Principal’s Message

Welcome to another exciting year at Rowland Hassall School. As usual, our staff have planned many activities and experiences for your child so as to provide a quality educational experience.

Staff

We knew that Mr. Hardman was leaving to live in Queensland and he has been replaced by Miss. Kleppen. We have Ms Ewa and Mrs Scali as our Assistant Principals. Our teachers are Mrs Muller, Mrs Tan, Mr May, Miss Kleppen and Miss Kennedy. Our SLSO’s (aides) are Mrs Nipperess, Miss Kirkham, Ms Barhoum, Mrs Young and Mrs Stennett. In the office is still Mr. Geoff Braiding and Ms Wendy Dunn.

Programs

This year, the school is embarking on Project Based Learning where our school is a ‘media company’ and all the classes departments of it. The students will study all of the KLA’s that they have to cover, but in an Authentic and meaningful way. The use of different media and 21st century learning will provide an engaging culture for all our students. Our environmental work on the Hawkesbury River will continue, as will our school garden projects.

The inter school competition and specialist PE teaching will continue also.

Involvement

We have set up a special room where teachers, students, parents and carers form our school and other local schools can come and be trained and up skilled in current technologies. So keep an eye out for when the sessions will be and come along and learn how to use an iPad, Apple computer, laptop and the internet. All for free!!

School

We have started off in a positive way, but I need to say that the level of bullying is far too high. I know new students are getting used to Rowland Hassall, but bullies will not be tolerated. So I am asking for your assistance. If a teacher rings and says your child has been a bully, please help us stamp it out. Our school says “Bullying No Way”.

Leave

I am on Long Service Leave from February 16th to the 17th March. Mr Fuchs the Head Teacher from the Waratah Centre will be Acting Principal in this time. The school will continue to operate as usual.

Lastly we have a Parent/carer information session planned for Wednesday 26 February, so please come along to see what is going to happen this year at your child’s school Rowland Hassall.

In Unity

Jim Myers

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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Welcome to the new look Rowland Hassall Matters. This year we have transformed into a media company and each class will be bringing you the latest news on different topics. This is part of a new approach to learning called Project Based Learning (PBL).

Swim School

In exciting news, our Learn to Swim Program will commence next week on Monday 17th February. This is a great opportunity for students to improve their skills and escape the heat each day for two weeks. To celebrate the end of swim school we will be holding a ‘Fun Carnival’ with a sausage sizzle on Friday 28th February.

HOT OFF THE PRESS!!

As a part of our program that rewards students for making good choices and staying in class, Rowland Hassall students will be going to Wet N Wild Sydney at the end of the term!! So remember to stay in class and be on task if you want to join us!

EXTRA EXTRA EXTRA!!

Rowland Hassall School now has a boat! The boat will be used for environmental work and fun fishing trips!
Oz Wide News were shocked to discover that sharks are being killed off Western Australia coast lines in an effort to save lives from shark attacks.

To do this the government have set up shark ‘no go zones’. These are areas surrounded by special hooks called baited drum lines. Sharks that go into these areas are seen as a threat and can be caught and killed.

The problem is many sharks are endangered species so not all of them can be killed. They have to be either Great White, Bull or Tiger Sharks, and they must be bigger than three metres long.

Scan the QR code above to view the story that we studied in class.

This is what some students in Oz Wide News had to say:

I think this is bad because only Great White, Tiger or Bull sharks over 3m are meant to be killed. But baby sharks which are endangered are being killed too. I’m worried that we will kill all the sharks off.

I think this is good because sharks scare me and if they are killing people then they need to be stopped.

I think this is bad because this is the sharks home and they have family. We should enter the water at our own risk. On the other hand, it could be good because people would be safer in the water. I think there will always continue to be arguments about this topic as there are good reasons for both sides.

WHERE has the time gone? Week 3 already? The boys in Oz Wide News classes have been working extremely hard in Literacy and Numeracy classes.

I am particularly impressed and proud of how the boys are taking ownership and responsibility over their learning and making decisions about the rewards excursion as a class to Flip Out at the end of the Term. Keep it up boys!
Meet the Team

Kevin - Senior Reporter
Luke - Stage Manager/Props
Jamie - Anchorman, News Presenter
George - Weatherman.
Burcu - Hair and Makeup
Isaac - Chief Camera Operator

As our name Globetrotters suggests, we will be travelling the globe (world) in search of interesting news stories. The students have been busy using text and images to set up visual displays in the classroom and to practice written skills required by top news reporters. They have been watching the news, looking through newspapers and have identified roles which they want to adopt in our live news broadcast in this Friday’s assembly.

News Flash

George has been researching the history of the iPad and discovered that it’s only been around for four years. Steve Jobs was the inspiration behind its production.

Does anyone listen to the radio anymore?

Kevin Galea

It seems people only turn on their radios in their cars. Gone are the days where radios were the most popular way of getting the news.

BREAKING NEWS

Schapelle Corby is out on parole after serving 9 years in a Bali jail for drug smuggling. She spent her first night of freedom with her family in a private villa.

This edition of Globetrotters News is brought to you by Kevin Galea and George Sheremeta.
Welcome to the lifestyle section of Rowland Hassall Matters. Lifestylers are the senior class at RHS, every Thursday students go out to work experience to learn new skills preparing them for life outside of school. We also have three students attending tafe one day per week. We will try our best to keep you up to date with all the latest lifestyle news!

**Entertainment News**

The late Shirley Temple dies age 85 of natural causes on 10th Feb 2014.

- Born April 23rd, 1928
- First movie age 3
- Between 1934-1938 appeared in more than 20 movies
- Retired from movies age 21, went into politics

Some movies include: Little Miss Marker, Curley Top, Dimples, The little colonel, Stowaway

**Holiday Destination! New Zealand**

Why New Zealand?
- Extreme Sports
- Seafood
- Beautiful landscapes
- National parks

⇒ If you would like to know more about New Zealand for a holidays destination download the app

**Artist—Banksy**

Unknown street artist in the United Kingdom. Banksy is know for his street art all over the world, he does his art by night so no one knows it is him.

**Happy Valentine’s Day!**

Mr Entertainment—Anthony
Miss Cooking—Betul
Mr Outdoors—Daniel
Mr Cultured—Dylan
Mr Health—Hayden
Mr Relaxation—Kieran
It has been a busy start to the term with many new students joining our school!

A huge welcome to Billal and Britney, who have joined FAME!, and Mohammad who is in the Sport Stars! We hope you have a fantastic time at Rowland Hassall!!

The students of FAME! Have been very busy in class learning about the Days of the week, months in the year, and seasons! We conducted a survey and discovered that the most famous season at Rowland Hassall School is **SUMMER**!! Keep up the great work FAME!!

**Birthdays of the MONTH!**

**Andrew — 11th of February**

He shares his birthday with Taylor Lautner, who played 'Jake' in *Twilight*, and Kelly Rowland, a famous singer who was in a band with Beyoncé!

**Abdullah—25th of February**

He shares his birthday with George Harrison, the guitarist from The Beatles, and Benji Marshall who played for the West Tigers!

FAME! Wishes Andrew and Abdullah a happy birthday!
HI my name is Harley Jok.
The sports I like to play are dodge ball, football, cricket, basketball.
MY favourite sports are basketball, cricket, football, dodge ball,
MY favourite sport team is the EELS.
I have loved them all my life.
H.J

Hi my name is Reece
The sport I like to play is football
MY favourite sports Is football.
My favourite sport star is Benji Marshall. He is my favourite sports person because he is famous. R.H

Hi my name is Mohamed T.
The sports I like to play are Soccer and NRL. My favourite sports are Soccer and NRL.
They are my favourite sports because they are good to play. My favourite sport star are Billy Slater Kobe Bryant and Lebrun James. H.J

Hi my name is Neo. The sports I like to play is NBA basketball. My favourite sports are NBA & Football. They are my favourite sports because they have action. My favourite sport star is Benji Marshall. They are my favourite sports person because he is cool.

Hi my name is John Bob
The sports I like to play are NBA and Football. My favourite sports are Football, NBA and NFL. They are my favourite sport because they are good to play. My favourite sport star are Billy Slater Kobe Bryant and Lebrun James. H.J

Hi my name is Flynn
I am the news reporter I will be telling the sports and winter Olympics and nrl and the sport I like to play is baseball. My favourite sports are dodge ball and football. My favourite sports star is Lleyton Hewitt and they are my favourite sports persons because he is the best.
FW.

NEWS BENCH.
The ‘Sport Stars’ will be covering all sports at school and around the world. Some reporters have changed their name for this issue and are showing some new ICT skills as well.

2014 SPORTS REPORTERS

INTER-SCHOOL SPORTS TERM 1
DODGE BALL

Last Friday morning at Niland School we played dodge ball in an Inter School Sporting Competition

We won two games against Blacktown and learnt new rules to the game. We will be playing them
The School Captains Report

School Captains report:

I would like to start by saying hello to everyone reading “Rowland Hassall Matters”. The students at RHS are excited about the new school year and have lots of things to look forward to. Especially the end of term reward Wet ‘N’ Wild!

We are also excited about the new boat that has been donated to the school so we can continue helping clean up the river and go on fishing adventures.

Anthony Winderbanks
School Captain