



Rollingstone State School

Principal's Report to Parents and Citizens Association

Thursday, 17 August, 2017

Learning:

- Our school NAPLAN results have arrived and individual student reports have been sent home. Students in Year 5 showed improvement in four out of the five areas in comparison to last year's results which is pleasing.
- One of the most pleasing results was that 44% of Year 5 students achieved in the U2B for Spelling and 33% achieved in the U2B for Reading.
- However, improvement is needed, particularly in terms of students needing to meet the National Minimum Standard.
- Initiatives to ensure that every student succeeds include Homework Club for Prep – Year 3 students, Intervention Groups, Extension Groups and the implementation of high yield, research based pedagogical strategies starting in the Year 2/3 classroom.
- Our school priority continues to be ensuring that at least 85% of all students achieve a 'C' or higher in English, maths and science through the development of assessment literate learners.

School:

- Events this term include: Indonesian Independence Day – August 31, Bookweek Parade – August 24, Bluestone Cup – September 8, Pineapple Festival – September 9, Beach Walk – September 15.
- Thank you to Mark and Kerri-Anne Fitzsimmons, Dowie and Jonesy for their help in constructing the new sand pit and long jump pit. The students are thoroughly enjoying the new sand pit.
- We will be participating in NAPLAN online next year. Students will be part of a trial run at the end of this term.
- School Opinion Surveys will be available for all staff, parents and students in year 4, 5 and 6 from July 31 – August 25. Completion of these surveys gives us an idea of what we are doing well and what we need to focus on. A number have been completed so far.
- I have contacted Andrew Cripps for support in reinstating the Toomulla bus. I have been contacted by the Department of Main Roads and Transport for student numbers living in the area. I will persist with following this up.

Workforce:

- Applications close on Wednesday, August 23 for the advertised Teacher Aide position.

Cash at Bank: \$105 802.01

Please see me if you would like a run down on the school budget.

Keith Poulter
Principal