



Rollingstone State School

Principal's Report to Parents and Citizens Association

Thursday, 17 May, 2018

Learning:

- One of the priorities for the year is writing. Teachers continue to implement a number of strategies to improve writing within units of work such as using learning walls, learning intentions, success criteria, feedback, observation of student work against purpose of lesson and the gradual release of responsibility.
- Teachers will be utilising the Literacy Continuum to improve students' writing. Teachers will be using evidence of student work to plot individual students on the continuum. From there, teachers will explicitly teach concepts that students need to work on to move up the continuum. Teachers will provide feedback to students based on the class goal and their individual goals. Classes will have a dedicated writing time, just like we currently have for reading.
- Writing intervention and extension lessons will continue.
- Intervention lessons for Year 1, 2 and 3 students not at reading benchmark are occurring this term.

School:

- Our gardens continue to develop. Bunnings staff will be coming out again this term. There will also be work completed on the Junior Leos Garden. Other work is also being carried out. We are aiming to improve the appearance of the school by working on all garden beds throughout the remainder of the year.
- We are also participating in an RACQ Road Safety day (June 1). This initiative helps to develop student's road awareness in order to develop safety around roads. Details were in this week's newsletter.
- Students in Year 3 and 5 are sitting NAPLAN this week. Thank you to the P&C and Pace Farming for making breakfast on these days possible.
- Thank you also to the P&C for organising a Mother's Day Stall.
- Sports Day is being held on Thursday, June 21.
- As of November 1, a range of beverage containers will be included in the Queensland Container Refund Scheme. Each container collected will be eligible for a 10c refund. Eligible containers that are collected prior to November 1 will also be eligible. I propose that we establish the school as a collection centre and encourage family and community members to send their eligible containers to school. The average family discards 22 eligible items per week. This process could deliver an ongoing income to the P&C of \$2000 - \$5000 annually for very little effort.
- We need to complete the asbestos training, student protection training and financials report today.

Workforce:

- We are still waiting to hear about having a regular Guidance Officer at our school. However, we have the services of Janine Magnusson for the rest of the term.
- Ms Nina is fortunate to be taking holidays at the end of the term. Ms Melonie will be assisting in the office at this time. Grace Russo will also be assisting by completing the finance requirements.

Cash at Bank: \$89 703.89 - Please see me if you would like a run down on the school budget.

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Principal