

Assembly Awards

Term 2

Week 3

Congratulations to the following students who received a Merit Award at Week 3's assembly:

Yellow Cottage: Lauren - for consistently following school expectations and always giving her absolute best during all learning tasks.

Green Cottage: Luna - for trying so hard in class, contributing to discussions, asking and answering questions. Well done Luna.

Blue Cottage: Kalea - for improved attitude to learning and trying harder to complete set learning tasks.



Principal's Award: Rebel - for always doing her best and consistently having a great attitude towards learning with all teachers.



Calendar Term 1 2025

Week 5

Wednesday 28th May

Menstruation Information session (Yr 4-6 girls)

Friday 30th May

Kids in the Kitchen

Week 6

Monday 2nd June

Compass Music Festival, Years 3-6

Rehearsal 9:30am-2:30pm

Performance 6:30pm Wiigulga Sports Complex, Woolgoolga

Wednesday 4th June

Bellingen Readers Writers Festival, Years 3-6 at Repton PS

Thursday 5th June

Tyke-Oh Japanese Drumming, whole school at Crossmaglen PS

Week 7

Monday 9th June

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

King's Birthday Long weekend

Friday 13th June

Kids in the Kitchen

Week 9

Friday 27th June

Bellinger Dorrigo Learning Community

Year 6 Leadership Day - Coffs Adventure Centre

Kids in the Kitchen (make up day for week 4)

Week 10

Monday 30th June

Toormina High students facilitating traditional games at Crossmaglen

Thursday 3rd July

Sharing Assembly 9:15am

Friday 4th July

NAIDOC Day celebration

Last Day of Term 2

Term 3 Week 1

Monday 21st July

Staff Development Day

Tuesday 22nd July

Students return

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please see the School Bytes Parent Portal for the following Permission Notes:

- Kids in the Kitchen Term 2 (whole school)
- Compass Music Festival (Yrs 3-6)
- Bellingen Readers Writers Festival (Yrs 3-6)
- Japanese Drumming (whole school)



Permission Notes: Thank you to the parents who are quick to complete these and make payments. It creates a lot of additional work for Emma, to chase up late permission notes, therefore we appreciate you completing these as soon as possible after receiving them. We have now transitioned to School Bytes for permission forms, reducing paper and additional admin for school and parents and we encourage you to engage with School Bytes, to simplify this process. Please call or see Emma if you would like support with this.



Winter School Uniform

As the weather is getting colder and colder at Crossmaglen, please remind your child to wear / pack a jumper and maybe wear long pants. We have spare jumpers, but not enough for everyone and, as you all know, it is hard to wash and get things dry.



Compass Music Festival Tickets

Don't forget to purchase your tickets for this year's Compass Music Festival. It is a wonderful showcase that provides our students a unique opportunity to express themselves in a large-scale local event.

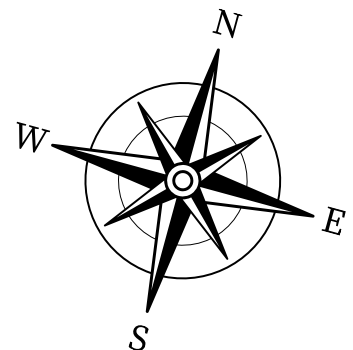
Monday 2nd June 6:30pm

Wiigulga Sporting Complex, Woolgoolga

<https://events.humanitix.com/compass-music-festival-north-coast>

Tickets are still available.

\$12 each

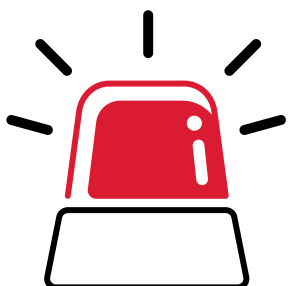


Emergency Contacts

If you have changed your:

- Address
- Phone Number
- Emergency Contact/s

Please come in and see Emma in the office or phone the school to let us know, so we can update our records.



A note from the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers

Our Musica Viva 'Moon Hour Radio' performance was thoroughly enjoyed by students and staff from RROC schools last Thursday. Raleigh students stayed for lunch and a second learning session, involving games for K-I students, dance for Year 2-3 students and exploring body percussion for Year 4-6 students. This day provided opportunities for our students to extend their friendships with RROC peers, in addition to reducing the cost for parents. See photos on page 4.



As we embark on an action-packed term filled with extra-curricular activities, we want to acknowledge the busy schedule and the potential financial implications for families. Many of these events are scheduled by outside organisations, leading to back-to-back activities. We understand that this can create challenges, and we encourage you to communicate with the school if you are experiencing difficulties covering costs for your child's participation. We are committed to ensuring that every student has access to educational experiences, regardless of financial circumstances. To help manage costs, our school will be seeking support from the P&C to cover the bus expenses for the Compass Music rehearsal. Additionally, we have requested that parents assist with transportation to some events to help alleviate bus costs. We recognise that this may pose challenges for working families, and we encourage open communication among parents to coordinate transportation. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us if you require financial assistance or help with transport arrangements.

Upcoming Events in Week 6:

- **Compass Music Festival Rehearsal:** Monday, June 2nd. Students need to arrive at school by 8:30 AM to catch the bus to Woolgoolga. They are expected to make their own way to the evening performance. We trust you have been able to purchase tickets. Attendance is mandatory for all students in Years 3-6. *See ticket info in 'Important Information' on page 2.*
- **Football Gala Day (Soccer):** Unfortunately, this event has again been postponed, so please *don't complete this permission note. We will update you once a new date has been set.*
- **Bellingen Writers Festival:** Wednesday, June 4th at Repton PS for students in Years 3-6. Transport will be by bus.
- **Japanese Drumming:** Thursday, June 5th. This exciting event will take place in school.

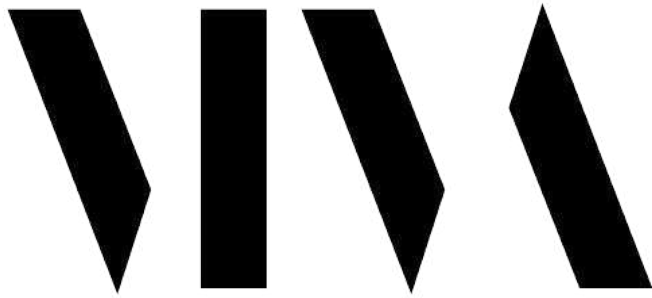
We are also pleased to share some enriching opportunities for our Year 5 and 6 students, including the Year 6 Leadership Day at Coffs Adventure Centre and the "Write a Book in a Day" event at Toormina High School. In preparation for NAIDOC Week, which falls in the school holidays, our K-6 students will participate in virtual incursions to enhance their learning, and students from Toormina High School will facilitate traditional games at our school. We will celebrate **NAIDOC Day**, in school **on Friday, July 4th**.

Finally, we invite you to our **Term 2 Sharing Assembly on Thursday, July 3rd**. We hope you can join us to celebrate our students' achievements.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in your child's education.

Kris

Kristina Stewart



Musica Viva Australia In Schools



It was a treat having Musica Viva perform their Moon Radio Hour performance to RROC students and staff last Thursday and provide opportunities for students to build relationships with peers from other schools. For many visiting schools attending, it was their first Musica Viva performance.



Blue Cottage

Using information from our class text War Horse and students' note-taking of how animals were used in WWI, students have written some compelling persuasive writing about the use of horses and animals in this historic event. Students have used a range of persuasive devices to improve their writing, including: introducing their topic and outlining their opinion, facts and statistics, connectives to commence sentences, rhetorical questions and strong, emotive language to provoke thinking and appeal to the reader. Please ask your child to tell you about this and what they know.

Should animals have been used in WW1?

During WW1 a variety of animals were used for different tasks. These include horses, dogs, pigeons, elephants and more. I believe that animals shouldn't have been used in WW1 and will be providing reasons for this.

Firstly, it wasn't right to sell animals to the soldiers for WW1. Did you know around 8 million horses from all around the world died during this event and the ones that did survive got stuck there? This was as a result of people being broke after the war and unable to afford to bring the animals back.

Furthermore, animals had no choice, unlike people. Would you like it if you were taken to WW1 given a gun and shoved onto the battlefield? Yet that's how it was for animals.

Therefore, lots of different animals helped in WW1, these included dogs. Dogs had a lot of jobs including sentry dogs, who stayed with one soldier and guarded trenches. Also, scout dogs who could find spies from 1000 yards away and casualty dogs carried medical equipment so the wounded soldier could treat himself. Did you know casualty dogs would stay next to a dying soldier?

In conclusion, I believe that animals should not have been used in WW1. I also believe we shouldn't have forced them to fight. Humans had a choice - it's not fair animals didn't. Don't you think that's unfair?

by Neve Y5



Should horses have been used in WW1?

Although horses were useful in WW1, I believe it's tragic the amount that didn't make it. But I am neither for nor against this topic, so I will give reasons for both sides.

To begin with, let's talk about the use of horses in WW1 and the important roles they played. They were helpful in many ways to both sides of WW1. Not only did they help carry soldiers, but they were emotional support animals, that's right! Some soldiers were so depressed that they needed animals to cope!

Of equal importance, horses were also helpful for transportation and for carrying ammunition, food and medical supplies! They would be used in cavalry. Did you know that by the end of the war, horses were even more important and in greater demand than the soldiers themselves?

Although horses were a huge part of WW1 it's depressing about the number of poor horses that died. According to historical records, approximately 8 million horses died, isn't that just depressing?

Furthermore, horses didn't have a choice to go to war, unlike humans. Also, many horses were either shot or starved to death, though if they didn't go to war that probably would have never happened. Wouldn't you want a choice to go to war?

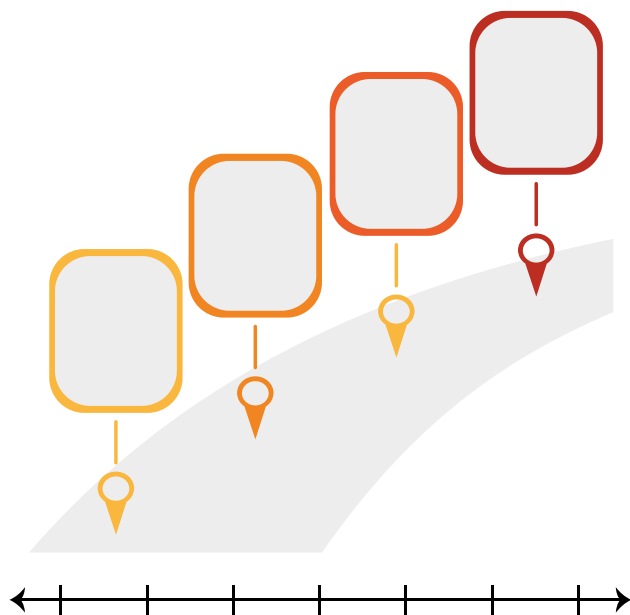
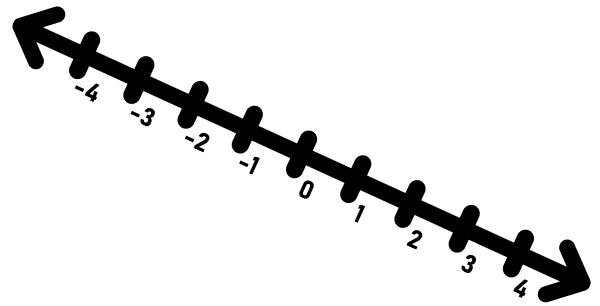
In conclusion, many people think that horses were essential in the war. I think that horses died tragic deaths but honourable ones. I have given reasons for and against this topic. Do you think horses should have been used in WW1?

By Sofia – Year 6 |



Green Cottage

This week our year 3-6 students began working on a their graphic timeline history project. This task requires fine motor skills and precision measuring, incorporating mathematics to mark out the timeline, while the graphic design will express their historical knowledge in an artistic way. The students worked diligently with this hands-on activity and it was lovely to see them assisting each other when needed.



Yellow Cottage

This week, students in Yellow Cottage took their learning outside during their Gumbaynggirr language lesson! They engaged in a hands-on activity where they held hands to demonstrate just how large the trees were before the land was cleared for farming. This interactive experience helped them connect with the Gumbaynggirr culture and the importance of the natural environment. It was a wonderful way for our students to learn about their local history while enjoying the fresh air and sunshine!

