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Term 3 Week 8 2023

Shane's Scribble



Term 3 – Week 8:

SASS Recognition Week:

This week schools are celebrating and recognising the work of our amazing School Administration and Support Staff. These teams are often the unsung heroes of what schools do, whether these staff are those in our offices, our general assistants working our grounds through to the fabulous School Learning Support Officers who support teachers and students on a daily basis. In addition, our school reaps the rewards and benefits of our committed Aboriginal Education Officer and Technology Support staff.

Schools are such dynamic organisations. They function through interaction of many people and our SASS staff are in many cases the faces of our school. They interact with our students, families and support our teachers. Their work is ongoing and really does create the spine that supports our school to do what it does. I ask that if you are interacting with any of our admin and support staff this week that you feel free to give them some thanks and recognition – as they really do deserve it!!!

Sickness/Illness:

Good afternoon parents and carers.

With a growing number of staff absences due to illness, we ask that unwell students please be kept home until well. The current shortages of available casual teachers have necessitated merged classes on numerous occasions this term. We seek to replace all ill staff where possible to minimise internal disruptions at school, however this has not proven possible on all occasions.

Trying to maintain the health of our staff, students and the wider school community is important for us all.

I do appreciate there are many pressures on families with costs of living, work commitments and seeking to have children attend school every day that they can. Unfortunately, these goals can have adverse effects, potentially leading to many more absences across the school.

Schools by their very nature can be the conduit of bugs and illness. If we can minimise the school-based impacts by having students (and staff) stay home when unwell we will hopefully minimise the continual spread of illness.

Generally speaking, **students and staff should be symptom-free for two days before returning to school** to be confident that they are healthy enough to interact closely with others.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Celebrating Students:

In a time where we often notice challenges and obstacles for students, I wish to grab a success that I like to call out each and every day here at Ross Hill PS. Each morning I hear the school bell/song ring out and notice that the vast majority, if not all of our students spring into action and make their way towards their morning routine, whether that be stage or class lining up. This very intrinsic response highlights the willingness of our students to be learners and to meet the expectations of them. Another wonderful trait is the wearing of school uniform. Students who are turning up daily wearing their uniforms and meeting another expectation of them. In their own way these are minimal successes, but are so powerful in highlighting the innate disposition of our students. (As parents and carers, you should be proud of the students you send to school.)

Sporting Successes continue:

2023 has been a year of excellent results on the sports field and courts for teams of Ross Hill PS.

Last week our Senior Netball Team defeated Westdale PS to become North-West Regional Netball Champions. This follows our Senior Football (soccer) Team defeating Armidale City PS and now facing Tamworth Public School this Friday. Our Senior Boys Basketball Team also excelled in 2023, unfortunately tasting defeat at the hands of Tintinhull PS last week in the regional final.

These successes are a testament to the students, their coaches and their parents given the time, effort and travel involved. Thank you to all who facilitate these opportunities for our students to shine beyond our school gate.

Until I next write....

Breakfast Club

Every school morning we have our Breakfast Club from 8:30am - 9am. This is a free school service for all students.



3L Clay Day

3L had a wonderful day last Thursday 31st August painting their clay creations with Miss Lindsay and Mrs Walburn.



Infants Athletics Carnival



Our Infants athletics carnival will be held on Thursday 14th September at the Ross Hill school oval. Parents and carers are welcome to attend.

PSSA Northwest Basketball

Last Tuesday 29th August our Primary Boys Basketball team travelled to Tamworth to play in the final round of the PSSA Northwest Basketball competition, they have had an amazing run but unfortunately went down 60-36 to Timbumburi PS. We are super proud of the boys for playing a challenging game-trying their best and continuing to score. A huge thanks to their coach and manager, Ms Cutmore, Mr Steve Harris for assisting with the coaching and the parents who travelled to Tamworth to support the boys !



Support Unit - Dream Cricket Day

What an amazing day we all had at Dream Cricket at Holy Trinity school! I am so proud of how all our students represented Ross Hill! A huge thank you to my team for all their hard work, for our hosts at Holy Trinity school and the Rotary Club of Australia for giving children with disabilities opportunities to learn new skills and participate in a game of cricket! The smiles on all the children when they received their medals says it all!



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Try a new game at home

Children learn from watching, listening and copying what happens around them.

Role-modelling is important to teach children how to live a healthy, active lifestyle. Why not try a new game at home this week?

You could try:

- **Wall tennis**- 2 players face a wall. Each player is restricted to half the playing area. The server throws the ball to the wall to start play- the receiver tries to catch the ball after one bounce or on the full.
- **Bullseye**- Use household items such as buckets. Place the bucket on the ground and from 2 meters away, take turns at throwing a ball into the bucket. You can make this harder by moving further away or using smaller items (such as cup and ping pong ball).
- **Skipping competition**- Using a jump rope, take turns to see how long you can jump for without stopping. Whoever jumps the longest wins!



Source: The role of parents in children's active play (www.health.gov.au) | Playing for life (www.sportaus.gov.au)



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Good for Kids acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land that we live and work on as the first people of this country, and pay our respects to Elders past and present.

INVERELL'S GOT TALENT ENTRY FORM, 2023

This form is fillable on your computer if downloaded from <https://inverelleastroty.org.au/> or the Inverell East Rotary facebook page. Otherwise please write clearly – especially phone numbers and email addresses

1. Name/s of Entrants: _____
2. Section Entered: (tick)
Junior (School Years 5 - 8) _____ Senior _____
3. Type of Performance: eg Solo Voice, Dance, etc

4. Name of item and original artist

5. Accompaniment: eg Acoustic Guitar, Keyboard, Flash Drive

6. Contact Name _____
Best Phone: _____ alternate phone: _____
Email: _____
7. Best time for you to audition (tick) 4 to 6 _____ or 7 to 9 _____
8. I give permission for my/our photo to be used in Publicity.
(Tick) Yes _____ No _____ Signature _____

Tear off and keep for your information.

Things contestants need to know:

1. Entries are free and Close: Friday, 6th October 2023. Deliver to the Inverell Tourist Information Centre or to Inverell East Rotary, P.O. Box 472. or email to: inverellsgottalent@gmail.com
2. Auditions will take place on Thursday 12th October 4-6pm & 7-9pm in the Town Hall.
3. Finals: Town Hall, Friday, 20th October 2023 commencing at 7pm.
4. Accompanying music must be handed in on a flash drive as an MP3 at Auditions. If there is a problem, contact Tim Newberry or Dick Hudson.
5. A microphone and Keyboard will be provided. Guitars can be plugged into Hall Sound system.
6. There will be a Special Award for the Best Original Song in the Senior Section
7. TICKETS TO FINALS will be on sale online at <https://www.trybooking.com/CKFXA> from October 2. If you are unable to buy online, tickets can be purchased at the Inverell Tourist Information Centre. Adults \$15, Secondary Students \$10, Primary students and younger \$5. People will not be permitted to stand or sit on the side during the Finals. For information contact Tim Newberry 0427 506 874 or Dick Hudson 0407 893 005.

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Entry forms available from
• All Schools • Inverell Tourist Information Centre
• Facebook • www.inverelleastroty.org.au

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Richard Hudson 0407893005
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FREE ENTRY TO COMPETITION
\$2000 in Prizes
• Senior Prize Award
• Junior Prize Award (School Years 5-8)
• Special Prize for -
Best Original Song in Open Section

ENTRIES OPEN ... Monday 28th August
ENTRIES CLOSE ... Friday 6th October
AUDITIONS ... Thursday 12th October

FINAL ... Friday 20th October ... 7pm
Adults - \$15 High School Age - \$10
Younger - \$5

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