



# Rocky River Public School Newsletter

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## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- 28th February - School Clean up Day
- 5th March - P&C AGM- 6pm
- 8th March-Country Living Fair
- 24th-28th March Scholastic Book Fair



## 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 when students arrive.

## 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 5 - 27th February 2014

Congratulations to Rose Burke, Tara Vickery, Toby Endacott and Abbey Endacott who represented the small schools at the Zone Swimming Carnival.

I have some serious concerns in regard to the behaviour on the bus lately. The bus driver's job is to drive the bus not discipline students travelling on the bus. His job is a very responsible one and if he is distracted by unruly behaviour there could be a serious accident. I have spoken to the students today. When applying for subsidised bus travel parents sign the application certifying that they have read the code of conduct and explained it to their child/children. I have included a copy of that certification and the code of conduct from the application form on the following page, I ask that you reaffirm this with your child/children.



## We are still desperately seeking volunteers for the Rocky River Stall

at the Country Living Fair to be held at the Uralla Show ground on Saturday 8th March 2014. So far we have only had 3 people respond. If you are able to assist with the running of the stall (no experience necessary) even if only for an hour please let Meagan Page know or let us know at the school. This is a great opportunity to be involved with the school and the P&C.

We would like to extend our gratitude to the lovely ladies who have been volunteering to cover the new books being added to our library collection.



We had a beautiful guest visit our school this week and wasn't she oh so popular! Thank you Tara and Dean for sharing your new puppy - Whiskey with us !





# STUDENT CONDUCT WHEN TRAVELLING

## CODES OF CONDUCT

### CODE OF CONDUCT FOR SCHOOL STUDENTS ON BUSES

It is every student's responsibility to behave in a manner that ensures safety and comfort of the passenger and drivers in accordance with Transport for NSW published Code of Conduct. This includes:

Behaving appropriately:

- Respect the needs and comfort of other passengers (eg. no use of offensive or racist language, fighting, spitting, placing feet on seats, throwing things in or from the bus, eating or drinking – except water – unless the bus operator gives written permission).
- Give up seats to all adults and any disabled passengers.
- Adhere to the law that bans smoking on buses.
- Obey reasonable directions from the driver (eg. where to sit or to remain in the bus).
- Keep arms, legs and heads inside the bus.
- Refrain from attracting the attention of the driver except in the case of emergency.

Respecting property:

- Protect bus property.
- Ensure that buses are not vandalised.
- Report any vandalism, eg. graffiti and window etching.

Holding passes:

- Show travel passes or tickets to the driver on boarding and when requested.
- Use the travel pass only for its intended purpose.
- 'Swipe' or 'Dip' passes in ticket readers if available when boarding.
- Keep your travel pass for your own use - you should not lend your pass to other students or borrow one from them.

Disobeying these rules may lead to the withdrawal of school bus travel passes and/or prosecution.

A full copy of the Code of Conduct can be found on the Transport for NSW web site at **[www.transport.nsw.gov.au](http://www.transport.nsw.gov.au)**

#### 6 Certification (The following must be signed by the student if 16 years or over, or otherwise by the parent or legal guardian.)

I  (Print Full Name) certify that the information supplied in this form is true and correct. I have read the Code of Conduct and the Conditions of Issue and I understand and agree to abide by them. If I am signing this form as a parent/guardian, I have explained the Code of Conduct and the Conditions of Issue to my son/daughter and he/she understands and agrees to abide by them. I understand that the travel pass may be suspended or withdrawn for serious breaches of the Code of Conduct or the Conditions of Issue. I consent to the collection, disclosure and use of personal information regarding myself/daughter/son, as described in the section headed "Privacy and Personal Information" in the Conditions of Issue, attached to this form.

Signature

Date

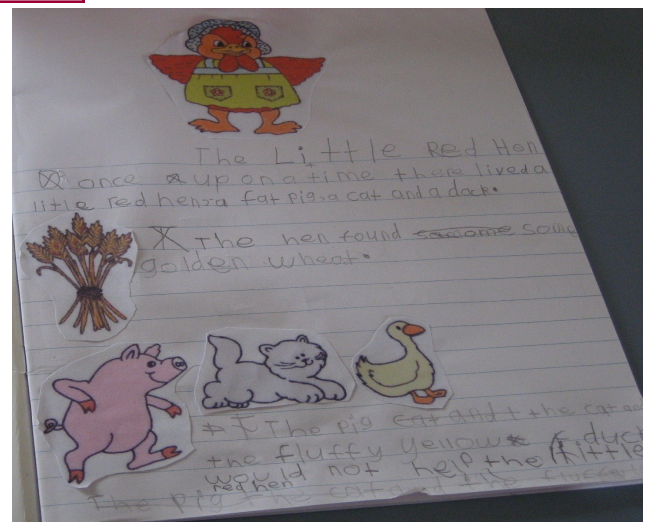


## Look what's been happening in Lower Division

There are some beautiful peacocks out the front of the Lower Division classroom.



Some happy and hard working students in lower division. Lovely friendships are developing in the classroom as our new kindergarten students settle in to their first year at school.





## Look what's happening in Upper Division

### FROM OUR 2014 STUDENT LEADERS



Yesterday we had an unwelcome visitor in our garden!! Nick thought there was a large rock in the garden but it wasn't a rock at all it was a turtle!!! Fortunately the next day he went somewhere and we can't find him.

We have had the stumps removed from the front of our school .

By Chris and Nick



Abby proudly displays some of our garden produce



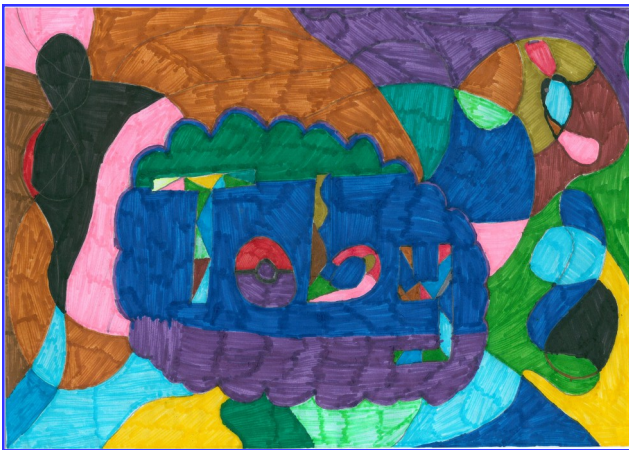
### School Garden

As you all know, we have recently received a \$3500 garden grant, but before we dig up our existing garden we have to let the remaining plants grow so we can collect their seeds and reproduce the plants. 90% of them are vegetables and Mrs Thornton is going to make a quiche out of them with us. It's going to be a good treat!!!!!! Everyone put so much work into the garden to make the delicious treat. It'll be a while though but our taste buds are dancing!



Rose Burke and Sophie Byers

### Some beautiful artworks by Upper Division students







## SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR:

Our Scholastic Book Fair will be held over the week beginning 24<sup>th</sup> 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.



## Uralla Soccer Registration Days

will be held at the Uralla Bowling Club on

- \* Saturday 8th March from 10am to 12pm
- \* Sunday 30th March from 12pm to 2pm.

All ages are welcome .  
Enquiries to Quinten Dillon P: 6778 4953



## The Far Side®



"For crying out loud, Warren ... can't you just beat your chest like everyone else?"

## TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in July 2014 for their 3, 5 or 10 month programs.

Our international students from France, Spain, Germany, Italy, Finland, Norway and Denmark will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange.

Visit us at [www.scce.com.au](http://www.scce.com.au), email [scceaust@scce.com.au](mailto:scceaust@scce.com.au) or call us toll free on **1800 500 501**, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

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*Warm regards Rocky River Students & Staff.*



For those who didn't see this article it appeared in the Armidale Express last week, what a gorgeous photo.



**DOWN AND DIRTY:** Nick Page, 11, teaches Rowena Willis, 6, how to use a trowel. Story, Photo: MATT BEDFORD

## Healthy habit of digging deep

ROCKY River Primary School pupils are happy to get their hands dirty after the school received a \$3500 grant for a school gardening project.

The money will help grow the school's existing garden.

School principal Jo Thornton

said working in the garden taught children good habits at a young age.

"Gardening really falls in line with the healthy living philosophy we have here at Rocky River," she said.

The grant is part of the state

government's Food Garden in Schools program to promote healthy and sustainable living through growing food.

Member for Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall announced the funding on Wednesday at a school visit.



Our school captains Sophie, Nick, Chris and Rose looking fabulous in their new jackets

# School Jackets

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

The P&C will soon be ordering school jackets for the cooler months.

If you are interested in ordering one please fill out the order form below and return to the school by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2014.

The cost of the jackets is \$35 and they must be paid for prior to collection.



Please circle preferred size/s

Sizes:        4            6            8            10            12            14

Child/rens name/s: .....

Parent/Caregiver's name: .....

Number of jackets: .....

Amount Paid: .....