



Rocky River Public School Newsletter

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TERM 1, WEEK 7 - 12th March 2014

IMPORTANT DATES TO

- 14th March-
Bandaged Bear Day
- 21st March-
Harmony Day
- 24th-28th March
Scholastic Book Fair
- 24th-29th March
RRPS Street Stall
- 29th March-Lantern
Parade
- 2nd April-P&C
Meeting 3.30pm
- 11th April-Easter
Hat parade



CANTEEN

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
2nd April 2014
at 3.30 pm
ALL WELCOME

PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

This Friday is Bandaged Bear Day. Students can bring their bandaged bear or any other animal or maybe dolly. Students should also bring a gold coin as a donation to the Westmead Children's Hospital. Coincidentally, we have one of our own going to the hospital this week for an operation. Phoenix Griffiths is having her tonsils and adenoids out. We wish her well and hope she has a speedy recovery

Congratulations to Nick Page for his outstanding effort at the NSW PSSA State Cricket Trials Read all about it later in the newsletter

Last Wednesday was the AGM of the P&C. Congratulations to Nick Endacott President, Jas and Jenn Marsh Vice Presidents, Rose Miller Treasurer and Charmaine Endacott Secretary. I would like to thank the executive for their hard work during last year and wish them the best for a productive and positive 2014. Please support the executive throughout the year as the P&C has a very important role in our school.

We have an additional member of staff with us for a short time. Ms Macinnis is completing her internship with us and will be with us until 30th May. I am sure she is going to be a valuable member of staff and we welcome her to our school and hope she enjoys her time at Rocky River.



Look what's been happening in Lower Division



Lower Division have created some beautiful artworks using paint and a straw. Some of these have been labelled according to what they look like. We have 'Monster Fight', 'Volcano Eruption' and 'Gathering Storm.'

Lower Division have been talking about getting along, showing kindness and being friends. This is Jasmine's story.

Two Best Friends—a story about friendship, by Jasmine Peters Y2 Age 7.

Chapter 1: Friendship

Hi! I'm Jasmine, I'm 7 and in 2nd grade. My friend is Nickey Doyle. She's in 2nd grade too!

She waits for me at the school monkey bars when I'm late. You can tell we like each other because of the smiles. We can do anything together. Nickey likes Barbie dolls. I say "me too!"

This is what the Barbie wears.



Chapter 2: Nickey and the Kinders

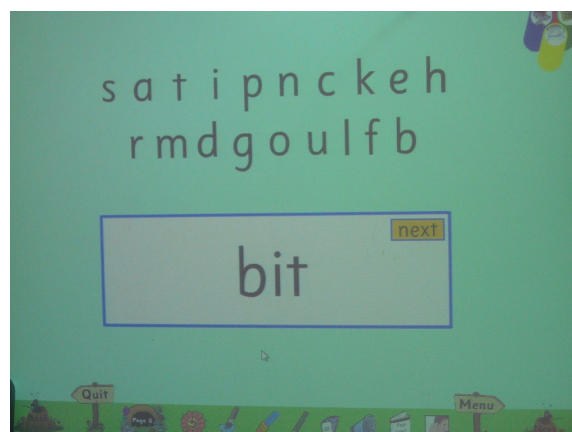
Nickey and I had to help two kinders. We helped Tori-Lee get off the yellow bar and Jacob get off the swinging bar.

We want happy kinders!

Tilly is pictured here reading to Mrs Boaden we are very fortunate to have volunteers at our school who are able to assist students with their learning.



This is an example of one of the many activities we are able to engage students in using the 'Smart Board in our classroom.'



Look what's happening in Upper Division

FROM OUR 2014 STUDENT LEADERS



Narrative - text organizer

Title:

Gulp!

By:

Rose Burke

Orientation

• sets the scene and mood, introduces characters

Sun shining, birds chirping and kettle boiling. All the things to expect on a warm, summers' morning in jolly, old Treeton! I skipped down the stairs and sat at the table. Mum placed a steaming hot plate of pancakes in front of me, then, she drizzled it over with chocolate sauce and added strawberries as a side serving. We would have got whipped cream, but it was a bit expensive and I liked the chocolate sauce better anyway.

Complication • a dilemma or problem that sets off the following chain of events

I love Saturdays! We can sleep in as long as we want and always wake up to perfect pancakes, beautiful bacon and eggs and other gourmet foods often only found in a restaurant. You see, she worked at the best restaurant in town. It was called 'Seul Le Meilleur' which means 'Only The Best' in French. My mum was from France and most of the menu was filled up with French food, even snail, which mum says is apparently a French delicacy.

Unfortunately, I wasn't allowed to eat it until I tidied up my closet. "but...but...but mum!" She stared. It had been ages since I tidied my closet. "Oh well, I guess the breakfast is lucky isn't it." She pointed to my room, and I slowly walked off with a hung head. I walked in and closed my door. No one knows how the mess got in there, but mum has her suspicions.

Sequence of events • triggered by the complication

I opened up the closet slowly. Only god knew what was in there. Suddenly, a huge river of smelly old clothes, old candy wrappers and moldy food spilled over my face. YUK!!! That wasn't all that was in there! This may sound crazy, but, a huge, ball of, what seemed like slime. "Hello!" It said happily as it crawled on to the carpet. "My name's Gulp! What's yours?" It held out what I assumed was a hand and blinked twice.

"AHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH!" I shrieked as I stumbled back. "Goodness me, Henry, it's only a closet!" Mum called from the kitchen. "Ahh?! What an unusual name for a human. It's lovely to meet you ahh!" I gulped and suddenly realized why he had his name. "H..H... Henry." I corrected. "Who is this Henry of which you speak?!" I jumped up with a tennis racket from under my bed in my hand. I wacked it over top of it. It just went straight through! "Hahaha, that tickles!!!"

My eyes widened. "Ahhhhhhhhh" Gulp looked at me and tilted his head. "Do you think I'm dumb?" He looked, not angry, but sad, no more like disappointed. I stopped. This creature was completely harmless... maybe not completely. "No. Why do you think I would?"

You told me your name twice, globs have good memory and I wasn't gonna forget!" I took a deep breath in. "Well, I'm not ahh. I was just scared and I'm sorry. My name's Henry." His eyes brightened. "Why didn't you say so?! We can be friends now!" how could we be friends? "O...k...but I have to have my room tidy and I have nowhere to keep you."

Resolution

• the ending or climax (where the problem is resolved)

He tidied everything up before my eyes and I looked at him confusingly. "I live in your closet, ah, I mean Henry, I like it being messy, but friendship is more important!" I had never had a pet glob before. Every kid at school would be jealous. "and you could come to school with me in a lunch box!" He smiled "Okay!" So that's what we did every day. And in the afternoon we would play games. He was the best friend anyone could ever have! That's how he got his new name...friend.

NORTH WEST CRICKET

Last week I went to the Entrance, the Entrance is in Sydney. On the first day we versed Pollding which came fifth in the state last year. We lost by an over and I got seven runs. On the second day we versed The Back of Burke. On the third day we versed Central West and that's when I got a diamond duck that means out without facing a ball and that's the game I got 2 wickets in. On the last game we versed Western Sydney and they were the hardest team we versed all tournament and we lost to 30 overs

BY NICHOLAS PAGE

Harmony Day Reports

For Harmony Day we, Upper Division have each been given a country to research. Then we have to make a PowerPoint with the information we gather. Some people are even going to make food from their countries and bring them in to share with the rest of the class.

Rose Burke

Also we have been looking forward to the children's hospital fundraiser which will take place on Friday the 14!!!(THIS FRIDAY!!!)

Chris Rassatti

It will be so much fun! You have to bring in a bandaged bear for the teddy picnic!

Sophie Byers





1,2,3.....Come and try Rugby

The Armidale Junior Blues invite you to "Coach & Play RUGBY"

Age Groups: Under 6, 8, 10, 12 & 14

When: Friday Evenings @ 5.30pm

21st March, 28th March, 4th April & 11th April 2014

Coach & Play Cost: \$30.00 / child (includes ball, cap & stickers)

Central North Season Cost: \$70.00 / child (Includes shorts & socks)

Pay for both Coach & Play and Junior Blues Membership for the Central North Season on 21st March for a total of \$80.00 (**Save \$20**)

Sibling discounts also available for Junior Blues Membership

Location: Moran Oval



Everyone plays a part.

Smart Rugby Accredited Coaches

BBQ & Canteen Available

Parents BYO light refreshments

Register online www.rugby.com.au/tryrugby

(follow the links to Armidale Try Rugby)

For those wanting to take advantage of the \$20 discount and register for the Blues season please be at Moran at 5pm on 21st March.



Enquires to John Beynon: T 0447 787 120

Facebook: Armidale Junior Blues Rugby Union

www.armidalerugby.com.au



2014 homework planner

The best homework help you can give your child is to teach them to be organised. Print out the 2014 homework and study calendar, which includes key dates and school holidays. Stick them on the fridge and above their desk.

Find out more: [http://](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/2013-homework-planner)

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Maths A to Z

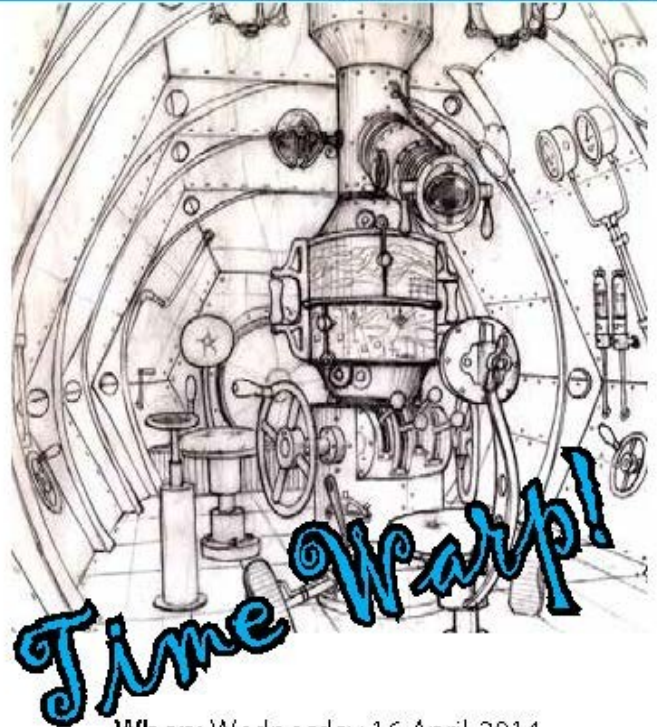
Brush up on some of the maths terms your child uses in the classroom. The Maths A to Z glossary provides straightforward explanations and illustrated examples.

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NERAM SCHOOL HOLIDAYS ARTPLAY

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When: Wednesday 16 April 2014

Time: 10am-3pm

For: Ages 5-12 **Cost:** \$50 whole day

Travel back in time in our B.C. (before computers) exhibition to get inspiration to make your own weird and wacky Time Machine from a whole assortment of objects. Sculptor **Jeremy Rudge** will guide children through an exploration of a world that existed when things were still made by hand and time travel existed only in the imagination.

BYO morning tea and lunch. All materials supplied.

Under school age must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

PREPAYMENT essential at www.trybooking.com/ELQZ



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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 ROTARY CLUB OF URALLA



Presents



37th Annual Rotary Art Exhibition

To be held in the

Uralla Memorial Hall

Salisbury Street, Uralla

Saturday 29th March to Sunday 6th April 2014

Open Daily from 10.00am to 4.00pm

Entry Fee: Adults \$4.00

Seniors \$3.00

Children under 12 years Free

Opening Night is 28th March 2014

6:30pm for Official Opening at 7:00pm - Cost \$20.00 pp

Everyone is welcome to attend - No Invitation is needed.

Tickets available at the door. Please RSVP for catering.

We look forward to your support

All works are for Sale



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FREE HEY DAD!

Hey Dad! is a parenting group for men who want to learn how to be great dads!

The six session program is designed to explore the challenges of fathering

Join us to learn about:

- Being a parent in today's world;
- Understanding your child as they grow;
- Your relationship with your kids;
- How to deal with strong emotions;
- New directions in discipline;
- Self-esteem;
- How to communicate

The groups cater for men who are:

- Step-parenting;
- Sole-parenting;
- Co-parenting;
- Parenting when the kids are not in your care.

**Six Wednesdays
Starts 5th March
2013**

12:30pm to 2:30pm

Centacare NENW
3/150 Rusden St, Armidale

"Hey Dad" participants have said:

"I didn't know what a dad was meant to be but now I have a better understanding of what I can do."

"I found that I have similar experiences and reactions to other men."

"It has opened doors to understanding my children's emotional needs and also mine."

"The topics are really relevant. It doesn't matter what nationality you are."

This course is completely FREE!

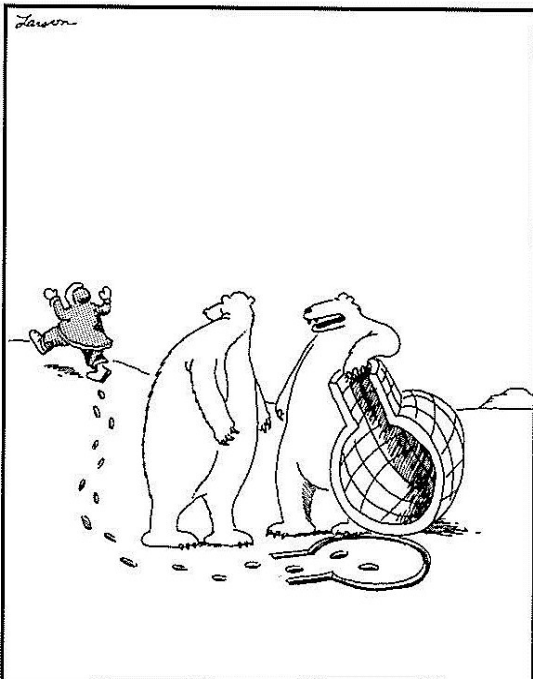
Ring our office on 1800 372 826 or 6738 7200 to book a seat.



An Australian Government Initiative



The Far Side®



"I lift, you grab. ... Was that concept just a little too complex, Carl?"

Help Kids Discover a Treasure of Books by Volunteering at Our Book Fair

Dates: 24th to 28th March Volunteer to help kids enjoy our Book Fair: a journey back to Ancient Egypt overflowing with hundreds of treasures just waiting to be discovered. We need your help to make this our most historic Book Fair ever. Join our volunteer team to:

- * Bring creative flair to signs and decorations
- * Organize and put things in place
- * Offer a helping hand, set up, or pack up
- * Help shoppers of all ages find the perfect book

We appreciate your support in whatever form it takes.

Please contact Anne at the school on 6778 4122 if you wish to become involved.



Warm regards Rocky River Students & Staff.