

# ***Rollands Plains Upper Primary School***

*Quality, Innovative Education in a Caring Environment*



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### **President**

Mrs. Keryn Lober

### **Secretary**

Ms. Bronwen Mason

### **Treasurer**

Mrs. Sue Aherne

## **Diary Dates**

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> August – Wombat Stew at the Glasshouse**

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> August – Book Week Parade**

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> August – Soccer Gala Day**

**1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> September – Small Schools Sydney Camp**

*Please enjoy a cup of tea with us as you read about all of the marvellous events and learning that is taking place at school.*

**Happy Birthday** to  
Kristen McTeare and  
Mackye Shore who both  
turned 12 and Taylor Ylias  
who turned 8 this week.



**Education Week** - This week marks education week in our school calendar. Our public school is an integral part of our community, offering the students and the families of Rollands Plains many educational opportunities and experiences. It is this week in particular that we formally recognise all of the outstanding students, parents, community members and staff that come together to create the family of public education and notably our school Rollands Plains Upper Public School. On Wednesday night 4<sup>th</sup> August, the Bago Community of Schools recognised some of the outstanding members of public education at its first Education Week awards. It was with great honour and pride that I was able to present two awards. The first to Ms. Jenny Drage for her contributions to our school and community for more than 30 years and the second to Mr. Mark Thurston for his dedicated contribution to the teaching of not only our students but students all over the Hastings Macleay valleys. Congratulations to you both on your remarkable achievements. We will be holding our student awards in week five on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> August. Please don't forget the children have been asked to come dressed as a book character.

**Camp** - In 27 more sleeps we will be going on school camp. All permission notes will be sent home next week, with the confirmed itinerary. Please ensure that all of your money is **paid no later than the 25<sup>th</sup>** as this will be our date of final confirmation. If your money is not paid in full your child may not be able to attend. Please contact me next week if you have any concerns with this.

**New enrolments** - Kinder orientation begins in the coming weeks for our 2011 kindergarten children. If you know of any family who has a child that is school age, please ask them to contact school. Our families will each receive a personal letter inviting them to attend an orientation afternoon.

**Hearing** - On Monday afternoon, Sammi Fatnowna visited our school and spoke to the children about ear health. Sammi showed the children a large model of the ear and explained how easily that can become damaged and how having a cold can affect our hearing. Sammi showed the children the BBCWC method which is breath, blow, cough, wash your hands, chew some fruit. Sammi gave each of the children a sticker, balloon and a small packet of tissues. The SneezeSafe program sponsored by Kleenex also donated tissues for our classroom and gave each of the children a small packet. Thank you to Sammi for coming to our school.



**Bridges** - In science, the primary students were set the challenge of building a bridge using only 20 straws. The bridge had to be able to hold a 1kg weight without collapsing. All of the groups experimented with different shapes and made some very impressive designs.

**Kinder / Year One** - This term in our class we will be learning about the following topics: Fish, Wombat Stew, Crabs, Birds and Book Week Books. At the moment we are learning about Wombat Stew which is a beautiful picture book filled with Australian animals in preparation for the performance next week.

**Reading is Rad** - Attached to today's newsletter is a letter about the reading program that we offered last year to all of our students. This program is at no cost to our families. Please return the attached note by next Friday to ensure your child does not miss this fun learning opportunity.

**Wombat Stew** next Friday 13<sup>th</sup> August we will be going to see Wombat Stew performed by the Monkey Baa Theatre Company at the Glasshouse, Port Macquarie. Attached is a permission note for your child to attend.

**A big thank you to the Shore family** for donating the Snow White and the Seven Dwarves figurines that now hold pride of place at the front of our cubby house.



**Audit** Last Wednesday our school was audited. This means that all of our school's financial records were reviewed and our occupational health and safety records, policies and procedures were also reviewed. The auditing process is completed by every school usually every 3-5 years. Thank you to Mrs. McLachlan who spent a large amount of time ensuring that all of our school's endless paperwork was running smoothly for the audit. We received a good report from the auditor.

**McCain School Veggie Patches Program** – please don't forget to save your barcodes from McCain frozen vegetables and Purely Potato packs and send them in to the school.

**Recipe Book** – the P&C Association is compiling a recipe book as a fundraising activity. If you have any favourite recipes you are willing to share, please send them into school or email Mary Cas at [2happymary@austarnet.com.au](mailto:2happymary@austarnet.com.au) or for enquiries please phone Mary on 6585 8209.

Kind Regards  
Mrs. Leanne Parker

# **Wombat Stew by the Monkey Baa Theatre Company**

I hereby give permission for my child/ren\_\_\_\_\_ to participate in the excursion to the Glasshouse at Port Macquarie to see the theatrical performance Wombat Stew on Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> August, 2010.

I enclose \$15.00 per child being the subsidised cost of this excursion.

I am aware that transport will be by bus and that this activity has the approval of the Principal.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/carer