

Rollands Plains Upper Primary School

Quality, Innovative Education in a Caring Environment



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Friday, 21 September – Last day Term 3

Monday, 8 October – First day Term 4

8-19 October – Intensive Swimming Program

Sunday 14 October – P&C Bunnings BBQ

Monday, 22 October – Life Education

Friday, 7 December - Year 6 lunch

11 + 13 December - Concert practise at the hall 9 – 12.00

Friday, 14 December - Community Christmas Tree

Monday, 17 December - School Awards Presentation

Tuesday, 18 December – Mini Fair

Wednesday, 19 December - last day of school for 2012

Happy Birthday to Alyx Cas who turned 11 last week and Dylan Mason who turned 12 last Thursday.



School Surveys: Our annual school report is due to be completed again in term four. We are asking each family to please take the opportunity to offer valuable suggestions into our school by completing the enclosed surveys. If you would like to complete any or all of these surveys please return them to school by next Friday September 21. If any parent would like to assist in writing the annual school report or school plan please contact me at school. Past annual school reports and school plans are available on our school website.

Solar Power Panels: Over the last week we have had our solar power panels and system installed into our school. Thank you to Solgen Energy who assisted us in obtaining a grant for this project. The project cost just over \$33,000 in total. As part of the application process we need to hold a special presentation to officially recognise the grant. We will do this later in the year.

Hasting Small Schools Soccer Gala Day: Thank you to all of the students that participated in our annual Small Schools Soccer Gala day. Every team of all ages performed superbly, demonstrated wonderful sportsmanship and teamwork, and came out of the day with many great wins under their belts. It was also satisfying to see the students use some of the many new skills and strategies practised at school in their games. Additionally, a big thank you to all of the parents who came along to help out.



Vegetable Garden: K-3 harvested the cabbages from the school vegetable garden this week. We all enjoyed watching the vegetables grow. Thank you to the families who have sent in seeds; we are looking forward to planting and watching our new crops mature.



4, 5, 6: Students have been busy studying the properties of water in their Science and Technology unit *Sinking, Sailing, Soaring*, and have completed some very creative floating devices that needed to hold a weight of 500g. 4, 5, 6 have additionally been hard at work doing research about an Olympic athlete of their choice. Each student will present their research on coloured cardboard or as a Powerpoint presentation next Wednesday.

Commonwealth Bank Australian Maths Challenge: Last week, students competed with schools from all over Australia in the Australian Maths Challenge. Thank you to all students who participated and put in their absolute best efforts to put Rollands Plains on the map. We will receive the results of the challenge next week.



North Coast Athletics Carnival: Congratulations to Jed Raglus who is fast becoming an athletics star. Jed has qualified to compete in the NSWPSA Track and Field Championships at Homebush on 17 & 18 October. He is in the finals for the 100 Metre Dash, 200 Metre Dash, 800 Metre Run, the Shot Put and the Long Jump. A fabulous result. We will be barracking for you Jed.

Panthers Reading Program: On Tuesday 21 August, Dylan and Bailey Mason and I attended the Panthers Reading Program book presentation. Through its funding for local communities the club sponsored schools to receive a book pack to the value of \$500.00. We received both picture books and novels for our library. The students were entertained with Mrs Morgan Shultz Blackrose a story teller. We wish to thank the sponsors Panthers, their organisers and Mrs Virginia Cox from Port Macquarie Hastings Library. We really appreciate the lovely new books for our library. A special thank you to Bronwen as a parent rep for the presentation.

Westport Bowling Club: Westport Bowling Club in conjunction with Dymocks annually select one school to assist through their library regeneration program. This year our school has received this grant valued at \$1750. A special presentation will be held at school later this year. Thank you to West Port Bowling Club and Dymocks for their generous donation to our library. A special thank you to Sharon Mills for nominating our school to receive this grant.

Drinking Water: Due to an increase in school numbers we have had DEC contractors visit our school to investigate installing a UV water filtration system for our drinking water. We will keep you updated with further developments. In the meantime we still have bottled water but students are encouraged to also bring their own water to school.

Intensive Swimming Program: 8-19 October. Please don't forget all money and notes need to be received by next Monday, 17 September. Please feel free to contact the school if you require school assistance.

Life Education: On Monday, 22 October, Happy Healthy Harold will be visiting our school. The cost is \$8.00 per child and includes a Life Education session, a student workbook and a sticker. The school will subsidise this cost by \$4.00 leaving families to pay only \$4.00 per child. A permission note is attached to this newsletter to be returned by next Tuesday 18 September.

Bunning BBQ: Although the Bunnings BBQ on Sunday, 14 October 2012, seems to be a long way off, with two weeks of school holidays and the Intensive Swimming Program, it is really no time at all. Thank you to the families who have already returned the timetable indicating their ability to help. However, helpers are required from 8am to 5pm so we really need every family to assist on the day for at least one hour. Please return the

timetable or just send in a note indicating what time you are available. Thank you to the families who have already responded.

London Olympians Street Parade: On Saturday, 15 September in the Port Macquarie CBD. James Magnussen, Ryley Batt and Janel Manns will be attending the festivities. Local are encouraged to don the green and gold and line the streets for the parade which is likely to begin about noon at the crn William and Horton and proceed to the Town Green.

Comboyne Village Fair: Sunday 16 September from 9am – a huge variety of exciting activities including street markets, garden markets and car boot sales, animal nursery, free magic show, rides, ride-on-mower racing, displays and much, much more. \$5.00 per adult, children under 18 free.

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.

Pirates of the Jelly Bean is proudly presented by the Youth Theatre in the Hastings at Wauchope Show Ground on 2 & 4 October at 10.30am & 2 pm and 3 October at 10.30am only. Bookings can be made through Framer/Arts Supplies on 6584 0184 and the cost is \$4 per person.

Wauchope Junior Summer touch: Register this Saturday from 9.30 to 11am in front of Harcourts Real Estate or Monday 17 September at Landrigan Park from 4pm to 6pm. Competition starts 15 October.

Kind regards
Mrs Leanne Parker