

Rollands Plains Upper Primary School

Quality, Innovative Education in a Caring Environment



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Diary Dates

Monday, 14th February - Swimming Carnival

Tuesday 15th March – Gruffalo at the Glasshouse

Wednesday 23rd February – School Photos

Friday, 25th March – Book Swap

2011 Reading Program: Congratulations to Tristan, Dylan and Bailey on being our first award recipients for reading for 10 nights. A big thank you to all of our parent tutors who have made the start of our school reading program so successful. Our whole school community including our children seem to be buzzing with excitement for the program.



School Routine: School starts at approx. 8.55am, after the school bus delivers the children from the top end of the valley. The roll is marked at 8.55am. If your child/ren arrive at school after 8.55 they will be marked as a partial absence. Someone must come to the office and sign them in. We understand there are many valid reasons for being late to school or leaving early however, we would be grateful if you could be punctual and make appointments out of school hours whenever possible. This information is being given following the requirements of the Department of Education and Training.

Please try to remember to bring readers everyday and library books on Tuesdays. Homework is due in each Friday.

Book covering: If anyone could spare ½ an hour or so, we have some wonderful new books for our library but they need to be covered before we can use them.

International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS): The following table summarises the ICAS sitting dates. If you want your child/ren to participate you must have your money to the school by the due date.

Description	Cost	Due date for \$	Sitting date
Computer skills	\$ 7.70	30/03/11	24/05/11
Science	\$ 7.70	06/04/11	08/06/11
Spelling	\$11.00	04/05/11	21/06/11
Writing	\$16.50	04/05/11	21/06/11
English	\$ 7.70	08/06/11	02/08/11
Mathematics	\$ 7.70	22/06/11	16/08/11

School Photographs: Please do not forget to return all envelopes to school with the appropriate payment, before Wednesday, 23rd February. If paying by cheque please ensure the cheque is made payable to **Roseneath Photographics**.

Swimming Carnival: Thank you to the families and students who attended our small schools swimming carnival today, a more detailed report will be sent home in next week's newsletter.

Library books: If you have library books outstanding from 2010 a note will be attached to this newsletter. Please return them as soon as possible otherwise a replacement fee will be required.

School fees: Thank you to all the families who have supported the school by paying their school fees each year. A copy of this year's Statement of Account is enclosed with this newsletter.

Gumboots: Please don't forget to send in your old gumboots/boots.

Classroom News: Next Wednesday the primary will be participating in their first Master Chef class. We have all been looking through cook books and selecting our favourite recipes most of which seem to have chocolate or sweets of some description in them. We will be holding nutrient lessons and cooking classes throughout this term and at the end of our program we are hoping to have a special lunch. If anyone would like to come along and be involved please let me know.

The following information is what we are doing for the next two weeks in our classrooms:

Primary 3-6

Weeks	English	Maths	Science	HSIE	Health, PD&PE	Visual Art
3 & 4	Despicable me. Film shots & making our own scenes.	Measurement Mass (weights)	Inventions and inventors	Migrants on our gold fields	Games and rules	Still life drawings in preparation for the Wauchope and Comboyne show

Infants K-2

Weeks	English	Maths	Science	HSIE	Health, PD&PE	Visual Art
3&4	Nursery Rhymes text type information, language features, rhyming words nouns, verbs	Measurement Mass (weights)	Dinosaurs – classification herbivores, carnivores.	Iceland – settlement and discovery by the Vikings	Ball skills, motor coordination	Still life drawings in preparation for the Wauchope and Comboyne show

The **Annual General Meeting of the RPUPS P&C Association** was held on Friday last week. Thank you to Christina Cole for accepting the position of Canteen Co-ordinator and Mary Cas, the new Vice President. All other positions are still open. As it is not possible to run the P & C without office bearers, we urgently need volunteers to fill these positions.

Thank you to Keryn Lober, Sue Aherne and Bronwen Mason for all the time and effort they put into the school during their tenure as P&C Executives.

Until further notice, **canteen** will be held every second week. The next canteen day will be Thursday, 24th February. We need helpers for the canteen. Please ring Christina Cole if you are able to help.

It was agreed at the meeting that the **membership** fee would be \$2.00. This is consistent with other P&C Associations and so far we have nine members. Once you are a member you are entitled to vote on the motions moved at the meetings. Please come along to the next meeting and become a member and have your say.

The next **Bunning's BBQ** is on Saturday, 27th February. This is a fantastic fundraising opportunity with all funds going towards helping subsidise the 2011 Intensive Swimming Program. Please contact the school so we can fill in the times that helpers are available.

St Joseph's Family Services presents the P5 Parenting Program; a participatory program promoting pleasurable parenting. Six weekly sessions will be held between 10am-12.30pm, on Tuesdays from 8th March to 12th April, 2011 at the St Joseph's Family Services, Warlters Street, Port Macquarie. The cost is \$80.00. Bookings are essential please phone 6583 4242.

Kind regards

Mrs. Leanne Parker