



# Rocky River Public School Newsletter

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## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- ♦ 21st February PSSA Swimming Carnival
- ♦ 25th February Hip Hop dance program begins @ school.
- ♦ 28th February Environmeters visit.
- ♦ 6th March P&C Meeting @ 3.30pm

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

**Congratulations to our Year 6 students who raised \$115 through the Milkshake Day. This was a fantastic effort and the milkshakes were delicious. Congratulations to Harry Rowbottom who will be competing in the PSSA Swimming carnival tomorrow. We all wish him well.**

**This Monday our students will be participating in a HipHop dance program which will run for 5 weeks. The cost for the full program per child is \$10. This is very generously subsidised by the P&C.**

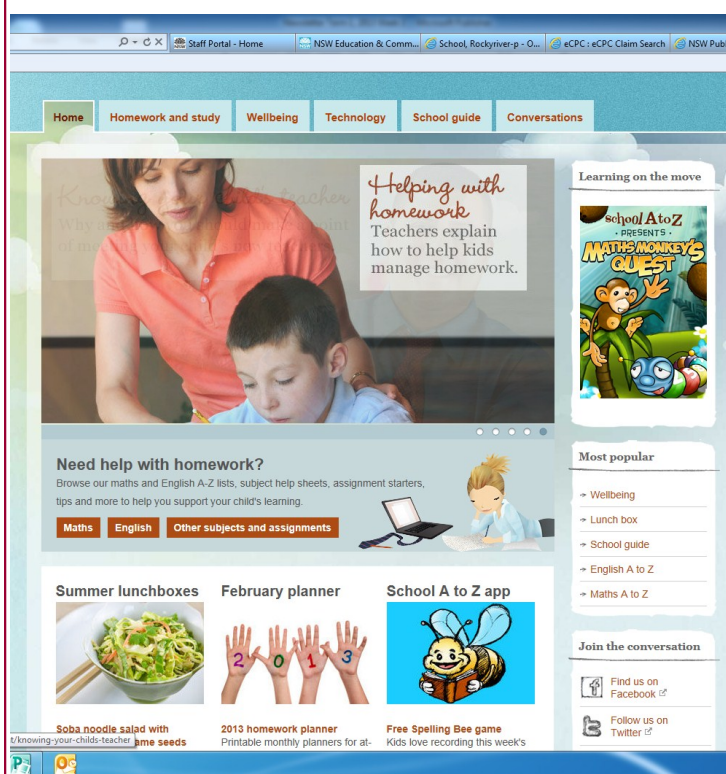
**With the cooler weather students are wearing jumpers to school in the mornings, please ensure names are on all jumpers and jackets.**



**Our students are enjoying our new canteen menu and we will continue to add to it in the coming weeks.**

## P&C

**The next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday 6th March at 3.30pm. All welcome**



## SCHOOLS A-Z

Don't forget to have a look at the schools a-z website it has an enormous amount of information for parents and students. There are tips for homework help, healthy recipes, planners, games, assignment help and much more.

It is well worth a look!

## Look what's happening in Lower Division

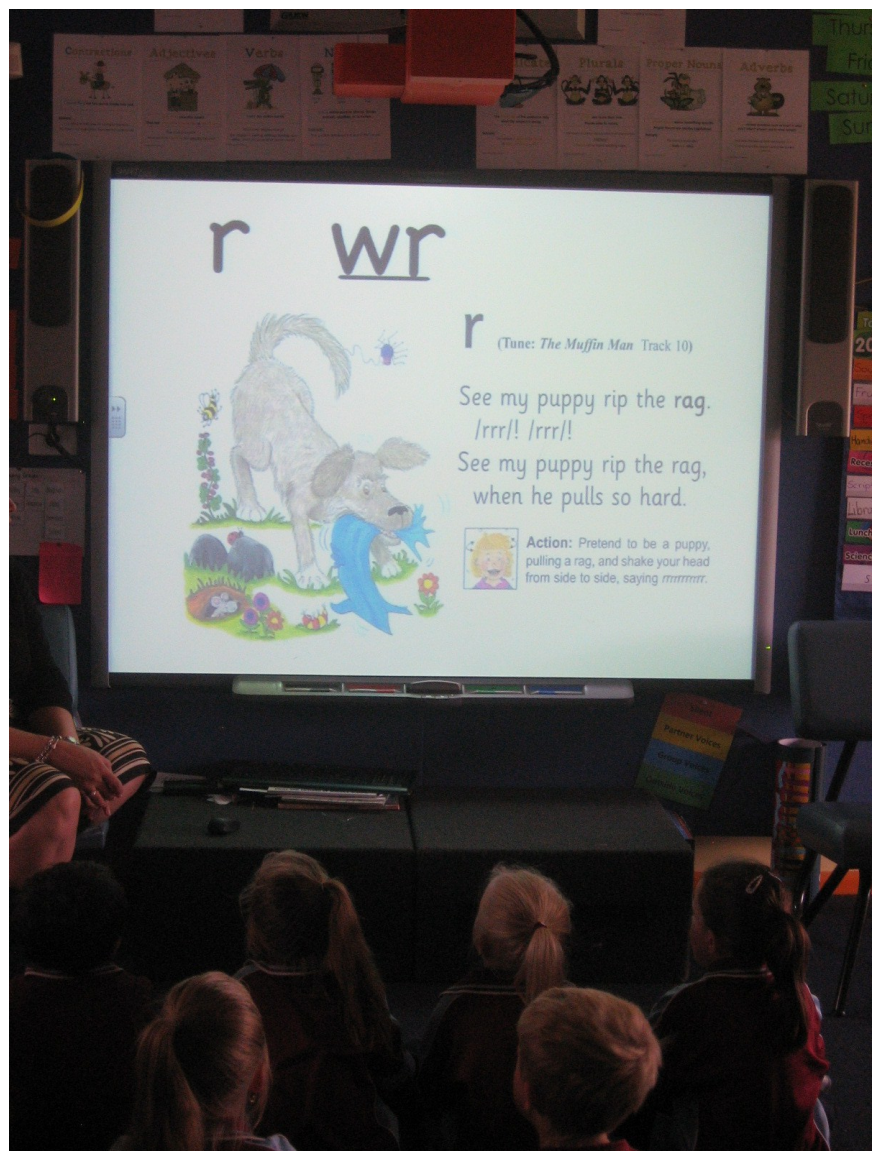


This year in lower division we are learning phonics using the Jolly Phonics Program. The children will be learning a song and action for each of the 42 sounds.

The students have really



been enjoying the program and have already mastered 13 of the songs and actions. They have been applying this knowledge to sound out and read beginning sight words which is a great achievement for our kindergarten students! Well done and keep up the enthusiasm!





## Look what's happening in Upper Division



Here is the display of the artworks Upper Division were working on last week in relation to their study of

**'Garden of the Purple Dragon'.**



A Delightful watercolour painting by Toby Endacott

*We would like to introduce to you our new support teacher and scripture teacher, Mrs Margaret Beal. Margaret will be with us this year supporting students learning. Welcome aboard Margaret!!*



*"I am very pleased to be teaching at Rocky River P.S. It is such a delightful school with so many happy and hard-working students. Everyone has made me feel very welcome."*

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION



Please remember to sign in the attendance record book if you are bringing students in late or collecting them early from school this is a DEC requirement.

We will be once again running the **Scholastic Book Club** at our school this year. It has proven to be very successful in the past and we have been able to acquire many wonderful new resources for our library through your support. You would have received the first issue for this year last week but for those who have lost them or would like to pass some on to friends/family we do have some spares at the school. These are kept in the front foyer area in the display rack. The orders and payment for the first issue will be due back at the school by 18th February.



**GUESS WHAT!!!...** We will be running a **Scholastic Book Fair** commencing on Monday 25th March and finishing on 28th March so keep these dates in your diary because we will have lots of **AMAZING** things on offer. Friends and family will be welcome to come along too!



### Helping your Kindy kid succeed at school

A great way to kick off your child's formal education is to understand the school culture and what your child is doing in the classroom.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/helping-kindy-kids-succeed-at-school>

### AUTUMN SOCCER DEVELOPMENT SERIES

**WHEN:-** Five consecutive Tuesdays starting 12th March .

Sessions will run from 5.30pm to 7.00pm, weather permitting.

If one session is washed out we plan to add another session.

The first two sessions will have a registration period from 5.00pm to 5.30pm.

**WHERE:-** Rologas fields

**WHO:-** Girls & boys aged 8 to 15

**BRING:-** Shin Pads, boots, water bottle, hat/sun screen.

**COST-\$15--**

**PHONE CONTACT:-** 6772-7100

*"Take risks: if you win, you will be happy: if you lose, you will be wise."*

Anon



### HOCKEY NEW ENGLAND Hockey Camps & Coaches Education

#### Coaches Accreditation Courses:

- **Advanced & Beginners** Saturday 23rd Feb 7pm to 9pm and 8am to 10.0am Sunday 24th Feb

#### Junior Players Hockey Camp: 8 – 12yrs

- Saturday 23rd Feb, 10.00am to 1.00pm & Sunday 24th Feb, 10.30am to 1.00pm

#### Senior Players Hockey Camp: 13yrs & Above

- Saturday 23rd Feb, 2.00pm to 5.00pm & Sunday 24th Feb, 1.30pm to 4.00pm

#### Accreditation Course for Coaches:-

- Conducted by Ivan Boulton, OzSports Director, FIH Coach & Coached HNSW Waratahs
- Courses held at the HNE Hockey Centre.
- Includes practical sessions on turf. Bring stick and shoes.
- Everyone gets the opportunity to complete their HA Accreditation

#### Hockey Camps:-

- For all Senior and Experienced Junior players, at the HNE Hockey Centre
- NOTE: Inexperienced & Beginner 13yr's can attend the Junior Camp

#### About the Camps:-

- All levels of skills and ability will be catered for at each Camp
  - Attacking skills including elimination, aerial and technical skills
  - Tactical skills to enter the scoring zones
  - Hitting styles, techniques, footwork, ball control
  - Individual attention & feedback to develop correct skills technique
  - Defending penalty strokes, penalty corners
  - Key focus on the technical & tactical aspects of keeping, dropping, sliding, logging

#### Cost and to Register:

- Fee per player \$70 and for Coaches \$40
- For enquires and more information contact: Paul Eichorn 0421352027 or 67774089 AH
  - Or Ivan Boulton 0405 614 278
- To register email Ivan Boulton: [ivan@ozsports.com.au](mailto:ivan@ozsports.com.au) include:
  - Name, DOB, Camp, Contact Name & number.

**REGISTRATIONS CLOSE: THURSDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY**

### Friendships to boost your child's learning

If children are happy socially they tend to be more engaged in their learning. So teaching your child about the importance of making friends is as vital as learning their ABCs.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/how-friendships-boost-your-childs-learning>

### Speech problems

All kids learn how to talk and listen at different rates but did you know there's a general pattern to your child's language development?

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/speech-problems>

*Warm regards Rocky River Students & Staff*