From the Principal....
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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
On Saturday morning I will be flying out to Helsinki, Finland where I will be attending the International Confederation of Principals Conference. The conference runs for a week and features world renowned educators attracting about 2000 principals from across the globe. I’m looking forward to the opportunity of meeting and sharing ideas with my international colleagues.

After the conference my wife and I will be taking a couple of weeks of Long Service Leave to visit Russia, Estonia, Sweden, Norway and Denmark. I will return to school on Monday, 24 August. Mrs Jenny Hassett will be the Acting Principal in my absence.

GEELONG SCHOOLS MUSIC FESTIVAL
Good luck to the many Rollins students from Years 1 to 6 who will be taking part in the Geelong Schools Music Festival next Monday. Belinda Kevric and Chris Ramm have worked extremely hard preparing and supporting the children for this exciting opportunity over the last couple of months and I thank them both sincerely for their commitment. Our children always do a great job performing at this event and I’m sure this year will be no exception.

SCHOOL PHOTOS
Please remember that school photos are being taken tomorrow. We want to see all children in full uniform with their brightest smiles. The photos generally take about four weeks in production.

IS YOUR CHILD READY FOR SCHOOL?
Please enjoy the following excerpt from a Deakin University paper written by Helen Skouteris and Jennifer McIntosh. Is your child ready for school?

The move from preschool to primary school can be a daunting experience for many children. A child’s success or failure in adapting to primary school has the potential to shape their educational, social and emotional futures. As such, it is important that every child has the best possible chance of adjusting successfully during this important transition in their early life.

A school-ready child is likely to:
- Have a positive school attitude (like going to preschool).
- Participate willingly in classroom activities.
- Actively engage in their learning (as opposed to being passive and having to take direction from the educator all the time).
- Have good social and emotional skills – can make friends and most of the time play cooperatively, follow simple instructions and rules, show empathy, manage strong feelings like frustration and disappointment without becoming aggressive or withdrawn, and separate from parent without distress (are able to start the day at preschool and continue through the day with a level of confidence).
- Be able to concentrate adequately when completing classroom tasks or activities and can move from one activity to the next as needed.
- Have adequate physical health and motor development.

While the natural curiosity of a child may lead them to learn letters and numbers prior to school, it’s okay if it doesn’t. All children are ready to learn from birth – it’s just a matter of what they are ready to learn.

CONGRATULATIONS!
We are very excited to share the news that Mrs Wynne has a bouncing baby boy! Welcome to the world Oliver Robert. Congratulations to Natalie and James on the arrival of Oliver.

Steve McGarrigle
**ROLLINS STAR OF THE WEEK!**

**For the week ending Friday 31st July**

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<th>Class</th>
<th>Name</th>
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<tr>
<td>Prep C</td>
<td>Willow Grey</td>
<td>For sharing her clever strategies when adding in Maths. Well done Willow!</td>
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<td>Prep K</td>
<td>Lily Hathway</td>
<td>For always being a good friend and a great classroom helper!!</td>
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<td>Prep H</td>
<td>Mawien Akoon</td>
<td>For being an active participant and hard worker in Maths.</td>
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<td>1T</td>
<td>Ezra Oppusunggu</td>
<td>For trying hard in all areas of his learning and being a whiz in Maths this week!</td>
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<td>1W</td>
<td>Sasha Jorgensen</td>
<td>For being enthusiastic and more confident during all class activities.</td>
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<td>2D</td>
<td>Asher Mitchell</td>
<td>For great work with fractions. Well Done!</td>
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<td>2W</td>
<td>Jaxon Norman</td>
<td>For giving a great verbal review of his book.</td>
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<td>34C</td>
<td>Anna Pagtolon-An</td>
<td>For showing great courage, by conquering her fears in front of the class.</td>
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<td>34P</td>
<td>Chris McKenzie</td>
<td>Being a superstar in all subjects. Keep it up Chris!</td>
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<td>34T</td>
<td>Theo Mitsirakas</td>
<td>Great Handwriting and beautiful manners. Well done Theo.</td>
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<td>34W</td>
<td>Serhan Ozyurt</td>
<td>Working extremely hard on his reading and subtraction skills this week.</td>
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<td>34Z</td>
<td>Jonah Darmenia</td>
<td>A great first money Maths session as our class banker.</td>
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<td>56C</td>
<td>Isabel O’Keeffe</td>
<td>A great ‘Data Collector’ in Maths.</td>
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<td>56D</td>
<td>Ethan Klein</td>
<td>For his great review piece on ‘Round The Twist’ well done!</td>
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<td>56S</td>
<td>Hollie McKiernan</td>
<td>For being involved and doing extra research on our Solar System unit of work.</td>
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<td>ART</td>
<td>Zac Justin &amp; Ricky Bausch</td>
<td>For being very reliable and polite Art Monitors. Thank You!</td>
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<td>IT</td>
<td>Lachlan Heyes</td>
<td>A fantastic business presentation in ICT. Well done Lachlan!</td>
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<td>PE</td>
<td>Ola Kacprzak</td>
<td>For showing great balancing skills.</td>
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<td>Music</td>
<td>Tahlia Ingwersen</td>
<td>For a great contribution to music and Choir.</td>
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**CONCERT RAFFLE**

The raffle that we hold in conjunction with our school concert is always well supported by our local community. We are seeking donations of quality prizes from local businesses so if you know of someone who might be able to assist please let us know and we will follow it up. Tickets will be sent home with the eldest child this week.

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**2015 Parent Opinion Survey**

Parent opinion surveys were sent out this week to a selection of random families from the Rollins Campus as well as Batesford families. If you have received a survey please be sure to fill it in and return to the office by the end of the day tomorrow (Friday).

Our school must account for the return of each survey so it is very important that they are complete. Thank You!

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**Father’s Day**

Rollins Primary will be holding a father’s day stall on Friday 4th September. Our aim is for each child to be able to purchase a gift for the special male person in their family. Donations of gifts can be left at the office.
SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERS
President: Darrin McKiernan Vice President: John McKenzie Secretary: Liana Calder Treasurer: Mary Drzazgowski
Parent Members: Leanne Mulroyan, Simone Volkmann, Erin McGill, Kerrie Lancaster and Tracey Marshall Community Member: David Law DEECD Members: Steve McGarrigle and Jenny Hassett

FRACTIONS

I learnt that if we halve we share between two.
Asher

I learnt that both sides have to be fair.
Riley

2D we learnt about HALF and showed it in different ways

I learnt that half is bigger than 1/4, 1/8 and 1/3.
Izabela

I learnt that half has to be equal on both sides.
Caylan

I learnt that if you share your pizza with a friend you're halving.
Ashley