



Wednesday 2nd December 2020

Term 4, Week 8

## From The Principal's Desk

### Upper Division Sleep Over and Early Breakfast for Lower Division

I would like to thank Miss Brien, Miss Patterson and Mr Todd for assisting me in supervising our Upper Division sleep over and Lower Division breakfast. Without their support, such events cannot take place. I also thank our students for their wonderful behaviour. Well done everyone!

### Presentation Day—Friday 11th December 1.00pm

We invite all students, their families and the school community to our 2020 Presentation Day to be held next Friday 11th December from 1.00pm at the school. To hold the event, we must meet certain COVID guidelines, therefore there will be restrictions/requirements for the event. The event will be held outside in the back area of the school. (If the weather is wet, we will communicate a new plan on the SkoolBag app). All attendees will need to sign a visitor's declaration on entry to the school grounds. All visitors must sit 1.5m apart **however, people from the same household can sit together** while at this event. Once our Presentation Day event is over, all parents and visitors will need to leave the school. We are not able to hold our usual BBQ lunch or concert events. Visitors must not mingle afterwards. The event will not be broadcast on ZOOM. Invitations have been sent out to all families. We appreciate your understanding in following our COVID 19 plan so that we can acknowledge our student's achievements and to give our leaving Year 6 students the farewell they deserve. If you are planning on attending our Presentation Day, please RSVP by Monday. Thank you again for your support.

### Staffing for 2021

Miss Georgia Patterson has been successful in gaining a full time position at Kentucky Public School for 2021 and possibly beyond. Miss Patterson has been working with our students in Years 3 and 4 for English and Maths and all Upper Division students for the rest of their subject areas. I would like to thank Georgia for her hard work as a relief teacher and temporary teacher at various times over the last 12 months and congratulate her on her successful new role at Kentucky Public School.

I am very pleased to announce that Miss Leah Miller will return to assist me with the Upper Division class in 2021 working with Years 3 and 4 for their English and Maths lessons, and all Upper Division students for the remaining subject areas. I trust you will all join with me in welcoming back Miss Miller to her role.

We will farewell Sally Castle at the end of the year after seven years at our school. Sally has provided outstanding support for our students and staff during this time and we truly appreciate everything she has done for us. Sally has accepted a full time position at Drummond Memorial Public School. We will miss you Mrs Castle. Please keep in touch with us!

All other staff positions in the school remain the same for the 2021 school year.

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& Georgia Patterson

School Support: Sally Castle

School Administration: Anne Miller

## From the Principal's Desk Continued...

### Congratulations Mr Todd

I would like to congratulate Mr Matt Todd on completing his internship with Lower Division at the end of last week. Mr Todd has been an excellent pre service teacher, supporting our students and learning about the programs we offer at our great school. I wish Mr Todd all the very best in his teaching career and we are now lucky to be able to employ him as a fully qualified teacher where possible!

### Art day @ Kelly's Plains School

We will join our friends at Kelly's Plains Public School on Monday 14th December for a day of art! We will travel by bus and return to school by 2.45pm. Please see information sent home today and on the Skoolbag app for more details including information about a lunch pack students may purchase on the day.

### Pool Party @ Uralla Pool

On Tuesday 15th December we will hold a school pool party at the Uralla Pool. We will leave the school by bus and be at the pool from 12.00 until 3.00pm. **Parents need to collect their children from the pool on this day at 3.00pm.** Please refer to information attached to today's newsletter.

### Learn to Swim Program

Thankyou to Sally Castle for her organisation of our learn to swim program this year and also thank you to our teachers for their help in making this a reality. We have seen some wonderful progress in our students. Swimming is such an essential skill to have, particularly as we begin to move into the summer months. Thanks again for your help.

### Thank you and Merry Christmas

As this is the last newsletter for 2020, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support in what has clearly been the most unusual school year in a generation. Never before have we seen such disruption to our routines and school programs, but due to the perseverance and determination we all have, we have come through this successfully. This could not have been done without such a talented staff (both teaching and non teaching) and our amazing students who were so willing to accept new ideas and approaches. Thank you all for your hard work. You are all simply amazing!

To our parents and P&C, thank you also for your support in helping us to manage COVID guidelines and restrictions imposed on us all to maintain the safety of all students and staff so that school could run effectively during the pandemic. This hasn't been easy and we thank you for being so adaptable. To the P&C, thank you for continuing to provide lunch orders and the uniform clothing shop throughout the year as I am acutely aware that you have had such a difficult time to hold any events or fundraising initiatives this year.

I am not sure what next year will look like, however we will receive advice from the NSW Department of Education in January regarding guidelines for schools for Term 1 next year. I will publish this on the SkoolBag app as soon as I have the information.

I hope you can all join us for our Presentation Day next Friday. I would particularly like to thank our Year 6 students, Phoenix, Aubrey, Kellen, Eleanor and Manoa for assisting me throughout the year. You have been wonderful ambassadors for our school and I wish you all the very next in high school next year. We also farewell the families of Kellen, Phoenix and Aubrey from Rocky River. Please know that you will always remain a part of our great school community. Keep in touch!

In conclusion, I hope you all find time to spend some well-deserved time with your family over the summer break. I trust all students, staff and the school community will remain safe and relaxed during the break, and we look forward to seeing you all again in the new school year. Please remember that students (K-6) commence school on Friday 29th January 2021.

**If there is an emergency and you need to contact me during the school holidays, please call 0436 942 430.**

Merry Christmas!

Brad Hunt  
Principal



## Calendar of Events for the End of Term 4

To assist in your planning for the last few weeks of term, please find a calendar below. This information (and copies of notes) are also on the Skoolbag app.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 8				Learn to Swim (1.30-2.30)	Learn to Swim (12.00-1.00)
Week 9	Tennis skills at school  Mr Hunt at Principal's Meeting	Tennis skills at school	Tennis skills at home  Student reports home to parents	Tennis skills at school  Safety workshop with the rural fire service (2.00pm)	Presentation Day 1.00pm
Week 10	Art day at Kelly's Plains School	School Pool Party 12.00-3.00pm (parents are to collect children from the pool) <b>Uniform free day</b>	Last day of school for students and staff. <b>Uniform free day</b>		

## COVID 19 Safe Summer Packs

As we come closer to the end of the school year, we'd like to extend our thanks to you, our parent community, for demonstrating so much resilience and patience towards the circumstances we faced together. We strived together to get the best outcomes for our students despite the pandemic and you have stayed by our side the entire time.

Thank you again.

We will be sending a COVID-safe summer pack to each student before the year ends courtesy of the NSW Department of Education. The contents of the pack will help students maintain healthy hygiene practices and to stay COVID-safe during the school holidays.

Here are some quick tips to help you and your families stay COVID-safe during the school holidays:

- Encourage your children to use their packs whenever they leave the house
- Meet outdoors whenever possible and wear sunscreen
- Meet in small groups
- Encourage good hand hygiene practices and remind your children to cough and sneeze into their elbow
- Keep up-to-date with the latest health information by monitoring the NSW Government website:  
<https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19>

From all of us at Rocky River School, be safe and enjoy the school holidays.

During the past two weeks we have held another Zoom Assembly with awards given out; Mr Todd has completed his Prac with us; Miss Patterson has celebrated her birthday; we held our UD Sleepover at School; Yr 6 Leaders and Mr Hunt attended Morning Tea with the local Mayor and our School Swimming Scheme has been running. What a busy couple of weeks we have had!



Wishing Miss Patterson a very

**★HAPPY★  
BIRTHDAY!**



## ROCKY RIVER PUBLIC SCHOOL



*Enrolling Now*  
FOR KINDERGARTEN 2021

**Please contact the school  
for further information**

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## Kindergarten 2021 Enrolments

We are currently taking Kindergarten enrolments for next year. Please contact the office for an enrolment package.

# SkoolBag

Don't forget to download our school's SkoolBag app to ensure that you are kept in the loop on:

- \* School newsletters
- \* Notices
- \* Events
- \* Cancellations
- \* Reminders
- \* ...and more!

**INSTALLATION  
INSTRUCTIONS**

Just download the "SkoolBag" app on your phone, open the app and add our school!



Explore the  
**Everyday Maths Hub** >

[education.nsw.gov.au/everyday-maths](https://education.nsw.gov.au/everyday-maths)

## STUDENT DRINK BOTTLES



Students still need to bring a drink bottle with them every day to school as they cannot drink from our bubblers due to COVID-19 restrictions. We do have a tap where they can refill their own drink bottles as required.

## ROCKY RIVER PUBLIC SCHOOL



# -INVITATION-

Presentation Day and Year 6 Farewell

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020  
1.00pm

Rocky River Public School

We would like to invite all students, their families and the school community to attend our 2020 Presentation Day Assembly and Year 6 Farewell on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 1.00pm.

Book prizes for every student and our major awards for 2020 will be presented.

Due to COVID restrictions, please RSVP by Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December with numbers attending for organisational purposes.

*We expect the assembly to run for 1hr, unfortunately we won't be able to hold a BBQ this year.*

## School News

### School Calendar - TERM 4

23rd Nov - 4th Dec: Swim School

7th - 10th Dec: Tennis Program

11th Dec: Presentation Day

14th Dec: Art Day @ Kelly's Plains School

15th Dec: Pool Party

16th Dec: Last day of term for students & staff



### YEAR 6 FUNDRAISER

Thank you everyone for your support of our Year 6 class in their fundraising efforts. It has been a great success. All proceeds made after the 27th November will be held in our SRC account for next year.

## CANTEEN

### Price List:

Macaroni & Cheese.....	\$3
Pizza Singles.....	\$3
Chicken Nuggets (4).....	\$2
Beef Lasagne.....	\$3
Potato Bake .....	\$3
Fried Rice.....	\$3
Sausage Roll.....	\$3
Pie .....	\$3
Ice Cream .....	\$1.50
Popper .....	\$1.50
Milk (with flavoured straw).....	\$1.50
Fruit Icy Pole.....	\$1

Our canteen operators are aware of the COVID 19 regulations for food handling and will adhere to them at all times.

**Please send lunch orders in a clearly marked bag with the correct money if possible as change is not given out.**

## Community News

**ARMIDALE TENNIS ACADEMY**

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# SUMMER HOLIDAY TENNIS CAMPS

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HALF DAY CAMP 9AM-12PM  
WEEK 1: DEC 21-22  
WEEK 2: JAN 11-13  
WEEK 3: JAN 18-20  
AGES 4.5-14 YRS



### ATA TENNIS CAMP ENROLMENT INFORMATION

W1 21-22 DEC W2 11-13 JAN W3 18-20 JAN

- Time: 9.00am - 12pm
- Loads of fun activities, matchplays and more!
- Improve your game and make some new friends too
- Half day camps - fruit & treats provided
- Prizes!
- To bring: hat, sunscreen, water, snacks and your racquet - don't worry if you don't have one, you can borrow one for the days you are at camp.
- Camp will be run under current COVID-19 guidelines
- If wet weather occurs that days camp will be postponed & credit issued. A decision will be made by 8am and posted on our Facebook/instagram. <https://www.facebook.com/armidaletennisacademy>



WEEK 1 CAMP: 21 to 22 DEC - \$50/day or \$90 for all days  
WEEK 2 CAMP: 11 to 13 JAN - \$50/day or \$130 for all days  
WEEK 3 CAMP: 18 to 20 JAN - \$50/day or \$130 for all days

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