

ROWLAND HASSALL MATTERS

ROWLAND HASSALL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Principal's Message

It has been another great term at Rowland Hassall School, full of quality learning and personal achievements. It has been a term where students have participated in quality learning and a number of extra curricular activities.

There have been a number of highlights for the Rowland Hassall School community throughout this term. These have included the Positive Parents Program. The introduction and use of the interactive whiteboards that are in all of the classrooms. I have seen some tremendous achievements in both literacy and numeracy with our students.

Student reports will be sent home to parents and carers

by the end of week 9. I ask that you discuss with your children their achievements, especially in the area of personal best achievements. It is a great time for you to set some new goals with your child for term 3 and beyond. It is important that ownership of student learning continues to be that of the students, teachers, parents and carers.

Term 2 has been a fantastic experience for myself in the role of Relieving Principal at Rowland Hassall School. Although I have only been at Rowland Hassall School for a short time, I do know that the students at Rowland Hassall School are surrounded by quality teachers and support staff who are committed to assisting students in

achieving their 'personal bests' each day.

Mr Michael Cruickshank
Relieving Principal

Diary Dates

Triple P sessions 11.30am—1.30pm for next 2
Wednesdays:

22nd June: Managing Misbehaviour
29th June: Planning Ahead

Light Refreshments provided

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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Technology

Students
continue to
enjoy the
learning
interactively
using our
Smartboards



PBL

Positive
Behaviour for
Learning (PBL)
is continuing to
be a major
focus of the
school.
Students have
continued daily
skill-streaming
activities, this
week focussing
on 'Accepting
Consequences.'

Indonesia

The boys are making some good progress across the curriculum. Their bicycle riding skills are improving as are their bike maintenance skills. We have enjoyed some great food that they have cooked themselves and there is no doubt that their attitude and capability regarding washing up and cleaning after cooking is improving immensely. Spelling, reading and comprehension skills get a lot of attention and we are seeing good progress. The boys are learning important Maths strategies too, including using "ten pairs" and learning place values. Learning to use different types of microscopes has meant that we have seen amazing things usually hidden from the naked eye.

School Captain Report

This week on Wednesday some Year 11 and 12 students went to a Break Thru session which gave us ideas for the future, helping us get jobs when we leave school.

Work experience was this Thursday. Students went to K- Mart, the Music shop and butchers and have been successful. Other students stayed at school and had a great time in music and sport as well as with the shopping and cleaning. Very well done to all students for engaging in these activities!

Hockey with Coreen and Niland, Fridays score was 7-3 to RHS!

Italy

We have all been working hard learning about the effects Natural disasters have on us. The class have been studying earthquakes and Tsunamis and have been truly amazed at the powerful and devastating forces which devastate some of our closest neighbours.

All the students look forward to their weekly music lesson and are actively involved in putting together a really great Italian musical masterpiece.

Students have all been working cooperatively in the kitchen, preparing their food from either a written recipe or by listening and following specific teacher instructions. Junior Masterchiefs in action!!

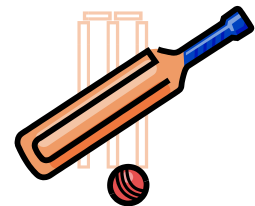
Every Tuesday the class head up to Parramatta Library and then onto Westfields. They are learning to be independent, and to arrive back at a designated time and place.

USA

Students in USA are working on their listening skills using specific units from precision academics. More students are joining the PCYC and we are looking forward to going there. In Mathematics we are increasing our speed skills using multiplication grids and timing our results. When we have enough data we will graph our results. Students are very interested in researching volcanoes and have discovered many facts to share. Students are particularly interested in the dust clouds made by volcanic eruptions. The students are working on making up their own lyrics in music.

Premier's Sporting Challenge

Students continued to be involved in this interschool initiative, enjoying an array of sporting activities each Wednesday and a Hockey Competition each Friday.



Medication Reminder

Just a friendly reminder that if your child has had a recent medication change to notify the school in writing.

Please also check that any asthma and allergy management plans are up to date.

New Zealand

Students in New Zealand have been working very hard and exploring Natural disasters topics with a great interest. We do enjoy our interactive learning, it's much more exciting and we are able to use the IWB tools with growing confidence. Hockey with Coreen and Niland has been very popular and NZ students have managed to score some great goals.

On Thursdays we enjoy Work Experience, some of the NZ students are working at K- Mart and others are at different placements and travelling independently - that's a great achievement!

We attend Break Thru sessions on Wednesdays and learn about presenting ourselves for the future employer and other work related skills.

Japan

Japan Class thoroughly enjoy their music sessions and performed in whole school assembly recently! They are also involved in making a music video with Mr Harman! We can't wait to see the final cut! We are currently learning about Natural Disasters around the world, the effects and consequences, in particular the earthquakes in New Zealand, the volcanic eruption in Chile that is affecting Australian air space at the moment and the Victorian bushfires. Community Access continues to be a great favourite with students representing Rowland Hassall in the Community with pride and respect. Well done everyone!

The SRC Report

The Triple P Parenting Course has been catered for by the SRC class representatives. Each week an SRC student helps prepare and serve the food to these guests. This helps build the students food prep skills and also their social skills. Well Done to those students who have willingly helped out so far.

The SRC ran a terrific assembly last week, Anthony was the first speaker, followed by Danielle. Daniel read Welcome To Country. Simon and Daniel welcomed other teachers to speak. All spoke very



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