

Rollands Plains Upper Primary School

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Diary Dates

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

Monday 26th April – ANZAC Day public holiday

Friday 30th April – Small Schools Cross Country

1st – 3rd September - Small Schools Sydney Camp



Happy Birthday to Luke Casey who celebrated his 7th birthday last week and Jed Raglus who celebrated his 8th birthday last week.



The Small Schools Cross Country – is being held Friday 30th April at Rollands Plains Show Ground, commencing at 10am sharp and concluding by 2pm. The school bus will run as normal with the students being dropped at the Show Ground. Parents are welcome to transport their children to and from the cross country. All students should wear their sports uniform, sunscreen and a hat and bring a bottle of water. A permission note and lunch order forms are attached to this newsletter. All parents are encouraged to come along and help out on the day. Anyone who is able to help with setting up the track on Thursday afternoon is welcome to come along from 3.30pm onwards.

Small Schools Sydney Camp – Years 3- 6 only, 1st – 3rd September, more information is attached to this newsletter.

MS Readathon – students are invited to join the MS Readathon Great Wildlife Adventure by registering to take part in this annual reading event as schools across Australia unite to help change the lives of people living with multiple sclerosis (MS). Click online to register and receive an MS Readathon wristband and a copy of either K-Zone or Total Girl magazine to kick start your reading. Flick through books for any 30 days in June, July and August and collect sponsorship donations from family and friends. Visit www.msreadathon.or.au or call 1300 677 323 for more details.

Science High School Visit – during the last week of first term the students enjoyed a hands on science activity exploring the relationship between balance and movement. We are grateful to Mr Kerr of Wauchope High School for visiting our school and enriching our students learning.



Schools Out Radio Program – Thank you to all of the students and parents who participated in our Schools Out Radio Program. The children enjoyed the experience of presenting our school news and sounded very professional on the air.

The Easter Hat Parade – Thank you to everyone who came along to our Easter Hat Parade, book presentation and final assembly. It was wonderful to see all of the children and the pre- schoolers in their very colourful Easter Hats. Thank you to all the parents who made hats for their children. The egg hunt was very eggciting and all the students were extremely keen to read their new books. The lucky winners of the Easter raffle were: 1st Debbie Tubman, 2nd Jenny Drage, 3rd Kym Avalon, 4th Christina Cole and 5th Monique Mackay.



Awards - Congratulations to all of the students who received awards at the assembly.



Wauchope Show winners –Well Done to the following children for receiving ribbons at the Wauchope Show in the School Work section: Jag Shore, Will Lober, Brea Maloney, Jesse Casey, Kristin Taylor, Naomi Thompson, Dylan Mason, Samantha Marshall, Braiden

Bennett, Ayden Thompson, Monique Mackay, Emilyrose Cole, Ruby McTeare, Jed Raglus, Felicity Shannon, Alexandria Shannon, Billy Mason, Orla Aherne, Saoirse Aherne, Jakob Cole, Kristen McTeare, and Mackye Shore. Thank you to Ms. Avalon and Mrs Master who dedicated a large amount of their own time to submitting the students work to the show.

Interactive Whiteboards – On 29th and 30th March, Kym and I attended an inservice on interactive whiteboards. We now have an interactive white board in the infants classroom and a connected classroom was installed this week in the new Multi Purpose Centre.

Scholastic Book Club order forms are attached to this newsletter. All orders must be back at school by the end of next week, Friday 30th April.

Newsletters are now available on our school's website. Just google Rollands Plains Upper Primary School or go to: <http://www.rollandplu-p.schools.nsw.edu.au>

P&C – A copy of the Canteen roster is attached to this newsletter.

No Canteen Thursday 29 April. There will be no canteen on Thursday 29 April due to the cross country canteen being on the following day.

Helpers needed for Cross Country Canteen. We would appreciate help from any mum attending the cross country. If you will be attending the cross country and can help out in the canteen even just for a little while it would be greatly appreciated as it will be a big day for all the Canteen mums.

The NAPLAN 2010 Tests for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will be held from Tuesday, 11th May to Thursday, 13th May 2010. For more information and test samples see www.naplan.edu.au/parents/parrents.html
Information will be sent directly to parents with children in years 3 & 5.

Education Tax Refund – If you receive the Family Tax Benefit you may be entitled to claim a tax refund of up to 50 per cent off eligible expenses for your child's education for items such as stationery, computers, printers, internet and educational software. www.ato.gov.au

The Australian Mathematics Competition 2010 is being held Thursday 5th August. If you would like your child to participate please send the entry fee of \$4.95 in to the school by the end of next week.

Parent Line NSW is a free professional telephone counselling service available to parents and carers across NSW for the cost of a local call. Counsellors are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
www.parentline.org.au

School Attendance – if your child misses as few as eight days in a school term, by the end of primary they will have missed a whole year of education. By law, you are required to send your child to school every day. If your child has to be away for any reason, please tell their teacher or send a signed note to school explaining the reason for the absence. If your child arrives at school late or needs to leave early, you will need to sign your child in or out at the office.

Reviews and ratings made easy – Choosing movies, books or games that are suitable for your child is easier now, thanks to some websites that offer parent friendly reviews on all the latest releases. Many of the sites feature reviews and comments written by other parents, with indications of age-appropriateness.
www.schools.nsw.edu.au/click

Kind Regards

Mrs. Leanne Parker

Small Schools Cross Country

I hereby give permission for my child/ren _____ to attend the Small Schools Cross Country at the Rollands Plains Show Ground on Friday 30th April, 2010.

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

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

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

Signed _____ Parent/carer