

# ***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**

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September – Special Assembly**

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September – Last day Term 3**

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October – First day Term 4**

**11<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> October - Intensive Swimming Program**



**Welcome** to our new Kindergarten student Erasmus Gray and his family.

**Happy Birthday** to Dylan Mason who turned 10 on Monday.



**The Intensive Swimming Program** commences on the first day of term 4, 11<sup>th</sup> and continues for two week to 22<sup>nd</sup> October. The cost of the program will be \$1,782.50 for pool entry and lessons plus \$2,720.00 for eight days of travel by bus a total of \$4,502.50. The P&C are providing a subsidy of \$1,000.00 and the school has organised support from the School Sport Unit of \$900.00. Making the total cost per student \$84.00. In order to keep costs to a minimum, families will need to provide transport for their children each Friday. Please complete the attached form and the permission note and return them to school with your money by Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> September. We will not be able to provide any financial assistance from the student assistance fund for this project.

**Tomorrow, Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September**, all **primary** children are to wear old clothes they can get dirty for painting.

**Primary Camp-** School camp was action packed and full of fun and excitement. On the first day we visited Taronga Zoo and experienced all the animals. On the second day we did everything. Our day started with a 6.00am rise out of bed to be on the bus by 8.00am. We visited the Cathedral, Museum, War Memorial, Centre Point Tower, the Aquarium, the Powerhouse Museum, the Imax studio to watch the movie Hubble, and then dinner at Darling Harbour. Finally after such an amazing day we all fell into bed at around 9.30. On Friday morning we didn't get to walk the bridge because of the rainy weather. We did get to go to the Rocks and explore some of the buildings before going to the Opera House, exploring the quay along the way. 59 students attended our small schools camp from all of the small schools in the Bago. All of the students were exceptionally well behaved and were



great ambassadors for their schools. It was a pleasure for Mrs. Drage and I to take our students on camp; we all had a ball and look forward to another exciting camp next year.



**Thank you to Frank Moran**, an Aboriginal Artist who visited the school recently and shared his art and stories with the students. We were fortunate to be able to purchase some of Isabell and Frank's beautiful pieces.

**Walter Thompson** whose family has lived at the top of Rollands Plains for generations, transported us to an earlier time with his poetry reading on Tuesday. He reminisced of his school days in the 1930's, walking to school barefoot along a little used bullock track and sharing an unlined, one roomed school house with a handful of children from Kinder to Year 10. Their teacher was responsible for everything, including the cleaning and gardening. Thank you Walter for sharing your nostalgic poems with us and making us appreciate how blessed we are to have such a beautiful, well resourced school.



**A big thank you** to Pat Daley who comes every week to play the piano and sing with the children and to Julie Casey for the lovely collage of the Soccer Gala Day.

**Outdoor Musical Garden** – Please don't forget if you have unwanted keys, pvc pipe or a satellite dish please send them into school **tomorrow** for our musical garden.

**Carnival of the Pines** – At this stage we will not be entering a float in the carnival.

**KIDS KIDS KIDS at the Comboyne Fair** on 19 September. Entry for children under 18 is free and attractions include an 8m high climbing wall with Paint Skirmish tickets for the fastest climber, a specially constructed kids' mountain bike track, a jumping castle, mini sports challenges, an off road 4WD remote control demonstration and racing and also remote control aircraft and helicopter demonstrations along with real helicopter rides. There will be a Troppo Bob magic show for free. Try painting a 4B3 canvas for a great prize or just for your own entertainment or check out the endangered wildlife interactive display or watch the clowns. In the past the fair has been mainly for mums and dads and grandparents – but now they are hoping to see lots of our young people enjoying the day as well. More about the fair at [www.comboynevillagefair.com](http://www.comboynevillagefair.com)

**Have Your Say** - Port Macquarie-Hastings Council is seeking the community's input into services and spending as part of the Towards 2030 Integrated Planning Framework. Service Priority Voting allows you to nominate the Council services that are most important to you. This 10 minute survey is online until Wednesday September 15 at [www.pmhc.nsw.gov.au/priorityvote](http://www.pmhc.nsw.gov.au/priorityvote) How would you spend the Council Budget? Budget allocator allows you to shuffle the general rate fund between service areas and visionary projects. Submit your budget to Council and help influence future planning. Budget Allocator is live at [www.pmhclisting.com.au/budgetpriorities](http://www.pmhclisting.com.au/budgetpriorities) until September 24.

**Free download – weekly planner** – never miss and appointment again. Download here:  
[www.schools.nsw.edu.au/news/ezine/yr2010/issue01/d\\_weeklyplan/index.php](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/news/ezine/yr2010/issue01/d_weeklyplan/index.php)

**Help your child learn about length** – compare the height of family members and discuss who is shorter and who is taller. More ideas at:  
[www.curriculumsupport.education.nsw.gov.au/primary/mathematics/assets/pdf/helpchnwith/length/englength.pdf](http://www.curriculumsupport.education.nsw.gov.au/primary/mathematics/assets/pdf/helpchnwith/length/englength.pdf)

Kind Regards

Mrs. Leanne Parker

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## **Intensive Swimming Program 2010**

I hereby give permission for my child/ren \_\_\_\_\_  
to attend the ten day Intensive Swimming Program from 11<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> October at the Port Macquarie Olympic Pool.

I am aware that 8 days transport will be provided by Port Macquarie Bus Company and that this activity has the approval of the Principal.

**I am also aware that I will need to provide transport my child/ren on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October and Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October.**

My son/daughter has the following special needs (please provide full details and include any relevant medical or dietary details).

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**I give/do not give** permission for my child/ren to receive medical treatment in case of an emergency.

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