

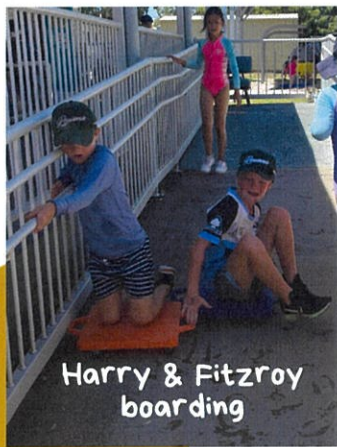
ROWENA PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Term 1 Week 10



Harmony Day



Harry & Fitzroy boarding



RJ & Tommy masterchefs

Dear parents / carers

What a busy term of learning we're having. The kinder students have settled very well into their school and are keeping us all entertained by how quickly they are picking up new things and learning to play with everyone. Year One and Two are amazing role models who work hard every day learning and playing and even teaching each other. In the 3/5/6 class we barely miss a beat as all students are improving in all areas and taking on new challenges with Sound Waves spelling and Maths Online particularly. You should all be extremely proud of the way your child/ren come with a positive attitude to school. Miss Copas, Mrs Cameron and I love working with them.

PDHPE Combined schools day

Everyone had a fantastic time at Bullarah Public School at our combined PDHPE day. There were loads of fun activities such as, three legged races, gumboot throwing, sack races, puzzles, tyre rolls and a very challenging commando course with water hazards and lots of climbing activities. Our students participated enthusiastically and showed excellent friendship and cooperation skills. They made friends with students from Bullarah, Mallowa and Bellatta Public School. The Bullarah P&C provided a delicious sausage sizzle for lunch. Our efforts on a hot day were rewarded with ice blocks before we left. Later in the year we will visit Mallowa PS and Bellatta PS for another combined fun day and of course we will host a day. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to share and learn with students from other schools.



Tommy's boot throw



Leo's boot throw



Playground envy!



Marnie & Leo
3 legged race



Penny hot potato



Sack races



Centenary

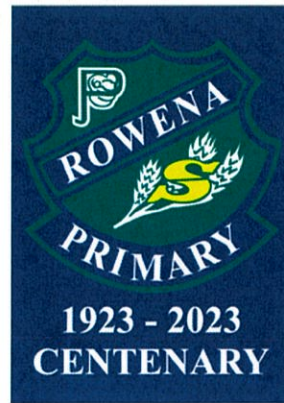
Sunday June 11 - 10am-12pm. All community members and past students and staff are invited to join us for our commemoration ceremony. Professional photos will be taken with each family of past students supplied with a print. All photos will be put into a book for future generations. The P&C are kindly donating a cake. Come and enjoy morning tea with some 'old' faces and help us celebrate turning 100. An invitation will be sent out to our local members and department of education representatives. Do you have any photos from past years? We would love to show them and help bring back memories. Please send or email any photos or memorabilia you have.

NW Swimming

Congratulations to our swimmers, Ava, Jack, Jean and Lacey who competed at the NW swimming carnival in Armidale a few weeks ago. You represented us so well and 4th place is a fantastic achievement.



Lacey, Jean, Ava & Jack- NW Swimming Reps



Jerseys- all students and staff will be given a commemorative jersey to mark this important occasion. Members of the community are invited to order one if you would like to. They are \$100. L Bar



CWA Cooking

Zoe Palmer, CWA President came and showcased her exceptional baking skills to inspire and help us make cupcakes and tea cakes for the CWA Land Cookery competition. We all enjoyed making and eating cupcakes decorated with an Australian theme. The teacake also managed to be decorated. We soon learned that teacakes only need sugar on top! Congratulations to Lacey on winning the Rowena CWA competition and Ava for runner up. Congratulations also to Jack Currey who won the teacake competition. They will now represent Rowena at the state competition

Our creative cooking results!



Thankyou Miss Palmer
Some chefs in training!!



New playground games

Lots of fun has been happening in the playground with a new Jenga game providing exciting challenges. We also have a new giant Connect4 game but the biggest hit has been the new dump trucks and diggers for the sand pit. During fitness time we have been building our stamina with regular runs on Monday and Tuesday with Bec and have also been skipping. Some students found it challenging at first but after showing perseverance everyone is managing to skip quite well. It is really fun when the whole school skips together.



**Active Bodies
=
Active Minds**



Easter Hat Parade

There will be an Easter hat parade on the last day of term, Thursday 6 April. Students will make a hat in class but are welcome to make their own at home if they wish. The parade will start at 1:30pm, we'd love you to join us for lunch from 1pm. Everyone is welcome. The preschool has been invited. There will be iceblocks and a few little gifts from the Easter Bunny. It will hopefully be a really nice way to celebrate the term.

ANZAC Day

Everyone is invited to join us on Thursday 27 April, at 2pm, to commemorate ANZAC Day.

Cross Country

We have decided to run the cross country carnival next term. Tuesday 2 May, 2pm

Narrabri Eisteddfod

All students have been entered in the Narrabri Eisteddfod. Notes came home with each child's entry for them to practice. We would encourage you to support your child at home with regular times to recite their piece. Tuesday 30 May - K-2. Wednesday 31 May - Year 3. Thursday 1 June - Years 5/6.



NAPLAN

For national reporting, 2023 will mark the start of a new time series, now that all students are online and the tests are being held in March instead of May. The earlier timing of NAPLAN in March rather than May means students will have 2 months less learning time before NAPLAN testing than in previous years. This, in addition to the full transition of all schools nationally to the online assessment that delivers more precise information, makes this the right time to reset the NAPLAN measurement scale so that results no longer have to be equated to those from the paper era. This will mean beginning a new results time series from 2023. Results from 2023 on will not be directly compared with results from 2008 to 2022. However, a continued focus on students at the lower end of the achievement scale will be maintained by taking historical results into account for baseline benchmarks in the new reporting.

Resetting the measurement scale and restarting the time series once all schools are online was a recommendation of the 2020 Independent Review of NAPLAN. NAPLAN continues to measure student achievement in numeracy, reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation. The new proficiency standard will be included on all NAPLAN reporting including the National Report, the My School website, the reports received by schools and the Individual Student Reports (ISRs) received by parents and carers. **NAPLAN INDIVIDUAL STUDENT REPORT** The numerical NAPLAN bands and the national minimum standard will be replaced by the following 4 levels of achievement: • Exceeding • Strong • Developing • Needs additional support. The descriptors for each category will make it clear to parents what their child's literacy and numeracy skills are at the time of NAPLAN testing, and support discussions with their school on their child's progress.

I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Easter holiday. Staff will be joining our colleagues at Collarenebri Central School for School Development day on Monday 24 April. The focus across the state is on Aboriginal Education. We look forward to seeing everyone at as many activities as possible.

Assistant Principal Curriculum & Instruction (APC&I)

Our school has been assigned a virtual APC&I to assist us with curriculum planning and development. Simone Hirsch is an experienced assistant principal who has been working with us for the past few weeks. She is visiting us this week and will do so once a term to see how she can continue to support the programs we are doing as well as assessment.

Staff for term 2

Mrs Shearer has asked to extend her leave until the end of the year. We will certainly miss her expertise but are very thankful we will still see her when she is available for casual work. Mr Sassine will be at our school on Fridays when possible.



Jo Glazebrook
Principal
Rowena Public School