

Rollands Plains Upper Primary School

Quality, Innovative Education in a Caring Environment



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Diary Dates

Friday 28th May – Lower North Coast PSSA Cross Country

Monday 31st May - Paverpol

Friday 18th June – FOX by the Monkey Baa Theatre Company

Monday 21st June - Musica Viva at Wauchope High School

Monday 28th June – Science Excursion to Newcastle University

Thursday 1st July – Small Schools Athletics Carnival

Friday 2nd July - Last day Term 2

1st – 3rd September -Small Schools Sydney Camp

Happy Birthday to Braiden Bennett who turned 5 this week.



Paverpol - On Monday 31st May commencing at 9.00am Ms. Rebecca Mahoney will be visiting our school to run a paverpol workshop with the children. Each of the students will make their own model throughout the day. We need to collect scrap pieces of material the size of A4 paper or larger for each student to make their model. Old t-shirts are also needed as they are the base wrap for each of the models. Old buttons, pieces of lace, ladies hankies and doilies would also be greatly appreciated. Please send materials to school tomorrow. We also need some parent helpers. If anyone is available to join please feel free to come along. **Students will be permitted to wear old clothes on Monday so we don't make a mess of our uniforms.**

Lower North Coast PSSA Cross Country – Tomorrow we have four students participating in the Lower North Coast PSSA Cross Country, Jesse Casey, William Lober, Monique Mackay and Emilyrose Cole. Good luck to our runners.

Science Activity – With Mrs. Parker, over the past two weeks, we have been learning about air and how it can make rockets fly. Each student has stomped the mini rockets and slammed the hand rocket. Naomi Thompson's mini rocket went the highest in the school, while Jakob Coles hand rocket covered the longest distance along the ground. The infants students also made their own rockets from recycled materials. Our next challenge is to see if we can make pigs fly.



Mackaye explaining how to launch the rocket



Jakob taking aim



Naomi looking for her rocket on the moon.

Primary Book Cafe - On Monday (24/05/2010) years 3-6 ran a Book Cafe with Mrs. Parker. Prior to the Book Cafe each person has to read a book that they can share with others. We make small groups and share our thoughts and views on the author and their book. Dylan really likes to read Roald Dahl while Kristen really likes to read books by Erin Hunter. As part of the cafe we all get to drink hot chocolate filled with marshmallows. We think this is a valuable learning experience because we are able to share books we love, we try new authors, we teach others about what we have read and we all love the hot chocolate of course. *By Primary*



Soairse using the interactive white board to give her talk.

Slippery Sirkus – In our program last week the students learnt how to do some team balancing, juggling and hoola hooping using really large hops. Jesse Casey is the master of juggling so far.



Alley and Felicity both having a go at the team balancing act.

Two preservice teachers will be joining us soon from the School of Education, Newcastle University. From the 7th of June until the end of term Julian Tapping will be assisting Mrs Masters with 4-6 and Jemma Gaddes will be assisting Mrs Parker with K-1.

Musica Viva – On Monday, 21st June, at Wauchope High School, our students will be entertained and learn about opera by the Sounds Baroque group. The students have been learning about the group and opera through our music program this term. The cost of the excursion will be \$10.00 per student and more information will be sent home closer to the date.

Newcastle trip - On Monday 28th June, years 4- 6 have been invited to visit with our scientist Mr. Rowland at the University of Newcastle in the science faculty. The purpose of our trip is learning about what careers are available in science, what fun things you can do in science and look at a university to see how it operates. We will be travelling by mini bus. There will be no cost to parents for this excursion. More information will be sent home closer to the date.

Thank you to Bronwen Mason for endlessly covering our new library books.

The Premier's Reading Challenge is an excellent opportunity to encourage your child to read for pleasure and improve their literacy skills. As parents you are able to register your child on line. The challenge is an independent challenge where the children must read a certain number of recommended books throughout the year. Please let your teacher know if you register on line: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/premiersreadingchallenge

FOX by the Monkey Baa Theatre Company – Please don't forget permission notes and \$5 per child are due tomorrow.

P & C News - Special Lunch Day

Last Thursday's Special Lunch Day was a big success. It was enjoyed by all the children and appreciated by all the parents who wrote positive comments on the lunch orders. Thank you to Christina, Sue and Julie for organising, shopping and making the lunches on the day. It would be great to implement more of these days but to do so we need more helpers. If you thought it was a good idea you should think about contacting the school or Christina and volunteering to help.

P & C meeting

At the last P & C meeting it was agreed that we should have regular meetings on Tuesdays at 1pm in weeks 2 and 8 of each term. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 8 June at 1pm.

Saving Mums and Dads Market – commencing at 9am on Saturday 29th May at Wauchope Show Ground a market day will provide an opportunity for buyers and sellers of gently-used, preloved, good quality baby/children's goods. For more information email blea1kar@police.nsw.gov.au

Nutrition Tips 2010

Helping your child with writing – ask your child about events which did not involve you e.g. a friend's birthday party. This helps them work out what a listener needs to know and prepares them for writing. More tips at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/schoolparents

Kind Regards

Mrs. Leanne Parker