



Rocky River Public School

Newsletter

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TERM 1, WEEK 6, 2 March 2016

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- **2 March P&C AGM 5.30pm**
- **22-24 March— Book Fair**

PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Wow! We are zooming through the term. All student have been focused on their learning and achieving success. Over the next few issues we looks forward to sharing our student's fabulous work. This week the spot light is on Stage 3.

P&C AGM TONIGHT

Please come along and support the learning journey for your child. All parents, carers and community members are invited to come along and contribute to the future direction of Rocky River. This meeting will be the AGM followed by a brief meeting. Please join us in the school library at **5:30pm**. We look forward to seeing you there.

Last P&C meeting I mentioned that I would be asking for parent and community feedback about the future directions of our beautiful school. I will be asking the whole school community; students, parents, community members and staff to complete a survey to help with suggestions and thoughts on the future direction of Rocky River Public School. We value your thoughts and suggestions on ways to improve the quality education we are providing

Schools Clean Up Day—Friday 4 March

Since 1992, school communities across Australia have demonstrated their support for caring for the environment through participating in Schools Clean Up Day. In 2016 we will be celebrating 25 years of Schools Clean Up Day. This event inspires students to learn about their environment and contribute to their local community. It's a day when students and teachers work together to clean up a site significant to them. Teachers will educate school students about environmental sustainability using our curriculum resources. Lessons will be themed around Water, Energy, Climate Change, Packaging and Waste and Recycling.

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

A new canteen roster will be available by Friday 4 March . Please see Jaz if you are on the list and don't receive a roster.

P&C

The next P&C meeting will be the AGM on Wednesday 2 March 2016

ALL WELCOME

PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

You Can Do It Behaviour Specific Feedback is a pretty fancy term for praise. The best bit about it is that it is SPECIFIC! It is not wishy washy, it isn't that well done or your great. It is specific with what behaviour you are expecting. For example if you are praising your child for being Organised then use phrases such as:-

"You're really organised!"

"You really focused yourself to get this work in on time."

"I like the way you keep your room, work area neat so you can find your belongings."

"You took your lunch box out of your bag, thank you."

"You set a goal, and achieved it!"

"Being prepared shows me you appreciate how important your work is."

If you notice all these statements of praise is past tense, meaning they have been done. Behaviour specific feedback happens when the behaviour has been displayed. If you praise in the moment you are more likely to see the behaviour again.

Have a great week.

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STUDENT ABSENCES

Please remember that we can only enter an explanation for a student's absence within 7 days of the absence.

Parents must ensure they provide an explanation for absences to the school within 7 days from the first day of any period of absence through means such as a telephone call, written note or email. The 7 day timeframe for explaining absences is a requirement of the Education Act (1990)

Any unexplained absences prior to the 7 days must remain as unexplained. You can notify us prior to an absence if you know your child will be away from school on a particular date.

EASTER CELEBRATIONS

It's that time of year again when the students get *Egg-cited* about Easter.

The Easter celebrations this year will be held on Thursday 24 March from 2-3pm



Parents and families are invited to join us to see the children parade their hats (These will be made at school) and to participate in some Easter games, songs, and dances .

Hope to see you there for an *egg-cellent* afternoon

LOOK WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN LOWER DIVISON

‘READING TENT’

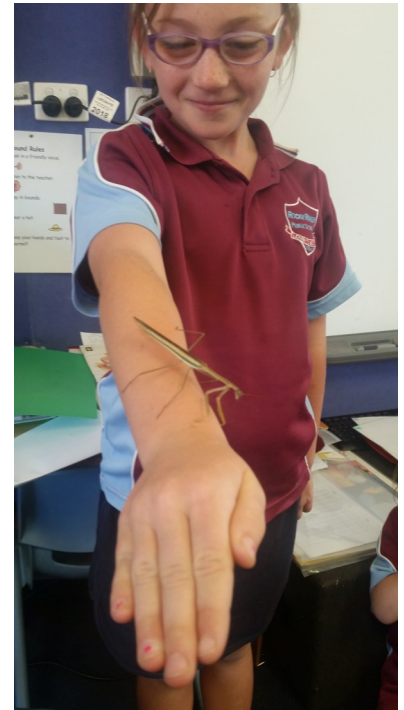
The students in Lower division have done a little interior decorating in their reading corner and have now got a reading tent where they like to sit and relax with their books.

‘SUCCESS TREE’

The lower division students have begun a success tree, where each student has something they would like to succeed in . All students are working hard to reach their very own goals.

WILLY WAG TAILS— At the start of Term 1, we had a willy wag tails nest with babies in our assembly area that the students had shown a lot of interest in, and from there created some willy wag tails that hang above the new reading tent.

PRAYING MANTAS— School yard safaris are taken all around the playground, the students found a praying mantas which they used when talking about invertebrates last week.



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SPORTUNE'S ALL DAY "TWILIGHT" SOCCER CARNIVAL REGISTRATIONS ARE **NOW OPEN!**

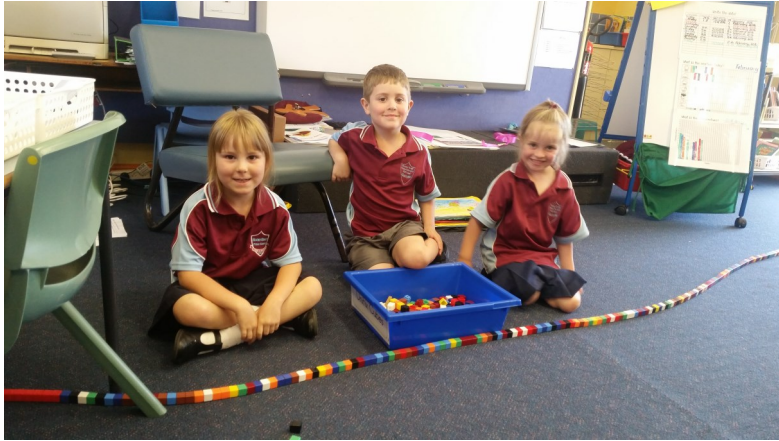
WHEN:
JUNIORS – ALL DAY SATURDAY 5TH MARCH
SENIORS – ALL DAY SUNDAY 6TH MARCH

WHERE:
CONSETT DAVIS FIELDS – SPORTUNE

PRICE:
JUNIORS – \$20 PER PERSON
SENIORS – \$30 PER PERSON

HOW TO REGISTER: FOR ALL COMPETITION DETAILS AND ONLINE REGISTRATION PLEASE VISIT: WWW.SPORTUNE.COM.AU

LOOK WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN LOWER DIVISON



The students have been using building blocks for their activities on measurements.

Left— Penny, Tristan and Sophia.

Bottom— Phoenix, Ned, Jaden, Sophia and Tristan.

The Clown had a frown because he couldn't open the box. But when he did slippery snakes came out!

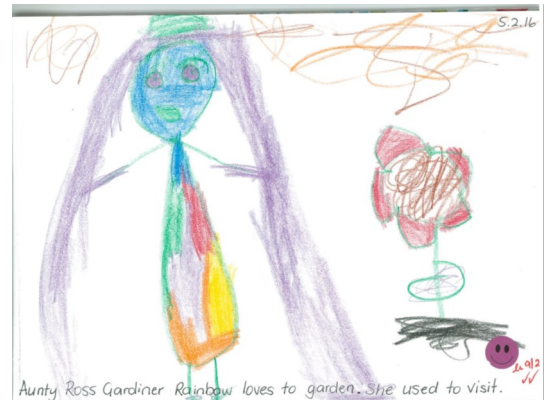


Sophia



My do jo is brawn and red and wit. It has a small white spot and the then en midiem and then big. It has small legs and arms. It is a boy. 6/15/12

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Penny Family Groups

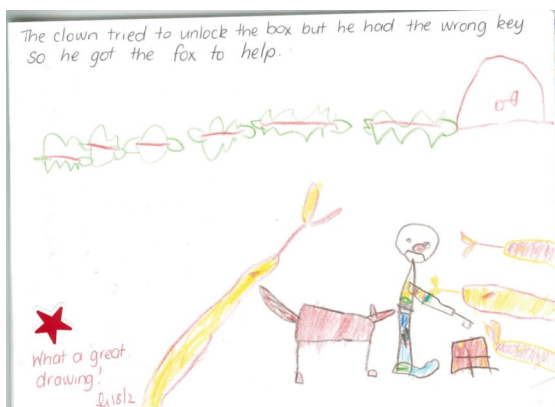
Your family is a group that you belong to. There are many different types of families around the world. Draw the members of your family.



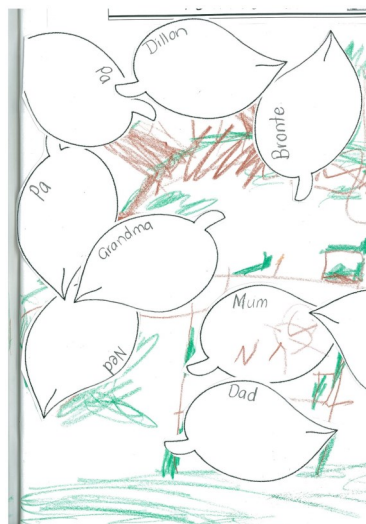
Find and name someone in your class who ...

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| <input type="checkbox"/> has 2 siblings in their family | <input type="checkbox"/> is an only child |
| <input type="checkbox"/> has 3 or more siblings in their family | <input type="checkbox"/> has an extended family member living with them |

Sophia



Jaden



Ned

LOOK WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN UPPER DIVISION



CLASS SPOTLIGHT

In Stage 3 during our English sessions we have studied the text 'The Cay' by Theodore Taylor. The students have thoroughly enjoyed learning the author's techniques that this author uses.

This text is about the Second World War comes to the small island of Curacao and 11-year-old Philip is terribly excited. However, his attitude changes when the ship in which he and his mother are being evacuated to Virginia is torpedoed. Temporarily blinded, Philip is marooned on a deserted cay with a wise old man and a cat. This is the story of his

survival. It is also a story of prejudice and compassion

Some of the themes in this story include: survival and self-reliance and prejudice, tolerance, respect and compassion. The students have enjoyed using similes to create suspense in their orientation of their stories. I am proud to share some of these with you.

Tiger Magic by Emma

Like silent, ferocious snakes that slither in the blackness of the jungle, the tiger prowled in the depths of the night. I was sitting on the blue blanket in our spooky, dark scary campsite in the jungle, just over the mountain from New Delhi the capital of India. I remember on that moonless night on September 2004, the tiger attacked a small camp just north of us. The camp was destroyed by stampeding elephants. The tiger was the legendary Kiko, a rogue tiger that escaped an experimenting lab in India.

Dark Shadows Toby

Like silent, dark, shadows that wonder in the night. The demon teddy bear arrived in the depth of the shadows.

I was lying on the fifth floor of our big old white mansion in candy land, on the island of marshmallow off the coast of Tobytown. I remember that cold moonless night in September 7070 it attacked Tobytown north.

Forest Troubles by Adallan

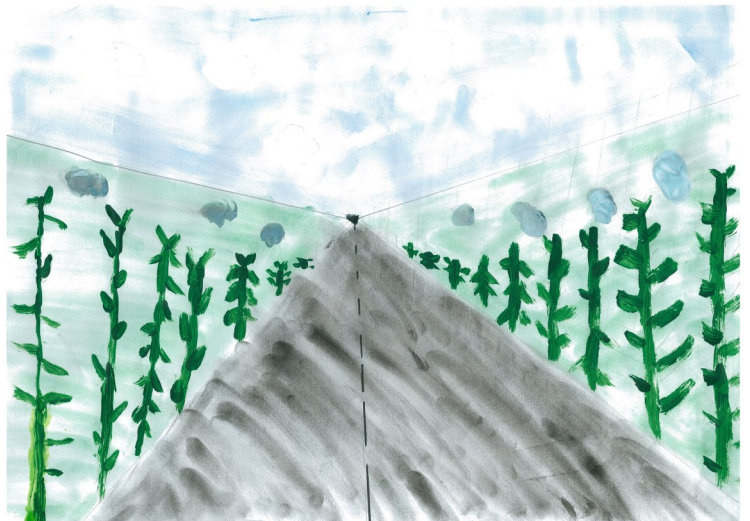
Like yellow, small bees, which fly in the sky of the forest, the happy campers arrived in the middle of the night. I was lying on the clean carpet of our really dark house in brown mountain forest.

Ghost Terrier by Lily

Like scary, evil, devils, that rage through the forest in the depths of night the ghosts arrived at the castle at the stroke of midnight. I was asleep on the fourth floor of our old, dark, scary, castle in the forest on the island of HaunteVill just beside the town of MedowMill. I remember on that moonless night in September 1823 they haunted the town of VillStam on the island of Mill.

LOOK WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN UPPER DIVISION

Upper Division have also been studying the artist 'Wassily Kandinsky' looking at different landscapes and how they can be represented. Below is some of the Stage 3 students work. I look forward to sharing work from Stage 2 in the next full edition.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

A reminder to parents to notify the school about your child's health

We welcome information from parents about your child's health, even if you are not requesting specific support from our school. Our school asks for medical information when you enrol your child. It is also important that you let us know if your child's health care needs change or if a new health condition develops.

Information about allergies, medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes and other health care related issues (including prior conditions such as medical procedures in the last 12 months) should be provided to the school by parents. Please provide this information in writing to the principal. This will greatly assist our school in planning to support your child's health and wellbeing.

Please also remember to notify staff in the school office of any changes to your contact details or to the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts.

We appreciate your assistance in this regard and assure you that any information you provide the school will be stored securely and will only be used or disclosed in order to support your son or daughter's health needs or as otherwise required by law.

Uralla Junior Rugby League is

commencing training on Tuesdays (starting 1/3/16) and Thursdays (starting 3/3/16) from 5pm to 6pm at the Uralla Sporting Complex. For insurance reasons, ALL PLAYERS ATTENDING TRAINING MUST BE REGISTERED. Registrations for all age groups (U8's, U10's, U12's, U14's, U16's, 9-12 Girls League Tag and 13-16 Girls League Tag), are still open and can be processed at training on Thursdays only. However, all registrations MUST BE COMPLETED ONLINE at the following link:

<https://reg.sportingpulse.com/regform>. Further information can be obtained from Clare Baker on 0427 705 058 or clarelbaker@bigpond.com

City Hockey Club

Field hockey registration for the 2016 winter season are now open. City fields teams in the Friday evening junior boys/mixed competition. Registration forms available from the Colour Copy Centre, East Mall. Email cityhockey@live.com.au

for more details.

All welcome.



Winter is coming. Time to consider hockey as a winter sport.

Junior Boys/Mixed is on Friday evenings and Junior girls on Saturday.

HNE is running a registration day on Saturday from 12pm-3pm at the Armidale Ex-services Club where all clubs will be represented.

There are several clubs available including United unitedhockey@live.com.au, Servies servies_hockey@yahoo.com.au, City HC cityhockey@live.com.au, Guyra hockey@guyra.biz, Breakaways hay@aapt.net.au, Harlequins harlequinshockeyclub@outlook.com as well as PLC, TAS and NEGS.

For those that are interested, HNE will be running an u7's group this hockey season. This is for those children that have never picked up a hockey stick or who need some confidence or some one on one coaching. It will not be club based. It will involve

skills and then small game sessions of the kids broken into group. Clubs are encouraged to get involved as once these kids get to u9's they will be looking for a club. More information will come closer to the season starting.

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE 2016

The NSW Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) is an initiative of the NSW State government. It aims to encourage in students a love of reading for leisure and pleasure and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student - to read, to read more and to read more widely.

Two conditions of entering the Challenge are that students may receive a certificate and their name may appear on the Gold or Platinum Honour Roll. Certificates have the student's name and school printed on them. The Honour Roll lists student names in the PRC website only. Names are listed in alphabetical order (not by school) and no other identifying features are included.

Students who do not wish to receive a certificate or have their name published on the Gold or Platinum Honour Roll (or whose parents/carers do not wish them to) should **contact the school as soon as possible**. These students may take part in the Challenge unofficially - they may use the PRC booklists and can seek recognition in our school community - but they cannot add any books to an online Student Reading Record.

Students in lower division will complete the challenge in class with Ms Macinnis but can add their own choice books if they wish. Upper division students will be responsible for reading their own books and adding them to their personal reading log online with the support of Mrs Temoso.

Challenge	Number of books you must read	Minimum number of PRC books	Maximum number of Personal Choice books	PRC book-lists you can read from
K-2	30	25	5	K-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-9
3-4	20	15	5	3-4, 5-6, 7-9
5-6	20	15	5	5-6, 7-9

The 2016 Challenge **opens on 7 March** and **closes for students on 19 August (11:59 pm)**. Upper Division students must complete their online Student Reading Records by 19 August.

For further information please contact Mrs Temoso on 67784122 or via email
samantha.pye2@det.nsw.edu.au



Uralla Arts proudly presents the 9th annual

URALLA LANTERN PARADE

SATURDAY 19th MARCH

HAMPDEN PARK, URALLA

in collaboration with Seasons of New England, and sponsored by Phoenix Foundry and Uralla Shire Council

Small lantern decorating from 9am-4pm at Seasons of New England and pre-decorated lanterns available by donation.

Lanterns also available from 5pm at Uralla Showgrounds. Be early to avoid disappointment.

LANTERN PARADE MUSTER AT 6:30pm at the Showgrounds. PLEASE BE ON TIME!!

FEATURE LANTERN CARRIERS (Adults/teens) and Safety Marshalls needed. Please call 0420 201 254.

Parade leaves on dark (approx. 7:30pm), travels over the Railway Bridge and down King St., turns left into Maitland and Hill Sts., passes the Police Station and travels into Hampden Park for the finale Bush dance with the Waldorf Salad Bush Band and a feature lantern display.

Seasons of New England Producers, Makers & Creators Expo

Over 80
quality stalls

Dedicated
kids tent,
live music all
day



Fully licensed
bar

Product
demonstrations,
tastings and
advice

Sat 19th March, 9am - 4pm
Hampden Park, Uralla

Followed by more live music, Graze Plates, Producer's Dinner,
Uralla Arts Lantern Parade & Grand Finale Bush Dance -
www.seasonsofnewengland.com.au for tickets & info

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URALLA LANTERN PARADE 19th MARCH 2016

Lantern decorating at
Seasons of New England from
9am-4pm at Hampden Park

Decorated lanterns available
by donation at Seasons until
4pm or at the Showgrounds
from 5pm. Be early to avoid
disappointment!

**LANTERN PARADE MUSTER
6:30pm SHARP at the
SHOWGROUNDS**

Parade route down King St.,
left into Maitland and Hill Sts.
and on to Hampden Park for
Bush Dance finale and feature
lantern display.

Uralla Arts presents the 2016
Uralla Lantern Parade proudly sponsored by
Phoenix Foundry and Uralla Shire Council.
Enquiries: 0427 141 482

Uralla is Going Batty

Join us for the Uralla Bat Night

Wooldridge Fossicking Reserve, Friday 11 March from 6.30 pm



Hang out in the amazing nocturnal world of Bats at Wooldridge Fossicking Reserve on Friday 11 March from 6.30 pm.

Your guide will be Wendy Hawes of the EnviroFactor, Inverell. Wendy will set a bat trap to get us up close and personal with the variety of bats living amongst us. Using special equipment you will be able to listen to bat chatter normally beyond our reach.

Come dressed as your favourite bat!

You will need a torch and sensible shoes. Please bring an adult with you.

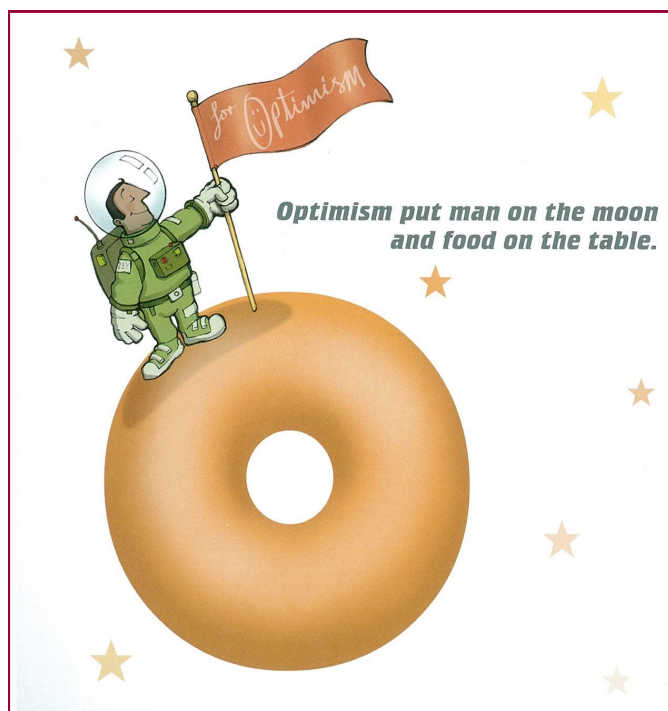
To find out more or to register: phone Stephanie at Uralla Shire Council on 6778 6316.

Wendy Hawes is the Principal Ecologist with EnviroFactor, Inverell. Bat Night was developed by the Australasian Bat Society, a non-profit conservation organisation, as a public awareness programme aimed to show people the fascinating world of bats and promote their conservation. <http://ausbats.org.au> Photo of Gould's Long-eared Bat in flight, © Australian Museum www.net.au

The Far Side®



Suddenly, the car struck a pothole, the glovebox flew open, and Sparky knew the date was basically over.



Warm regards Rocky River Students & Staff.