



# Rocky River Public School

## Newsletter

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**TERM 1, WEEK 8, 16 March 2016**

### PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

We have a very busy couple of weeks coming up to finish off Term 1 2016! Some exciting things happening are the continuation of hockey skills on a Friday, the Easter Hat Parade, a school disco on Thursday 31 March from 5:30pm – 6:30pm and Harmony day celebrations just to name a few.

#### Welcome Miss Burton

I would like to warmly welcome Miss Burton who is visiting us as a professional experience teacher from UNE. Miss Burton will spend the majority of her time in Upper Division learning about all the strategies and skills needed to teach students in years 3-6, however she will also get the opportunity to spend time with Lower Division. I know she will love Rocky River as much as the rest of us.

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#### Teacher Professional Learning

This year teachers will be participating in a large range of professional learning to improve all students learning outcomes. This term we have been learning about how we can develop students writing using different processes of writing. This enables us to guide students with strategies to become better writers using a variety of different styles and techniques. We look forward to sharing our students writing with you.

Thank you to the parents and carers who have returned their surveys providing guidance for the direction Rocky River will take this year.

#### YOU CAN DO IT!

#### Organisation - Planning my Time

Again this week I am providing you with a more in-depth look at the habit of the mind 'Planning my Time' and how your child's teacher will embed this thinking. Planning my Time- thinking about how long it will take to accomplish schoolwork, homework and planning enough time to get everything done.

Teacher will:-

- Discuss and model with students what it means to be a good time manager and how being good at managing time helps them be an achieving student.
- Provide homework on a weekly basis to teach time management at the beginning of each week.
- Provide behaviour specific feedback for students displaying the behaviours of time management.
- Discuss and teach the notion of priority and give students practice in deciding on the priority of various activities.
- Have students agree that school work is of a high priority and therefore needs to be done before other fun activities can be done.
- Planning enough time to arrive to school on time.

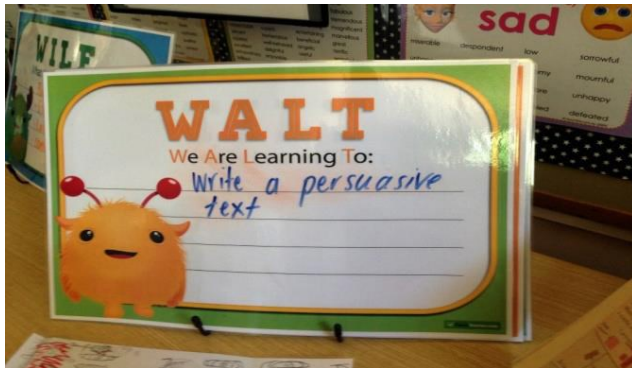
Hope you all have a great week.

Peta Deiderick—Relieving Principal.

# LOOK WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN UPPER DIVISION

## Year 3/4 Learning Term 1

This term some little creatures have found their way into our classroom... **WALF and WILF!** They are helping us understand what we are learning to do and what the teacher is looking for. They are used in our classroom for encouragement and to help us be more actively involved in our learning. **WALF and WILF** highlight what we are being asked to do, what we hope to learn and help us to make better decisions about how to tackle a task.



## Literacy

Recently, we have put up a 'Writing Worm Wall.' It is in collaboration with the Literacy Continuum K-6 and is segmented into clusters or levels and shows the stage we are at with our writing. This is a wall that shows our achievement and progression throughout the year, it also highlights areas that we may need more support and assistance with. We have placed 'I can' statements in our English books and once a number of these have been achieved we are able to move towards our next achievement.



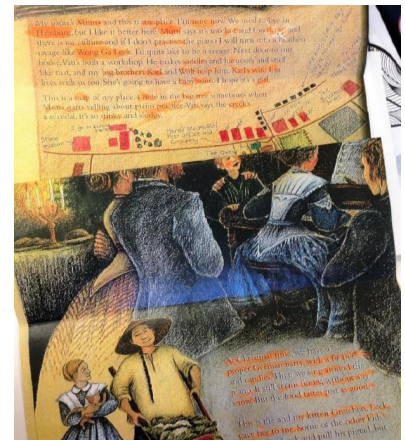
Writing Aspect - Cluster 10	
Writing Aspect - Cluster 9	
1	I can create an imaginative text
	I can create an informative text
	I can create a persuasive text
	I can choose language appropriate to my purpose and audience
2	I can plan using headings, mindmaps and questions
	I can reread to check for accuracy
13	I can reread to check for consistency of meaning
	I can reread to check for relevancy for purpose
A4	I can write using paragraphs that are a group of sentences about one topic
A5	I can use different spelling strategies to spell words
A6	I can use computer skills such as spell check and grammar check
	I can use verbs correctly
A7	I can use adverbs correctly
	I can use nouns correctly
	I can use adjectives correctly
A8	I can write joined letters
	I can write letters of the same size
A9	I can create simple multimodal text digitally (combination of pictures and/or text and/or voice over and/or sound)

This term we have been reading 'My Place' by Nadia Wheatly, it is a book about understanding culture and heritage. It takes us back in time and every week we are introduced to a new child, (around the same age as us) their families, pets, community and environment and events that their families and friends celebrate. We are working on our reading skills as well as building upon our comprehension strategies to predict, summarise and pose questions about the text.

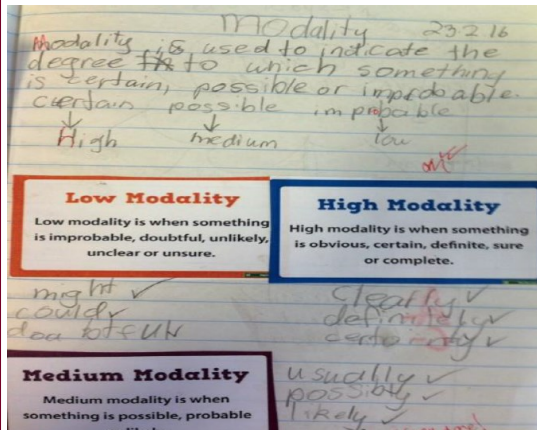
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Aleisha Handebo  
(highlighting keywords)

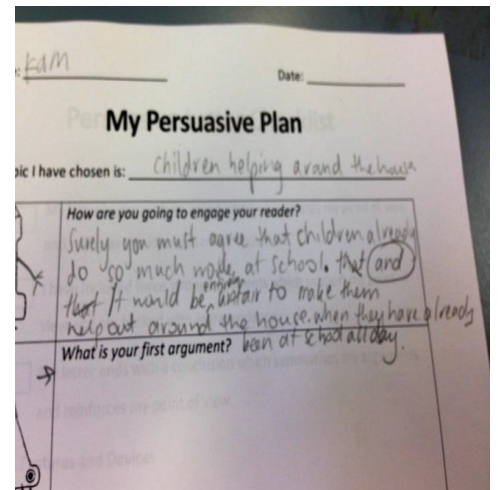


**Convince Me if You Can!** This is another unit of work that we have been doing. We have been reading and comprehending persuasive texts (such as expositions) and exploring structure and purpose of the text as well as analysing language features that contribute to making the reader feel/think a certain way and enhance our writing. At the moment we have been collaboratively writing an exposition on 'Should children help out around the house?' We have been discussing some very interesting arguments!



Nickey Doyle  
(Language feature – Modality)

Kamdon Johnson  
(Persuasive Plan)

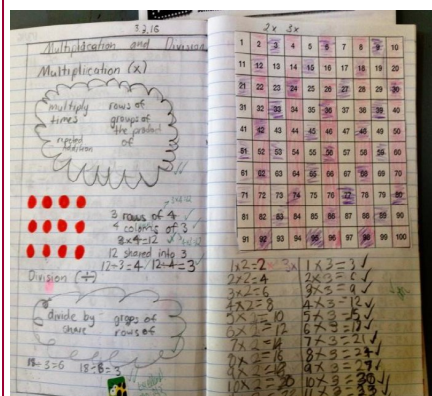


## Numeracy

In Mathematics we are learning about multiplication and division. We have been looking at mental and written strategies that can help us with our times tables and division problems.

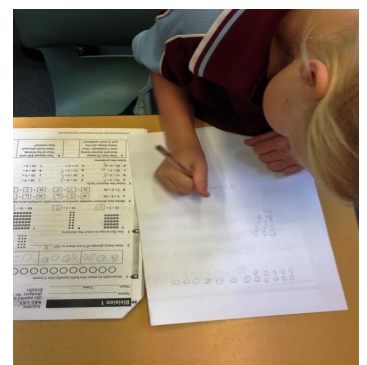
We have also been keeping an eye on the time by reading and recording time using clock faces and digital clocks whilst also reading bus and train timetables and plotting on timelines.

Leticia McCudden  
(multiplication and division strategies)



Thankyou  
Leah Miller

Bella Marsh (using arrays as a strategy to solve problems)





## 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

23 March– Jaz Taylor

30 April– Nath & Melissa  
Swan

## P&C

The next P&C meeting  
will be Wednesday 6 April  
2016

**ALL WELCOME**

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- 6 April P&C  
5.30pm
- 22-24 March– Book  
Fair
- 24 March– Easter  
Hat Parade



## EASTER CELEBRATIONS

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## LOOK WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN LOWER DIVISON



### WELL DONE!!

Tristan Reynolds received First Prize for his entry at the Rotary Art Show in Uralla. Congratulations Tristan.

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION


**COME AND TRY  
HOCKEY**

Open to primary school children.  
Equipment provided

**WHEN:** Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April from 9am to 10:30am  
**WHERE:** Hockey Centre at UNE  
TOP QUALITY COACHES AND MENTORS

**FREE**

Parent Information stations will be set up  
Clubs representatives will be available on the day  
Sign up to play.  
*Come and see what it's all about*

 **Hockey  
NSW**



**KEEP  
CALM  
THEY'RE JUST  
KIDS**

Does your child:

- Show extreme behaviour?
- Have intense temper tantrums?
- Refuse to do what they are asked?
- Use verbal and physical aggression?

Keep Calm. They're Just Kids shows parents how:

- To identify the child's concerns and triggers that cause the behaviour,
- To teach the child coping skills and
- To find workable solutions that satisfy both parent and child and lessen the likelihood of negative behaviour

**FREE**  
help for  
frustrated  
parents

**WHEN:** Three Thursdays: 10th, 17th & 24th March 2016 9.30am - 12pm  
**WHERE:** 3/150 Rusden St, ARMIDALE  
**COST:** FREE  
For more information or to book, please call  
**1800 372 826 or 6738 7200**

## Good for Kids good for life

### SCREEN FREE QUIET TIME

Some families have a daily quiet time where everyone takes a break. Do your children watch movies during their quiet time?

Why not try some of these activities instead to reduce the amount of screen time they are exposed to during the day and to keep their minds active!

- Reading books
- Arts and crafts
- Puzzles
- Card games
- Listening to some relaxing music
- Spending time in the garden



Adapted from: Murrumbidgee Local Health District Quick Bites



**Health**  
Hunter New England  
Local Health District

PHONE 4924 6499



As seen on  
ABC's  
Australian  
Story

Guest Speakers  
Gemma Sisia & Dorice Livingstone

### FIGHTING POVERTY THROUGH EDUCATION

An inspiring story of the motivated Australian teacher who founded one of Tanzania's most successful charity schools.

You're invited to The School of St Jude's Community Breakfast!

WHEN 7am, Tuesday, March 29 RSVP Wednesday, March 23

WHERE PLC Astra Arts Centre, Crest Rd, Armidale

COST Breakfast provided, \$20 adult, \$10 school age children

REGISTER Book your tickets via [www.trybooking.com/KQQF](http://www.trybooking.com/KQQF)

CONTACT Shona Eichorn at PLC on 6770 1700

Learn more: [www.schoolofstjude.org](http://www.schoolofstjude.org)



### Library days

Lower Division– Wednesdays

Upper Division– Thursdays

Please ensure students bring their library bags for borrowing and returning.



## AUTUMN KIDS' CAMPS BOOKINGS NOW OPEN

- ✓ New friendships
- ✓ Fun
- ✓ Great value
- ✓ Safe

Our Autumn Kids' Camps are now open for enrolments via our website. Here, you will find what's on offer for the autumn school holidays.

Led by qualified instructors, you can rest easy knowing your kids are in safe hands. Our Kids' Camps are suitable for children aged 7 to 16 years and range from 1 to 5 days.

Residential camps include:

- 24 hour supervision
- Activities
- Accommodation
- Meals
- Supervised transport



[sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/kidscamps](http://sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/kidscamps) | 13 13 02  
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**NSW** Office of Sport & Recreation

You're invited to our

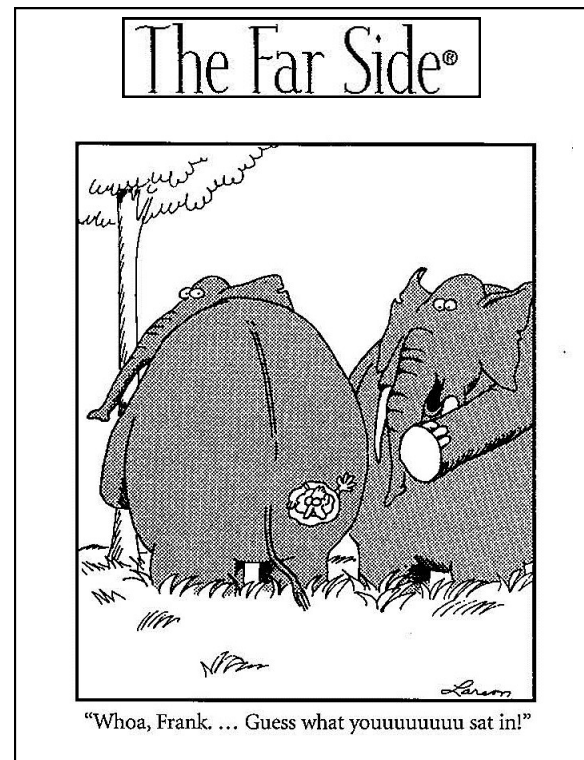
# Book Fair!

FIND THESE  
AND HUNDREDS  
MORE BOOKS  
AT THE FAIR!

All purchases benefit our school!

Date	22nd - 24th March	Time	8.30am - 9am & 3pm - 4pm
Place	ROCKY RIVER PUBLIC SCHOOL LIBRARY		

Kids who read **SUCCEED!**



Warm regards Rocky River Students & Staff.