



Rocky River Public School Newsletter

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TERM 3, WEEK 10 - 18th SEPTEMBER 2013

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- Thursday 19th September 2pm Kinder Orientation Information for Parents.



CANTEEN

Could parents please ensure the correct money is put into their children's lunch order bags as some have not been paying enough.

We will be adding Pizza Scrolls and Carrot Cake Muffins to our menu starting next week.

Pies \$2, Lasagne \$2.50,
Sausage Rolls \$2,
Nuggets x4 for \$2, Chicken
Burgers \$3, Pizza scrolls
\$1.50, Carrot muffins
\$1.50, Ice Cream \$1,
Choc/Strawb milk \$1.50.

P&C

The next P&C meeting
will be held Wednesday
9th October at 3.30pm

PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

This is the last week of term. Staff and students return on Tuesday 8th October (77 days until Christmas!!)

I will be having a final year university student on my class for 4 weeks of next term. Her name is Miss Miller.

The excursion needs to be paid in full by Friday 11th October. Further information will be sent home during week 1.

NAPLAN results will be out next term.

We have received half of the books that were donated by the P&C for the library and they will be on display during the P&C meeting on Wednesday 9th October. The meeting will commence at 3:30 pm.

I wish you all a happy and safe holiday.

Starts 29 October

TWILIGHT SOCCER

PRIZES FOR 1ST/2ND PLACE
10's, 12's, 14's, 16's, Women's, Mixed & Open's
Teams: Juniors: \$250 Seniors: \$350
8 teams per division

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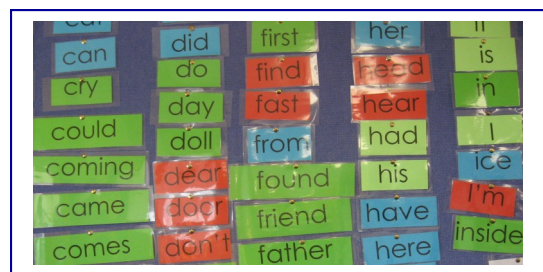
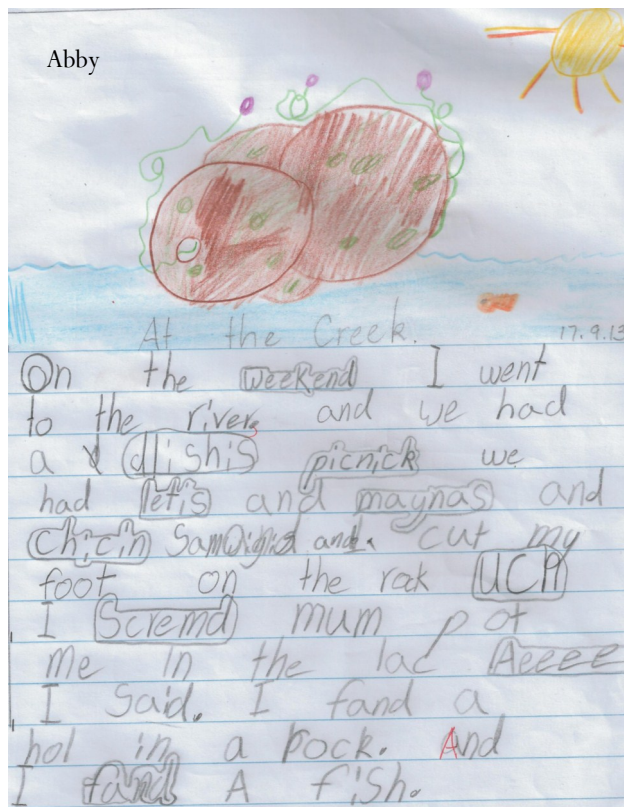
School Banking Day Reminder

Don't forget that **Tuesday** is School Banking day and students should bring in their weekly deposit.

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program.



Look what's been happening in Lower Division



Mrs Beal started teaching in Lower Division this week and is enjoying it very much. The children have been very helpful and they are working very well.

They are learning to edit their own writing and taking 'word walks' on the back wall of the class room.

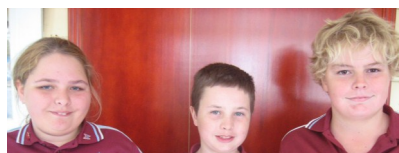
Look what's happening in Upper Division

IPad work

Next term upper division are going to make small stories on the iPad for the lower division and it's also a way for upper division to learn how to use iPads and improve our spelling abilities.

By Joseph Feitz year 6

FROM OUR STUDENT LEADERS



The Japanese Reading Cards

With Mrs Thornton Upper Division have been reading some reading cards. We have been looking at the pictures and discussing the facial expressions.

Katahna Griffiths year 6

END OF TERM THREE

It is getting close to the end of term and all children are getting excited. But there is always more hard work to do. We hope you have happy and safe holidays.

By Harry Rowbottom Yr.6

Upper Division students are learning to use an App called Book Creator on the iPad.

It is amazing what can be done using this App

The students are very enthusiastic about using the iPad to create stories.

The end result looks very professional and the program is very easy to use.

This book was written by Harry Rowbottom.



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We could hear the sirens. We got put on to a boat to Australia... It was world war 2. 1939. Our country was invaded by the Japanese.

I'm just a little kid but I have seen some horrible things. Things that I never want to see again, that I never want to feel again. Our house was blown up by a Japanese r21 bomber. We had to evacuate to Australia. I'm just a 9 year old English boy in a world that I had never seen before. A place I never want to see again.

We were a long way from Australia when I heard the bad news. My Mum and Dad had been killed in the war. Shot and ambushed by the Japanese troops. I was alone

We were 300km off Port Headland when we hit something hard. We were starting to sink. I was the only one to get into a life boat. I didn't know what I was doing. All alone in the big ocean. I don't know what happened after that. All I remember was waking up on an island with no food or water, not anything. I was alone. I had to find somewhere to rest myself. What could I hear? Running water. I rushed to my feet and towards the noise. It was getting louder and louder and louder. I could see it. It was the most beautiful water fall I have ever seen. I soaked it up like a little child. I needed to find food so I rushed along the beach. I found a coconut tree and some mangoes. I was so hungry!

Shelter

Now it was time to find a spot to sleep. I got a couple of sticks and wedged it into four forks of a tree so it made a square. I got sticks and made a roof. It was a perfect roof. I got some mango leaves and laid them on the floor really thick.

I was feeling hungry and thirsty. Lucky I built my house near water and mangoes. I had lunch, got onto building the sides with vines and sticks and then I laid mud on them. It was like a real house.

It was getting close to night time but I still had some time left. I dragged the boat up on to the beach and then gathered coca nut and mangoes. It was dark. I looked down at the water. It was bubbling and turning in to gas and killing all the fish. The island was like a trap for anyone. What was going on? Water that is bubbling and fish dying! I thought I was losing my mind! I thought I was going mad. I was really tied so I went to bed. I knew I had a big day ahead of me so I better get some rest.

What a wonderful noise

I woke up to the sound of birds chirping. I got out of my house and looked at the water it was fresh and clean. What was going on? I got heaps of rocks and wrote help on the beach. I kept two of the rocks and got some sticks and dry grass. I tried to make a fire. It burst into flames.

I heard rustling in the grass, it was a kangaroo. I threw a rock at it. I got it. Yes! Dinner! I grabbed it and made sure it was really dead and then I cut a bit off and cooked it on the fire. It was the best food I'd had in weeks I decided to go and explore further. I went into the jungle. The further I went in the more things I saw. There was a large pond with big fish in it. I had a plan I would stun the fish. I tried to but I couldn't. I went back to the house to go and eat. I cooked some kangaroo on the fire and cut up some mango. I was so thirsty so I got a coconut and cracked it and drank it. It was time to keep a look out for any planes or boats that could come and rescue me. I started eight Bon fires on the beach I made myself a chair and waited for something to happen. Another day passed. I hated being alone. All of the silence, all of the stillness, all the despair. I started to cry. Why did there have to be war? why did there have to be violence? It was starting to get dark so I went into my house. I could hear the bubbling of the water, the cry of the water fall the hiss of the waves.

What way will this end

I know that it won't end this way. I know that some one will find me but for now I need to get some sleep. I woke up to the sound of birds chanting their lovely dawn chorus. I decided to go and enjoy the scenery of this weird but wonderful island when I herd the whistle of a boat so I ran to the beach and light the spare Bon fires. The boat started to turn this way. Could this really be the day of my rescue? After four weeks of hell, misery and paradise, is this boat really turning this way? It started getting closer and closer people came in life boats I ran to them they let me in.

They were heading to Australia. When we made it there it was a whole new life. But now I'm in an orphanage with all the other children from the war should I tell them about the island? or should I let the adventure begin for someone else?

Break the ice

Next time your child complains that Shakespeare is irrelevant, show them these eight well-known phrases that modern language owes to him.

Find out more: <http://www.grammar.net/shakespeare>





NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE OPEN DAY 2013

**Come and meet your local
volunteers and have some fun**

Date: 28th September Time: 3pm-5pm

Location: Diggings RFS Brigade Station
6 Bilga Road
Invergowrie



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296 Rocky River Rd
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**HAVE A WONDERFUL, SAFE HOLIDAY
EVERYONE!!**



*Warm regards Rocky River Students &
Staff.*