



# Rollingstone State School

## Principal's Report to Parents and Citizens Association

Thursday, 21 June, 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.
- Initial evaluation of student reading levels, LOA data and number fact data for the semester is positive.
- Intervention lessons for reading in Term 3 will be evaluated based on student results from this term.
- Teachers spent a few hours with me planning their units of work for next term. Our focus was on making sure that we give students every opportunity to develop their writing skills across all learning areas. Teachers will explicitly teach skills required by students.

### School:

- I am planning to finish off the garden bed near the oval, complete the pavers, complete the rock garden and paint some new hand ball lines over the holidays.
- 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. Fitzy is getting some containers for the collection. I will inform parents of the plan through the newsletter.

### Workforce:

- We are still waiting to hear about having a regular Guidance Officer at our school.
- 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.
- Bu Lumbi is increasing her teaching load next semester. She will work an additional day and a half in the Year 5/6 classroom to teach English.

Cash at Bank: \$78 948.45 - Please see me if you would like a run down on the school budget.

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