



# Rocky River Public School

## Newsletter

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**TERM 2, WEEK 4, 17 MAY 2016**

### PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

#### Welcome to Week 4.

This is a very busy week with extracurricular activities that link to our curriculum and our parent, carers and community members are busy running the street stall and the canteen for the District Cross Country. Thank you to all those who have volunteered their time to man the street stall or supplied goods.

Taronga Zoo Mobile visit was an extra exciting addition to our week. Students met a van full of native animals including bugs, lizards, frogs, snakes, possums, and echidna. We were able to get close up and make personal connections with the animals.

It was great to see our Lower Division students bring in their teddy bears to the Teddy Bears hospital and picnic today. The students had a great time with the UNE nurses learning about keeping our bodies healthy and this was very evident outside at recess with the excited chatter at the Teddy Bears picnic.

Good luck to our students participating in the Armidale District Cross Country on Friday. We are all very proud of you and know you will persist and do your best. Well done!

On Thursday this week and Tuesday next week I will be away training our Alliance teachers in Targeting Early Numeracy. This intervention allows our teachers to be skilled in the implementation of a hands on approach to Mathematics in the classroom. I look forward to seeing these strategies put into the classroom to improve numeracy results across our Alliance.

Just a reminder for students in Year 6 there is a Duval High School Parent/Student information evening and school tour for Year 5 and Year 6 students on Tuesday 24 May 2016 at 5.30pm.

For more information please contact: Stafford Cameron (Principal), Sandra Rosner (Deputy) or Sandra Cotton (Transition Co-ordinator) on 6772 1266.

#### You Can Do It

This week we are 'Taking Risks' in You Can Do It. Being Confident means that we are able to try new activities even if we might not be able to do them at first. We are able to see that being successful means having a go and not be afraid. Sometimes it is hard for our students to understand this and we can encourage them by using encouraging phrases such as;

"that really took confidence"

"I like how you are not afraid to do things differently"

"Wow, I can't believe you did that"

The teachers and I look forward to hearing about new things the students are trying at home.

Have a great week!

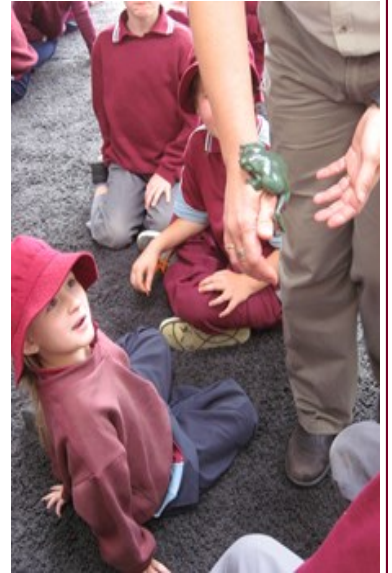
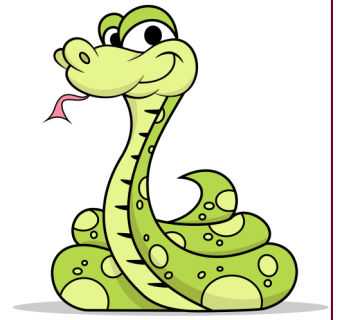
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## TARONGA ZOO VISIT

On Tuesday the students had a visit from the Taronga Zoo mobile Van. They saw insects, frogs, lizards, snakes, possums and echidna. All students enjoyed the zoo visit and learnt something new about each animal being shown to them. During the visit students were encouraged to support native wildlife conservation. This was a great opportunity for the Ricky River students to get a touch of 'Taronga' right in their own school.





Last Friday the students took interest in a lamb that was here on a day visit. They cared for the lamb in their recess and lunch break ensuring it was safe and secure. Thank you Aleisha for showing the Lower Division students your lamb care skills.



## TEDDY BEARS HOSPITAL

Today K-2 Students participated in our annual Teddy Bears Hospital, bringing along their sick or injured bear to help reduce the uncertainty and fear that children may have when visiting the doctor. With nurses from the UNE performing medical treatments such as bandaging and after care for sick and injured teddies. The students then become the carers and the bears as the patients. All students received a medical certificate with a treatment plan.





# FOR YOUR INFORMATION

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- 20 May-Responsible Pet Owners Visit
- 20 May-District Cross Country
- 23 May- Jump rope for Heart.

## 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.

## 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

- 25 May - Emma Carter
- 1 June - Rose Miller

## NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL

If anyone is interested in receiving the newsletter via email please email the school at [rockyriver-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:rockyriver-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

## P&C

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

**ALL WELCOME**



## Term 2 2016 workshops at Tamworth Regional Gallery

Tamworth Regional Gallery is offering art workshops in Term 2. These workshops book out quickly, for details contact the Gallery on 6767 5248.

### Smarty Arty for 5-7 year olds

This block of 4 classes designed for 5-7 year olds will give participants the opportunity to develop their skills in a range of art practices including printmaking, painting and mixed media. These classes encourage students to enjoy the creative process and have fun!

**Dates:** Thursday May 19, 26, June 2 & 9

**Time:** 4.15pm-5.15pm

**Cost:** \$50.00 for a 4 class block (includes all materials)

**Teacher:** Kate Armstrong

Block 2 is a repeat of block 1.

Students **must** wear closed in shoes (no sandals or thongs please) and a paint shirt to each class. Full payment must be made prior to the commencement of class 1 and an enrolment form must be completed.

No refunds available

### Art After School for 8-12 year olds

This block of 4 classes starting in week 4 of term will be conducted by the Gallery's Education Officer Kate. Students will engage students in a program designed to encourage students to try their hand at new and familiar materials. Activities will include painting, mixed media, sculpture and drawing.

**Dates:** Wednesdays May 18, 25 & June 1 & 8

**Time:** 4.15pm-5.45pm

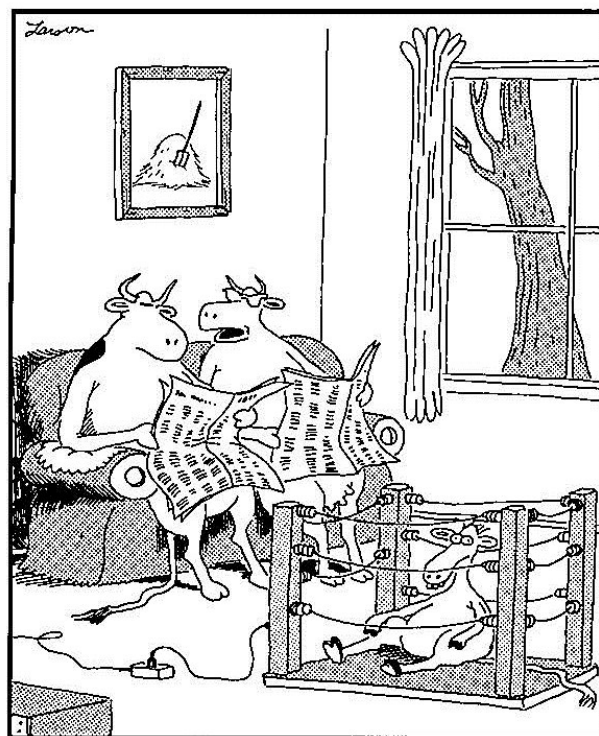
**Cost:** \$80.00 for a 4 class block (includes all materials)

**Teacher:** Kate Armstrong

Students **must** wear closed in shoes (no sandals or thongs please) and a paint shirt to each class. Full payment must be made prior to the commencement of class 1 and an enrolment form must be completed.

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## The Far Side



"Ben—what d'ya say we turn the power off for a while and let the little guy roam around?"



Warm regards Rocky River Students & Staff.