



Rocky River Public School Newsletter

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- 14th February - Funky Hair Day
- 5th March - P&C AGM- 6pm
- 28th February - School Clean up Day
- 11th March - Easter Hat Parade



CANTEEN

Canteen will resume on Wednesday 19th February. Please ensure you have the correct money in lunch bags and orders are written clearly.

You can find a copy of our new menu and price attached to this newsletter.

A big thank you to all of the people who have offered their support to assist with the running of canteen this year.

P&C

The next P&C meeting will be held on
**Wednesday
5th March 2014
at 6pm.**
**This will be our AGM
ALL WELCOME**

PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

We had an excellent roll up at the P&C Meeting last Wednesday. It was fantastic to see so many of our new parents there. The next P&C Meeting will be held on 5th March at 6:00pm in the school library. This will be the AGM.

The first fundraiser for the P&C this year will be the Uralla Seasons for New England activity on Saturday 8th March. We will be selling giant bubble wands. We will need helpers to man the stall. The more people who volunteer means each person will need to spend less time on the stall. There will need to be 2 people at a time on the stall. Megan Page will be putting a roster together. Please indicate which time slot you are able to help out with on the attached sheet.

This Friday 14th February we will be participating in the Funky Hair Day. Students can come to school with their hair decorated. They will need a gold coin to participate. This activity is to help raise money for children's leukaemia foundation.

Our students did our school proud last Friday at the Small Schools Swimming carnival. Our participation rates were up and we have some very good swimmers coming through.

FUNKY HAIR DAY

Don't forget to come to school this Friday with really Funky Hair. We would like the emphasis to be on recycled materials. We are asking for a Gold coin donation.



"The money raised by universities, schools, child care centres and kindies will help the Leukaemia Foundation to look after people with blood cancers. (These are diseases like leukaemia, lymphoma and myeloma). We also use some of the money to pay for research into better treatments for blood cancer."

If your child has been absent from school

please send in an explanation

via a note, phoning or sending us an email. If you know in advance that your child will be away you can also advise us prior to their absence.

There is also a folder in the front entrance to record if your child comes to school late or has to leave early, please remember to fill this out and sign so we can keep our records accurate and up to date.

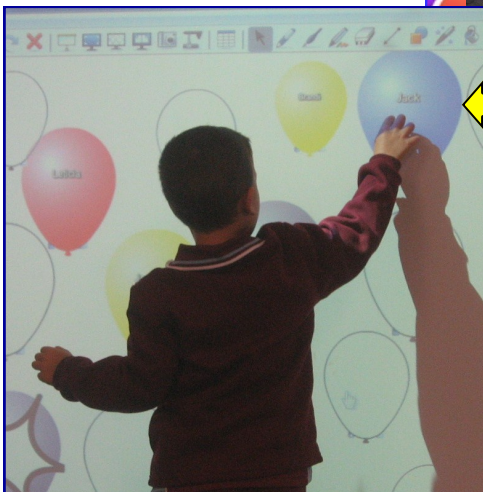


Look what's been happening in Lower Division



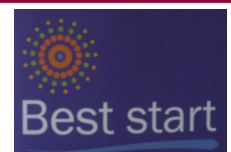
Kindergarten students were very busy making these robots last week and aren't they wonderful

Ella celebrated her birthday last Friday, the whole class sang "Happy Birthday" to her and then she was treated to the beautiful singing of "Happy Birthday" in German by our Year 1 and 2 students.



Our kindergarten students are getting very good at finding their name and popping the balloon on the smart board when we mark the roll each morning.

Kindergarten students are currently being assessed by Mrs Beal for the **Best Start Program**. In the weeks to come parents will be provided with feedback. This program is designed to assess what stage of development the child is at in **Literacy and Numeracy** and to enable teaching staff to provide planning for their learning.



Look what's happening in Upper Division

FROM OUR 2014 STUDENT LEADERS



Hello everybody

We are settling into year 6 very well. The kindergartens are having a great time at big school. The older children have been great role models and have been helping the new kindergartens feel safe and happy in their new school. The kindergartens are trying their very best and have been doing lots of work and having fun! We are going very well too settling into year 6. However, we are still missing the old year 6's who started high school at the beginning of the year.

Chris Rassatti

School Jobs

School has started again, and so have the school jobs. Kindergartens are learning how to do the jobs with the help of their upper-division partners! As you can understand, poor Mrs Thornton can't do them all by herself, and the students are happy to help! (Or at least most are!) This year, though, something new has been added! To show responsibility, every day the job monitors for the week have to collect a monitor badge which they can return at the end of the day! Everyone's badges have been returned this week, making everyone proud of how responsible and grown up everyone has become in the holidays! These jobs include: Chickens, Flags, Fish and Plants, Library and Computers, Sport, Toilets, Bell, Canteen and Mail.

Rose and I just want to remind you about crazy hair day on Friday, we also hope that everyone who went enjoyed the Uralla Show.

Rose Burke & Sophie Byers



Swimming Carnival

Hi, we are the new Sports Captains; Dean Vickery and Stelios Charnas and we are bringing you all the latest sport news from Rocky River P.S We have just had our Small Schools Swimming Carnival! We were very impressed with our schools effort and well done to our new kindergartens! Two of our students won 3rd in seniors Dean Vickery and 2nd place in juniors Toby Endacott! Well done boys! And some competed in a relay consisting 50m each and I think they did very well.

Unfortunately we did not win a shield but we won confidence, courage and persistence and all of us came back better for it!!!!

From your new sports captains Stelios Charnas and Dean Vickery!!!!



SMALL SCHOOLS SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Last week we had a swimming carnival at the Armidale swimming pool. Rocky River went and we came 3rd. Unfortunately we didn't win but there were four schools competing and every one had a great time. Every student had a go and did what they could for their school.

The students who went in races had courage and their schools and families loved it.

Louisa Rassatti
Sports Captain





GIRLS only

Small Sided
Football




For girls 4-6. Grab some friends or join a team and receive a free football and shinpads. Contact Northern Inland Football to find a club near you 6766 6335. Register from 1st February at northernnswfootball.com.au

Armidale Junior cricket and Armidale's Belgrave cinema

present

"BACKYARD ASHES"

A fundraiser for the McGrath Foundation


The animosity between England and Australia continues!

Thursday, 20th February @ 6pm

Adult \$18, Child \$14

LUCKY DOOR PRIZE ...
Pink McGrath Foundation cap SIGNED BY GLENN McGRATH!!!

One session only



Where legends are born!
IN SELECTED CINEMAS NOVEMBER 7

All money raised goes to the McGrath Foundation


Secure your tickets by contacting

Helen Dennis

Phone: 0428 150 768

Email: michael.and.helen13@gmail.com

Tickets also available at the door




City Hockey Club

Registration for the 2014 winter season. Boys play on Friday evening. Sign on will take place on Sunday 16th February 2014 at the Bowling Club BBQ area, between 12.00 and 2pm. A sausage sizzle will be held during this time.

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OPEN DAY AT FARRER MEMORIAL AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL:

Farrer will be hosting an OPEN DAY on 19th February. All welcome, registration from 9.30am and tours commencing at 10.00am

Farrer is an all boys' government day and boarding school, situated in Tamworth.


RSVP by 14th February on 67648600 or email: kerry.hussey@det.nsw.edu.au

GIANT BUBBLE WANDS

These are the giant bubble wands the P&C will be selling at the Market & Fair Day on 8th March. They will cost \$4.50 each or 2 for \$8 as agreed at the recent meeting.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR:

Our Scholastic Book Fair will be held over the week beginning 24th March this year. This is a great opportunity for parents to get involved as well as purchase books for their students while supporting the school. If any parents are interested in assisting with the running of this book fair could they please talk to Jo or Anne. It would mainly involve the setting up and packing away of items and being available to sell books before and after school for half an hour or so.






COUNTRY LIVING

Seasons of New England

SATURDAY 8TH MARCH 2014

URALLA SHOWGROUND, KING STREET, URALLA

MARKET & FAIR DAY 8AM - 3PM

Free Entry

**Gourmet Food, Delicious Baking,
Local Olives & Oils, Trout, Honey,
Eggs, Confectionery,
Lovely Lunches, Local Wine, Beer,
Home Decor, Jewellery,
Children's Accessories,
Producer's Crates, to name a few...**

FULL BAR FACILITY FROM 11AM
Serving local wine and beer on tap

TEDDY BEAR'S PICNIC FROM 11AM
Teddy Bear's Picnic Tickets \$5 pp from
Uralla Neighbourhood Centre on 6778 3277

*Pony Rides, Showbags, Face Painting,
Giant Bubble Wands, lots of fun for children*



TWILIGHT DINNER FROM 5.30PM

NEW ENGLAND CHEF ROWAN TIHEMA IS
PREPARING A 3 COURSE MEAL + SHARE
PLATES DRAWN FROM LOCAL AND
SEASONAL PRODUCE.

Hosted in the Showground Pavilion, the bar will
be open and serving local wine and beer.

TICKETS \$70 EACH

from the New England Brewing Co, the Uralla
Visitor Information Centre, NERAM Harvest Cafe,
Aurelia's Farm B&B (0434 408 163) and online at
www.seasonsofnewengland.com.au

PICNIC IN THE ARENA FROM 5PM

Sample some of the options available with
our late night stallholders, enjoy a drink from
the bar and some FREE music.
BYO Picnic permitted, NO BYO alcohol.



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ARMIDALE PHYSIE

Physie is a fusion of dance and sport that empowers girls for life! In every class girls will increase strength, fitness, flexibility, coordination and rhythm. The increased levels of confidence, self esteem and social skills are always clearly evident to parents who involve their daughters in this life changing dance sport. Classes resume week commencing 3rd February. For more information or to book please contact Julie on 0409 260 878 or www.armidalephysie.com

Many thanks,
Julie Pearson



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Keeping Kids In Mind

Keeping Kids In Mind is a five week course offering support for separated parents in a time of change and uncertainty, helping them understand the impact of separation or divorce on children.

- handle strong emotions better
- understand how entrenched conflict affects children
- tips for parenting during tough times

This course satisfies the requirements of a court ordered separated parenting course.

Registration is essential.
To book your place,
please call
**1800 372 826 or
6738 7200**

WHEN: 5 x Thursdays
5:30pm–8pm
20th & 27th February & 6th, 13th
& 20th March;
WHERE: Centacare NENW
Suite 3/150 Rusden St, Armidale
COST: \$50
(payment plan available)



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"And that's the hand that fed me."

Communicating with your school

Why it's important to communicate regularly with the school - and how it makes life easier for all.

Watch the video:

www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/communicating-with-your-school

Reluctant reader?

Did you know that books that are part of a series can be easier to read and more attractive to reluctant readers? Here's a list of excellent series books for kids of all ages.

Book series: [http://](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/my-book-club/series-books-to-ignite-summer-re)

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New friends

When new classes are created and your kids discover they've been separated from their friends, it's normal for them to feel a little anxious. How should you react?

Find out more: [http://](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/new-class-without-their-friends)

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Weather alert

Hot days = food poisoning danger. Pop a frozen drink into their lunchbox and the food will stay about 12 degrees cooler.

More school food tips: [http://](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/food/power-foods-for-kids)

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Adapting to high school

Resources to help your child adapt to high school, which really is very different.

Starting high school: [http://](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/starting-high-school-soon)

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Student conduct

Do you teach your child to offer their seats for adults in a crowded bus on non-school days? Should they?

Student conduct rules: [http://](http://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/content/student-conduct-when-travelling)

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Warm regards Rocky River Students & Staff.