



### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents, Carers, Grandparents and Community Members,

We have had another busy fortnight with students competing in the cross country and completing NAPLAN assessments. Congratulations to all students for their commitment and participation in both these events.

#### **Reminder of guidelines for close contacts**

Last month NSW Health announced changes to isolation rules for close contacts which mean that students and staff identified as close contacts and showing no symptoms can return to school with certain requirements.

Close contacts attending school will need to adhere to the following in addition to the NSW Health Guidelines:

They must notify the school and/or early childhood education (ECE) service provider (including their outside of school hours care provider) if they are intending to return under this provision.

They should conduct a daily rapid antigen test (RAT) and return a negative result each morning before attending school for 5 school days.

If in a secondary school setting they must wear a mask indoors except when eating or exercising. Primary school students are recommended to wear a mask indoors (except when eating or exercising).

No student or staff member identified as a close contact will be permitted to participate in overnight excursions, including school camps.

Any visitor to a school site who is a close contact is required to advise the school that they are a close contact before they come on site. These visitors should conduct a daily RAT and return a negative result before attending. They must also wear a mask indoors at all times. Schools should consider if the visit can be conducted virtually.

#### **RATS**

Rapid Antigen Tests were handed out to all students last Thursday. If your child did not receive their allocation, please contact the school.

#### **RFS Cadets**

Rural Fire Service Cadets has just completed its third week of training. Many thanks goes to Lachlan Johnston and Shelly Egglesfield for providing this opportunity for our students. Please see the attached pictures later in the newsletter.

#### **Ride for Rural Kids**

On Tuesday we will be visited by the Royal Far West - Ride for Rural Kids. They will visit the school and have generously provided lunch for all students. We thank the team of cyclists for their hard work as they cycle onto Deepwater.

#### **Staff Training**

Staff are currently undergoing compulsory training on Trauma Informed Practice. Staff began this four-module training on the Staff Development Day. Due to presenter commitments, the next module will be delivered to staff on Wednesday the 1<sup>st</sup> June in Glen Innes from 3:15 - 5:15pm. As staff need to get to Glen Innes, all secondary students' lessons will revert to minimal supervision from 2:25pm

till 3:05pm. Primary students will have normal afternoon activities. The final two modules will then be delivered to staff on the next staff development day

### Attendance

Attendance is vital if children are to receive an education. If your child comes to school each day in the fortnight, they will go into the draw to receive a \$20 Coles voucher. This fortnight's winners are the Byrne and Paine families. My congratulations to students and families.

Stay safe and take care

*Gillian Davis*

Principal

## SECONDARY NEWS

And so, we find ourselves almost half-way through Term 2! The remainder of the term will be busy for staff and students with: assessments, Work Placement, the Athletics Carnival, Secondary Wellbeing Day, reports and a very special visit from Bell Shakespeare (watch this space).

### Cross Country

Congratulations to all students for the way they approached the cross country. Although the weather was quite miserable, students were all smiles as they ran, jogged and walked the course. Mr Barden will be liaising with students who have qualified for the next level, if they would like to participate at the Northwest Cross Country at Coolah.



### RFS Cadets

The Rural Fire Service Cadet program has finally commenced at ECS (after a long pause due to Covid restrictions). Each Thursday, participating students are keen for their afternoon training session as part of the program. RFS members, Lachie Johnstone and Shelley Eglesfield are doing an amazing job running the sessions and teaching students skills in leadership, teamwork and of course, firefighting!



## Athletics Carnival

Our Secondary Athletics Carnival has been moved from the original date in Week 5 to Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June. Unfortunately, the oval is still very wet in places, and it simply was not safe for students to run on. We're very hopeful that between now and Week 7 we will have some fine days with some sunshine!

## Work Placement

Last week our Year 12 students undertook their mandatory work placement as part of their Certificate II in Construction Pathways. Students are required to complete 35 hours of work placement in both Year 11 and Year 12 to demonstrate their competency in the workplace. This would not be possible without the assistance of the employers who host students for the week- thank you to Paradigm Homes, JR and RJ Graham Constructions and ECS for enabling students to undertake their work placement. Year 11 Construction students will be out on placement next week.

## Mobile Phones

A reminder that our school procedures are for students to hand their mobile phones in to the office each morning for safe keeping. Unfortunately, many students have not been doing this, and have been using their phones throughout the day, causing distraction in the classroom and issues in the playground. If students have their phone at school they will be asked to hand it in. If they refuse, they will receive a detention, just as they will if phone use is an ongoing issue. If a student needs to contact their parents or be in communication with their workplace, we can organise alternate arrangements.

Best wishes

*Miss Rebecca Grant*

Head Teacher- Secondary Studies.

## PRIMARY NEWS

### Cross Country

Despite the weather, the cross country went ahead last week. Congratulations to all students who tried their best on the day. The notes for the NNE Cross Country have been handed to students who qualified and this will be held in Tenterfield on the 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2022. Please remember to hand these notes in as soon as possible in order to attend this event. **Please note, the bus will be leaving at 7:30am from the school.** Good luck to all students who will be participating on the day.

### National Simultaneous Storytime

Students from ECS in Kindergarten to Year 6 will be travelling to Red Range on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May in order to participate in the National Simultaneous Storytime and activities around this year's book. Thank you to Red Range Public School for hosting this event.

### Cold Weather

As we are getting into the cold weather, can I please remind students to wear or bring warm clothes. Play outside is very chilly at times. Please remember to label all items of clothing, particularly jackets.

### Playgroup

Did you know that every Wednesday we have playgroup in the school hall from 10am? Children aged between birth and 5 years are welcome to attend with their carers.

### Kindergarten Transition

Have you enrolled your Kindergarten aged child for 2023 yet? Our transition program is in the process of being finalised for Kindergarten students attending school in 2023. Keep an eye on upcoming newsletters and on our Facebook page for more information.

### Calendar of Primary events

May	
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Royal Far West Ride for Country Kids – Visiting the school (lunch provided)
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	National Simultaneous Storytime Excursion to Red Range Public School <i>no Library today</i>
June	
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Library Day
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	NNE Cross Country in Tenterfield for selected students
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	SRC Colouring Competition Judging Day



## Writing



Do you remember the “Three R’s”? These were, of course, Reading, wRiting and aRithmetic. In recent years there has been a return to these basics of literacy and numeracy. The reason is clear; they are the most fundamental tools for learning, as well as being essential for managing in any job, or everyday life for that matter.

There seems little doubt that writing is a concern across Australia, and perhaps the world. It may be that emails and text messaging have reduced the amount of formal writing we experience. Having the ability to write, for instance, an informative and persuasive letter to a member of parliament, government agency or media organisation can be an extremely powerful tool.

Here is what the NSW Department of Education emphasises when students are writing:

- understand the sense of audience and the engagement of the reader as they write.
- understand and use specific text features of, for example, a persuasive argument or narrative.
- organise the text in a meaningful way using a variety of sentence structures, appropriate sequencing and text connectives to control the text.
- use typical grammatical features to meet the purpose of the writing.
- use a range of language devices and precise vocabulary.
- spell and punctuate.

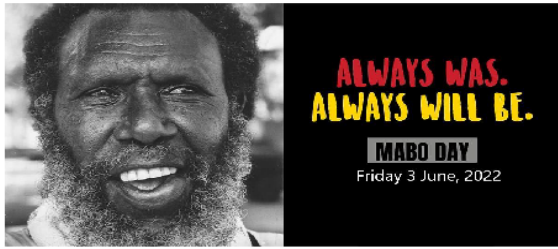
With a bit of practice, our children may even be able to produce a letter to the editor as witty as the following:  
*Dear Sir/Madam I think that our star, The Sun, is highly overrated. At least The Moon gives a little light off at night. The Sun only shines in the daytime when it's light anyway.*

Please contact me at the email below if you have any questions or suggestions.

John Rodwell  
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**No Playgroup  
Wednesday  
1<sup>st</sup> June 2022**

## COMMUNITY NEWS



**JOIN US FOR A CELEBRATION OF THE  
30<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
MABO DECISION**

**COORAMAH CULTURAL CENTRE**

**10AM, FRIDAY 3 JUNE**

**FLAG RAISING, SMOKING CEREMONY  
AND MORNING TEA**

***WE ARE STILL HERE***

## SRC NEWS



### POPCORN & PYJAMAS Day

Friday 1st July - The Last Day of Term 2  
Wear your PJ's and enjoy a movie with popcorn in the  
afternoon

Gold coin donation to the SRC

Pyjamas must be appropriate for the school day, including  
shoes. No exposed shoulders, mid drifts or short shorts, no  
offensive slogans or graphics

## 5 Steps to Managing Big Emotions



**HELPING CHILDREN LEARN TO COPE.**

## TERM 2 CALENDAR

	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
<b>Week 5</b>	<b>23 May</b>	<b>24 May</b>	<b>25 May</b>	<b>26 May</b>	<b>27 May</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Stage 4 Music Assessment Due</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RFW Ride for Country Kids Event 11am – 2pm</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Play Group</li> <li>• Secondary Athletics Carnival</li> <li>• <b>Year 9 Geography Task 2 Due</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RFS Cadets 3:15 pm – 5:15 pm</li> <li>• <b>Year 9 History Source Analysis Assessment Due</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>HSC Visual Arts Assessment Task 2 Due</b></li> </ul>
<b>Week 6</b>	<b>30 May</b>	<b>31 May</b>	<b>1 June</b>	<b>2 June</b>	<b>3 June</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work Placement</li> <li>• <b>Stage 4 Maths Assessment Due</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work Placement</li> <li>• <b>Stage 5 Maths Assessment Due</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work Placement</li> <li>• <b>Stage 4 History Research Task 30% Due</b></li> <li>• <b>Stage 5 Timber Practical Exam</b></li> <li>• <b>Stage 5 Metal Practical Exam</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work Placement</li> <li>• RFS Cadets 3:15 pm – 5:15 pm</li> <li>• NNE Primary Cross Country- Tenterfield</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work Placement</li> <li>• <b>SRC Colouring Competition Judging</b></li> <li>• <b>HSC CAFS Assessment Task Due</b></li> <li>• <b>EEC Stage 6 Assessment Task Due</b></li> <li>• <b>Stage 5 Visual Arts Visual Verbal Task Due</b></li> </ul>
<b>Week 7</b>	<b>6 June</b>	<b>7 June</b>	<b>8 June</b>	<b>9 June</b>	<b>10 June</b>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>HSC PDHPE In Class Assessment Task</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Play Group</li> <li>• Secondary Athletics Carnival</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RFS Cadets 3:15 pm – 5:15 pm</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Stage 5 Food Technology Assessment Task Due</b></li> </ul>
<b>Week 8</b>	<b>13 June</b>	<b>14 June</b>	<b>15 June</b>	<b>16 June</b>	<b>17 June</b>
	<b>Queen's Birthday Public Holiday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Prelim PDHPE In class Assessment Task 2</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Play Group</li> <li>• Primary Puberty Day</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RFS Cadets 3:15 pm – 5:15 pm</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Stage 5 PDHPE Nutrition Assessment Task Due</b></li> </ul>
<b>Week 9</b>	<b>20 June</b>	<b>21 June</b>	<b>22 June</b>	<b>23 June</b>	<b>24 June</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Stage 5 PASS Event Management Assessment Task, Written Component Due</b></li> <li>• <b>Year 11 English Standard – Multimodal Presentation Due</b></li> <li>• <b>Year 11 English Studies – Multimodal Assessment Task Due</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Primary Athletics Carnival</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Play Group</li> <li>• Secondary Wellbeing Day</li> <li>• <b>Stage 5 PASS Event Management Assessment Task Practical Component Due</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RFS Cadets 3:15 pm – 5:15 pm</li> <li>• <b>Stage 4 LOTE Written Exam</b></li> <li>• <b>Year 11 Standard Maths Assessment Due</b></li> <li>• <b>Year 12 Standard 1 &amp; 2 Maths Assessment Due</b></li> <li>• <b>Year 11 Advanced Maths Exam</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Stage 4 PDHPE Nutrition Assessment Task Due</b></li> <li>• <b>Stage 5 Timber and Toolbox Folio is Due</b></li> </ul>
<b>Week 10</b>	<b>27 June</b>	<b>28 June</b>	<b>29 June</b>	<b>30 June</b>	<b>1 July</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Stage 4 Visual Arts Assessment Due</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bell Shakespeare Players Visit</li> <li>• <b>Stage 6 SLR Healthy Lifestyles Assessment Task Due</b></li> <li>• <b>Stage 4 English Biography Assessment Task Due</b></li> <li>• <b>Stage 5 English Local History Assessment Due</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Play Group</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RFS Cadets 3:15 pm – 5:15 pm</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SRC Free dress PJ Day and movie afternoon</li> <li>• <b>Stage 4 CO2 Dragster and Folio Technology Assessment Task Due</b></li> <li>• <b>Stage 5 Visual Arts VAPD is Due</b></li> <li>• <b>Stage 5 Metal – Toolbox, Tools and Folio Due</b></li> </ul>