This year we’d like to look for new ways to celebrate success both inside and outside of the classroom. From now on we will publish all award winners at our weekly parade in our fortnightly newsletter as well as showcase more examples of individual student achievement and effort. Congratulations to last fortnight’s award winners Luca, Chad, Cooper, Poppy, Reshonda, Marco, Sachi, Elke, Lincoln, Ben & Indigo.

We’d like to welcome our new Teacher Aides who have joined us last week to help deliver specialist programs to all the students. Each brings with them their own unique experience and expertise. They are a great addition to our school environment. Ms Bella joins us every Monday and Wednesday morning; Ms Jenn joins us every Tuesday and will also run the library before school and during first lunch; Ms Waratah joins us every Thursday and Friday mornings; and we are lucky to have Ms Trish who joins us every morning of the week.

Thanks to AFL Cape York, our Thursday AFL program has been extended with the addition of an afterschool AusKick program. Students are welcome to attend from 2:30—3:30pm every Thursday. Private transport will need to be arranged to collect your child at 3:30pm. Yesterday we had a visit from Alby from the NRL and Shaun Hudson from the North Queensland Cowboys. They talked to students about the importance of a healthy diet, healthy lifestyle and working hard to achieve your goals. Thanks to the parents and family members who showed up. We hope to see you at Parade this Friday at 2pm.

Cheers, Amelia Jenkins

Performing Arts and Physical Education

On Monday we had our first Physical Education and Performing Arts Classes with Miss Mel and Miss Karly. Everyone enjoyed the lessons with fun games and activities (even in this hot weather!). Mel and Karly will join us every Monday and we welcome them to the Rossville State School family.

Term 1 2016

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Rossville Community Markets, Sunday 21 February, 10am—2pm
- 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
- AusKick—Every Thursday afternoon from 2:30—3:30pm
- 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
- Rossville Connects—Community Games Night, Wednesday’s at 7pm at the Rossville Hall
- Rossville Connects—Dancing with Bobbin, Friday’s at 2:45pm at the Rossville Hall

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Homework!

Bringing Homework Back

Homework is due Mondays
Place a sign up at home to assist students to bring their homework back
If homework comes back before Monday - place it in the yellow folder in the top drawer of the filing cabinet

Benefits of Homework

- Self-organisation
- Routines for high school
- Habits for life

The Type of Homework

At this stage the students have to complete one introductory Maths sheet. This worksheet will have to be completed in class if it is not finished for homework. Its purpose is to assess students' understanding on the new concept. This is important as it informs teaching. If students do not understand the concept, they can:

- Look over the example at the top of the page
- Read each question three times
- Underline the important words
- Think about what they do know
- If they still do not understand simply write this on the paper

These organised students brought their homework in the very next day!

REMEMBER: All Students who return their Homework go in the weekly draw to win a Pizza Voucher thanks to the generous support The Italian Restaurant, Cooktown.
## What are We Doing? Junior Timetable

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<td>8.20 - 9:50</td>
<td>How was your weekend? Talking circle</td>
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<td>1.20 - 2.20</td>
<td>Performance Arts – with visiting performing arts teacher Homework handed out</td>
<td>BOOST PROGRAM Positive education and team building. Whole school, with Miss Heidi and Chappy</td>
<td>Electives Students choose from: computer coding, constructive play and drawing.</td>
<td>GEOGRAPHY / HISTORY</td>
<td>Finish off 2.00 PARADE – All welcome</td>
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LIFE IS LIKE A CHOCOLATE CAKE...

Some of the students, (and we know how they feel) are having a hard time getting into work mode. Others are finding it difficult to take risks and have a go. So last week in BOOST! we did a demonstration about how you are like a chocolate cake. We used this to explain that there are different components in life that go together to make up the wonderful individuals that we are. We explained that you need all the different ingredients to make a great life.

Here are the ingredients and their uses:

**Sugar:** Sugar is what makes the whole cake sweet. The sugar things in life are holidays, birthdays, winning awards, great times with friends and adventures. Sometimes we think it would be nice if all of life was just sugar, but we wouldn't have much character.

**Cocoa:** This is what makes it a chocolate cake! Cocoa can be disappointing on its own if you are expecting chocolate. The cocoa things in life are when you don’t get picked for a team or you look forward to going somewhere cool but then for some reason you can’t go. Being disappointed isn’t fun, but it does help you develop resilience to appreciate the sugar more.

**Flour:** Flour tastes pretty dry and boring on its own, but it makes up the bulk of the cake and binds it all together. The flour in life are the daily habits that sometimes seems boring but are really necessary for holding everything else together. Things like getting enough sleep, doing your homework, being organized and keeping your room clean.

**Baking powder/ bicarb soda:** This has quite a bitter, unpleasant taste on its own. It is the rising agent that makes the cake grow. Life has many things that are challenging and sad and difficult, things that we don’t enjoy at all when we are experiencing them: things like losing someone that we love, being sick and saying goodbye to close friends. Nobody enjoys being sad, but these are the things that make us grow and bring us together.

When all of these ingredients are mixed together they create something really delicious, just like your life can be.

**Rat poison:** Rat poison was never meant to go into a cake. There are some things that you don’t have to experience like when someone is making you feel unsafe. If this happens always tell someone that you trust.