



Rocky River Public School

Newsletter

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TERM 2, WEEK 2, 5 MAY 2016

PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Welcome to Week 2 of Term 2

Firstly I would like to thank our students for the manner they conduct themselves when in public. On several occasions over the last week I have been congratulated on the conduct of our students in the public eye. I am proud to shout to the roof tops that I am part of Rocky River Public School because of the outstanding job our students do when representing our school in both school and community events. Thank you students.

This term we will begin celebrating student's achievements with assemblies throughout the term. Students will present an item and receive class and YCDI certificates.

Last Friday our year 5 and 6 students attended the Spirit of Anzac exhibition in Tamworth. This was an extremely moving experience for both myself and students. We have included some of their reflections and photos from the day. This was an excellent way to complete the studies we took part in last term.

Congratulations to all our students for the excellent participation in the Small Schools cross country. Again the sportsmanship of our students was outstanding. Congratulations to Haylee Swan, Abby Endacott, Lily Bourke and Toby Endacott for taking out the Juvenile, Junior and Senior Age Champions. Rocky River will have many students representing at the District Cross Country on Friday 20 May. Well done to you all.

On Tuesday our year 6 students attended the Grip Leadership Conference in Armidale. The GRIP Student Leadership Conference is unique in that it concentrates specifically on training student leaders for their role as SCHOOL LEADERS. The style, topics, and content of this conference all focus on what the students can do RIGHT NOW.

Our student leaders returned from the conference with a clear vision, a solid understanding and dozens of ideas for their time as a leader.

Next week students in years 3 and 5 will be completing NAPLAN on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. I encourage parents and carers to treat these days the same as any other school day where students come to school to learn, feel safe and be happy.

We continue to focus on being Confident this week.

Confidence means...

Feeling I can do it. Confidence also means not being afraid to make mistakes or to try something new.

Examples of Confidence

- Chooses to participate in new or difficult activities
- Does hard work without asking for help
- Speaks in a clear voice so can be heard
- Tries problems and answers questions when not sure of answer.
- Starts conversations

Our next P&C meeting is Wednesday 1 June at 5:30pm. Please come along and support your child's education.

Thank you, have a lovely week.

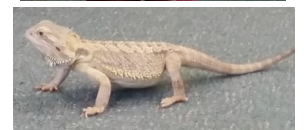
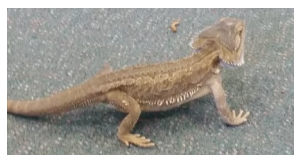
LOOK WHATS BEEN HAPPENING IN LOWER DIVISION

Students enjoyed the visit from Healthy Harold last week and learning about their bodies and how to keep healthy.



THALGARRAH EXCURSION

The Lower Division students had a great day at Thalgarrah on Tuesday, they learned many things about our environment. They learned about bees, went on a camouflage hunt, checked out an anthill mould made from aluminium, used dripnets to search for waterbugs in the creek and met two bearded dragons named Puff and Elsa who they fed meal worms. They found a hairy caterpillar and a patterned bug in the play area at lunch time. Thank you to Josh Reynolds for driving the bus for us.



LOOK WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN UPPER DIVISION

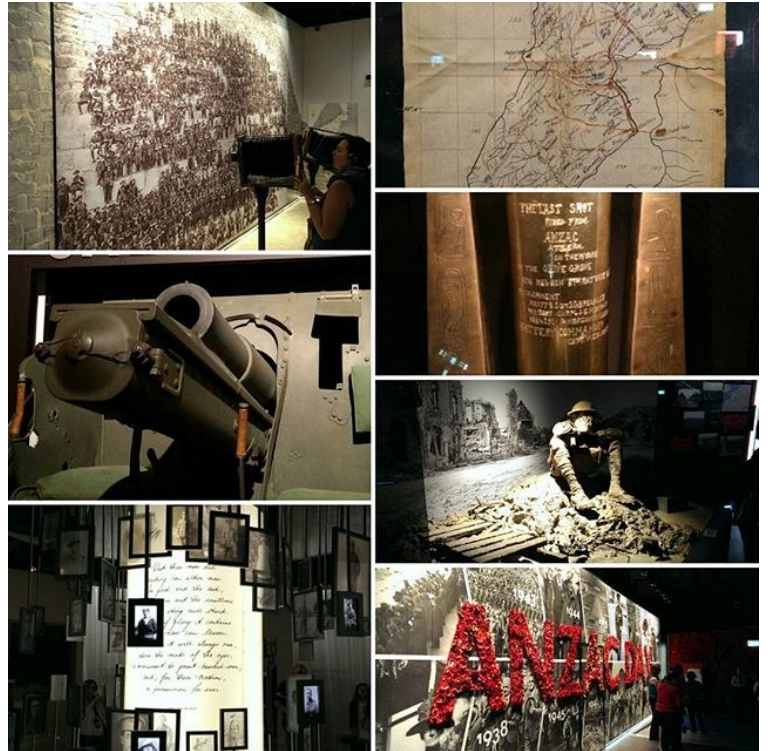
Our Yr 5 & 6 Students attended the Spirit of The ANZAC Centenary Experience last Friday in Tamworth.



My favourite part of the Exhibition was the Memories Room with all the photo's and how you look down at mirrors. The headset music was great and made you feel lots of emotion.

I feel so privileged that I found so much out that some people might not know.

Tara Vickery

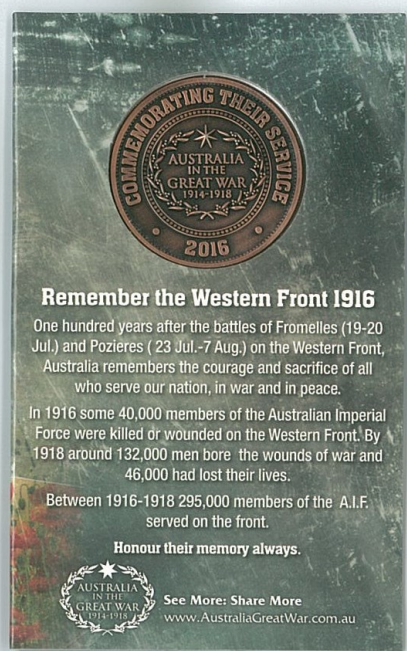
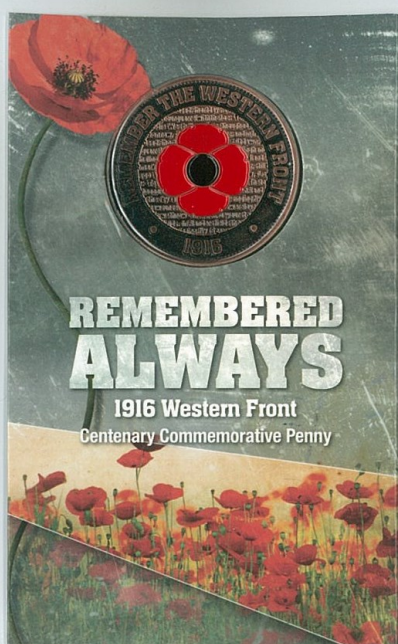


My favourite part of the Exhibit was the Lest We Forget room at the end. It was my favourite because it was so decorated and right in the middle of the room was a big circle and hanging from it was soldiers portraits. On the walls were the countries that fought in WW1 military deaths and it made me feel sad and horrible because some countries lost so many people, France lost 1.3 million people in 4 years.

Emma Page

There was this guy that was made out of foam stuff and a projector where you could not see it so it looked like a real person laying down and it was muddy, he was covered in clothes and no pillow. He was talking really sadly saying sad stuff, it made me feel sad because I imagined what it would be like to be him.

Adallan Griffiths.



FOR SALE

We still have quite a few of the commemorative penny for sale at a cost of \$5 each.

This is a great opportunity to purchase a keepsake in memory of those that fought on the Western Front in 1916 and the sacrifice they made.

This is also an opportunity to support our school.

They are available for purchase at the office.

Cross Country 2016

Congratulations to all of our students who participated in the Cross Country.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

UPPER DIVISION ART

Could students from Upper Division please bring in plastic milk or juice carton lids including the plastic ring under the lid or any other interesting plastic materials they may use for Term 2 art. Thankyou.

P&C

The next P&C meeting will be Wednesday 1 June at 5.30

ALL WELCOME

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- 5 May-Mother's Day assembly 2.30pm
- 12-14 May NAPLAN
- 17 May-Mobile Taronga Zoo Visit
- 18 May-Teddy Bears Hospital
- 20 May-Responsible Pet Owners Visit
- 20 May-District Cross Country

Keeping Kids In Mind

Keeping Kids In Mind is a five week course offering support for separated parents in a time of change and uncertainty, helping them understand the impact of separation or divorce on children.

- handle strong emotions better
- understand how entrenched conflict affects children
- tips for parenting during tough times

This course satisfies the requirements of a court ordered separated parenting course.

Registration is essential.

To book your place please call

1800 372 826
or **6738 7200**

WHEN: 5 x Mondays

9.30am to 12pm

2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th
May 2016

WHERE: Centacare NENW
Suite 3/150 Rusden St, Armidale

COST: \$100 waged \$70 unwaged
(payment plan available)



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CANTEEN

Every Wednesday

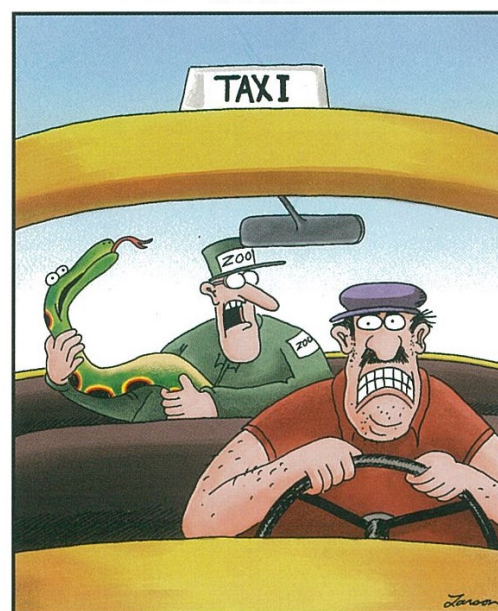
Price List:

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

Canteen Roster

- 11 May - Jaz Taylor
- 18 May - Todd Cross

The Far Side



"For God's sake, hurry, driver! ... She's dropping babies all over the place!"

Warm regards Rocky River Students & Staff.



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