13 May 2016

Principal’s Report

This week, I was reminded on several occasions just how awesome our students, staff and school community are. From the wonderful Mothers Day morning tea and raffle prepared by our P&C, to the outstanding grit and pride that year 3 and 5 students displayed while confidently tackling this year’s NAPLAN testing, to the enthusiasm and community support on display when Matty Bowen and Liam Bartlett of the NQ Cowboys visited Rossville, it is clear that Rossville State School is kicking goals (and scoring tries) in all directions.

It is therefore, with a very heavy heart that I announce that Mr Joel and I will be leaving Rossville State School after the end of this term. I have been appointed Principal of Flying Fish Point State School starting next term and Mr Joel will be using the knowledge and skills acquired in his Masters degree to resume his career in economic and regional development.

Leading Rossville State School has been a personal and professional highlight and both Joel and I will treasure our time here for the rest of our lives. It has been an absolute privilege to teach your children and work with such a talented and dedicated team. We have loved our time here and will cherish it always. Rossville will always be in our hearts and we sincerely hope to stay connected.

The rest of the term will be sentimental for us but we are absolutely dedicated to ensuring a smooth transition with minimal disruptions and making the most of the rest of our time up here. Decisions about the appointment of a new Principal and Administration Officer will be made in the next few weeks and we will keep you informed of any developments. As always, if you have any questions or concerns please bring them directly to me.

In the meantime, there’s still lots to look forward to this term. Students have started training for the Cluster Sports Day which will take place Wednesday 22 June. Don’t forget, there will be racing and ball game events for parents as well. Maybe you can train together with your child after school.

Students have also been working very hard towards performing in theatrical plays at the end of the term. The SR students are well underway rehearsing a comedic mystery called STOPPIT and JR students have just started rehearsing their version of the Jungle Book. Stay tuned for more details including performance dates. As always, you are integral to the success of these endeavours. Perhaps you can help your child learn their lines at home or maybe you have some artistic skills that we can put to use in set, prop and costume design and production. We hope to make this a whole school community wide effort and look forward to your enthusiasm and support.

Cheers, Amelia Jenkins

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Dental Van at Rossville State School from 16 May
- P&C Meeting next Thursday 19 May 2:30pm @ Rossville State School
- Yummo Lunch Day—Friday 20 May
- Bravehearts—Wednesday 15 June
- Cluster Athletics Day at Bloomfield River State School—Wednesday 22 June
- Last day of Term 2—Friday 24 June
- First day of Term 3—Monday 11 July

Weekly Activities:

- Phys Ed and Performing Arts every Monday afternoon
- Library open Tuesday before school and during morning tea
- 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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REMEMBER: Every Day Counts!

We Learn • We Show Respect • We Are Safe

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Cluster Year Six Leadership Camp
Selected students from year six enjoyed the privilege of participating in the camp for leaders of the school. Cooktown, Bloomfield, Lake-land and Laura students camped at Home Rule learning the leadership skills of:

- Organise
- Communicate Clearly
- Encourage
- Show Initiative
- Make Decisions

Over the three days were involved in Outdoor and academic challenges.
Miss Nardia is in the Room!

Many of you may remember Nardia Whitman (Miss Nardia), from Cooktown Kindy. Miss Nardia is in the final year of her 4 year Education Degree and, as part of her final assessment, she will be spending 5 weeks with our class.

Miss Nardia is already taking the reins in several areas. She is organising a science investigation into the life cycle of tadpoles. We will be learning about the habitat tadpoles live in and what they need to survive. We will talk about their lifecycle and how they develop from eggs.

Learning about tadpoles is part of a wider investigation into eggs and animals which come from eggs. Recently our kids have been interested in the question ‘Which came first: the chicken or the egg?’ So we’re finding out. First we’ll learn about eggs and the variety of animals that lay eggs. Then we will read and discuss different ideas that people have used to explain where animals come from.

What do you think: the chicken or the egg?

Photos: Miss Nardia’s kindy experience shows, as she takes Year 1s outside to learn

Don’t forget—permission form required!

For her uni assessment, Miss Nardia is required to send recordings of her lessons to the university. While the recordings will focus on Nardia’s teaching, the videos may include children in the room or their voices.

Parents have been asked to sign permission forms, allowing Nardia to record.

If you haven’t yet, please sign and return the slip. Let us know if you need another copy.
Introducing GROWTH MINDSET

Last term 'Growth Mindset' was introduced as a concept for families to firstly understand, now it is being formally introduced in the BOOST! Program.

Just to remind everyone 'Growth Mindset' is having a clear understanding that you can develop your own traits and skills. The opposite, “Fixed Mindset’ is the belief that our traits stay the same throughout our life. Which person speaking has a fixed mindset and who has the growth mindset?

Maths was really hard for me at school but now I’m ready to work at it because I need it for my job.

“I was never good at Maths, so I can’t do that job.”

Just like GRIT we are teaching that Growth Mindset is made up of three strengths:

**CURIOSITY**

“How can I learn?”

**HUMOUR**

“I can see the lighter side”

**COURAGE**

“I take risks when learning”

This week and next we are focusing on Courage. We will be focusing on the different ways courage is needed when learning, like:

- Having a go even when you are unsure
- Listening to and applying feedback
- Choosing difficult tasks
- Making a mistake

Congratulate yourself and those around you whenever you hear or see these things happen, because if you do then you are your way to having a growth mindset.