

# ***Rollands Plains Upper Primary School***

*Quality, Innovative Education in a Caring Environment*



**Thursday, 16 August 2012**

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***20-24 August – Years 3-6 Canberra Excursion***

***Friday, 21 September – Last day Term 3***

***Monday, 8 October – First day Term 4***

***8-19 October – Intensive Swimming Program***

***Monday, 22 October – Life Education***

**Swimming lessons** begin on Monday, 8 October and conclude on Friday, 19 October. The cost of the lessons for two weeks, after all subsidies have been taken into account, is \$75.00 per student. The total cost of the program is \$4,989.86. This includes bus fares at \$2,900.00, pool entry at \$1,110.00 and the instructors at \$880.00. The P&C are subsidising each student to the value of \$32.84 while school is subsidising each student \$24.32. All money needs to be paid by Monday, 17 September. Please contact the school if you require school assistance. A permission note is attached with a form from the Port Macquarie Olympic Pool indicating the children's ability. Both of these forms also need to be returned by Monday, 17 September.



**Emergency Contact List:** Kindly note, there are rules with regard to students being collected from school by someone other than their parents. We require permission from parents, preferably in writing. Attached to your newsletter is your emergency contact list. Some of these lists are extremely outdated. Please take the time to update your list.

**Lower North Coast Athletics Carnival:** Good Luck to Jed Raglus and Texas O'Toole who are participating in the Lower North Coast Athletics Carnival at Wauchope tomorrow. We will all be cheering for you.



**Absence notes:** If your child is away sick, please send a note to school. A phone call was always acceptable in the past. However, we have been advised that this is no longer the case.



**Camp:** Students are allowed to take some pocket money to camp as there are a couple of venues where children can purchase souvenirs. Please do not send more than \$30.00 per child and all money must be handed to Mr Keane, by parents, in a named envelope or small snap-lock bag. Please bring any medication in a labelled bag with all relevant instructions. Medications must also be handed to Mr Keane before getting on the bus. Kindly note a few last minute changes to the ***what to bring*** list: sunglasses or sun goggles are recommended; two small towels but no bedding is needed. Please remember: **hard bags will not be accepted on the bus**, only soft sport bags are allowed as space is limited. We wish everyone a safe and happy trip to Canberra and we look forward to seeing all of the pictures and hearing all about your amazing experiences.

**Primary Principals Conference:** Last week I attended the North Coast Principals Conference. The guest speakers were of very high quality and provided some insightful information into some current research in education.



**Cold and Flu Season:** The cold and flu season seems to have arrived a little late this year and many of our children are coughing and sniffing. If your child is unwell please do not send them to school. We would be grateful if anyone who hasn't already sent a box of tissues to school would please assist us by doing so, as we are consuming multiple boxes at present.



**TAFE Day:** On Wednesday, 29 August, our Year 5 & 6 students along with a parent or family member have been invited to attend a TAFE taster day at Port Macquarie TAFE. This is a free day with all costs covered as part of LEAPS program. The day will run from 10.00 am until 2.00pm. A bus has been arranged to transport students and their parents or family members to and from the TAFE. During the day families are treated to a tour of the facilities, participate in classes such as cooking and the opportunity to meet some of the staff of the TAFE. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to gain an insight into how a TAFE operates. As a requirement set by the program a parent or family member will have to attend with each of the students. Please return the attached permission note by next Wednesday if you are interested in attending this fabulous opportunity with your child.

**Wauchope High School** is holding an official opening for their new facilities tomorrow, Friday, 17 August, at 11.30am. The celebration will include the unveiling of the plaque followed by a tour of the school and refreshments. All parents are invited to attend.

**Byabarra Public School** is presently in recess. A decision will be made shortly to either close the school or to re-commence lessons next year. If you know of anyone living in the Byabarra school zone who may be considering enrolling in 2013, please ask them to call Georgie Young, the Administration Officer on 6586 6900 to register their intention to enrol.

**NSW Rural Fire Service Open Day:** Saturday, 22 September 2012, from 10-2pm at Rollands Plains Fire Brigade Station. Come and meet your local volunteers and have some fun.

**Coles and Woolworths Vouchers:** Thank you to everyone who collected stickers and vouchers. The Woolworths Earn & Learn program closed on 12 August and Coles on 14 August so please send all stickers to school as soon as possible so we can organise to choose our new resources.

**Kind regards**  
**Mrs Leanne Parker**

## Intensive Swimming Program 2012

I hereby give permission for my child/ren \_\_\_\_\_  
to attend the ten day Intensive Swimming Program from Monday, 8 October to Friday, 19 October 2012 at the  
Port Macquarie Olympic Pool.

I am aware that transport will be provided by Busways 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).

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

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/carer

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## Port Macquarie TAFE Taster Day – Years 5&6

I \_\_\_\_\_ or a family member \_\_\_\_\_ will be  
attending the Port Macquarie TAFE Taster Day between 10am and 2 pm on Wednesday, 29 August 2012 at the  
Port Macquarie TAFE.

I give permission for my child/ren \_\_\_\_\_ to attend the Port Macquarie TAFE  
Taster Day and understand that each child must be accompanied by an adult.

I am aware that travel will be by bus and that all costs have been covered as part of the LEAPS program.

I am also aware that this activity has the approval of the Principal.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/carer