Dear Parents/carers,

Our students and staff are working hard and are in great spirits to ensure that Term 2 continues with real momentum; there is such positive energy around learning in our school and it’s great to feel it. I’ve been delighted with how well our students have settled back into life at RHS.

Especially I would like to acknowledge the early work that has been done by our SRC leaders. Having the school involved with such a fantastic Biggest Morning Tea in our little community was lovely. Thank you so much to all students and staff for participating in this annual event. The delicious treats produced were yummy indeed and I am happy to report that we raised over $330 which is an amazing effort.

Last week we celebrated National Reconciliation Week (NRW). The week was a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia with our first Australians.

During the week, we also had many activities to remind our students of the purpose of NRW and the role that each of us can play. The week of Reconciliation was finished off by officially opening our ‘Yarning Circle’ with a traditional smoking ceremony performed by the Koomurri group.

Provisional development is a strategy RHS uses to ensure that our teachers continue to strengthen their practice. The most effective professional development informs our teachers to focus on the needs of their students. They learn and problem solve together in order to ensure all students achieve success. This term staff at RHS will continue our professional journeys through Trauma Informed Practices. Research has shown that traumatic experiences alter the brain and can affect children socially, emotionally, behaviourally, and academically. Toxic levels of stress and anxiety shape behaviour and may make kids appear angry, depressed, uncooperative, or distracted. When our teachers adopt a trauma-informed perspective, they approach the student’s (your child’s) behaviour with openness and curiosity.

The RHS Official Facebook Page is up and running and people will start seeing information and photos of the exciting events that occur within the school. In regard to the publication of student photos, the school refers to the parental permission relating to the ‘School Website’ on the school enrolment form. Please contact Miss Curtis or Mr May, to advise if you gave permission for photos of your child to be on the school website but you do not wish for their photo to be on the Facebook page.

Regards,
Greg Fuchs
Principal Rowland Hassall School

Principal’s Message

Diary Dates:
Week 10
NRL Footy Camp – Dragons V Storm

Please check the calendar on our website or RHS Face Book for more information
Website:
www.rowlandhass.schools.nsw.edu.au

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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In mindfulness we have been learning yoga. It is hard at first but with practice it can be very good for you. It is a great way to start the day.
By Natasha

We have created a peaceful chill out zone in our room, it is a great place to go when we need time out.
By Britney

In woodwork I made a cup holder, it took a couple of weeks and I am proud of what I made.
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We would like to welcome Jai and Billal to Comets. This term is going really fast and we have some great excursions planned. Stay tuned for updates.

I have started work experience at Johnston Equestrian Stables, I work one day a week for now and will increase my work days later. I am really enjoying working with horses.
By Yasmin

I love to go to the chill out room and use the moulding clay when I am feeling frustrated. I also enjoy making delicious food in cooking.
By Michaela
Miss M: Welcome to class 7– Panthers. This term Mario, Richard, Naqi, Curtis and Charbel have settled in well into their new class with their new teacher. All students have had an amazing start to the term—working on literacy, numeracy and a variety of elective subjects. This term all Panther students have been involved in Top Blokes and Real Kids and have shown great progress in team work skills.

**Mario:** I have really enjoyed being in my new class and doing lots of art activities based on books we are reading in class. I am also very happy to be in the SRC.

**Richard:** I have really enjoyed being in Real Kids. My favourite activity was swimming and going on a Yacht. I have also enjoyed being in Top Blokes and learning about all the negatives of drugs.

**Charbel:** I have really enjoyed rewards this term and going to Flip out. I have also really enjoyed doing different art activities based on books we are reading in class. In literacy Miss M has created a massive board game which has been a lot of fun about our spelling words.

**Curtis:** I have really enjoyed being apart of Real Kids. I really enjoy doing maths with Miss M– I’ve learnt how to use the split strategy in addition. I have also enjoyed being in Top Blokes.

**Naqi:** I have really enjoyed making a Gruffalo based on the book by Julia Donaldson. I have also enjoyed working on the computer this term in mathematics and reading eggs.
This term our class has been focusing on creative storytelling and multiplication. We are building our writing skills and using descriptive language to construct our own characters, settings and stories. In numeracy, we are developing our times tables and multiplication skills and applying them to real world situations such as shopping and sports statistics. The Cobras are also partaking in ‘Healthy Living’ lessons, and discovering which foods and activities can help us live a physically, mentally and socially healthy life.

**Amir:**
This term I have enjoyed reading, spelling and playing sport at lunch and on Fridays. I have learnt the meaning of new words such as barometer, which is a tool used for reading the weather. I am looking forward to reading more Harry Potter books.

**Byron:**
My favourite thing was going rock climbing with Real Kids. I have improved my times tables and would like to keep working on my handwriting.

**Kraig:**
I liked playing putt putt for level 1. I am writing my own story about Sans the skeleton.
Recently, I have joined Class 9. In the last two weeks I have been doing Warrior’s work. In Warrior’s work, we have been working on a footpath and gardening.

By Hussein

In Art we have been doing Origami. We have been making butterflies. It was hard at first, but I kept trying, and with Miss Gilbert’s help, I made a lot of butterflies. It was really good fun.

By Moustafa

In Class 9 I have enjoyed reading on Epic!

On Reconciliation day I worked on an Aboriginal Artwork and we made some damper and Kangaroo skewers. The skewers were juicy and delicious.

My goal for the rest of the term is to work my way to Wollongong camp!

By Daniel
This term class 6 has done many interesting things. We have made some cool things in cooking and woodwork.
Our class garden is starting to produce some strawberries which are a hit for fruit break :)
We have done some dot paintings in Aboriginal Education and are learning about the problems facing the planet in Environmental Studies.

We made Damper bread for Reconciliation week and served it with Kangaroo Skewers which everyone really enjoyed. We also watched a smoking ceremony.
For rewards we went to see Avengers Endgame, which was excellent too.

Tori

This term I have had a lot of fun in woodwork. I made a mug holder.

Yuza

This term I went to Flip out and had so much fun.
I love cooking with Miss Blackmore, we make the best food. I even won the Chef award one week!

John

This is my first term at Rowland Hassall School.
It has been a good start and I’m really enjoying my time here. :) I am really enjoying Girls group on a Thursday where we are upcycling furniture. I am hoping to start work experience soon.

Eiman

This term I am making good progress in my reading and handwriting. We have done lots of cooking and I made a cake. I also helped painting the Rainbow Serpent which was cool.

Tyrone

This term I have been working on adding more detail to my sentences using adjectives. I really enjoy writing extended pieces and am beginning to create essays with two points of view.

Dakota
Captain Report

By Daniel Ketel

This Term, the SRC have held the biggest morning tea to raise money for Cancer Council. We raised over $300.00 dollars. Thank you to the SRC for working hard and donating that much money on the day!

Some Students went to visit and learnt about what school was like back then in Australia at Explore and Discover Museum near North Ryde public school. We learnt about Queen Victoria, finding clues, playing old sport games, and going into classrooms to learn what materials they used and what work they did.

On reconciliation day we officially opened our Yarning Circle. We had many principals from other schools attend to watch an Aboriginal dancer play the digeridoo as well as make native Australian animal noises and making smoke out of gum leaves.

In week 10 seven of the best students that have achieved the most level ones will be attending Wollongong camp where we will be attending a Science Museum, watch an NRL Footy match and visit Kiama blow hole.

Hope you all have good and safe weekend!