

ROWLAND HASSALL MATTERS

ROWLAND HASSALL SCHOOL, ON THE LAND OF THE DHARUG PEOPLE

Principal's Message

Welcome to another year at our great school Rowland Hassall. It was very pleasing to see all the happy faces of our students returning for another year of fun and education.

We have many exciting activities for our students and we hope that this year will be a successful one for us all.

Next Tuesday, 19th February is our Information Session, from 6.30 to 7.30pm, where you are all invited to hear what is in place this year and to also interact with the staff. A light supper will be provided, a note has gone home to invite you all to the evening.

Some of the items we will be telling you about are: school sleep over; school camp; excursions; environmental programs; what your child will learn this year and our Technology Community Room, so I hope you can attend.

As you may have read or heard on the news, NSW public schools are

going through major reforms which include Local Schools Local Decisions. This means that more decisions about the running of the school is in the hands of the Principal. Principals will be guided by the local school community on the direction of their schools. I invite you to be part of our community and be involved with the education of your child. Our iPad program has been very successful. This program is called Every Student Every School and is funded by the Federal Government. Every student now has an iPad to use and some students have permission to take them home after signing an agreement of use document. The work that some students are delivering on their iPads is fantastic. The Apps used will continue to be developed as the year goes on.

Coming up shortly we have a special swimming scheme at school. This is a very important aspect of our school. I hope all students are involved and can continue their skills in learning to swim.

Also this year our River Trips will continue. These trips have proven to be not only very popular with our students but have been hugely successful in helping keep the Hawkesbury River clean.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award program will continue this year with more students hopefully participating in it. Further information will be given out on our Information Session.

As always if you have any questions and/or concerns please feel free to ring me so we can discuss them.

I hope your child has an enjoyable and happy year at Rowland Hassall School.

In Unity

Jim Myers

Principal.

Diary Dates:

18/2/13: Swim School starts

13/3/13: Tree Planting

26/3/13: Yr 7 and 9 Vaccinations

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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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The Beach Boys

Interschool

Sport

Our competition with Niland and Coreen starts again this Friday. The sport chosen for this term is hockey.

Our first games were excellent, our defence held strong and Daniel K was named "Man of the Match" for his shots on goal!

Ipads home.....

Students have started taking iPads home this term and have already produced great bands' collage.

There will be more tasks& assignments for students to complete at home so please support your children and have fun while working hard on iPads.

Parents

Please remember to monitor children's activities on iPads to ensure they are safe online and none of the banned actions are taking place.

Students

Remember to look after you iPad and charge it for school

The Beach Boys have had a fantastic start to the year.

As a class we researched The Beach Boys, listened to their music, and created a surfboard with a timeline of their albums.

This term The Beach Boys will be focusing on Recounts, 2D shapes, 3D objects, time and numbers. We have started reading Diary of a Wimpy Kid in class to study the structure of recounts, and are working towards writing our own journal entries with an iPad app as well as newspaper

articles.

The class has been working well together, and I look forward to seeing all the great and exciting things that will happen in the future!



INFORMATION SESSION.....Come along to our Information Session on Tuesday evening, 19th February, 6.30 to 7.30pm and find out about planned activities and excursions for this term. A school sleep over, school camp, Duke of Edinburgh Award opportunities and our new Community Technology Room will be discussed along with lots of other things. A light supper will be provided, so we hope to see you there :-)

Pink Floyd

Pink Floyd have made a terrific with amazing information about start to the new school year. our class name.

Betul, Anthony, Luke, Martyn and Daniel make up this crazy, psycadellic band. Our classroom is already bright and cheery, students have worked out some class rules, and have been trying to follow these everyday. We already have some great assessment results in both reading and mathematics, and have been tackling Time and shapes as topics in the classroom. Students have been taking home their I pads and coming back to school

Pink Floyd have been going up to Westfields every Thursday and purchasing food for both the school cooking lessons and school Canteen. They have begun to take more control when sorting and packing items into the trolley . Martyn and Anthony have provided the muscle work in steering the trolley down to school . Betul and Luke are becoming savvy shoppers and looking for the best prices.

ACDC

ACDC, which includes Dylan, George, Kieran, Flynn and Reece have had a great start to 2013. We started with fantastic assessment results and have been working hard in all areas. We researched ACDC, finding pictures and found out 10 interesting facts about the band. We have started our Number, 2D shapes and 3D objects units on Mathletics using our Ipads. We have been working out our classroom budget, looking

for prizes for our reward system. We used our budget to check out the shops in Westfield, Parramatta when on Community Access, comparing prices to get the best deal!



Book Sale

Our 10c book and game sale was very successful today. Any books and games left over are being donated to schools in Fiji who were devastated by last year cyclones....

Thank you to Mrs Dunn, Mrs Nipperess and Mrs Barron for their brilliant organisation and running of the book sale!

The Beatles

What a great start we have had to 2013 in The Beatles! Everyone has a new Beatles name: Jamie is Paul McCartney, Hayden is Ringo Starr, Abdullah is John Lennon and Christian is George Harrison. This term we have been learning about shapes during numeracy and all had a great time on our Shape Hunt on Tuesday! We have also

enjoyed using our iPads to complete Mathletics and take photos of our healthy eating choices. We are greatly looking forward to a number of exciting excursions that are coming up including bowling and the aquarium.



PBL

We are continuing to improve the Positive Behaviour for Learning Program at our school. Part of the program includes weekly PBL lessons with focus on particular social skills.

This week our focus was on taking responsibility for our own actions and accepting consequences.

Next week we are going to learn how to be assertive and say 'NO'.

Please ask and test your children about the steps when saying "No" in a respectful and polite manner.

Red Hot Chili Peppers

Happy New Year and welcome to the Red Hot Chili Peppers! Danielle, Metu, Chris, Mikey, Brett and Emma have already started off the year at a Chilli Hot pace! We have been doing a street art/graffiti project in the back court yard for 2D shape, and it looks fabulous!



This term we will be participating in a lot of great educational outings. The students are looking forward to going on the River Trip to clean the Hawkesbury, visit Cables, as well as a number of work observation sites to prepare our class for the workforce! Well done so far RHCP! And keep up the great work!

The School Captains Report

School Captains report:

Hi, I'm your 2013 School Captain and my name is Betul Ackisen. I am part of the Pink Floyd class. The school canteen and swim school both start next week and students are really excited about both. We have had a busy start to the year with some students going to Bunnings to buy wheels and other parts for their billycarts. We had a book sale in Room9, lots of students bought books for 10c. Mr Hardman took a group of students to Coreen School to play hockey today as part of the Inter-school Sport Competition.

Betul Ackisen

School Captain



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