Welcome back to Term 3! I hope everyone had a happy and restful holiday and enjoyed the time to recharge for another busy and exciting term at Rossville State School. We certainly do have a lot happening this term that will keep all students and staff engaged and enthralled. Firstly, tomorrow we will be having our first P+C meeting for the term, and I invite all parents and community member's to attend. It is a great way to have your say and be involved in school decisions and directions.

We are very pleased to welcome back Miss Kathy this term who will join us every Wednesday to run music lessons for students. Students in all classes will get the chance to have lessons with Miss Kathy learning keyboard, guitar, drums and singing. Art electives continue this term on Wednesday afternoons with students engaged in Clowning, Robotics, Jewellery and Fashion Design, and a new Dance and Music elective with Miss Kathy and Miss Melissa.

Live, Learn, Leap will commence this week and will run every Thursday this term giving students the chance to get involved in a variety of sporting activities. The Live Learn Leap Program is a Sport and Recreation initiative between AFL Cape York Limited and the Queensland Police and Citizens' Youth Welfare Association. The program encapsulates a range of sporting programs aimed at providing adults and young people with a range of activities that will encourage participation, volunteering, training, well being and safety.

Notes for Parent Teacher interviews have been sent home earlier this week. If you would like an interview to discuss your child’s learning, please return the note or contact the school office.

Lastly, (and perhaps most exciting!), is that Rosville State School has been announced as a Regional winner for the Village Roadshow Theme Parks Showcase Award for Excellence in Inclusive Education. Congratulations to everyone involved in the process and making our school the best it can be.

Cheers,
Amelia Jenkins

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**School Uniforms**
New Size 6 school shirts have now arrived. All sizes and styles are now available for purchase from the school office.
- Kids collared shirts: $20
- Kids round collar: $15

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**Working Bees for the Wallaby Creek Festival**
25th - 27th September
Homerule Rainforest Lodge

Working Bees for the Wallaby Creek Festival are planned for August 1 and 2, August 15 and 16 and August 29 and 30. Free overnight camping and lunch and dinner will be provided. Come and support this great community event!

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**REMEMBER: Every Day Counts!**
Senior Class Capers!!

What are we focusing on this term?

English

The students will be writing information reports that aim to be presented at NAIDOC week and displayed at our stall at the Wallaby Creek Festival. It would be great help if at home, you could start gathering any information that may assist the students in completing their writing task. The year 3 & 4 students will be researching wildlife of the local area. You may know some information so your child could interview you, or you may have some books that the information can be obtained from. The year 5 & 6 will be researching local indigenous people of the area. Could you personally assist us as you have some understanding yourself? Could we interview you? Do you have some great books about the topic? Do you know of someone who knows about local indigenous groups who would be willing to assist us? The more information the students obtain the more interesting our display will be.

Geography

What are Wetlands? Why are they important? What is the most important message that we need to inform the general public of about Wetlands?

These are the questions that we will be exploring in Geography. The purpose of this unit is to create a collaborative poster that will be displayed in “Cooktown’s Healthy Country Hub” office. As they are a combination of different Not-for-Profit groups who connect country, culture and community, they are looking forward to having their office (Old Bank in Charlotte St) decorated with our display.

Maths

Decimals is the name of the game in Maths. It would really give meaning to what the students are doing in class if you could talk about real life examples as they arise. We have already discussed that they are needed for greater accuracy and they are useful in measurement and money, however if you show your children examples outside the classroom it will further assist their learning.

Homework

The homework format has changed this term. There are four different focuses 1. Times tables 2. Reading 3. Writing 4. Handwriting. I would like to bring up about homework at the next P&C meeting. It would be helpful if families had any comments or suggestions about homework so that we can make an informed homework policy. If you would like to submit your comments please email them to hcarr51@eq.edu.au or attend the next meeting.

Art Electives: Jewellery Design

As you can see from our beautiful catalogue the girls in Jewellery design worked hard last term to create some beautiful pieces for themselves. They then modeled these in a fashion shoot with Miss Margie.

This term we have a new group of students who are going to create their own jewelry label and designs to sell. So look out for your opportunity to purchase these wonderful creations.
Welcome back to another term! Incredible to believe we are halfway through the year already!

This term our theme is Fun at the Festival. All of our writing, all of our reading and some of our Maths will be themed around Shows, Festivals and other fun days. We will be doing special activities in the build-up to both the Cooktown Show and Wallaby Creek Festival.

If you are in Cooktown for the Show next weekend, look out for artwork submitted by our students.

**Homework** went home on Monday. It is due back at school on Friday. Please call or drop in if you have any questions or concerns.

Last week students wrote a recount about what they did during the holidays. Netta wrote about going bush camping with her mum. We are very proud of Netta’s work!

Photos Below: Sam, Ceanne, Indigo and Jaxon are back-up dancers for Ditto’s song during the Bravehearts presentation.
Bottom Right: Zayade enjoyed Music for his afternoon elective on Wednesday.
The students all started off the BOOST! Term really well, with all students being highly engaged in their own small group drama. These dramas focus on being able to settle conflict in a helpful way.

**“I Statements”**

One way to settle conflict with another person is to make an “I statement”. An “I statement” a) focuses on a specific behaviour and how it affects you, and b) does not accuse or attack the person for who they are and how they acted.

The Formula for a Good I-Statement is:

- **When you** (describe a specific action that hurt you)
- **I feel** (say your feeling)
- **Because** (why the action makes you feel that way)

An example of a Good I-Statement is:

**When you** make fun of the way I dress, **I feel** hurt **because** your opinion is important to me.

So now when your children are arguing, instead of letting them just blame each other get them to make an “I statement”.

**Accusing “YOU” Statements versus Diplomatic “I” Statements**

- You make me so mad!
- I feel angry because of what you said. Please don’t do that again.