Welcome back to Rossville State School for 2016!
I hope everyone had a great break over the summer and is energised for another great year at Rossville State School. It is great to welcome back all our students and families and also great to see so many new students and families join our school community. It is already shaping up to be an exciting year with a lot of upcoming events and new classes to be delivered.

Every Thursday during Term 1, Dane from AFL Cape York will be joining us to deliver the school Auskick program. We will be working towards competing in the end of term Cluster AFL tournament.

This year we are also happy to announce that we have a PE Teacher and a Performing Arts Teacher who will be working across the Cluster Schools to deliver sports and performing arts (music, dance, drama) to our students. These teachers will visit Rossville every Monday and all students will get the opportunity to work with them in dedicated lessons throughout the day.

Mme. Jo has taken the year off to go off on sailing adventures. We hope she keeps in touch and maybe sends us a postcard from somewhere exciting. Meanwhile, SR students will continue learning French with me.

As always, parents and carers are welcome at the school at any time to visit and join in with class activities. We’d also love to hear from you if you would like to get involved, share your interests and volunteer. In the past, we’ve had parents share their love and knowledge of art, gardening, baking, knitting, nature and dance. We can also always use help in the office or library.

Please also complete the enclosed update contact information to ensure we can be in touch with you if needed. I also encourage you to complete the attached survey that will help us to provide the best learning opportunities for your child.

Lastly, good luck to those students who are going to the swimming carnival in Cooktown tomorrow who will have the chance to qualify for Regional Selection later this term.

Thank you, I look forward to working with you all in 2016!

Cheers, Amelia Jenkins

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**Principal’s Report**

**Term 1 2016**

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**
- Cluster Swimming Carnival @ Cooktown—Thursday 4 February
- Rossville Community Markets, Sunday 7 February, 10am-2pm
- NRL One Community - NQ Cowboys and Northern Pride visit—Wednesday 17 February
- AFL Cook Cluster Carnival in Cooktown—Wednesday 23 March
- Term 1 Ends—Thursday 24 March
- Term 2 Begins—Monday 11 April

**Weekly Activities:**
- Phys Ed and Performing Arts every Monday afternoon
- Library open Tuesday before school and during morning tea
- AFL Cape York—Every Thursday during Term 1
- Chappy visits us every Tuesday
- BOOST! Tuesday afternoons at 1:20 pm
- Art Electives, Wednesday afternoons at 1:20 pm
- Parade every Friday afternoon at 2:00 pm

**Contact Information:**
- Phone: 07 4060 3988
- Fax: 07 4060 3088
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**Meet Trent, Southern Cape Clusters new Guidance Officer**

Hello Parents and Students.
As the Guidance Officer I am available to students and families who wish to seek assistance and support relating to personal and educational issues. I offer counselling services as part of my role. Ideally, counselling is short term and is directly linked to the student’s ability to engage in learning. I can help with educational and personal matters/issues such as: bullying; grief and loss; family and peer relationships; self-esteem; stress; study habits and skills; time management; behaviour; anger; coping strategies; career pathways; OP/QCE; …; there are many issues you might wish to seek assistance with.

If you would like to make a time to speak with me, please contact the office administration.

Thankyou

Trent Kirk
Guidance Officer

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**IMPORTANT**

If your child is absent from school, please call the school office advising of the absence. We have high expectations of EVERY child attending EVERY day.

**REMEMBER: Every Day Counts!**
Welcome to another school year! It is exciting to see everyone back from holidays! The first couple of weeks we have been trying to get back into school routines and getting our brains back in school work mode.

Senior Class Capers

By being active for the first 10-15 minutes of the school day, not only are we looking after our bodies but we are also super charging our brain.

Even though it was hard going to complete a writing task after such a long holiday, everyone had a go at writing...

The Senior Class for 2016. Most students have been in the class last year so it is a nice and easy transition for them this year. We welcome one new student, Jimmy who is in year six.
Welcome to the Junior class for 2016! The Junior students are working hard already.

History - Where Do We Come From?
In history and geography this term we will be exploring our own families histories and where our ancestors came from (grandparents and great-grandparents). Some families might have been here forever, some might be from across the river, others might have come from far across the sea.
Children will be asked to talk with parents and grandparents about where their family has come from.

Homework
Homework went home on Monday. Homework consists of some spelling words to practise, books to read and Maths work.
Each child is working towards their own goal in Maths. Every couple of weeks we will do a maths facts test to see how we are going with our goals.
Homework - home on Monday.
Back to school on Friday.

Fruit break
We start each morning with a healthy snack of fruit or veges.
Healthy foods fuel our brains and get us ready for learning.

Find us on facebook. Look for Ross Ville or Rossville State School closed group.
Ross Ville is an open page, with information on upcoming events and meetings.
Rossville State School closed group is a private group for parents and other family members such as grandparents. In the private group we share photos of our children at school, knowing that they can only be seen by invited members.
Over the holidays I got to read the amazing book “Mindset” by Carol Dweck. It is probably one of the most important concepts for life. We will not be teaching the students explicitly about growth mindset using these terms but is integral in what we teach in BOOST!, how we praise and assess the students and how we help children deal with the world around them. So here it is in a nutshell...

Basically there are two different types of mindsets.
1. **Fixed Mindset**—believe that their traits are set
2. **Growth Mindset**—believe that their qualities can be developed through their dedication and effort