



Rocky River Public School

Newsletter

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TERM 2, WEEK 7 - 12th JUNE 2013

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- Healthy habits for hearing visit for LD 13th June.
- Small Schools Athletics Friday 21st June.

P&C

The next P&C meeting will be held on
Wednesday 17th July at
3.30pm, all Welcome.

The P&C will be catering for a local clearing sale on Saturday 29th of July.

Volunteers are needed to assist on the day from 9am.

Please contact Rose Miller on 0438 828 247 if you are available to help.



PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

It's great to see a majority of students remembering to bring in a piece of fruit for crunch and sip each day but unfortunately some students aren't bringing their water bottles or are filling them with other drinks. Just a reminder that these water bottles are to be filled with water only.

Students should not be arriving at school before 8.30am as this is the time that a staff member is on duty for supervision.

Unfortunately gymnastics was cancelled this week. The students were very disappointed but we will have a makeup session on Tuesday 16th July – Week 1 Term 3.

Mrs Thornton will be returning to school next week. Thanks you to Mrs Jennie Waters for taking Upper Division whilst she has been away.

Dear Mums & Dads,

It was lovely to come back from my holiday to such a warm welcome from the children and to know that Mrs Jewell did such a great job filling in for me.

I would like to make a special mention of the money the P&C gave to buy some terrific new resources for our library. Now it looks and functions in a much better way. Mrs Stace does a great job in looking after our books and Mrs Thornton is always keen to buy new and exciting books for us to share. A big thank you to Mrs Dogan for assisting with the organisation of our Library.

Lower Division borrow on Wednesdays when I teach library lessons.

Upper Division borrow on Thursdays when we listen to good literature and use our information skills for research.

It would be great if everyone had a library bag to keep all the books looking like new. Please provide a bag even if it is just a plastic bag with your child's name on it. It is always worthwhile to share library books at home.

Remember - "children who read, were read to".

Cheers
Mr Sanders

Upper Division students are enjoying listening to Mr Sanders read Ship Kings to them as they work.



Look what's happening in Lower Division

Students learned about the importance of correct nose blowing to avoid conductive hearing loss and ear infections as well as the importance of washing your hands to prevent the spread of germs.



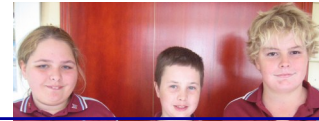
Lower Division
Students had a
wonderful time making
bugs with
Mrs Waters last week.



Look what's happening in Upper Division

Over the next few weeks we will be publishing some of our Upper Division students' war poems. They are very moving and show compassion, empathy and understanding.

FROM OUR STUDENT LEADERS



Upper division has been learning maths. We have learnt about split strategy, doubling and times and adding 0. We have all had fun learning and we have learnt a lot.

By Harry Rowbottom yr6

THE FIRST DAY OF WAR

It's still, It's quiet, ^W what is going to happen ^{know?}

We have got these guns in our ^{hands.} hens.

What are we going to do with these guns?

What are we walking in ^{to?}

I am scared I am too.

Do we have to fit? ^{fight.}

What is that ^{smell,} smile ^{powder?} is it gun pouter is it dust? ^{I don't know.}

By ^{Sophie.} Byers.

Wow! Well done, Sophie!

Greox works!

FLAGS

WITH MR SANDERS WE WATCHED A VIDEO ON THE QUEENS BIRTHDAY, THEN WE DESIGNED OUR VERY OWN FLAGS, HERE ARE SOME OF THEM:

KATAHNA GRIFFITHS YEAR 6



Jackson



Nick

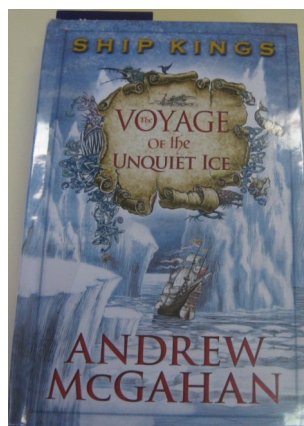


Toby

This term Mr Sanders has been reading us *Ship Kings: The Voyage of the Unquiet Ice*.

The students have been enjoying listening and are excited to find out what happens next.

Joseph Feitz Year 6



FOR YOUR INFORMATION



We currently have a donation box at school for Jeans for Genes. This is a very worthwhile organisation assisting with research for many medical conditions as outlined below.



What Your Support Achieves

\$1 – Fight cancer

A gold coin will buy enough of the crucial enzyme needed to test the blood of one patient for aggressive types of cancers.

\$5 – Treat epilepsy

Buy a badge and CMRI scientists can buy a plastic 96-in-one 'test tube' to screen 96 potential epilepsy drugs at once.

\$10 – Crack the causes of blindness

Our eye genetics group has already discovered 12 genes that cause blindness in children. Ten dollars gives our scientists 200 mini test tubes to help discover more.

\$500 – Help cure liver disease

Gather a team of volunteers and help sell merchandise on the streets across Australia and you could raise enough money to prepare a sample of cells needed to develop a treatment for liver disease. Currently the only hope for infants born with this disease is a liver transplant, but CMRI scientists have made a major breakthrough and are on their way to clinical trials in seriously ill patients.

\$1,000 – Make a new discovery

Hold your own Jeans for Genes event and you'll help our scientists test a new drug that could treat cancer, epilepsy or other neurological conditions. A drug we developed to treat epilepsy may also cure kidney disease – an unexpected discovery that has the potential to save millions of people from the need for transplants and dialysis.

Children's Medical Research Institute

The work of the scientists at Children's Medical Research Institute (CMRI) has a single aim - to improve and extend the lives of children everywhere.

One in twenty children is born with a congenital abnormality or genetic disease. That's over 12,000 children born in Australia each year. CMRI is dedicated to changing this.

CMRI has been a pioneer in the field of paediatric medical research since its inception in 1958.

Its many achievements include increasing survival rates of premature babies, establishing Australia's first research unit for newborns, developing life saving microsurgery techniques, and introducing vaccines that protect against a number of potentially fatal or disabling childhood diseases.

When you support Jeans for Genes you are helping unravel cures for future generations of children.

CMRI's vital work does not receive guaranteed government funding and relies on community support.

For more information visit cmri.org.au

Figures of speech

How do you explain the difference between metaphors, similes and other literary devices? Is "pigs might fly" an example of an oxymoron, sarcasm, hyperbole....or something else? Here's a cheat sheet for when your kids need help with English homework. <https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/eppcontent/glossary/app/resource/factsheet/4090.pdf>

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What makes a good book?

Books with vivid imagery, exciting stories and strong characters will not only entertain your child but set them up to enjoy reading for the rest of their life.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/zh/homework-and-study/english/my-book-club/what-makes-a-good-book-for-young-kids>

Making friends

If children are happy socially they tend to be more engaged in their learning. 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>

"Happiness is not a state to arrive at, but a manner of traveling."

Margaret Lee Runbeck

*Warm regards Rocky River Students
& Staff*