



Rocky River Public School

Newsletter

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TERM 1, WEEK 11– 9th April 2014

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- **10th April @2pm
ANZAC Assembly**
- **11th April-Easter
Hat parade**
- **14th April-School
Holidays begin**
- **25th April Anzac
Day March**
- **29th April-students
return to school.**

PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

What a lovely day we had last Friday at the cross country. The weather was fabulous and the students were fantastic. Thank you to all those parents who were able to come to watch and support the school.

Tomorrow is our ANZAC assembly and the community is invited to come along. Friday is our Easter Hat Parade and the community is once again invited to join us for a sausage sizzle at 1:00 pm. A sausage sandwich will cost \$1.50. Please return the note that was sent home yesterday so we can ensure we have enough sausages.

The school has been invited to take part in the ANZAC march which will be on the last Friday of the school holidays. Those students who are able to attend should meet at the corner of Bridge and Salisbury streets at 9:50 in full school uniform including black shoes.

I hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday and we will be back for another busy term 2 on Tuesday 29th April.



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 when students arrive.

P&C

The next P&C meeting
will be held on
Wednesday
7th May at 5.30 pm
ALL WELCOME



Please remember

that students are to be collected from the school at 3pm if they are not travelling by bus, if you are unable to collect your children at this time could you let the school know or make prior arrangements with staff. It is important that school staff are advised of changes to arrangements for children to be picked up from school.

This is important to prevent anxiety in students and is essential for our staff duty of care to your child/ren.



Sarah and Rowena enjoy nurturing
our Lower Division Garden.

Look what's been happening in Lower Division



Students had a great time with Easter craft and cooking this week and have a lovely ANZAC display in their classroom.



We wish everyone a happy Easter and a safe, relaxing and enjoyable holiday.



Look what's happening in Upper Division

FROM OUR 2014
STUDENT LEADERS

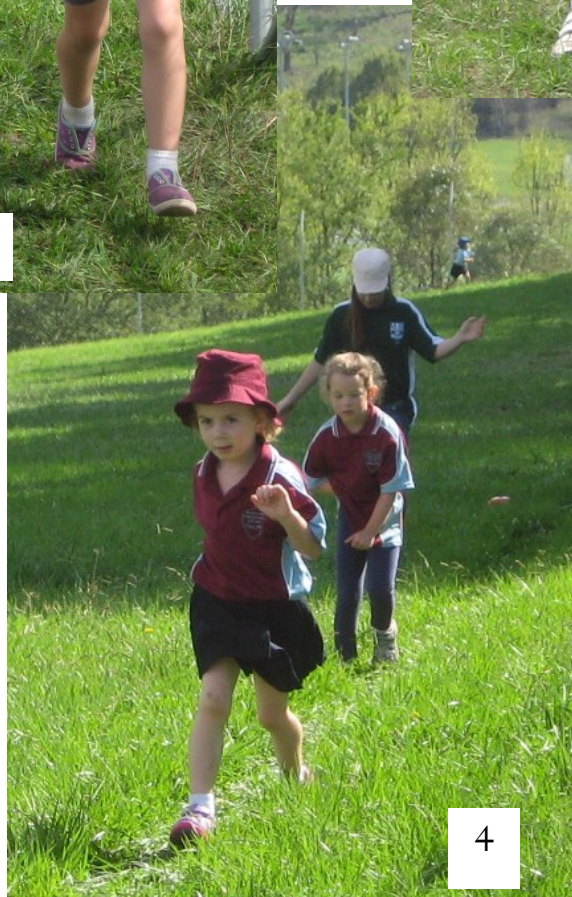


Hard Work!

We have been doing lots of hard work in Upper Division. Our ANZAC Day Assembly is this Thursday so we have been researching soldiers and we have made periscopes like the ones the soldiers used to look over the trenches. Easter Hat Parade is on Friday so we have also been making and decorating our Easter Hats! It's a busy week at school but at least afterwards we'll have two WHOLE weeks of school holidays! At the Easter Hat Parade the sausage sandwiches will be \$1.50. Thank you.

Nick Page, Rose Burke, Chris Rassatti and Sophie Byers.





Students had lots of fun at the Cross Country last Friday .

1. Kindergarten at the starting post.
2. Rowena.
3. Tilly and Bella.
4. Ella and Claudia.
5. Jacob and his little sister Helena



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1. At the starting post
2. Harrison
3. Ricky
4. Dean
5. Rose
6. Chris
7. Toby



Primary and High school

School holiday kids and family camps

It's not too late to book your child into a NSW Sport and Rec holiday camp. There are also family camps available year-round, for an active, family-friendly (and pocket-friendly) getaway. Find out more: <http://bit.ly/1hWxTra>

Managing screen-time

Helping kids find the right balance between activities, homework and screentime is a challenge that only gets harder as they grow older. Commonsense Media has lots of useful resources to help – from movie and game ratings to articles like this one on setting screen-time limits that are realistic enough that your children will actually follow them. Read the article here: <http://bit.ly/1pBlfmk>

Books to boost brains

Literacy skills often progress suddenly in leaps and bounds. The secret is to keep kids of all ages reading over the weekends and school holidays. Even 20 minutes a night can make a huge difference to their reading, comprehension and general knowledge. It's also a great way to settle their minds down before sleep (for adults too!). If your child hasn't found a book that grabs their imagination, why not try them on a series book from the Premier's Reading Challenge list? Here are top suggestions for all ages, including young adult : <http://bit.ly/1dLSGC0>

Primary school

Kik, Vine, Instagram – are they safe?

It's no contest – kids discover and understand new social media long before we adults do. If your child is thinking about creating a new social media account – or complains that “everyone else is doing it”, you can get the facts a glance from School A to Z's technology glossary. You'll also find information about age restrictions and things to watch out for: <http://bit.ly/188OerY>

High school

Essays due soon?

Learning how to plan, write and polish an essay is a skill that takes a long time for most people to learn. Different types of essays follow different rules of structure. If your teen is currently working on an essay, you'll find this video (and the links to fact sheets on the right hand side of the page) really useful in explaining the “how to” of essay writing as it's taught in NSW public schools: <http://bit.ly/1lji1mZ>

Warm regards Rocky River Students & Staff.



Come Nature Rambling

These school holidays join environmental specialists on a nature ramble exploring Uralla's special creek and bushland areas. Learn about the native plants and animals that live in our town and how we can improve their homes. Get up close with water bugs and see what they can tell us about the health of our creeks. This is a free family event with two different guided walking routes available (easy and moderate).

When: Wednesday 23rd April starting at 10am with a BBQ lunch from 11.30am

Where: Commences from the Uralla Visitor Information car park and finishes at Alma Park

What to bring: Closed footwear, water and a hat

Please RSVP (for catering) by **Tuesday 22nd April**. For more information please contact **Danielle Andersson** at **Southern New England Landcare** on **6772 9123**. This event is proudly sponsored by **Uralla Shire Council**.



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The Far Side®



“What did I say, Boris? ...
These new uniforms are a crock!”