne

Aug 03- Plain Pie or Hot Dog

Aug 10 - Nuggets & Salad or Sloppy Jo

Aug 17 - H&P Pizza or Toasted Ham, Cheese & Tomato Sandwich

Aug 24 - Hamburger or Salad Wrap

Aug 31 - Spaghetti or Chicken Gravy Roll

Next P & C meeting:

17/8/17 at the school
Resource Centre
@3:30pm

The P&C usually meet on the third Thursday of every month.

President:

Kerri-Anne Fitzsimmons

Vice President:

Christy McNeill and Narelle Worland

Treasurer:

The Smith Family

Secretary:

Alison Hooker

Head lice

Head lice occur at our school at intervals; please check your child's hair regularly and treat it for lice. It is annoying for other families that are diligently treating their children's hair, and children with head lice cannot concentrate on their learning.

Every school day is vital to ensure that all students have the best chance to succeed. Thank you for supporting your child's education by ensuring their attendance. Obviously, if they are sick, attendance is not expected. However, please inform the school when your child is absent.

School Levy

We will be finalising the swimming lesson bookings soon. Thank you to those families who have already paid or made payment arrangements. We ask that all other families pay the 'curriculum levy' of \$100 per student as soon as possible to facilitate the bookings for the lessons which will start in week two of term 4. Those students who have not paid the levy; will not be participating and therefore will be continuing their learning at school. Part of this levy covers curriculum resources for student use in the classroom.

Reminders

Permission notes for the "Show our Support" for the Cancer Bike Riders needs to be in to the office by Wednesday afternoon, as the school usually walks up after the roll has been marked on Thursday morning. Also, a reminder that the "Red Track" and "Year 6 Transition" permission notes have to be in as soon as possible. They were all sent home last week.

School Photos

The photos should arrive soon and will be distributed to the students.

School Lunches variation

The B.P. servo has made a variation to one of rotation menus. The week that the H&P Pizza is on offer; the alternate choice will be a 'Toasted Ham, Cheese and Tomato Sandwich'.

Junior Leos

Junior Leos hosted a 'brekky' on the 21st July which raised \$97 for Chappy Travis and his work in the school. Thank you to the Lions Club for supporting this initiative.

Earn and Learn

Just letting you all know that Woolworths will be doing the 'Earn and Learn' campaign again starting in July. We will be registering to participate; so we will welcome any stickers that you collect if you go shopping at Woolworths. We also appreciate it if your friends and family can collect them if they go to Woolworths for their groceries.

When the campaign finishes our students will help collate the stickers and teachers will be going online filling our 'wish' list from the available teaching resources. These will be delivered to our school later in the year.

P&C News

Please be aware that the next P&C Meeting will be held at 3:30pm on Thursday, August 17.