



ROLLINGSTONE STATE SCHOOL

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Principal – Kacey Constantine

Principals report: 22/03/17

Facilities/ WHS:

Toilets:

Over the last year, I have been working with my facilities team to increase the number of toilets that we have at our school. We have received money from Central Office to bring in a new relocatable toilet block into the school. Unfortunately, it was discovered that the septic tank was not big enough for new toilets, which increased the costs of the works. There has been a great deal of work happening behind the scenes and I have been assured that the septic works should begin over the Easter holidays, with the new toilets being added shortly after. There will be an extra 5 toilets.

Computer Lab:

In the first weeks of this year, Multicom installed new data cabling and power points into the Resource room and in the senior class to keep up with the continued growth in student numbers. The school has invested a substantial amount of money into creating a computer lab, we have invested in 15 new laptops, the the current 15 will become work stations. This will allow us to have a computer lab for whole class instruction. We will invest in another suite of iPads early in 2017. We have been switched to NBN and we have had our bandwidth increased.

This term the carpets have been cleaned, the air conditioners have all been serviced.

The waste water tank at the back of the prep building has been fixed.

The electricals have all been tested.

The doors at P-3 classes are getting new weather strips and the doors locks are being replaced in admin and in the 4/5 room.

Flyscreens are being repaired in the prep room and in the storage room.

The lino is being repaired in the senior classes.

The downpipe has been repaired outside of the 2/3 room.

Curriculum:

We have just selected our Readers Cup team to represent the school next term. The Readers Cup is an interschool competition, students read a set number of books, and then there is a quiz on the content of the books. Our readers' cup team is compiled of Poppy, Amy, Amy and Lyriah, Ally will be a reserve team member. The team is coordinated by Mrs Ratcliffe. We have already purchased the books and the students have started reading them this week.

NAPLAN online- we conducted the platform testing last year, and continue to be a trial school this year, we will be holding the test over 4 days, 10-14 May. The students have already been looking at what the test will look like, and are feeling confident with the test being online (the majority of kids have said that it is fun!)

Camp- we have already started to collect money for camp. This year, the year 4-6 students will be going to Daradgee Environmental Centre. Staff accompanying the camp will be Gavin, Lisa, Trish and Chappy. The bus is going to cost \$3245.

2017 AIP.

Each year, I submit an Annual Implementation Plan to regional office; this outlines our strategic direction for the next 12 months. I have copies for you to peruse at your leisure. Goughy already endorsed the plan at the beginning of this year, as it was tabled as a draft at the end of last year.

2017 Responsible Behaviour Plan.

It is legislated that every school has a current Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students. I have just finished updating the legislative requirements of the latest version. I have provided copies.

In particular, I am seeking feedback about the matrix of expected behaviours.

This term, we have been working toward developing our school 'Framework of Practice'. I have a copy for your perusal, this is our school non-negotiable.

Reading

Students have nearly completed their running records. 46% of our prep to 3 are *ALREADY AT THEIR END OF YEAR BENCHMARK*. We have had some outstanding progress already!

Homework

We have spent some time surveying parents and students about homework.

Findings:

- routine makes a difference*
- they wanted it to be back to how they learned*
- worksheets were overall too hard for the parents*
- happy with the reading generally*
- many suggesting that they wanted more times tables, spelling and sentences*
- only one parent said that we didn't give enough*
- students that regularly did their homework, had a parent working with them*

Using this information, staff have been brainstorming ideas, there will be a new policy next term and you can all expect some changes.

Budget:

Attached is the front page of the budget report and the Balance Sheet summary. If you would like to go through the budget allocations more thoroughly, feel free to make a time to see me and I will go through it more thoroughly with you.

Staffing:

This year, Lisa and Jo have become permanently attached to our school. We also welcome Gavin Isaac to our school permanently; Gavin works on the 5/6 class on Monday, Tuesday and Friday, and is DRT on the other days available to Bluewater, Bohle and us. Jenni Jackson is on Mat leave until next term. Chappy Trav has hit the ground running (as was seen at the disco last week).

We have been through the process of maximisation of Teachers Aides and Cleaners over the last few weeks. Cherrill has reduced her cleaning hours and maximised her teacher aide hours; allowing Kirsty to increase her cleaning hours. Kerri-Anne has been made permanent and we have just finalised the appointment of two temporary teachers' aides. Merissa and Mel will be joining the team at the start of next term.

Special events:

Easter bonnet parade

Peer Support training has happened – students will be in their peer support groups next week.