



Rocky River Public School Newsletter

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TERM 3, WEEK 5 - 14th AUGUST 2013

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- Friday 16th August
District Athletics.
- Monday 19th to Friday
23rd August - Book
Week.
- Thursday 5th Septem-
ber-School photos.
- Friday 6th September
Rugby Day
- Saturday 14th Septem-
ber Bingo Night

CANTEEN



Jas is asking for feedback regarding the introduction of 200g Norco Yogurt & Fruit cups to the canteen menu. They would have to be sold at a cost of \$2.50.



Please let her or the school know what you think.

P&C

**The next P&C meeting
will be held this evening
Wednesday 4th
September at 3.30 pm.
All Welcome**

PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

At the P&C Meeting last Wednesday, it was moved to donate \$ 1 000 to the school library for the purchase of books and a further \$2 000 for the purchase of 4 more computers.

Next week we will be celebrating Book Week. This year the students have been working together discovering the new short listed books and preparing a short review and a poster about these new books in our library.

Students have paired up usually an upper division student with one from lower division. They would like to invite all the mums and dads, grandparents and friends to come along and listen to their short talks at an assembly on Thursday 22nd August at 2pm.

You may wish to join us for a piece of cake afterwards to celebrate Children's Book Week.

Attached is an expression of interest for an excursion for upper division to Coffs Harbour Coast Beach School. Please return your response by this Friday 16th August as the excursion depends on the number of students who will be attending. No response will be taken as a no.

A reminder to those students attending the PSSA Athletics this Friday that they need to be there by 8:30.

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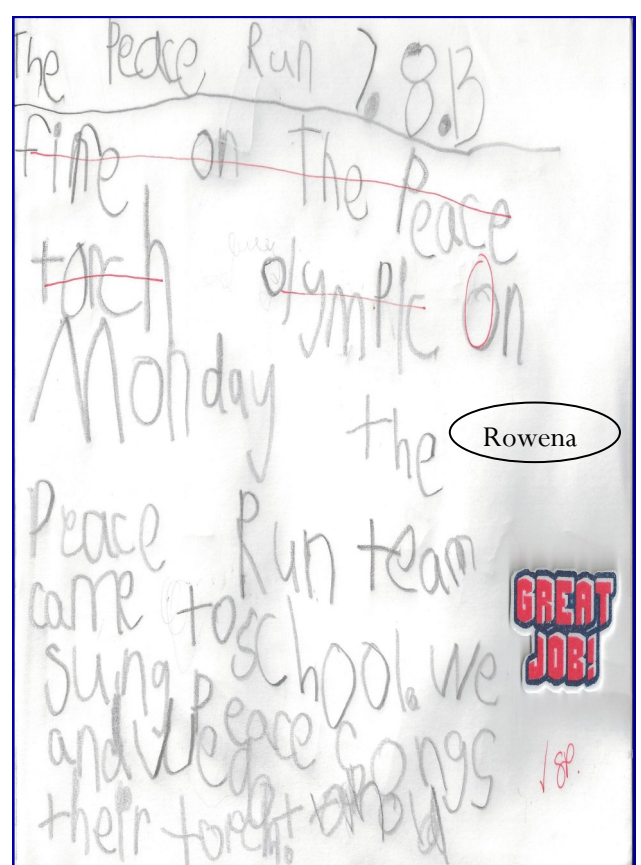
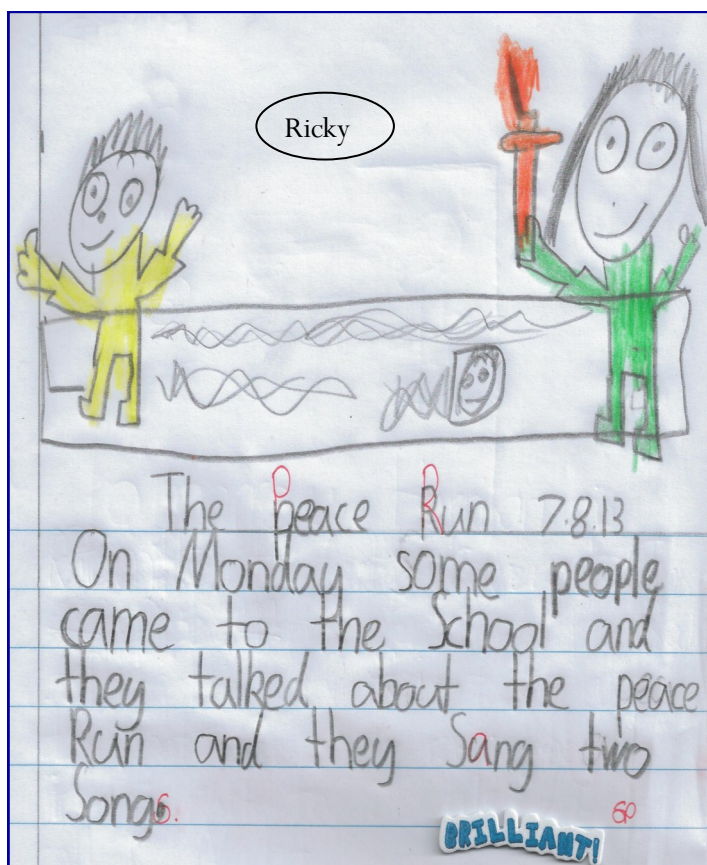
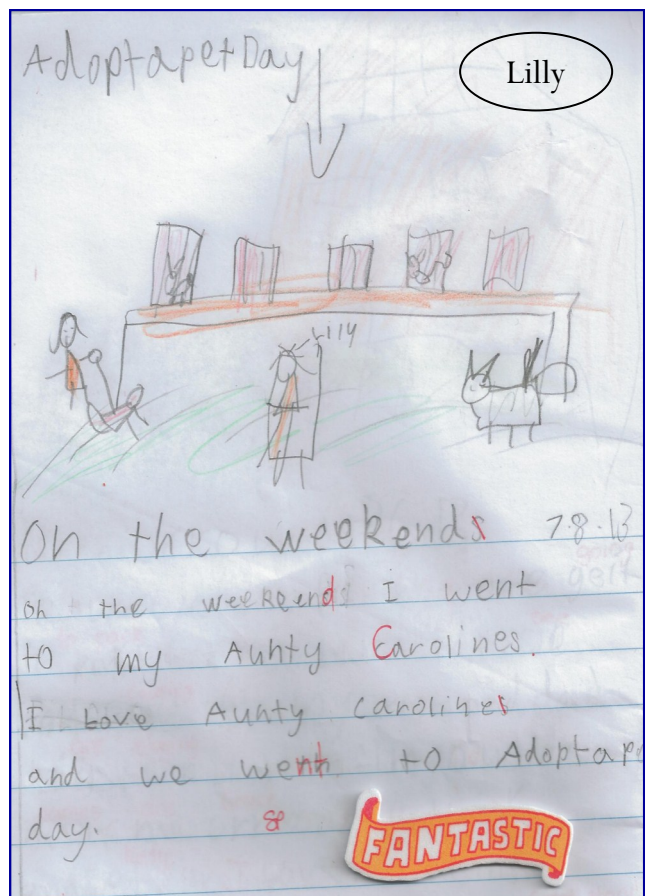
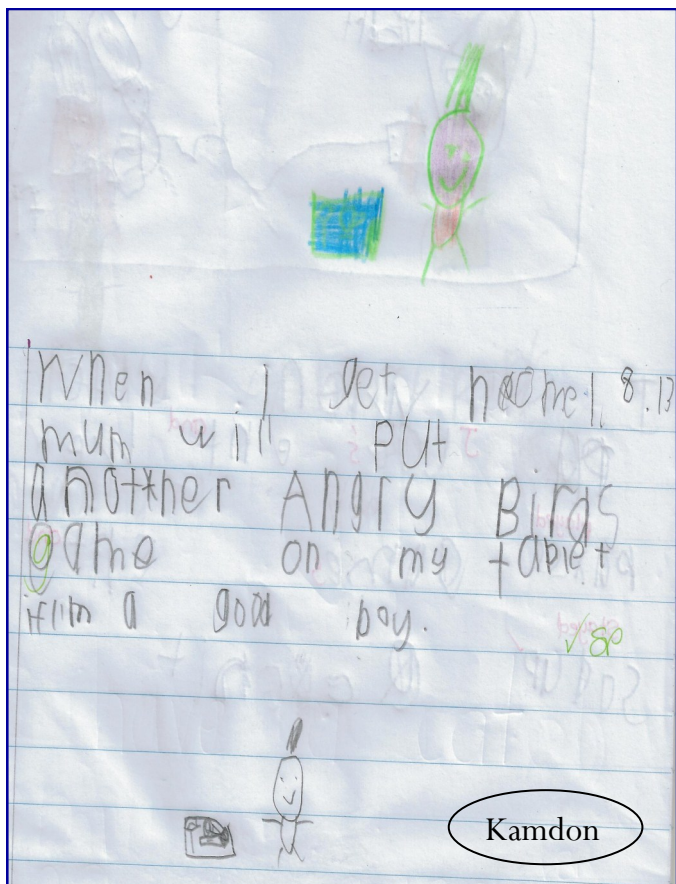
Lower division have created an artwork for the Uralla Shire Council Waste Art competition.

The artwork will be judged on Monday 19 August and will then be in an exhibit at Uralla Library from Tuesday 20 August until Monday 2 September and Bundarra from the 3-16 September.

If we are successful in the local competition, our artwork will be sent to compete in the regional competition held in Gunnedah from the 21 September until the 6 October. Good luck lower division!

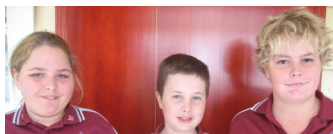
Thank you to Jaz who has helped design and create this artwork. We really appreciate your time and effort.

Look what's been happening in Lower Division



Look what's happening in Upper Division

FROM OUR STUDENT LEADERS



PSSA Athletics

This Friday Nick, Chris, Dean, Louisa and I are going to PSSA Athletics. Nick is going for shot put and the rest of us will be doing the 100m and 200m running races. Let's hope we all do well.

Good Luck !

By Harry Rowbottom Yr 6

OUR SCHOOL GARDEN

Some of the students of Rocky River are getting their hands dirty in the garden preparing it for this year's crop of vegies to sell. Part of the money we have raised so far is going to donations for Queensland farmers so they can sustain their animals and crops.

By Joseph Feitz Year 6

NOVEL WRITING

Upper Division have been writing novels. We have been discussing how to write novels. It has been a lot of fun. Some students are nearly finished and some are nowhere near!



Katahna Griffiths
year 6

Colour the Earth Camp

On Friday the 8th of August Katahna, Sophie and Rose went to the colour the earth camp to learn new things about art.

The first thing we had to do when we arrived was to unpack our luggage and write our names on name tags so that everyone knew each others names, then we all sat in a circle and we all had to tell each other a bit about ourselves. We had to say where we lived, what our favorite thing to do was and what or favorite type of art was. When that was over we all went outside to play a game. The aim of the game was to get the whole team to the lat net without stepping on the 'toxic ground' (the grass) by just using mats. We couldn't leave the mats with no one on them or they would be taken away. After that we ate our recess and then we got put into two different groups. They were both named after the surnames of famous artists. Kandinsky and Klint. After that we went to our first art session. We had to collect things and draw them onto a piece of paper. After that we got to pick our favorite thing to draw out of the items chosen and enlarge onto a big piece of paper that we would later print onto another piece of paper with white paint. Then we had our lunch and moved onto the next activity. The next activity was abstract art. We got to choose from the pieces of material put out and lay them on in different ways to make our own abstract art and then we painted it all white and the next day we would finish it by adding colours to the spots we wanted to add. The final activity for the day was drawing a sunset. We got to use special chalks for the sunset that were easy to smudge. The next day we finished off our activities and then packed our bags and waited for our parents to pick us up. We had a lovely time and even met some new friends.

By Rose Burke



Kandinsky

Klimt



How much screen time?

'Screen time' used to mean how many hours you spent watching TV and playing on the computer. However, with the growing number of digital devices on offer today, the question of what screen time means now is far more complex.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/using-technology/screen-time>

When lunch comes home ... again

Almost nine out of 10 Australian parents say children's resistance is a major obstacle in their efforts to provide a healthy diet, and in many cases school lunches are one of the battlegrounds. But it's a battle families can do without and there are some simple steps to help avoid it.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/food/when-lunch-comes-homeagain>

Eight ways to build your child's writing skills

Here are a few practical tips to help your child to work out the best way to express themselves through their writing.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/eight-ways-to-support-your-childs-writing-skills>

Benefits of team sports

If you want your child to grow up to be a confident and well-adjusted adult, then team sports may well be the answer. Playing a team sport provides kids with important lessons in personal values.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/fitness/benefits-of-team-sports>

PLEASE REMEMBER

Arriving at School and class on time:

- Ensures that students don't miss out on the important learning activities scheduled early in the day when the students are most alert.
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine.
- Gives students time to greet their friends before class and therefore,
- Reduces the opportunity for classroom disruption.



JUST A
REMINDER TO
RETURN THE :
*Permission to
Publish Notes
&
Medical Forms*

P&C

The P&C will be holding a Bingo night at the Uralla Bowling Club on 14th September commencing at 6:00 pm. If you are able to donate prizes for the night please leave your donation at the school. The P&C are also asking for donations of spoons, serviettes, coffee cups with lids, milk and sugar to help with fundraising when catering at farm sales etc. If you are able to help out in this way please leave your donations at school.



*"Of all sad words of tongue or pen,
the saddest are these,
'It might have been'".*

John Greenleaf Whittier

*Warm regards Rocky River Students &
Staff.*