

Rollands Plains Upper Primary School

Quality, Innovative Education in a Caring Environment



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Diary Dates

Monday, 28th April – Year 6 Performing Arts Day

Thursday, 7th April – Easter Hat Parade

Friday, 8th April – Last Day Term 1

Thursday 28th April – First Day Term 2/Anzac Ceremony

Tuesday 3rd May – Schools Out Program

Happy Birthday to Ruby McTeare who turned 8 last Sunday.



Student Awards:

Ruby McTeare - Student of the Week.

Class Awards: Jordan Mackay -
Improvement in English.

Talisha Tubman – Improved Handwriting.

Taurin Marriage – Being on Task with
Class Activities.



Nathalia Anderson - Showing a Caring and Sharing Attitude towards others.

Principals Award: Saoirse Aherne - Always demonstrating outstanding leadership skills and upholding the school motto.

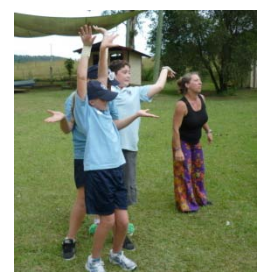
Wetlands Years 3-6: As part of our Human Society and Its Environment learning we will be studying wetlands in Term 2. We will be looking at this environment structure, animals within this environment type and wetland locations throughout Australia. We are planning on visiting Cascades Environmental Centre which is located 22 kilometres out of Dorrigo. The excursion will be from Thursday 5th May until Friday 6th May. The cost of the excursion will be \$40.00 per student. The cost covers attending Cascades and all meals (except morning tea and lunch on the first day.) The children will need a sleeping bag, pillow and sheet. School will be covering the cost of the transport so that our excursion will be more affordable for families. Transport will be by bus. Staff attending the camp will be Mrs Masters, Mrs Drage and I. We see this as a valuable opportunity to experience a different learning environment and to make the topic of wetlands more meaningful for the children. This camp is for primary students. Please return the attached permission note with a \$10.00 deposit per child by next Wednesday, 6th April. A comprehensive permission note, Medical Information and Consent Form, Emergency Contact Information and information on what to bring will be provided closer to the date.

Easter Hat Parade: On Thursday, 7th April we will be holding our annual Easter Hat Parade. All students are invited to come along with a decorated hat and participate in the parade. We will not be making hats at school. We will be having a BBQ lunch and special morning tea. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea. All family members are invited to join us for the parade, morning tea, egg hunt, sports activities and BBQ lunch. Preschool children are invited to come along and join in the fun with a hat.

Waste Watchers – Ale Torres from the Port Macquarie Hastings Council visited our school last Friday and provided activities and games to teach the children about the importance of recycling.

School and Community Art and Handicraft Exhibition: Later in the year we are planning to hold our first school art exhibition at the hall. The exhibition will be launched on Friday night with drinks and nibbles and will be open on Saturday for community members who are unable to join us on the Friday night. We would like to invite anyone who does any art and handicrafts to be part of our exhibition and display some of their work. Any handicraft such as quilting, lead lighting, wood work, metal work etc and art would be greatly appreciated

The Year 6 Creative Arts Day: Our peaceful little school was transformed today into a hive of creative arts activities when over 130 year six students and high school students all came together to do some shared learning. Byabarra PS, Comboyne PS, Huntingdon PS, Wauchope PS and Wauchope High School assisted in providing Art, Dance, Drama, Music, and Digital Media workshops for the children. Mrs Amalie Anderson ran one of our drama workshops. Thank you Amalie, we are lucky to have your talents at our school. This was an excellent opportunity for the children to form friendships. A huge thank you to Christina Cole, Annie Cas and Liz Wilson for organising all of the morning teas and lunches. Thank you also to Keryn Lober who helped Christina Cole make over 150 muffins for our morning teas. It is a mammoth task, catering for over 150 students and a dozen staff. A special thank you also to our staff who always happily pitch in and lend a hand when we have extra curricula activities.



The Small Schools Principals Meeting was hosted by our school on Thursday last week. The Principals of the small schools have a collegial meeting once a term to take part in professional development activities and to share their resources and experiences. Mr Youngblutt our School Education Director led the meeting.



The Book Swap last Friday was a great success. The children really enjoyed trading their old books for new ones. Thank you to the parents who made this possible by donating their loved books for the day. Thank you to Mrs Drage whose excellent culinary skills made the morning tea a highlight. All spare books will be given to Keryn and Bill Lober who are collecting for a third world charity. This is a great cause if anyone still has children's books they would like to donate.



Comboyne Show: All of our students entered gumboots in the Comboyne show. Some of our students won prizes which will be given out at the Easter Hat Parade.

School Photos: Our school photos are attached to today's newsletter. We would really like some feedback to give to our photographers who set up all of our shots.

Impetigo (School Sores) has been detected at the school. No child with impetigo should come to school unless they have seen the doctor, are taking antibiotics and the sores are completely covered.

Cash for Can: Aluminium cans are being collected from the Hall this week. This is an excellent fundraiser so it is important we ensure there are enough cans to make it worthwhile for Matthews Metal to collect them.

P&C Meeting: Thank you so much to all the parents who attended last week's meeting. It was fantastic to see so much support. The new office bearers are:

President: David Marshall

Vice President: Mary Cas

Secretary: Audrey Moxey

Treasurer: Amber Lynch

As Amber is returning to Sydney before the end of the year, this would be an excellent opportunity to train with Amber and gain confidence to take over as Treasurer when she leaves. If you are interested please contact Amber on 6585 8392.

P & C Easter Egg Raffle: We will be having an Easter Egg Raffle again this year and we would appreciate it if all families could donate some Easter eggs to the raffle. A small book of raffle tickets is attached to this newsletter. All tickets cost \$1.00. We would appreciate it if each family could do their best to sell or buy these tickets. Just return the ticket stubs (with purchasers contact details marked on each stub) and all money raised to the school before Thursday, 7 April. Anyone not wanting to or not able to buy or sell the tickets can return the unsold tickets to the school. **ALL UNSOLD TICKETS MUST BE RETURNED.** If anyone can sell more tickets please contact Janice. The Raffle will be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade.

CD'S and Photo Frames: We are beginning to work on new projects for our own art exhibition that we will be holding later in the year. If anyone has any old photo frames, large or small, that they no longer want can you please send them along to school. We are also making a fish and are in need of 1,000 old CD's if anyone has any old ones can you please also bring them along to school.

Primary Antics: As part of our science program last week we learnt about one chemical reaction in foods caused by yeast. We made and ate a loaf of bread to investigate "What is yeast?" and "How does it make dough rise?" The hot bread with melted butter was yummy!

Primary Program 3-6

Weeks	English	Maths	Science	HSIE	Health, PD&PE	Visual Art
9&10	Persuasive writing and Aboriginal dreaming stories.	Working mathematically and mathematical investigations.	Chemical reactions in foods.	Gold in Australia today, revision of states and territories.	Dairy foods in health.	Digital Media

Infants Program K-2

Weeks	English	Maths	Science	HSIE	Health, PD&PE	Visual Art
9&10	Identifying naming words, describing words and action words from nursery rhymes.	Addition and subtraction using whole numbers.	The end of the dinosaurs.	A complete study of Vietnam with a guest speaker showing photographs.	Designing a healthy meal and lunchbox.	Printmaking and Easter craft activities.

Kind regards

Mrs. Leanne Parker

Cascade Environmental Education Centre – (YEARS 3-6 ONLY)

I hereby give permission for my child/ren _____ to attend the Cascades Excursion from Thursday 5th May to Friday 6th May, 2011.

I am aware that the cost of the excursion is \$40.00 and enclose \$10.00 per child deposit.

I am aware that transport will be by minibus or private vehicle and that this activity has the approval of the Principal.

Signed _____ Parent/carer

Email newsletters to Mary & Audrey

Adele’s Dinosaur Land + Photos (next week)