***Rollands Plains Upper Primary School***

***Quality, Innovative Education in a Caring Environment***

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***Date: Thursday, 25th March, 2010***

**Diary Dates**

**Wednesday 31st March *- Schools Out Radio Program***

**Thursday 1st April *- Easter Hat Parade and Last day Term 1***

**Tuesday 20th April *- Day 1 Term 2***

**Friday 23rd April *-* 10.00 am*– ANZAC day celebration.***

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**Happy Birthday** to Will Lober who celebrated his 10th birthday last week and Ruby McTeare who celebrates her 7th birthday this Saturday.

**Schools Out Radio Program** – is a fantastic opportunity for students to be involved in a working radio station. The radio station is located in Wauchope, next to the pool. K-2 are not expected to attend unless they have a sibling attending. Children participating in the first hour should arrive by 5.45pm and those participating in the second hour should arrive by 6.45pm. Only two students will be able to be in the studio at any one time so please dress warmly as we may need to stand outside. **Please return the attached permission note tomorrow.** Once we have received the permission notes we will send home a timetable.

**The Easter Hat Parade –** will commence at 10.00am next Thursday, 1st April. All children are invited to wear an Easter Hat and join in both the parade and a delicious morning tea. It would be appreciated if everyone could please bring a plate. Please note the grand opening of our new building has been postponed due to circumstances beyond our control. We will let you know when we have a new date.

**Best Start – Attention Kindergarten parents.** Your child’s report is attached to this newsletter. Please contact Mrs Parker for more information.

**A Statement of Account** is attached to this newsletter. The school contribution is a voluntary payment that helps to provide resources for your children.

**THRASS -** Kym and I attended our follow up training day on Teaching Handwriting Reading And Spelling Strategies (THRASS). We are continuing to implement this program successfully across our classes.

**Musica Viva –** On Monday 15th March,Kym attended a training evening at Kempsey on the Musica Viva in Schools program. This will enable our students to participate in learning experiences which will then enhance their learning and appreciation of Baroque Opera and B’tutta which is a form of percussion. Later in the school year we will be attending performances provided by Musica Viva.

**Accelerated Literacy** – on Monday, 22nd March and Tuesday, 23rd March, Kym and I attended the first two days of the National Accelerated Literacy program. We found the course very interesting and exciting and look forward to implementing the strategies into our literacy programs for K-6.

**P&C –** Easter Egg Raffle tickets are attached. Please send donations of Easter eggs and bulb orders to the school.

**Daylight saving** ends on Sunday 4 April. Don’t forget to turn your clocks back one hour at 2am.

**Earth Hour** – aiming to reach more than one billion people. Switch your lights off for one hour at 8.30pm on Saturday, 27 March 2010. [www.earthhour.org.au](http://www.earthhour.org.au)

**A Free Community Fun Day** has been organised by the combined churches of Wauchope on Saturday, 27th March from 9.00am until 2.00pm at Bain Park. There are many free activities including a jumping castle, face painting, craft and music.

**Rollands Plains Family Fun Day –** Thursday, 8th April 10am-2pm at the School of Arts Hall, activities include a jumping castle, Troppo Bob, free barbecue and drinks, Toy Library, kids activities including Bunnings workshops, Nintendo Wii games and lots more. For information contact the Neighbourhood Centre 6586-4055.

**School Holiday Camps** – [www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/kidscamps/index.asp](http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/kidscamps/index.asp)

**You Tube** – NSW Public Schools has its own channel on YouTube. There are some great videos including dealing with head lice, cyber-safety and explaining the MySchools website. [www.youtube.com/user/NSWPublicSchools](http://www.youtube.com/user/NSWPublicSchools)

Kind Regards

Mrs. Leanne Parker

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I give permission for my child/ren\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to participate in the School’s Out Radio Program to be held in Wauchope on Wednesday, 31st March, 2010.

I am aware that I need to provide transport and supervision for my child on this day and that this activity has the approval of the Principal.

If you have made alternate travel arrangements for your child, please indicate here:

My child will travel and be under the supervision of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for this activity.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Caregiver