

ROWLAND HASSALL MATTERS

ROWLAND HASSALL SCHOOL, ON THE LAND OF THE DHARUG PEOPLE

Principal's Message

Welcome back to school for Term 3. As usual with Rowland Hassall School we have a busy timetable of activities for our students this term.

We have **started** our school garden project, which will see the area around our school slowly transform into a native garden with bush tucker plants. There will be a **pathway** to walk through our garden to experience all the flora. **Thanks to Terry Shields Toyota** for a donation of \$500 as part of Nation Tree day, this will greatly help fund our project.

We would also like to **thank Bunnings North Parramatta** for donating paint for use to update our playground by painting the poles on our verandas.

With the **Olympics** currently on, our students are involved in many activities which will help them feel part of this great event.

Diary Dates:

19th August: incursion Digital Habitats

24th August: excursion theatre trip to see Treasure Island

30th August: excursion to Art Gallery NSW

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<http://www.rowlandhas-s.schools.nsw.edu.au/>

This week being **Education Week** has seen many activities at school celebrating this event with an open day on Friday where **parents and carers** join in with a **lunch and assembly activities**.

Keep aware of notes coming home because our teachers have planned some exciting outings for their classes.

We **welcome** on board at Rowland Hassall our new Student Learning Support Officer (SLSO) **Ms. Rachel Kirkham**. A big congratulations to **Miss Ewa** in becoming a new Assistant Principal.

Some of the **activities** planned for **this term** include: an excursion to the Australian Museum for **Science Week**;



a trip to the NSW Art Gallery; an excursion to Penrith to see a play called "Treasure Island"; Tree Plantings at Glendenning; River Trips and individual class excursions. So you can see there is a very busy time ahead.

It is very pleasing to see the parent and carers coming to our **Wednesday Parent Forums** which give information to help plan the future for our students over the next couple of years.

And the introduction of the **iPads** has been an exciting time for all. **The plan** is by the end of the year to have training for parents and carers in the use of the iPads. This will help family move with 21st century technology.

In unity,

Mr J. Myers

Principal

Attendance Reminder

RHS staff are noticing an increase in students absence. Please remember to call the school or send a note if your child is going to be absent, late or if they need to leave early.

We will endeavour to contact you if absences are not explained.

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Interschool Sport

This term Rowland Hassall is hosting the competition. We have Coreen, Niland, Blacktown Tutorial Centre and PAC here each week to compete in dodgeball.

We are hoping to retain the winners cup this term!

Go team!



Bush Tucker Garden

To kick off our school garden project, 'Keep Australia Beautiful' visited RHS and presented an interactive lesson on worm farms. Student learnt about the positive effects worms have on soil.



Apollo

Apollo have been working hard with their iPads during their literacy sessions. We have been using Story Wheel, Toontastic, Story Maker and Pic Collage to create narratives and brainstorm ideas. The students have shown excellent skills when using technology as they have screen shot and cropped images found through the internet, and worked respectfully and safely with the iPads. This term we are learning

Education Week:

We have celebrated Education Week with a n Olympic twist! Students have been involved in Olympics re-search, writing letters to current Australian Olympians, mini Olympic games, orienteering Olympics finding clues around the school grounds, an ipad Olympic challenge and colouring competition! The week culminated in a celebration assembly and staff/parents versus students dodgeball game! Parents were then welcome to stay for lunch!



about Maps and Positions. We put our knowledge and skills to the test by using Google Maps to print a map of Parramatta. Each student planned a route from Rowland Hassall School to Westfields Parramatta. We followed the directions that were drawn onto the map and timed how long it took for us to walk to Westfields for each route. It has been a great start to the term!

Neptune

Neptune enjoyed the Olympic challenges this week especially the Mini Olympics and the Treasure Hunt. Both events encouraged co-operation, teamwork and sportsmanship and were evident as the boys worked together as a team.

Back in the classroom, the boys continue to meet their spelling and Mathematic challenges, the race for gold (prizes) urging them on. We have started a small garden and discovered some expert workers in Brett and Daniel.

Some of the others need to improve their digging and planting if our garden is to thrive. We must also remember to water our plants.

We have been learning about the Summer Olympics and will continue to link this into our Literacy lessons over the next few weeks.

Happy birthday to both Daniel and Hayden who turn 15 in the first week of August.

Congratulations to Dylan who has moved from the In school shopping group to the wider community and now has a place in the Kmart team.

Thor

Thor has been very busy this term. We have had a great time decorating boomerangs and bags during NAIDOC week. It has been an exciting time in class writing to the Athletes who are in London during the Olympics. We have been able to follow the letters using Letter link from the post office website. This site has been

useful as it is interactive and the students have been able to create their letters and play with the word searches. Students have been actively participating in Our mini Olympic activities. Thor was particularly good at shot put!

We are working on making power points using iPad pictures!

Poseidon

Poseidon has had a brilliant start to Term 3! We have been using our iPads for a variety of exciting lessons, particularly during literacy time. We have made a great start on our garden project, using our muscles to lift 30 bags of soil! NAIDOC Week was a fantastic experience and Poseidon students really enjoyed creating various.

Art projects. We went on a very exciting excursion to Niland school this week to have a look at their new playground. Our students behaviour was excellent and they represented Rowland Hassall School with pride. Well done guys!



Public Speaking Event

Congratulations to Andrew Cotter who represented Rowland Hassall School in the Parramatta Secondary Schools Public Speaking Event last week. The event was organised by Parramatta Historical Society and Andrews speech was all about the history of Rowland Hassall School. He did an excellent job and we were very proud of him!



Parent Forum

On Wednesday 1st August parents were invited to attend a forum on TAFE opportunities for students in years 9,10 and 11 for 2013.A representative for TAFE spoken about courses available and answered questions.

Zeus

This week, Zeus went to Olympic Park and played a game called 'lost', which uses compasses and directions to find hidden treasure. It was fun. Andrew loved eating Maccas. We also visited Monster Skate Park to see if we could go there on a future excursion. Mr Hardman and Ms Kirkham slid down a 14ft

ramp. During work experience, Zeus has been fixing and repairing bikes for the rest of the school. After fixing bikes, the boys have been test riding them to make sure they are safe for other students. Zeus is also looking forward to future excursions to Hawkesbury River, BMX park, Parramatta Park, Science week and the movies at the end of the term. Well Done

The School Captains Report

School Captains report:

We have had a great week this week doing Olympic Games activities.

We also did tree planting with Terry Shields Toyota for National Tree day and started our bush garden project.

We also had paint donated by Bunnings, North Parramatta to help us update our playground. We are painting the poles which hold up the verandas

We have started river trips again on the Hawksebury River.

Regards,

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