Welcome back to Term 2 for 2015! We are already well into another busy and exciting term with a lot happening at Rossville State School.

Our first big event for the term will be the Southern Cape Cross Country Carnival that will be held this Friday at Rossville School. All parents and community are invited to attend. Just remember, the road to the school will be closed from 9am until 12pm and vehicles will not be allowed to enter or leave during that time.

We would really appreciate if you could come and volunteer on Friday. We need helpers to run the P&C food stall and stand at checkpoints throughout the course. The P&C stall is our major fundraiser for this semester. All proceeds go directly to the P&C to be used for the benefit of students.

Last week the P&C Annual General Meeting was held with a good turn out and the election of office bearers for 2015. Margo Steiner has accepted the position of President, and will be supported by Bec Blackman as Vice-President, Shelley Thomas as Secretary and Lou as Treasurer. I look forward to a productive and energetic year ahead working with the new committee and thank them for their continued support.

One of the ideas raised by the new P&C was the introduction of ‘Yummo Lunch Day’, in which parents can volunteer to donate and help sell food that will be for sale at school during lunchtime on Friday of every third week (please see enclosed letter).

In other exciting news, Rossville State School, in partnership with the Cooktown District Community Centre (CDCC) will be running the Circle of Security series at Rossville Wednesday afternoons starting next week. Circle of Security is an internationally renowned program that helps parents, carers and teachers recognise and meet the emotional needs of children to help them lead healthy, happy lives. More details to come.

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**Remember: Every Day Counts!**

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**Term 2 2015**

**Dates to Remember:**
- Friday 1 May, Cross Country at Rossville
- Wednesday 6 May, Circle of Security at Rossville SS
- Friday 8 May, Cooktown’s Got Talent
- Tuesday 12—Thursday 14 May, NAPLAN Tests
- Thursday 18 June, Small School Sports @ Bloomfield River SS

**Weekly Activities:**
- French with Mme. Jo Tuesday mornings
- Chappy visits us every Tuesday
- BOOST! Tuesday afternoons at 1:20 pm
- Art Electives, Wednesday afternoons at 1:20 pm
- Library open Thursday at 1st lunch
- Parade every Friday afternoon at 2:00 pm
Senior Class Capers!!

The excitement of term Two!
It has been so exciting to have the students all back with their great manners and ready to learn. It really has been a wonderful week as everyone remembers how to behave in class. This has great implications for how we work in class. The more students are able to cooperate, the more interesting and exciting things we can do.

Some of the ideas that we are going to explore this term are:

- **Fractions are fun** - do you always have more because you've got more pieces?
- **Their planet or ours?** - In English we are exploring whether we should look after our own planet or should we set up life on another planet. Already there is hot debate but we need to do some more research first.
- **How do we learn from the past?** - Through exploring Australian history, can this assist us if we are planning to colonise another planet? The students have already worked out how Cyclone Tracey has helped us be safer in a cyclone and they have all come up with their own experience that taught them how to change their behaviour in the future. We are also learning that it takes a lot of intelligence to ask questions.
- **Grit** - Who has got enough self-discipline to train for the upcoming cross country? Who can use their optimistic thoughts to calm themselves at the start line? Who has got enough persistence to finish their race? GO ROSSVILLE!

Classroom display in the Senior Room

Homework
Starting next week, homework will be given out on **Mondays**. Students can aim to return it on Mondays but Tuesday will be acceptable for the next few weeks, until people get use to the change. Please contact Miss Heidi if you would like different homework or have questions about the homework.
The Junior class is back and working hard. The past week has kept us busy learning about ANZAC Day. We’ve made a HUGE time line to show how long ago the battle of Gallipoli occurred. We talked about how things have changed in the 100 years since then.

For Maths we are studying fractions. The lucky Year 1s and 2s get to use play dough and colouring in to show fractions. Year 3s need to work a little harder.

In English this term we are doing poetry. We have already learned about rhyme and alliteration (words that start with the same sound). Play a fun word game when you’re in the car—how many rhyming words can you think of?

HOMEWORK - goes home on Mondays and is due back on Fridays

LIBRARY - is open on Thursdays. Return library books to school on Thursdays.

Photos: Above: Willow, Rita and Eli have been learning about fractions.

Below: our 100 year time line.
MIND POWER

A new term means a new topic for Boost. This term we are focusing on the most amazing powerful thing in the world, our brain! In this unit the student will be learning about:

- The brain has many different parts and our job is to get them connect with each other
- The different sensations in our body help us to work out our feelings and all these feeling are there to help us
- Our ability to focus the mind totally on what we are doing right now

All this information that the students are learning is very powerful to ensure that they feel happy within themselves and are at their best to learn. Each newsletter we will be sending information home to families so that it is even more useful for the students. A lot of these techniques and strategies are helpful for parenting and understanding why people behave the way they do. Over the weeks, hopefully this information will become the little life handbook that we thought we were supposed to receive when we firstly opened our eyes to this brand new world.

Left and Right Brain

The first focus for the unit is understanding that we have two different hemispheres in our brain: the left and right. These two different modalities have different interests and sometimes we seem to be using one side more than the other. Our jobs as master controllers, is to ensure that we use both sides together. If we can master getting the two sides to work together then we can focus on the outer world, learn and achieve.

The different jobs of the left and right brain

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Sometimes children are overwhelmed by how they are feeling. This can create negative behaviours. This is their right brain taking over. We are trying to encourage the children to engage their left brain at this time, by giving the feelings and body sensations labels and words. Once the feelings are talked about and made sense of, then the child can engage again in more positive behaviour and learning.

A cartoon has been enclosed with the newsletter for you and your child to read together. It is designed to help them understand this process. If you would like more information on this unit please talk to or email Heidi Carroll (hcarr51@eq.edu.au).