



Rocky River Public School Newsletter

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TERM 3, WEEK 8 - 4th SEPTEMBER 2013

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- Thursday 5th September-School photos.
- Friday 6th September Rugby Day
- Saturday 14th September Bingo Night
- 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 today,
Wednesday 4th Sept.
at 3.30 pm. All Welcome**

PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Glen Vickery has kindly volunteered to accompany us on the Coffs Harbour excursion. Thanks Glen.

Tomorrow is school photo day. All students need to have a **short** sleeve school shirt and **black** leather lace up shoes, girls long navy pants and white socks; boys need grey shorts with grey socks.

This Friday is the rugby day, please refer to previous notes.

This Saturday the school will again be a polling booth for the federal elections.

We will be holding our Kindergarten Orientation Information session for all new kindergarten children and their parents at 2:00pm on Thursday 19th September.

Our lost property is growing due to the lack of names on clothing. Please have a look when you are next at school and ensure all your child's clothing has a name on it.

Next week will be Ms Pye's last day. We wish her well. At this stage she is returning to duty at the start of term 3 2014. Mrs Margaret Beal will be teaching Lower Division.



Jo Dolan

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This Friday night 6th September there will be a Shade Ball held at the Armidale Ex Services Club. This is to raise funds for Melanoma research and awareness through the Donate 4 Kate Charity organisation.

Tickets are \$50 and can be purchased by phoning the Club on 6776 0800 and include a two course meal and a donation.

The Ball commences at 6.30pm and dress is Black Tie.

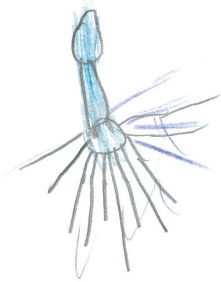
Today is the last day to purchase tickets and as our numbers are low we are desperate for more to be sold.

Olympic Swimmer and Winner of Celebrity Apprentice
Stephanie Rice
will be attending.



Look what's been happening in Lower Division

The giant squid has big eyes and has heads of tentacles and arms. It eats fish and other squid. 4.9.13

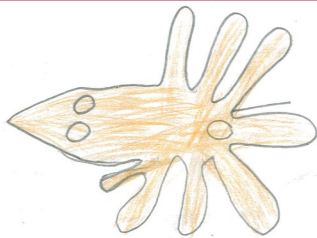


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Well done!
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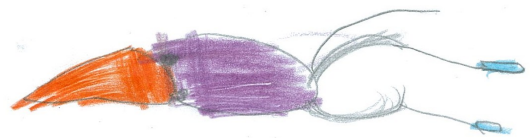
Lower division have been learning about giant squids. We found it very interesting that their eyes can be as big as soccer balls and they grow to 13 metres long!



The Giant Squid 4.9.13
A Giant Squid has a big eye. It's as big as a soccer ball. It has 8 little tentacles and there's 2 more tentacles on it. arms
✓SP

Jesse

MARVELLOUS!



The Giant Squid 4.9.13
The Giant squid has big eyes that can be as big as a soccer ball. The eyes are big so it can see deep down in the ocean. ✓SP

Nickey

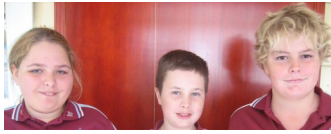
★FABULOUS★

Upper Division students enjoying some measuring activities with Mr Sanders last week.



Look what's happening in Upper Division

FROM OUR STUDENT LEADERS



RUGBY SKILLS DAY



On Friday 6th of September the school will be participating in the Small Schools Rugby Day it will be going all day. Let's hope the day goes well and we have heaps of fun.
Harry Rowbottom Yr 6

Our School excursion

To go on the excursion students must:

- * Complete their homework and bring it in.
- * Have best behaviour
- * If they do not do these things then they will not be able to go.

Katahna Griffiths Yr 6



NARRATIVE WRITING

Mrs Thornton was been getting upper division to write narratives to increase their skills with using computers.

Joseph Feitz Yr 6



Colour the World Art Camp

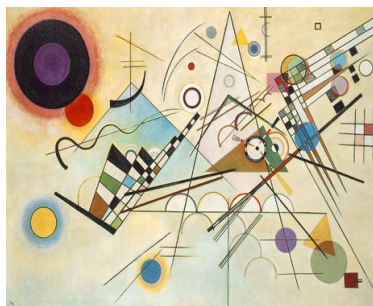
On Thursday 8th August 2013, Katahna Griffiths, Sophie Byers and Rose Burke went to Art Camp.

We travelled past Ben Venue Pubic School and out of town. We finally saw the sign to turn, we were scared and excited. Kerrie (My Mum) parked the car and we gathered up our bags and carried them over. We met our camp advisor: Matt and we saw that Mrs Drysdale was there and would look over us in our lodge. Matt showed us where our rooms were, we were going to be in Eagle lodge, but there weren't enough beds, so we went into the other: Kestrel. We went back to the courtyard and Matt told us we had to play a game. The game was fun. When we finished, we had recess. After we finished eating, we went to the nature garden and played "Toxic Crocodile". Then the bell rang and we went to listen to Matt, we got sorted into two groups: Kandinsky and Klimt, we were in the Kandinsky group. We followed our teacher and sat at our seats. We were to go outside and collect nature and come back in and draw it. We went outside and collected the things. I came back in and arranged them on to my piece of paper, next went I was happy with it, I started to draw, getting every detail. When we were finished, we were to get some black and white candle-stuff, and to rub on rough and smooth to surfaces. After about an hour and a half we went and had lunch. After lunch we went into the other room to do our collages. We were given a piece of wood; we were to stick things onto it. After we finished gluing stuff on, we were to paint the whole thing white. We finished and went to afternoon tea, it was yum! After we finished we went and did sunsets. We did a practice sunset, which turned out awesomely, at 5:30pm we went out to draw a sunset based on the real thing. It was SO cold, I felt like my fingers were going to fall off! At about 5:45 we packed up to set off, when we were about to leave the sun actually set! But it was too late! We went inside and finished. We finished and went and had dinner. We sat with three other students, their names were: Darbie (year5, and a Boy), Savannah (year5, and a girl) and Talika (year6 and a girl). After we ate dinner we played a game. (I can't remember what it was called but it was fun!) We walked quickly to our room and waited for our turn in the shower. Rose and I were last in the shower. After the shower, we had hot chocolate and a marshmallow, it was delicious! We walked to our lodge and settled down for bed. I had a good sleep. The next day we did some ink work and then we finished our collages.

The colour the earth camp was fun! We had a lot of fun!

By Katahna Griffiths Year 6 2013

Kandinsky



Klimt





National Child Protection Week 1-7 September

Protecting children is everyone's business. Play your part by reporting the abuse, neglect or exploitation of a child to Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

Find out more: <http://napcan.org.au/>

Helping your child choose right from wrong

How do you raise ethically aware children? In this audio discussion, Dr Simon Longstaff from the St James Ethics Centre explains some ideas to James O'Loghlin.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/helping-your-child-choose-right-from-wrong>

Preparing for Year 7

The transition from primary school to high school maths can be difficult for both you and your child. However, by working in partnership with your child and using some careful forward planning, the transition can be smooth and successful.

Find out more: <http://educationequals.com/what-you-need-to-know-about-learning-maths-in-high-school/>

Numbers fun

Learning to count forwards and backwards from a given number helps children with solving addition and subtraction problems. Use these great worksheets to help your child learn about number ordering.

Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/detresources/numbers_beetles_butterflies_tLzmIjWfc.pdf

FRIEND OR FRENEMY?

What to do when you think your teen's best friend is a bad influence? How do you discourage these friendships without inadvertently driving away your child in the process?

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/behaviour/when-your-teens-new-best-friend-is-a-bad-influence>

Mrs Stace won this amazing cake at the RSPCA trivia night on Saturday and so she brought it to school and all the staff and students were able to enjoy a piece.
YUMMMMM



MISSING LIBRARY BOOKS

We are missing quite a few books from our school Library so if you have any books at home that you know belong to the school we would appreciate if they could be returned as soon as possible.

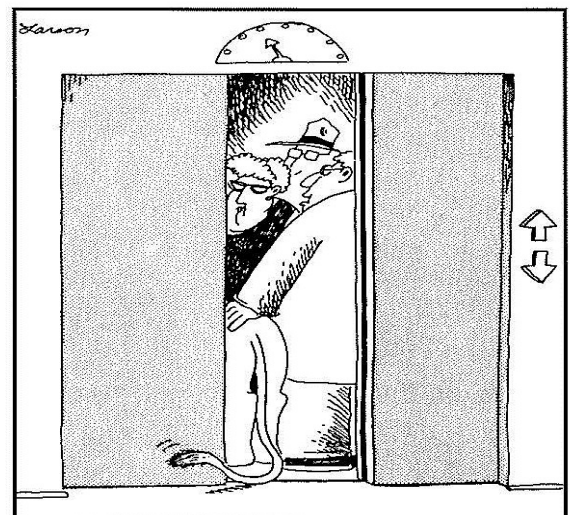
Students who have outstanding books have been given an overdue slip so could you please help them look for these books.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Thank you to those students and parents who have returned books already.



The Far Side®



"Don't be alarmed, folks. ... He's completely harmless unless something startles him."

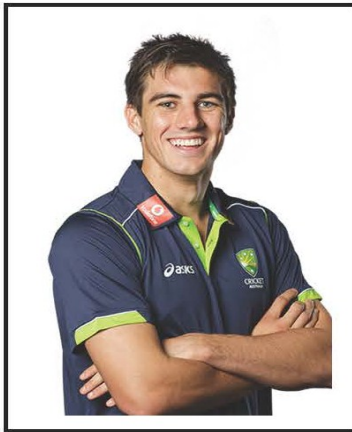
Warm regards Rocky River Students & Staff.

Armidale District Junior Cricket



Upcoming Events

Country Blitz Tour



Armidale will play host to two high profile cricketers in September as part of Cricket NSW's Country Blitz Tour. Australian Test player Patrick Cummins, and NSW Blues rookie Ben Dwarshuis will be in the region in early September promoting grass roots cricket. The two players will be involved in clinics, school visits and community events and will be on hand to make the presentations to winning teams at the conclusion of the T20 Blast Schools Cup on 5th September.

A Junior Player Development session will be held on Thursday 5th September from 4pm at the Armidale Sportsground, followed by a senior player clinic and barbeque from 5pm.

School Holiday Junior Development Clinic

During the first week of the upcoming school holidays Armidale District Cricket Association will be conducting a two-day Junior Development Clinic for boys and girls aged 5 to 15 years.

The clinic will be held on Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th September from 10am to 12noon, and cost only \$10 per day. Registration forms are available from www.armidalecricket.com.au, www.hillgrovecricket.com, your junior club, or Sportspower Armidale. Alternatively, please contact Ian Reeves (ian.reeves@det.nsw.edu.au) for more information.

Registrations close 21st September 2013.

Player Registration

All Clubs will hold registration days in September. Please contact your club for more information.

Bakers Delight Fundraiser

Armidale District Cricket is now participating in Bakers Delight's Dough Raiser Program. When you buy bread at Bakers Delight, just mention Armidale Cricket and 5% of your purchase will go to our local Association. This helps with the purchase of cricket equipment and facilities that will benefit all local cricketers.