So Much Happening Before the End of Term!

We are up to week 8 already! That means there’s only two more weeks left in this term. But there’s still plenty left to happen.

**Next Wednesday** we are off to Laura for the **Soccer Carnival**. Please return signed permission forms as soon as possible.

On **Friday 9th September**, we will hold our last Reward Day for this term. The Senior leaders have negotiated for us to hold a **nerf games** session. Due to the nature of this activity, students will need parent permission to take part in the nerf games. See the separate information page in the middle of this newsletter.

The week after, in the last week of term, we are holding a Rossville mini **Olympics**. All of our classes have been using the Olympics as a context for learning about other countries, writing reports and reflecting on personal strengths. On **Tuesday 13th September**, it will all come together with our very own Olympic games. Parents are welcome to come and cheer on their team.

The very next day, on **Wednesday 14th**, we will be holding a **NAIDOC Cultural Day**. Again, we’d love to have parents and community members involved. Give us a call at the school if you would like to contribute an idea or activity for NAIDOC Cultural Day.

The **last day** of this term is **Friday 16th September**. Monday 3rd October is a Public Holiday (Queen’s Birthday holiday which used to be in June). **School resumes** for term 4 on **Tuesday 4th October**.

**THIS FORTNIGHT’S AWARD WINNERS**

..... AND ANIMALS IN THE MUD!

**PREP AND FRIENDS PARADE PERFORMANCE.**
Senior Class Capers

'Better than Best'

Last Tuesday the Seniors completed a bush walk to Parrot Creek Falls, off Shipton’s Flat Road.

We needed endurance, resilience and teamwork to complete the walk. We also needed navigation skills as sometimes Chappy and Jason didn’t tell us the way and we had to figure it out using a compass, landmarks and communication.

HUGE thanks to Chappy and Jason Carroll for accompanying us.

Find us on Facebook. Look for Ross Ville or Rossville State School closed group.

Ross Ville is an open page, with information on up-coming 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.
The Junior Class have been working hard with their reading and writing over this term. Luca is busy at work on her writing task (pictured above). The children will be writing a procedure about an Olympic Sport and an information report about an Olympic Country. Our nature play friends made some bird feeders to take home last week. I hope many beautiful birds have been stopping in for a snack. We made Chocolate Crackles for our Reward Day recently, which was a huge hit with the whole school, but the Juniors noticed that the recipe they used was a procedure! We are working on creating a gift for Dad with modelling clay. Some children would like to make some at home, so I have included the recipe below. The clay is cheap and easy to make, and will dry hard enough to paint and seal within a few days. We are looking forward to the Soccer Carnival in Laura next week, our Juniors are practicing every chance they get!

**Modelling Clay**

1 cup cornflour
2 cups Bi carb soda
1 ½ cups water

Mix all ingredients together in a saucepan.
Heat on a low heat until the mixture looks like mashed potato.
Roll out and knead.
BOOST!

Junior Walk

What great strengths the juniors showed on their walk and team challenge two weeks ago!!! Braving the wind and rain, they all set off with great enthusiasm. Although they had high energy they listened beautifully and were able to work together in their team challenge.

In this photo you can see the concentration they used to solve their tricky team problem.

We already are planning the next walk!!!

Preps Oral Language – Treasure Island!

As part of our participation in the study into Age Appropriate Learning, our Preps have been developing their oral language skills. Oral language (speaking and listening) is very important. It underpins all other English skills such as reading and writing. Children with good oral communication skills have a head-start when they learn to read and write because they already know many words and understand how words go together to make sense.

Last week the Preps were asked to create a pirate treasure map, then give directions telling how to find the treasure. Miss Margie typed the children’s words as they spoke. How about this for some wonderful oral communication:

**Spooky Beach** spoken by Tia

Once upon a time there lived a pirate and he said to the rainbow cockatoo “Where’s the treasure?” Then the rainbow cockatoo said “There’s no treasure, it’s nowhere.” And, then the pirate said “It is somewhere and we are going to find the treasure”.

They went along the road and they saw a tiger and past the tiger, and scared it by putting their swords right in front of them.

They walked along the road once again, and saw a sign saying “sinking sand.” They took all of the leaves off the tree and they put them on the sinking sand and walked over. When they were at the end they walked along and saw a spider and they cut its head off.

They walked past the spider and they saw a very stinky, stinky, stinky pond and they thought they could jump over the stinky pond.  

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