

ROWLAND HASSALL MATTERS

ROWLAND HASSALL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Principal's Message

Welcome to Term 4 2011 and a busy term we have ahead of us all.

A big welcome back to Mrs. Culgan who has returned from maternity leave. It is good to have such an enthusiastic and experienced teacher back on staff.

Our school was successful in gaining a grant from Ocean-Watch Australia to help with environmental improvements on the Hawkesbury River assisting oyster farmers. We will be involved in 6 trips around the river over this term and next year in term 1.

The senior students went on an introductory trip last Wednesday where we filled

10 bags of rubbish from the foreshores.. The students thought the trip was "totally awesome".

A big thanks to the staff at the Parramatta Taxation Office who raised \$1500 as a donation to our school, what an effort.

The staff are currently working through our School Plan for the next 3 years. If you have any suggestions please contact me at the school.

It is very pleasing to see the large number of students gaining Level 1 for behaviour.

Mr. Hardman has started our own "radio" station

which is going very well at break times. He also has the students out on bike riding trips which are enjoyed by all.

Parents /Carers please check our dates of events coming especially

Presentation day on the 15th December.

Mr. Myers

Principal.

Diary Dates:

November:

28th Bicycle NSW talk

30th Dental Visit

December:

2nd V8 Supercars trip

14th Beach Trip

15th Presentation Day

Bell Times

09.00	Lesson Start
10:40	Recess
11am	In class
12:30	Lunch
12:50	In class
1:30	Break
1.50	In class
2:20	Muster
2:30	Home time

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Radio Station

Each class is now involved in running a radio station during Morning tea break time. Classes have an allocated day and we thank Mr Hardman for his hard work!



Sports Carnival

The Interschools Sports Carnival on 18th October was a huge success and we thank Coreen School for their organisation. Students came first, second and third in events such as 100m and 200m sprints, javelin and discus! Well done!

Indonesia

Indonesia has had a fantastic new and exciting part of start to the term. We have Indonesia's activities for the started some new projects this term. We have enjoyed broadcasting our radio channel 'Indo Rocks' on the new school beds and learning how to use radio station! Indonesia students bank books as a part of the are excited about the outdoor Making Cents program. education activities that have Everybody has been making a been running and are working hard genuine effort with their so that they can continue to take behaviour, especially on part in them. We can't wait to see Community Access, which is a what the rest of the term holds

Work Experience

Students have been successfully participating in the work education program at school and different placements. K- Mart work crew has been working incredibly hard lifting and moving heavy boxes but most importantly, assisting customers

with their enquires. They have also learnt how to find or replace particular stock items and use bar code reader. Very well done!



Italy

The class have been very busy working mathematically on both Mathletics and Making Cents. Both interactive programs have meant students can practise and extend their maths skills whilst having great fun. We have also been learning some Aboriginal meanings for words in use today. Using the internet to research the actual meaning, the students then pronounce the word orally, some have proven to be very tricky.

Term 4 is our term for Healthy Eating. Students are trying to follow a fruit and vegetable timetable, and have been learning about the value of fresh food and exercise. With both teachers and most students involved even our Community Access lunches have become a little healthier. We are making healthy choices and downsizing McDonalds or Hungry jacks!! Next week we are catching public transport to Lake Parramatta.

USA

USA have been maintaining the three gardens in the front of our school. We have been able to pick our own beans and snow peas this term. This hands-on activity has increased the students awareness of plants life cycles. USA have been on task and aiming for level one as they want to participate in the rewards and outings.

In Mathematics USA have been comparing units of measurement using both metric and non metric sources. This has assisted in developing the concepts of area and perimeter for real life problems. In English USA have been recounting their experiences using simple sentences.

Outdoor Education Trips

Level 1 students are enjoying regular outdoor education trips in our local area. Last weeks trip was to Prospect Dam and the canal...there are plenty more booked for this term so make sure you are earning your points



New Zealand

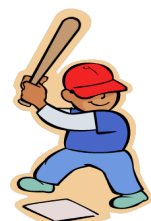
New Zealand students has been excursions. On Wednesday working hard continuously and students went on the Hawkesbury made significant progress in River trip to help the Oyster Maths. Mathletics has been farmers. They were going up the a huge success and students keep river on a rubber duckie boats and asking for permission to use it stopped at several different even in their reward time. places to pick up the rubbish. Wow, that's something! The NZ students had a great day and outdoor education activities are so all agreed that it was an "awesome exciting and students have been trip". They are so looking forward trying hard to earn their points to to the next one! be able to participate in these

Interschool Sports

Our interschool sports sessions with Coreen and Niland Schools are continuing this term with a T-ball competition!

Coreen are hosting the weekly competition.

Well done to all our students for representing Rowland Hassall with pride and beings good sports!



Japan

We've had a great start to the term so far with Japan kicking off Rowland Hassall FM with THE SUSHI SQUAD. Well done to Kieran and George for stepping up their game on the M.I.C! The boys are also practicing hard for their musical performance on presentation day. We're looking forward to seeing Anthony front the group to sing a famous Justin Bieber

track. In Maths, Japan has been very engaged in our measurement and area unit. Jacob has demonstrated some excellent estimation skills in practical activities. This term will also include some great excursions. Well done to David for 'sticking it out' on our 4km hike around Parramatta reserve. We can't wait to visit Featherdale Wild life Park!

The School Captain's Report

We had the Sports Carnival on Tuesday 18th October ,Brett came 1st in javelin, Daniel came 3rd 200m sprint. We had a great day!

It was great to see so many parents on Parent Information night.

Bandanna week was successful.

We raised \$92.00 for CanTeen. Well done everyone!

On Wednesday some students went with Mr Myers to the Hawkesbury River. Everyone had fun cleaning the river and we saw very big jellyfish. Hope that everyone can make it to level 1 so they can enjoy these outings.

Thank you

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