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“The Rocky Review”

This week we celebrate the positive learning environment we have at Rocky River. It is great to see students celebrating each other's success. I enjoyed sharing stories this week with Lower Division about a baby Blue Tongue and moving to 'Peanut Butter'. Upper Division are working hard on writing persuasive texts and writing to create suspense. I look forward to sharing some of these in next week's newsletter.

Congratulations to our Rocky PSSA swim team for competing and doing your best at the carnival last Thursday.



I would like to apologise to Emma Page for leaving her out of last week's newsletter, Here is her fabulous artwork from the Uralla Show.

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>
The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 14 March and 8 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and a list of frequently asked questions (FAQs) for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the consent form to school by **Friday 26 February**. The FAQs and copies of the consent form, including translated consent forms, are available from the website above.

You Can Do It

This week in school we are continuing to teach the students all about the key of organisation.

Being organised starts off with you having some goals. As we saw last week a destination helps organise your efforts to get there. I am going to set a little challenge this week. With your child or children have a conversation about what subject or area of their schooling they would like to improve in? Together write down a goal and put it on the fridge. Make sure this goal is attainable and realistic for instance knowing all your times tables by the end of the term may be a little out of reach but knowing your 2 times tables and 4 times table may be more achievable. If you need help with this ask your child's classroom teacher. Once this goal is set out and is realistic, plan some time to work on this with your child. It may only be 5 minutes before dinner or 5 minutes added onto your homework time. It would be a great time when planning this to ask the question, what may stop you from achieving this goal? Answers like I may choose to watch television or I may choose to play instead of doing it. This is a great opportunity to discuss that nothing gets achieved without giving some effort.

See how you go.

Don't forget the **P&C meeting and AGM next Wednesday 2 March 5pm**. Please come along and be part of our fabulous school.

Have a great week.



CANTEEN Every Wednesday

Price List:

Pizza Singles....\$3
Chicken Nuggets (4)...\$2
Beef Lasagne.....\$3
Spaghetti Bolognese...\$3
Sausage Roll.....\$2.50
Pie\$2.50
Ice Cream\$1.50
Popper\$1.50
Milk Straw.....\$1.50
A canteen roster will be available next week, if you haven't volunteered yet and would like to -Jaz can be contacted on 0437957219.

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- **22-24 March– Book Fair**
- **2 March– P&C meeting, AGM 5pm**

P&C

The next P&C meeting will be on Wednesday
2 March 2016
5.30pm
ALL WELCOME

Warm regards Rocky River Students & Staff.