



# Rocky River Public School Newsletter



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**TERM 1, WEEK 9, 21 March 2017**

## PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Thank you to those parents who were able to attend the Year 3-6 excursion meeting last night. There was a strong indication from those who attended that they would like to see the excursion go ahead. This is an expensive excursion, particularly for those parents with more than 1 child attending. Discussion was around fundraising activities to help reduce the cost for **all** families. It was suggested that the P&C be approached about the cost of travel which is \$56.72 per student for a return trip. Other suggestions were a car wash in which the students themselves are able to be involved. Another suggestion was the Easter raffle which there is more detail further in this newsletter. This excursion is a wonderful opportunity for our students and all parents of the students attending the excursion are expected to assist in the fundraising events. Please see the attached information about the excursion return the tear off strip to indicate if you would like your child to attend, and return ASAP If you wish to discuss the excursion further please contact me at school.



SCHOLASTIC Book Fairs

You're invited to our Scholastic  
**BOOK FAIR!**



All purchases earn books and learning resources for our school!

Date 27-31 March Time 8:30-9am ~ 3-4pm  
Place Rocky River Public School

Find these books and hundreds more at the Fair!

SCHOLASTIC

### BOOK FAIR:

8.30-9am & 3-4pm. March 27-31 at Rocky River Public School. Come along and have a look at our book fair or see the school office for our book fair catalogue.

 **SCHOLASTIC**

**DON'T FORGET!**



 **SCHOLASTIC**

**Book Club**

orders are due:

**24 March 2017**

Lunch orders— Wednesday 22 March Upper Division students will be attending the lantern making class at St Joeys school. Students can still place their lunch orders in the morning as normal. Placed orders will be delivered to the students on their lunch break. If you are not placing a lunch order please bring your lunch with you on the excursion. Thank you.

Rocky River Students will NOT have a scripture lesson this week as we will be attending the lantern making class. Scripture will continue as normal next week. Thank you.

### LANTERN PARADE

The lantern parade musters at the Uralla Showgrounds, King St Uralla at 7pm sharp on Saturday 25 March and the parade starts at approximately 7.30pm. The parade follows the route along King, Maitland and Hill Streets to Hampden Park for the finale Bush Dance.

## LOOK WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN OUR SCHOOL

Our diversity makes Australia a great place to live.

Harmony Day is a celebration of our cultural diversity – a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home.

Held every year on 21 March, the day coincides with the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. The message of Harmony Day is 'everyone belongs'. The Day aims to engage people to participate in their community, respect cultural and religious diversity and foster sense of belonging for everyone.

Since 1999, more than 70,000 Harmony Day events have been held in childcare centres, schools, community groups, churches, businesses and federal, state and local government agencies across Australia.

**Why orange?** Orange is the colour chosen to represent Harmony Day. Traditionally, orange signifies social communication and meaningful conversations. It also relates to the freedom of ideas and encouragement of mutual respect. Australians can choose to wear something orange on 21 March to show their support for cultural diversity and an inclusive Australia.

Thank you to all Rocky River students for participating in Harmony Day activities and wearing orange to show support and understanding.





## KEEPING UP WITH LOWER DIVISION



Lower Division— Home Readers are being taken home on a Monday and returned to school on the Friday along with the students weekly homework. Each student will take home 3-5 readers to complete during the week.

### Up coming events— EASTER HAT PARADE & EGG HUNT

Week 11, Thursday 6 2017, 2-3pm.

In week 11 we will be holding our Easter assembly followed by The Easter Hat Parade and Easter Egg Hunt.

The P&C will be organising the egg hunt as well as an Easter raffle, this is fundraising for the Upper Divisions Sydney excursion. The P&C are also seeking donations for the raffle such as chocolate eggs, produce etc. **All families are expected to give a donation.** P&C would like to draw the raffle at the upcoming assembly.

The students will be making their hats in class time. If you have any craft materials at home you would like to use please bring them in.

See you there. ALL WELCOME.



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Email: fundraising@gardenexpress.com.au

The P&C bulb fundraiser has been extended. Please have your orders in by March 31.

### FUN AND FREE YOUTH WEEK ACTIVITIES

- Soap & Melts Workshop**  
01/04 @ Community Centre 10am-2pm
- Print Workshop**  
02/04 @ Print Gallery 10am-2pm
- Council Round Table**  
03/04 @ Council Chambers 10:30am
- Children's Story Time**  
04/04 @ Uralla Library 10:30am
- Bubble Soccer**  
05/04 @ RSL Memorial Hall 3:30pm-7pm
- Movie Night**  
06/04 @ Neighbourhood Centre 6:30pm
- Minute to Win in**  
07/04 @ Uralla Library 6:30pm
- Family Fun Day**  
09/04 @ Alma Park 10am-3pm

Uralla  
URALLA SHIRE COUNCIL

Bookings Essential @ Uralla Neighbourhood Centre  
Contact 6778 3277 For More Info.

## SAS staff Reference Group (SRG) Tamworth

### Non-Teaching Staff School Introduction Training Days

#### Course Code NR13249

The Department of Education is seeking people who are interested in commencing work within public schools in your area.

The School Administrative and Support (SAS) staff Reference Group welcome any people looking to start work in school administration to enrol in our Non-Teaching Staff School Introduction training programs.

The aim of this training is to provide participants with an overview of school administrative roles. Participation in this introduction day is not a guarantee of employment with the Department of Education. Following this introduction day, it will be up to individuals to contact schools and follow up possible employment. Participants would then also need to obtain a Working with Children Check (WWCC) clearance (at their own cost) through Service NSW and apply for a Department of Education employee number through a local public school. Many schools have a policy of not employing current parents or associates within their own school.

It would be desirable if participants had a sound knowledge of Microsoft Office.

The training days will be held from 9am-3:30pm in the following locations:

Tamworth - 23 March 2017. Department of Education Office

Armistead - 30 March 2017. Martins Gully Public School

Inverell - 5 April 2017. Macintyre High School

Glen Innes - 6 April 2017. Glen Innes Public School

Scone - 27 April 2017. Scone High School

Moree - 3 May 2017. Moree Secondary College Albert St

Narrabri - 4 May 2017. Narrabri High School

Gunnedah - 11 May 2017. Gunnedah South Public School

To secure a place in this course, you will need to enrol online by using the link below, clicking on the 'community members' tab and following the instructions. They will show you how to obtain a username and password, search for the course using the "Browse Learning" tab then use the course code NR13249, enrol in the venue you wish to attend. You will also need to complete the form attached to this online enrolment and pay a fee of \$20 by cheque or money order made out to Department of Education posted to the address on the form. Morning tea and lunch will be provided on the day.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/mypl>

#### For more information contact

SAS staff Reference Group - Tamworth  
T 026776 4120 | 175 Rusden Street, Armistead,  
NSW, 2350 | E [SRGTamworth@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:SRGTamworth@det.nsw.edu.au)  
<https://detwww.det.nsw.edu.au/lhpa/school-administrative-support/sass/sass-reference-groups>

## Uralla Neighbourhood Centre Inc

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URALLA NSW 2358  
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Email: [urallaneighbourhood@bigpond.com](mailto:urallaneighbourhood@bigpond.com)



National Youth Week 2017 will be celebrated between  
31<sup>st</sup> March and 9<sup>th</sup> April this year

#### FREE Activities for this week are:

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April 10am – 2pm  
Soap and Melts Workshops (Bookings essential) @  
Uralla Community Centre

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 10am – 2pm  
Print Workshop (Bookings essential) @ Print Gallery

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 10:30am  
Council Round Table @ Uralla Council Chambers

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 10:30am  
Children's Story Time (preschool age) @ Uralla Library

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 3:30pm – 7pm  
Bubble Soccer (Bookings Essential) @ Uralla Neighbourhood  
Centre

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April 6:30pm  
Movie Night @ Uralla Neighbourhood Centre

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April 6:30pm  
Minute to Win it @ Uralla Library

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April 10am – 3pm  
Family Fun Day @ Alma Park

Great Prizes to be won and heaps of fun to be had!!

For further Information contact  
Uralla Neighbourhood Centre  
67783277

## Seasons of New England, 100 Stall Expo

Saturday 25th March 9am - 4pm Hampden Park, Uralla. Entry is free for children, \$2 for adults. Live music, 100 stalls of artisan products from the makers, creators and producers of the New England. Lots of fun for kids with pony rides, face painting, sand wizard and much more. Lantern making for the Uralla Lantern Parade will be happening at the Expo and the Parade will be held later that night during Earth Hour, finishing at Hampden Park with more entertainment.



## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER - TERM 1, WEEK 9 & 10 2017

<b>WEEK 9</b> 20-24 March	<b>Monday 20</b> School Banking	<b>Tuesday 21</b> Library Harmony day	<b>Wednesday 22</b> Canteen Lantern making workshops	<b>Thursday 23</b>	<b>Friday 24</b> Sport Day
<b>WEEK 10</b> 27-31 March Book Fair Week	<b>Monday 27</b> School Banking Book fair starts	<b>Tuesday 28</b> Library	<b>Wednesday 29</b> Canteen	<b>Thursday 30</b>	<b>Friday 31</b> Sport Day Last day of book fair

*Lower Division- Tuesdays*

*Upper Division- Tuesdays*



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

**P&C Clothing Pool**– If you are looking for some second-hand jumpers, pants and jackets for winter please ask about our clothing pool. Clothing is available at a low cost. Any second-hand uniform donations would also be greatly appreciated.

### CANTEEN

Every Wednesday

#### Price List:

Fish Fingers(4).....\$2  
 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

#### **Canteen Roster**

**Please contact Jaz if you would like to be on the canteen roster for 2017.**

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### P&C

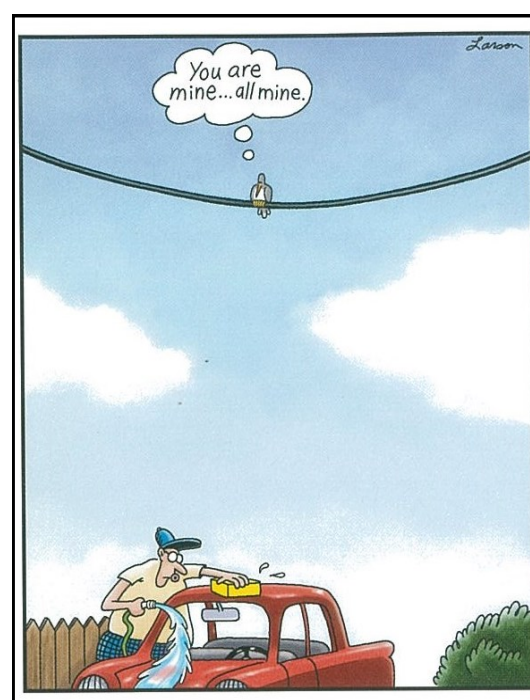
The next P&C meeting  
will be Wednesday 5  
April 5:30pm.

**ALL WELCOME**

#### **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

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*Warm regards Rocky River Students & Staff.*