



# Rocky River Public School Newsletter

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**TERM 1, WEEK 2 4th February 2015**

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- **Small Schools  
Swimming Carnival  
Thursday 5th Feb.**
- **P&C Meeting 11th  
Feb-5.30pm**

## CANTEEN

### Every Wednesday

#### Price List:

Pizza Singles.....	\$3
Chicken Nuggets (4)...	\$2
Beef Lasagne.....	\$3
Spaghetti Bolognaise...	\$3
Sausage Roll.....	\$2.50
Pie .....	\$2.50
Ice Cream .....	\$1.50
Popper .....	\$1.50

Please note: There will be no milks, cakes or hot dogs on the menu for this term.

## P&C

The next P&C meeting will be held Wednesday 11th February at 5.30 pm.

**ALL WELCOME**

## PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Our students have settled back into school very well. We have a total of 37 students K-6. Just a reminder that we have moved our sport day to Wednesdays.

Tomorrow is the Small Schools Swimming Carnival which we are organising. We will need some volunteers for timekeeping if you are available. There will also be the running of the parents' race called the Golden Flipper so please come with your swimmers and towel.

We have been advised by the Department of Education of changes to the codes for roll marking. The "L" Leave code for family holidays taken during term time is no longer permitted and will be recorded as an absence.

## LIBRARY BORROWING

Student borrowing for this term will be Lower Division on Wednesdays and Upper Division on Thursdays. All students are allowed a maximum of 2 non-fiction and 2 fiction books at a time. Please ensure your child has a suitable library bag for borrowing.



## HEAD PHONES

All students must have their own headphones to use in class. Something similar to these pictured is all that is required. They can be purchased at K-mart for around \$10. We would appreciate if they could be clearly labelled with the child's name.

PLEASE REMEMBER to also clearly label all items of school clothing as we seem to have a lot of lost property for such a small school.



Our Safety Day held on the last Tuesday of Term 4 2014 was a huge success with the students enjoying learning about many aspects of fire and farm safety. This day was also a fundraiser for the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service and the students raised \$52.









# Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service

Operated by Hunter Region SLSA Helicopter Rescue Service Ltd · ABN 40 002 862 026  
Postal: PO Box 6187 Westdale NSW 2340 · Street: 50 Basil Brown Drive Tamworth NSW 2340  
Tel (02) 6764 9400 · Fax (02) 6764 9411 · Freecall 1800 155 155  
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24-Dec-2014

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This is a copy of the thank you letter sent to us in response to our donation.

Dear Supporters

Re: Safety Day 2014

Thank you for Rocky River Public School's generous donation to the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service. The Service has been operating since 2000 in the New England-North West region and is an integral part of the NSW Health Emergency Services network.

In the past twelve months our helicopter and crew have conducted over 220 life saving missions. These missions include transporting ambulance paramedics to accident scenes to stabilise and prepare patients for hospital transfer; patient transfer from rural hospitals and health centres to larger metropolitan hospitals; conduct search and rescue missions; and assist police.

Rocky River Public School's donation ensures that the Service can continue to provide free-of-charge emergency rescue helicopter transportation to those in need. Our commitment to reducing trauma and saving lives within the communities of our vast area of operation is priority number one.

We encourage you to visit our website: [www.rescuehelicopter.com.au](http://www.rescuehelicopter.com.au) to learn more about the work we do and how Rocky River Public School can continue to support the Service.

On behalf of the staff, pilots, crew and transported patients we thank you for your generosity. Your support will help us to maintain our world class emergency rescue helicopter service in our region.

Yours Sincerely,

Peter Alcock  
Company Secretary

**New England - North West Gift Fund Receipt No.: 80178**

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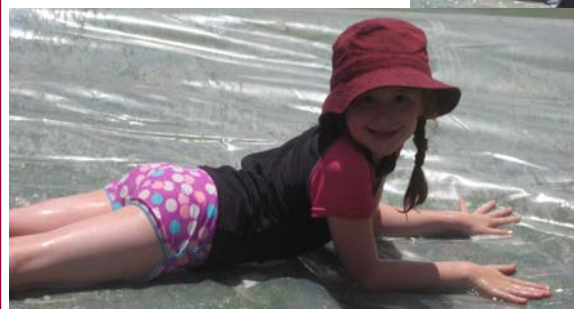
Donation Amount : \$52.00

All gifts over \$2.00 are tax deductible.





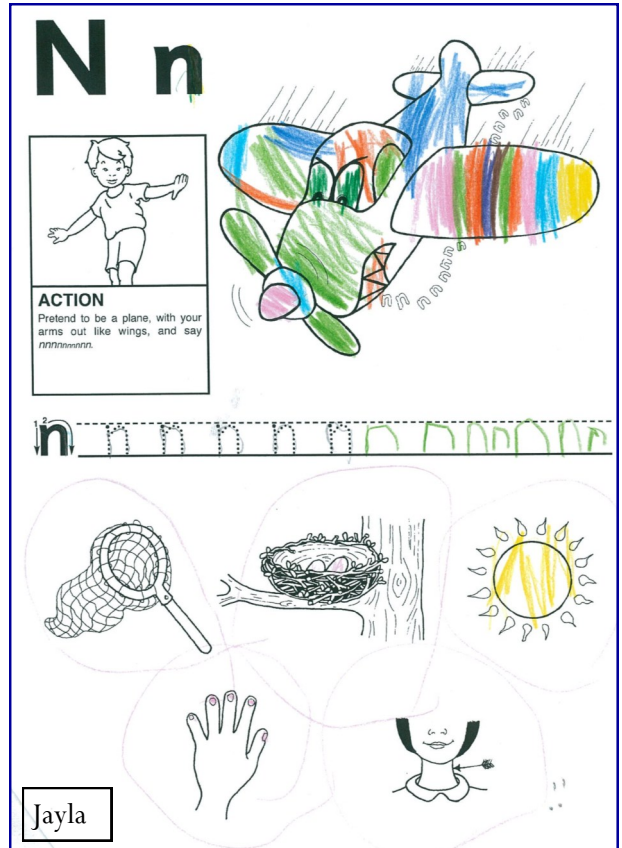
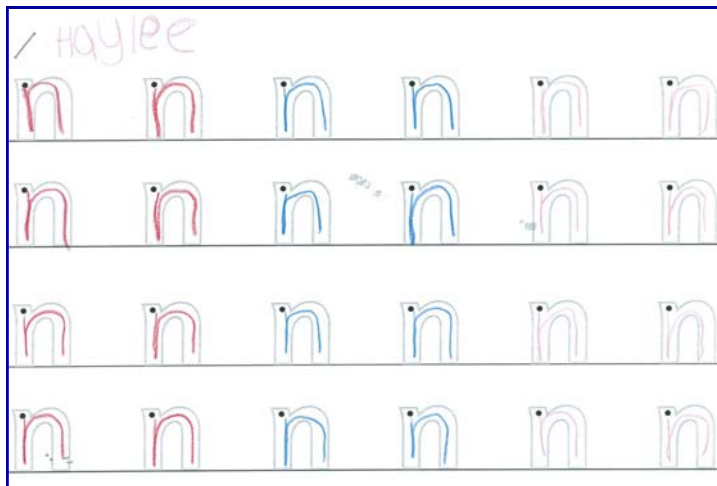
As always a fun day was had by our school on the final day of term for students 2014.  
A lunchtime BBQ, and waterslide ensured everyone had a fantastic time.





LOOK WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN LOWER DIVISION !

Our new Kindergarten students, Jayla, Alex, Massi and Haylee have settled into the school routine very quickly.



Lower Division  
students have  
already been  
brightening up their  
classroom with  
these beautiful  
SUMMER pictures.



*LOOK WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN UPPER DIVISION !*

FROM OUR  
STUDENT LEADERS



## NRL INFORMENT DAY

This morning we were taught NRL and how to play the game. We then had a lesson on how to pass and score a try. We played a small game of touch footy. We were taught the differences between union and league, we were also taught the names and roles of different players and if you have teamwork you can accomplish anything. Lower Division were taught how to run with the ball and hold it and also how to tip someone with the ball. We were taught by three different people who we would like to thank for teaching us a little bit more about rugby. It was lots of fun.

From your new school captains Dean Stelios and Jackson

Our school vege garden is looking extremely healthy and we are looking forward to sampling our produce. This Friday students will be making quiche using some of these vegetables.



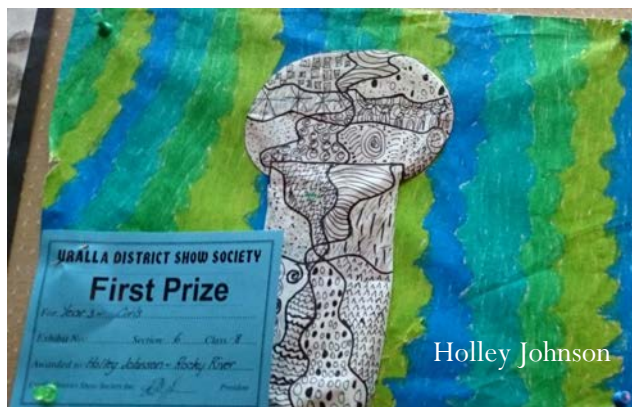


Students were treated to a NRL Wellbeing workshop today

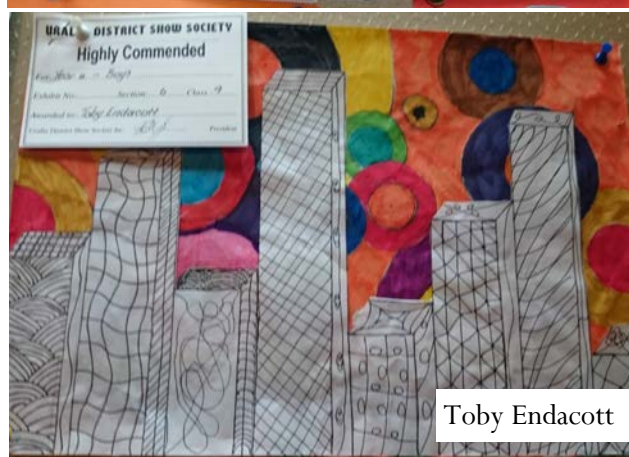
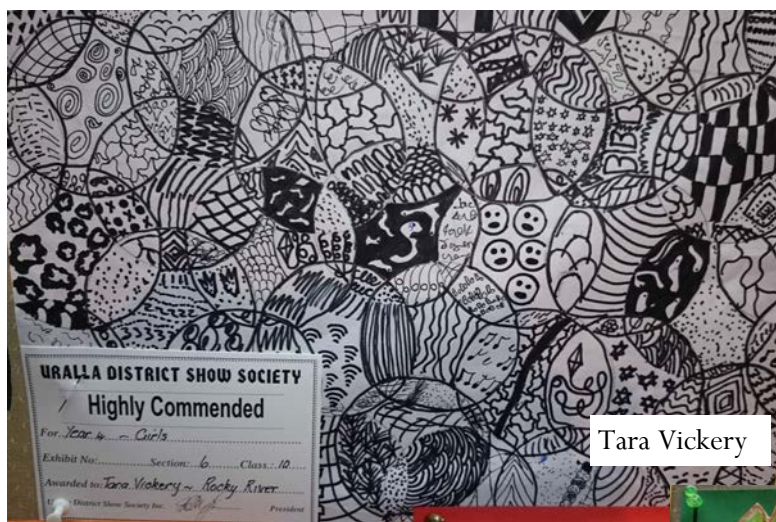
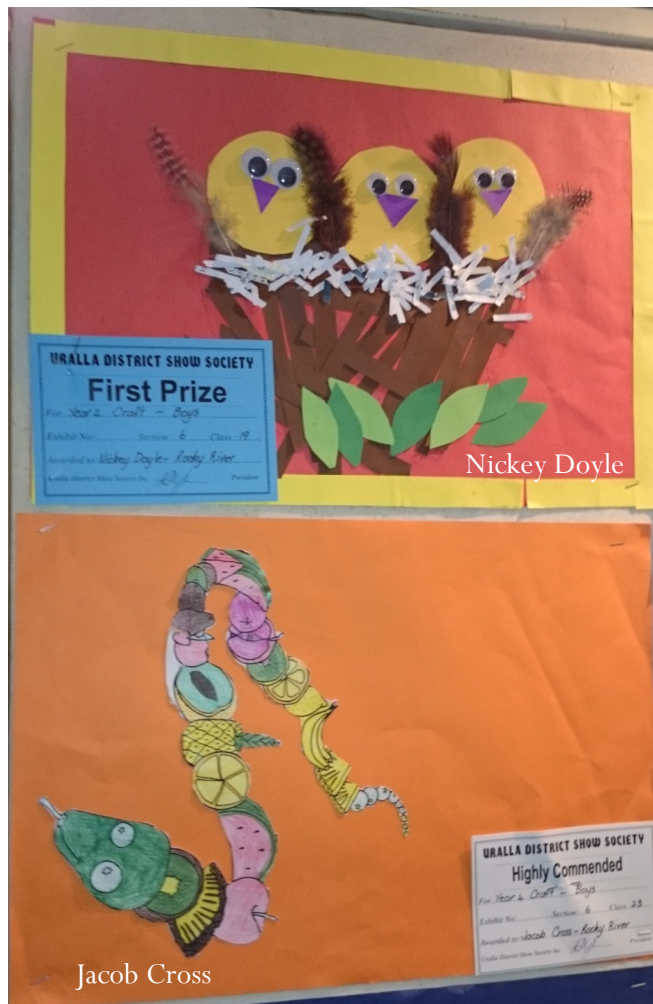




Our were very successful exhibitors at the 2015 Uralla Show held last weekend. Here are some photos of their achievements. Congratulations to Jesse Cross and Tilly Reynolds on their outstanding achievements.











### United Hockey Club Trial Day/Rego Day

United Hockey Club would like to invite any Under 9's and Under 11's who wish to play hockey this year to come to our trial day which will be held on the Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> Feb from 4pm till 4.30pm. If you wish to play for United a registration day will be held on the 15<sup>th</sup> Feb 12pm till 2pm at Curtis Park. If you require further information please contact Emily Hammond on 0401359668 or email [unitedhockey@live.com.au](mailto:unitedhockey@live.com.au)

### Physie is an affordable way to learn to dance

and keep fit with a touch of glamour! Fun, upbeat, pop music is the soundtrack to our sport that fuses dance styles such as jazz, ballet, hip hop, contemporary and aerobic dance which is designed for maximum variety and fun. Classes commence early February. For more information please visit our website [www.armidalephysie.com](http://www.armidalephysie.com) or find us on facebook. Many thanks, Julie Pearson  
President & Associate 0409 260 878

### PARENT TIPS

#### Leaving your child at home alone

Making some clear 'home alone' rules with your child gives them an understanding of their boundaries and can also keep you from worrying. Most kids will be fine on their own when the appropriate time comes, so long as some guidelines are followed.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/en/wellbeing/development/leaving-your-children-at-home-alone>

#### Printable 2015 homework calendars

Kids and families run more smoothly when there's a plan - so print out School A to Z's 2015 homework and study calendar, which includes key dates and school holidays.

Find out more at <http://bit.ly/2015SchoolCalendar>.

#### Swim and survive program

Lessons are for beginners through to confident swimmers keen to practise their technique (from infants to 12 years). See the map to find the pools where friendly swim teachers with AUSTSWIM accreditation teach across NSW.

Find out more: <http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/swimandsurvive/about.asp>

#### Are active kids less likely to be bullied?

Researchers have found kids who do extracurricular activities (such as sport or voluntary work) tend to be safer online, encounter less cyberbullying, and are more resilient to harassment if it occurs.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/>

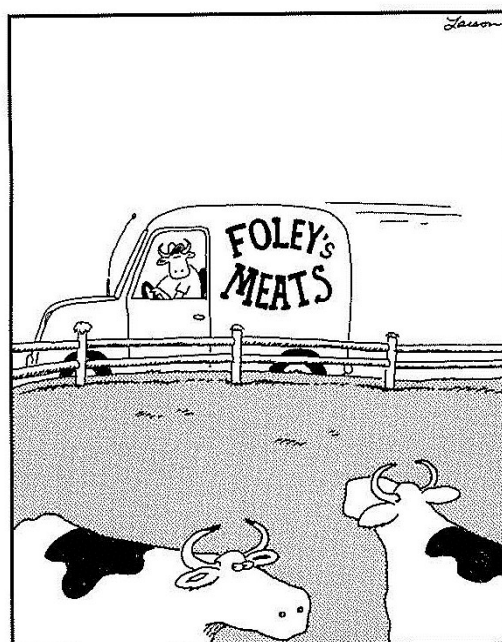
### Holidays

As part of the implementation of the National Standards, holidays taken by students outside of school vacation periods will now be included as absences. **A Certificate of Exemption can no longer be granted for this purpose.**

Families are encouraged to holiday or travel during school vacations. If travel outside of school vacation periods is necessary, the following considerations apply:

- If the principal **accepts** the reason for the absence, the absence will be marked as "L" and a Certificate of Extended Leave – Holiday issued.
- If the principal does not believe the absence is in the student's best interests and does not accept the reason, the absence will be recorded as "A". A Certificate of Extended Leave – Holiday **will not** be issued.

### The Far Side®



Eventually, Murray took the job—but his friends never did speak to him again.

*Warm regards Rocky River Students & Staff.*