

# ROWLAND HASSALL MATTERS

ROWLAND HASSALL SCHOOL, ON THE LAND OF THE DHARUG PEOPLE

## Principal's Message

Term 3 has had some very exciting events for our students and has also passed on very quickly.

Our environmental work on the Hawkesbury River continues to be very successful with the students enjoying the task. Our tree planting at Glendenning is something in the future our students will be proud of being involved in as well as the garden project we have at school. All classes are involved in the making of a native garden to surround our school with a pathway to enjoy the plantings.

The dance program has many excited students about being involved in the production. Working with the other schools has been a great experience for our students.

With many of our students in their last year of school the planning for their post school opportunities has started. It is important that parents keep in contact with the school so positives outcomes can happen for their children. At the end of term we have some exciting events for our students to look forward to. A trip to Don Bossco Centre, River trips, bike trips and a special day in the last week for the level 1 students.

We have had two very successful excursions recently, one to the play Treasure Island and the other to the NSW Art Gallery. It was a pleasure to see how well behaved all the students were at these two events.

The excursion to the Australian Museum was an exciting time as it was very hands on and again our students' behaviour was excellent, both travelling on the train and at the venue. In September we will be having our parent/teacher meetings to discuss the Individual Educational Plans (IEP). A note will be sent home giving you the time for the interview. Please remember you can always call me if you want to discuss any thing to do with your child at school.

In Unity  
Jim Myers

### Diary Dates:

05/09/2012 Run around the World  
5/09/2012 kNOw Waste Education program  
7/09/2012 Footy Colours Day, gold coin donation  
12/09/2012 excursion to Don Bossco Centre  
17/09/2012 Flintwood visit Y11 and Y12

### 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

### Tree Planting

We had another great day at Joe McAleer Park students installed 200 trees in total. Everyone enjoyed lovely weather and playtime on the brand new playground at the park. Well done



Dr Terry Cumming  
at RHS

On Monday we will have a special visitor from the School of Education at the University of New South Wales. Dr Terry Cumming is Senior Lecturer. Her research interests includes the use of technology in the classroom with focus on using iPads to support individuals with special educational needs. Terry's research group is currently conducting a study on using iPads to support teaching and learning in the classroom. We are looking forward to the visit as we may become one of Dr Cumming's research centres for using iPads to support students in 21<sup>st</sup> century learning.

Apollo have had an eventful and exciting week with all the excursions!

On Wednesday, the students planted 200 trees at Glendenning. Flynn was very responsible and hardworking when he was putting up tree guards. Rogan was very safe and mature when he used the mallet to help the teachers and students to hammer the bamboo stakes into the ground.

On Thursday, the students went to the Australian Art Gallery and were able to create their own artworks of Ned Kelly in an Australian landscape.

Reece has worked well in literacy sessions and his spelling has improved with the new Word-Match-Sound activity.

Well done Apollo for your hard work!



## Neptune

Busy, busy ,busy. That's how this term has been. The boys have shown great maturity during our weekly PBL lessons, they listens intently and everyone is eager to share their own ideas and experiences. A huge amount of interactive learning takes place which is great to see.

Hayden continues to work steadily on his Mathletics and is fast approaching his next certificate. He is sharing treasure between pirates, ordering numbers and

positioning items, practising his multiplication as he goes.

Neptune class excel in the kitchen, preparing meals from around the world, locating the country and corresponding flag. They have been learning about writing an Explanation and have become experts on such topics as: Why do birds sing. Why do they have different shape beaks. Researching their answers using both the computer and iPad. Great effort boys!

## Thor

This term Thor has been learning about how to make a map. We have learned about how a legend works and have made our own maps. This week on Community Access we visited Breakthru in Parramatta. Breakthru provide post school transition to work programmes. Our seniors were happy to check out the rooms where

transition training occurs.

All our class are actively using their iPad in mathematics. We are recording ourselves using the iPad for literacy as we are making a power point of how people greet each other appropriately. Thor has begun to plan its garden using the Yates site interactive garden plan.

## Poseidon

Wow! Term 3 is flying past. Poseidon has been working so hard this term. We thoroughly enjoyed the Digital Habitats lesson this week, during which we planted our own Wallaby seeds. Anthony had a fantastic time on the most recent river trip. Mikey and Betul have been working hard using the Creative Book Builder

App on the iPad. Daniel has been exploring new multiplication and division apps on his iPad. We enjoyed our excursions to the plant nursery and the Australian Museum for science week. We are excited about seeing our vegetable garden blossoming. Keep up the good work guys!

## Zeus

So far so awesome! This term Zeus has been involved in many great activities, such as, painting, planting and class outings. We had a fantastic time visiting the Museum for Science Week and watching scientists make things explode. Courtney and Emma have been working hard in literacy describing how to apply make-up. George,

Andrew, Abdullah, Martyn and Christian are using their iPads to research, photograph and describe how some Olympics events are played. They have also been using maps to locate and plan directions for getting to excursions.

Overall, the class has been working exceptionally hard and are looking forward to excursions to Don Bosco and the movies. :)

## Digital Habitats

We had a great video conferencing excursion on Monday morning. Our school joined in to a Digital Habitats session with Wollongong primary school. We have learnt about a variety of Australian environments and the plants and animals that live there. Students explored the ingredients required to create native habitats and increase biodiversity in our school when involved in Bush Tucker project. The session was a great success students have been very attentive so well behaved and enjoyed the virtual excursion very much!



## The School Captains Report

### School Captains report:

This week we would like to take the opportunity to thank Simon for his mature attitude as a role model for others in our school. He is always on the look out for positive behaviour and enjoys recognising those students who are safe, respectful learners.

Simon is an excellent public speaker in our Friday assemblies, is interactive with students and encourages positive behaviours.

Well done Simon, you are a credit to Rowland Hassall School.



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