



Rocky River Public School Newsletter

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- **5th March - P&C AGM- 6pm**
- **20th February PSSA Zone Swimming Carnival**
- **28th February - School Clean up Day**
- **11th March - Easter Hat Parade**



CANTEEN

Canteen will be available each Wednesday, please ensure you have the correct money in lunch bags and orders are written clearly. If you are interested in helping out with canteen please contact Jaz Taylor on 0437 957 219. There is a price list in the front foyer of the school and a tote tray provided to place orders into

P&C

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

TERM 1, WEEK 4 - 19th February 2014

We have started the year off running with the calendar filling up very quickly. We had a visit from Valentino on Friday morning for Valentine's Day. Thank you to our secret admirer. What a lovely way to start the day to walk in to see the path lined with pink hearts carrying beautiful messages and the doors covered in stars. Thank you whoever went to all that effort, it was appreciated by everyone. We all had a chuckle and it made us feel valued and appreciated.



Friday was also our Funky Hair Day to raise money for the Children's Leukaemia Foundation. Thank you to everyone who got into the spirit. We raised over \$70 which is a great effort. There were some very funky hair dos around the school.

We wish Abby and Toby Endacott, Addallan Griffiths, Tara and Dean Vickery and Stelios Charnas all the best at the Zone Swimming carnival coming up next Thursday.

Mrs Beal has been very busy giving our new Kindergarten students their Best Start Assessments. Shortly parents will be invited to come in for an interview to explain these assessments.



Rocky River has been successful in obtaining a garden grant of \$3500.00. Adam Marshall came to the school on Tuesday to make the announcement to the students. The grant will be used to revamp the vegie garden with raised garden beds, new compost bins and more fruit trees just to start with. Our captains did a wonderful job greeting Mr Marshall and showing him around our school. He was very impressed with our students and our school and is very much in favour of small schools.



Look what's been happening in Lower Division

Lower Division have enjoyed hearing the story of The Rainbow Fish with Miss Miller they then made these beautiful rainbow fish of their own with Mrs Beal.



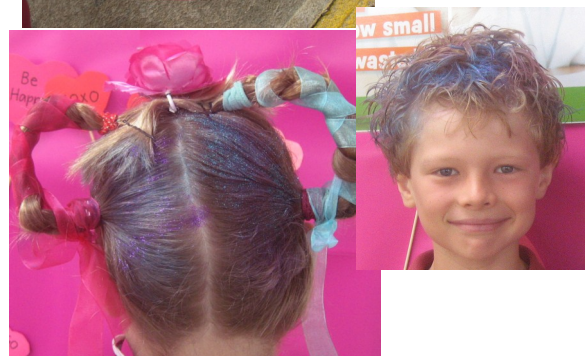
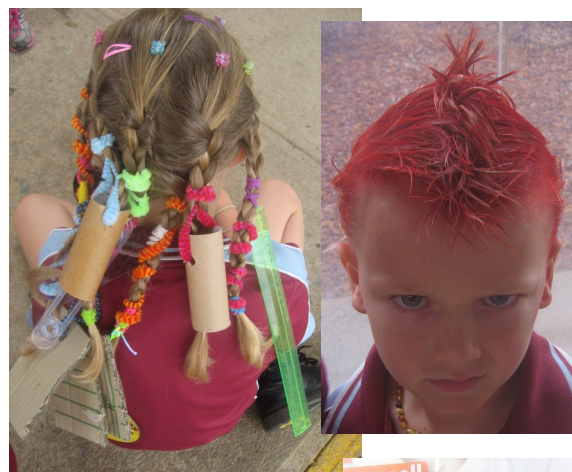
Students enjoyed having Funky Hair last Friday and a big thank you to those who donated money towards this very worthy cause.

Together we raised \$75.10 !



Dean, Nickey, Bella, Kam and Tilly were all smiles after being presented with prizes for their artworks entered in the 2014 Uralla Show.

Well Done !



Look what's happening in Upper Division

FROM OUR 2014 STUDENT LEADERS



Crazy Hair Day

Crazy hair day was a great success! Everyone's hair looked like a crazy woman's chicken coop! We would like to thank all the mums and dads who put such a great effort into making everybody's hair look spectacular!!!!

At the start of the day, beautiful hearts with sweet and encouraging quotes were found along the front path. The mystery mum has been discovered, and so on behalf of the school, we would like to thank Mrs Boaden for taking her time to make such a wonderful surprise that left people puzzling all day!

We hope you all enjoyed your weekend,

By Rose Burke and Sophie Byers, school captains 2014

MP Visit

Yesterday we had someone very special come in to our school by the name of Adam Marshall and he gave our school a \$3500 garden grant!! We met him outside the school in our blazers which we have never worn before. We showed him around the school showing him our garden and playground while telling him what we'll do with the grant to improve our garden completely.

By Chris Rassatti and Nick Page



RECOUNTS

In upper division we are doing recounts about anything we would like. Spellodrome has activities to do on recounts and spelling. We are enjoying doing recounts on the computer and there will be lots of recounts in the next school newsletter

By Emma Page

Mr Adam Marshall MP and electorate officer Kay McColl looking at our vegie garden along with Mrs Thornton, our School Captains & Vice Captains.





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!!!



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



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.



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.

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



Armida Physie
fun, fitness & friendship...

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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The Far Side®



What is Kik and why is it popular? Kik

is a free texting app popular with younger teens who generally have a limited texting plan or use an iPod Touch.

Find out more about Kik messenger:

http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/technology-az/-/technology_glossary/7w0F/5353/Kik+messenger

Find out why experts say it's the No.1 social media problem involving kids: <http://www.smh.com.au/digital-life/digital-life-news/experts-warn-of-apps-hidden-dangers-20131130-2yif3.html#ixzz2mYlkXFyd>

School weeks Q: Why does the school use "week 6" instead of dates?

A: We find it useful for planning each term. Here are the actual dates for the rest of this term for most of NSW.

TERM 1

Week 3 10/2 Week 4 17/2
Week 5 24/2 Week 6 3/3
Week 7 10/3 Week 8 17/3
Week 9 24/3 Week 10 31/3
Week 11 7/4

Helping with homework How much should you help your child with homework?

When your child makes a mistake, should you fix it? **Teachers talk** about how parents can help kids take responsibility for their homework and avoid Thursday night meltdowns. Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/helping-your-primary-school-child-with-homework>

Back to school: Homework, hot weather and class sizes – here are some answers to frequently asked questions about going to a NSW public school. Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/en/homework-and-study/planning-for-the-future/back-to-school-2014>

Warm regards Rocky River Students & Staff.