

ROWLAND HASSALL MATTERS

ROWLAND HASSALL SCHOOL, ON THE LAND OF THE DHARUG PEOPLE

Principal's Message

This term is a very busy one for all at Rowland Hassall School. We have the end of year presentations and farewell to our Year 12 students, student reports to be sent out, the ongoing garden project continuing, a number of outings and excursions and our environmental work on the Hawkesbury River also continuing. So every student has a full program of things to do until the end of the year.

We have started the Duke of Edinburgh Award Program with four of our students. Hopefully they all can earn their Bronze Award early next year.

We have been successful in gaining a NSW Government grant to create an ANZAC memorial to commemorate the ANZAC spirit at our school.

This project will be along side our garden project and we will end up with an everlasting tribute to those that have served their country in war, conflicts and peacekeeping.

Our "iPad Project" funded by the Federal Government under the title Every Student Every School, is progressing well. Every student and staff member now has an iPad to assist them in the educational programs we run at school. Rowland Hassall School is developing into a "Centre of Excellence" in the use of this technology to support the teaching of our students.

The next stage will be for parents and carers to receive training in the use of this technology.

To this end will have some sessions this term. Also we will be establishing a community room where community members that is parents, carers and friends of the school can come and use the latest computer technology and be trained in its use.

Just a reminder to inform the school if your child is away or going to be away. Attendance at school is a big issue and we at Rowland Hassall want to ensure every student gets the full benefit of an education by attending school.

In unity,

Jim Myers

Principal

Diary Dates:

Nov 7th Level 1 Bike trip

Nov 16th: Maroubra Beach

Nov 22nd Interschool Dance Competition

Nov 30th: V8 Supercars trip

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Attendance

Attendance registers are taken daily and recorded. Please contact the school if your child is away due to illness or for any other reason.

Attendance registers are also regularly checked by our Home School Liaison Officer.

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Apollo

iPads for all!

Our wonderful SLSOs now have iPads to use in class with students! We are also busy working with other schools on the programs and APPs that have been so successful at Rowland Hassall, promoting and sharing the benefits of using iPads in classrooms with our local school community.



TAS (COOKING)

Could you please bring in any unwanted plastic takeaway food containers. Students like to take home their cooking from time to time and we have just about run out this term. We have just completed Multicultural cooking this term and move onto Desserts and Biscuits in Term 4 using both fruit and grain products.

Apollo have been working hard in their numeracy lessons. The students have been flying through their fraction lessons.

In our Literacy session, we have been using new Literacy Apps to improve our grammar.

This term we have started our Authentic Learning program! Reece and Flynn created their own Wiki space, after researching information about plants we could use in our Australian Bush Garden.

Authentic Learning Project...our "Bush Garden" authentic learning unit is well under way. It is being run through a website called wikispaces and students have to log in each week to see what jobs need to be done for the garden that week. They have been busy planning, designing and researching plants for their part of our developing gardens. Cumberland State Forest have kindly donated \$100 of native plants which Thor and Neptune Classes will be collecting tomorrow. Volunteers from Deloitte Impact Day are coming on Friday 16th November to help us out with gardening and planting.

Neptune

Neptune have been lucky this term and have had an extra teacher in their room. Mr Satmaka has been working with the boys engaging them in Fraction work.

The boys have been able to transfer this knowledge across into other settings from Community Access where they had to find examples of fractions around Westfield, to reading and recognising written fraction notation in their cooking recipes.

Neptune really enjoyed working on planning and designing their garden, the boys are becoming more familiar with Australian Native plants and where we can use them in our garden.

We will be looking at plant life cycles this term as the students make plans for the garden. Apollo have decided to design a Picnic Bush Garden, so that everyone can relax in the shade during summer.

Harley had a fantastic on the River Trip, and all the boys picked up their new bikes and are working together to set up their bikes.

Apollo enjoyed the Australian Reptile Excursion and helped create a PowerPoint presentation for assembly.

We are lucky to be joining Thor next Tuesday and going to the nearby Cumberland State Forest . We will be able to walk around looking at real life examples of bush gardens, perhaps even get some more ideas and inspiration.

The boys are really getting involved in their weekly PBL lessons, everyone joins in, offering their own ideas, opinions and thoughts. They are learning to listen to others and take turns instead of calling out. Well Done Neptune.

Last week Neptune won class of the week as the majority of the boys made Level 1 the entire week.

Fantastic effort guys!!

Thor

Thor went to the Wentworthville Community Gardens to find out how a community can work together. We found out that it costs \$10 to join as a member to visit and \$30 to have a garden bed. The gardens were established so people with no access to gardens could have a place to visit and grow plants for their own use. We saw many different types of plants mainly for eating. In the compost heap we spotted a blue tongue lizard and were told it keeps

snails away. We went inside a hot house to look at the seedlings and it was very warm. A most interesting item we saw was a tumbling compost barrel which we were informed is a great way to dry the compost quickly. We would recommend you visit this garden as it is very peaceful and inspiring for growing fresh food.



Poseidon

Wow! What a fantastic start to the term it has been. Poseidon students have been working hard in literacy and numeracy this term. We have especially enjoyed building our own characters for a story using the 'Facekit' app on the iPads. For the Authentic Learning project we are now the Mad Enviro Eels which is very

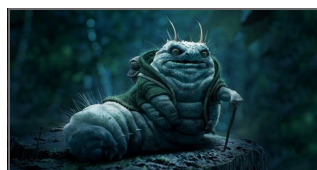
exciting indeed. We had a great time at the excursion to the Australian Reptile Park and learned a lot about a variety of different reptiles. We are also loving our garden growing!



Zeus

Zeus are in full flight this (based on a true story). We term with excellent progress in have been building props, acting, literacy and numeracy programs. In maths, we are looking into mass, and how we can change some of our lifestyle Well done Zeus, keep up the and food choices to reach our great work!!!

goal weights. In literacy, the students have been working very hard shooting scenes for the upcoming release "Attack of the Killer Caterpillars" -



Thank you Variety Club

Last week we collected fantastic bikes kindly donated to us by the Variety Childrens Charity and Kmart. The bike presentation took place at Parramatta Stadium.



Canteen News

There will be a new menu for Term 4. The canteen will be open at recess as well as lunch for students to buy ice blocks and drinks in the hotter weather.

Students will be given a copy of the new menu in the first week of Term 4.

Chicken burgers remain, but frozen yoghurt and iceblocks will also prove popular. Students can also make other suggestions through their class SRC rep.

The School Captains Report

School Captains report:

Term 4 is going to be an exciting term. So far we have had a trip to the Reptile Park at Gosford and trips up the Hawkesbury River. Some students went to Parramatta Park to receive bikes from The Variety Club.

This term, students will have the opportunity to go on a number of excursions. For example, Monster Skate Park, Maroubra Beach, V8 Supercars. These excursions are for students who have been on their best behaviour. I hope everyone has a chance to go on these excursions because of their good behaviour.

Simon Wooden,
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