



ROCKY RIVER PUBLIC SCHOOL

Newsletter

Wednesday 5th February 2020
Term 1, Week 2

From The Principal's Desk

Welcome Back!

Thank you for helping us all to have a very smooth start to the school year. Our students and staff have commenced our programs for 2020 where we aim to provide fantastic learning opportunities. I welcome our two new kindergarten students, Cash and Harrison, to *Big School* and trust that they have enjoyed their first week at Rocky River. Also, welcome to Kalani and Manoa in Upper Division, and their family. If you have any questions about your child's learning at any time, please come and see us, or contact us at school.



Cricket Workshops

We will be holding cricket workshops each Friday for the next few weeks, starting from this week. The workshops are run by Cricket NSW and are at no cost to students.

Science Workshop

Next Tuesday, our school will host a science and technology day for all of our students. We are also hoping to have some students join us from our Thunderbolt's Alliance of schools. Students will have the opportunity to work in small groups looking at chemistry and how substances interact and behave.

Swimming Carnival

Next week we will attend the 2020 small schools' swimming carnival at the Uralla Pool. Please see detailed information attached to today's newsletter as it is a twilight carnival and students do not attend school the following day. Please also return your child's permission note by the end of the week. Thank you for your help. We hope the day is very successful. The PSSA Swimming Carnival will be held for those students who qualify to the next level on Thursday 20th February.

P&C Meeting Tonight

Our school has a very committed and active P&C and I encourage you to come along to their meetings to put forward ideas and suggestions on raising funds for our school. The next meeting will be held at 5.30pm this afternoon.



Have a great week!

Brad Hunt

Congratulations to Cailey for receiving a Principals award for great work.

Upcoming Events

TERM 1

Feb 5 P&C Meeting 5.30 pm

Feb 6 School Banking

Feb 11 Science & Tech . day

Feb 13 Small Schools
Swimming Carnival 2-7pm

Feb 14 Staff Development
Day (pupil free day).

Feb 20 School Banking

District PSSA Swimming
Carnival

Mar 2 Zone PSSA Swimming
Carnival

Mar 4 P&C AGM 5.30 pm

Mar 5 School Assembly 2pm

Mar 9-15 P&C Street Stall

Mar 19 Pet Program visit—
LD

Apr 6 State PSSA Swimming
Carnival

Apr 8 School Photo's

Apr 9 School Assembly &
Easter Hat Pde 2pm.



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Helen Kirkaldy
School Support: Sally Castle
School Administration: Anne Miller

Rocky River P&C Information

Our first meeting for the year will be held on Wednesday 5th February at 5.30pm.

The AGM will be held on Wednesday March 4 at the School commencing at 5.30pm. All positions will be declared open at this meeting and in order to vote you must be a current financial member. The membership fee of \$1 must be paid to the Treasurer Rose Miller on or before the first P&C meeting for this year. We encourage all who are interested to come along and be a part of our P&C supporting our school and our students.

STREET STALL The P&C will be holding their annual Street Stall from 9th to 15th March. If you are able to work on the stall please contact Emma on 0402 236 643. We are asking for donations for a raffle and home cooking and other items to sell. Items for the stall can be left at the school office for collection or brought directly to the stall.

Assemblies for Term 1

Thursday 5th March 2pm

Thursday 9th April 2pm

(Easter Hat Parade and Assembly)



Everyone is most welcome to come along to our assemblies

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2020 Small Schools Swimming Carnival

Important Information reminder

Our small school's 2020 swimming carnival will be a little different from previous years. We will be holding a twilight swimming carnival on Thursday 13th February at the Uralla Swimming Pool from 2.00pm - 7.00pm. Parents or caregivers must be present to collect students from the pool at the completion of the carnival. Students will come to school as normal on the Thursday morning and then travel to the pool for an extended school day to complete the carnival. This will mean that students do not attend school the day after, on Friday 14th February. Staff will attend a combined professional learning workshop with our small school cluster of schools. We hope all parents can come along and watch their children swim and compete. We also hope that this helps to keep students out of the sun for a full day. If you have any questions, please come and see me.

Stay "in the loop" in 2020 with our school app!

Events | Cancellations | Notices
Newsletters | Permission slips
Instant notifications | Absentees
Parent Teacher Interviews

Simple free download:
In Google Play & App Store search 'Skool Loop' & choose our school once installed.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Happy 11th Birthday Haylee!

CANTEEN Every Wednesday

Price List:

Macaroni & Cheese.....	\$3
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
Milk & Sipahh Straw....	\$1.50
Fruit Icy Pole.....	\$1

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

If you are available to assist with canteen please contact Erica on 0422054475 or Leanne on 0432 779 291.

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To Join our emailing list please email the school rockyriver-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

You can also check out our website by going to <https://rockyriver-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>



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Uralla Vet Clinic

We're open 6 days a week, plus our after hours service provides you 24/7 assistance in emergencies. Please call to make an appointment during consultation hours.

Monday - Friday 8:30am - 5:30pm
Saturday 9am - 12pm
116 Bridge Street, Uralla



Our dedicated team is always here for your pets

SCHOOL

Thank you to our Skool Loop Sponsor, without them we would not have access to the app. If anyone would like to become a sponsor and advertise with the Skool Loop App please contact the school for further information.

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Santa for the bush Gifts for the kids!

At the end of last year we were extremely grateful to receive a visit from Santa and his team from Ray White Real Estate on the Lower North Shore of Sydney and their band of merry helpers! They arrived at our school and hand delivered gifts to each of our students as part of an initiative to bring some cheer to our drought stricken communities, many other schools in our area also received a visit from these wonderful people, thank you!



Happy Christmas!



From your Friends in
the City

hello! merry christmas I am Julia I know you are having a hard time but keep your hopes high & smile as
as his way!!!

Hi I am Piper I hope you have a merry christmas ☺

Hi, I'm Bonnie Hay -
I hope you have
a great Christmas
and a Happy New
Year, and that your
wishes become
reality

Hello! My name is Andia.
I am sorry to hear of what
you are suffering from but
do not worry Santa is in his
sky and on his way.
Merry Christmas
from Andia, Newland

Merry Christmas to you and all your families.
Wishing you a safe and happy Holiday Season,
from your friends in Sydney.

HELLO I'M
SAFFRON, I KNOW
YOU ARE SUFFERING
IN THE DROUGHT BUT
DON'T WORRY BECAUSE
SANTA'S ON HIS WAY.
Merry Christmas!

Hello I'm Isabella
and I know you
have been through
hard times but
STILL HAVE A
MERRY CHRISTMAS

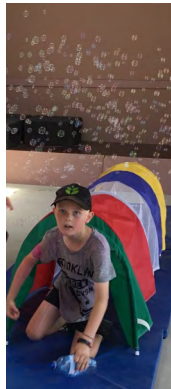
Hi, I'm George
I am sorry to hear
about the drought
but Santa is on his
way
Merry Christmas!

Hello! I'm Natalie & I know
you may have been going
through a hard time with
bush fires or in drought
but it's almost Christmas &
Santa's on his way
Happy Christmas!!!

School News



On the last day of Term 4 our students enjoyed participating in a Splash & Dash Fun Run and sausage sizzle, a welcome reward for their amazing fund raising effort where a total of \$1908 was raised for our school. Congratulations to Haylee Swan who raised a total of \$200.55. Thank you to all of the parents and Grandparents who were able to attend and support us on the day.



Lower Division Activities



On the first day of school lower division made time capsules. This involved writing down all about them, measuring their height, tracing their hand, writing about aspirations and goals and a photo. We put them all in a jar and look forward to opening them up again at the end of the year to see how far we've come.

'Maddy the Magic Monkey' named by Lower Division looks out for high quality work and ready to learn students and rewards them with ClassDojo points. The student who receives the most dojo points each week gets to take her home for the weekend.

Upper Division Activities

I would like to welcome Kalani (year 4) and Manoa (year 6) to our class this year. Both boys have settled in well to our school and to our routines. I also welcome our year 3 students to Upper Division. We have 21 eager and keen students in our class.

Miss Leah Miller is working along side me in the class this year, along with Mrs Helen Kirkaldy on Wednesdays for music lessons and Mrs Sally Castle assists with our programs as well.

Upper Division have commenced an individualised spelling approach where all students are learning at their own pace, and at an individual level. Students will need to revise their words each night as part of their homework.

Homework for students in Upper Division is the same for each weeknight, spelling, reading for 20 minutes each night, and multiplication revision. Students are aware of where they are at each week. Please know that homework isn't compulsory in NSW public Schools, but I do like to provide some activities such as reading, spelling and some simple multiplication revision for those families who wish to have this.

Our class has started a unit on "Celebrations and Commemorations" as part of the NSW History Curriculum. We will be focusing on celebrations around the world and historical events that have made an impact on our lives today.

Brad Hunt



Community Announcements



Uralla Netball Club

Come & Try it Afternoon /Registration Day

Uralla Sporting Complex

Friday 7th February 2020

4.30pm to 5.30pm

Come & Sign up for the 2020 season

It's important that all expressions are received to ensure we have significant numbers to service teams in the required age groups and divisions.

If you would like more Information,
please contact Rebecca Ball on 0423263513

**Sunday
February 23rd**

URALLA GOLF CLUB
PROUDLY PRESENTS
**THE 2020 JACK NEWTON
ORDER OF MERIT
URALLA JUNIOR AND CADET OPEN**



**NOVELTY
PRIZES FOR
EACH EVENT**

This Junior Tournament is a Stroke Event designed to cater for all abilities in junior and cadet golfers.
EVERYONE WINS A PRIZE!

Winners and Runners-Up and NTPs for each event

EVENT

A: 5 holes—boys and girls gross—tee off from 10.30am	\$8
B: 9 holes—boys and girls gross—tee off from 10.30am	\$15
C: 18 holes—girls and boys gross and nett AGU handicap tee off from 9.30am	\$25

FREE lunch, drink and gift bag.

Uralla Golf Club

Contact
Jon Izzard (0448430357)
Bruce McMullen
(0419013560 or the club
(67784059) for more details

Special thanks to Regional
Australia Bank for their
support of local junior
sport.

Proudly sponsored by Uralla Golf Club and the great
community spirit of the business houses and people of
Uralla and Armidale.

Come and find yourself enjoying real country hospitality
in the beautifully colourful, New England.

Bring the family, bring a bus, bring yourself!

Entries close Friday 21st February 2020.

Late entries may be accepted if the size of the field permits.

Email entries accepted to Jon Izzard
jizzard@regionalaustraliabank.com.au



Junior Tennis Registration

Sat 1st Feb, 10:00 to 12:00am

Wed 5th Feb, 5:00 to 7:00pm

Sporting Complex, Plane Ave Uralla

Hot Shots Program

(for kids aged 4 and older, all ability levels)

From Feb 8th to April 4th 2020,

Saturdays 9 to 9:45am

Cost - \$30 rego fee (for the term)

Plus \$25 membership fee (if not current member)

Match Play Program

(for players able to serve & hold a rally)

From Feb 8th to April 4th 2020,

Saturdays 10 to 11am

Cost - \$30 rego fee (for the term)

Plus \$25 membership fee (if not current member)

**Package Deal - \$45 rego if you register your child in both programs,
plus \$25 membership fee (if not current member)**

Remember to slip, stop & stay!!!

Please note - If you wish to use an Active Kids Voucher, a physical printed
copy must be provided.

For more info please call Dean Weiley on 0428 410 873



Junior Competition

Registration

Sat 1st Feb, 10 to 12am

Wed 5th Feb, 5 to 7pm

Sporting Complex, Plane Ave Uralla

Play

**Mondays, 10th Feb to 6th April,
from 4:30pm**

Singles, Doubles, Surprise BBQs!

\$40 rego, plus \$25 membership fee (if not a current member)

Please note - If you wish to use an Active Kids Voucher, a physical printed
copy must be provided.

****10yrs up and/or have completed Match Play in Hotshots or similar level****

For more info please call, Dean Weiley on 0428 410 873

Family Fishing & Fun day

22 February 2020
10am to 9pm

3862 Thunderbolts Way,
Uralla



Jumping castle, face painting,
pony rides, sausage sizzle,
snooker, yabbie racing,
entertainment by MR T &
much much more

**ALL PROCEEDS TO
URALLA CAN ASSIST**

Cost: \$50 per family or \$25 per person





Wednesday 5th February 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our school will participate in the Thunderbolt's Alliance of Small Schools Swimming Carnival next **Thursday 13th February 2020** at the Uralla Swimming Pool from **2:00pm-7:00pm**. **The following day, Friday 14th February will be a Staff Development Day. Staff will come to school for professional learning, however, students will remain at home, due to the swimming carnival being an extended school day.**

Students in years K-2 will participate in the smaller pool. Students in Years 3-6 will compete in the larger pool. If your child is in Year 2 and is 8 years old, or turning 8 years old by the end of the year, they are able to participate in the 3-6 carnival. This will allow them to potentially be selected in our school swimming team who will compete at the Zone Carnival. **They must be able to swim the entire 50 metre distance of the pool, and will be required to start in the deep end.** If you would like your child to participate in the 3-6 Carnival, and they are in Year 2 and are 8 years old, or turning 8 years old by the end of the year, could you please indicate on the permission slip below.

Students will be transported to the pool by bus. The canteen will be open to purchase snacks and a BBQ dinner will be available for sale.

Time: Students will depart school at 2:00pm. All students **must be collected by 7pm at the Uralla Pool.**

Venue: Uralla Swimming Pool

What to bring: A hat, sunscreen, drink bottle, swimmers, goggles, a towel and afternoon tea. Optional- Money to purchase snacks from the canteen.

Cost: \$2 (Entry to the pool. This should be brought in on the day.)

Brad Hunt
Principal

I give permission for my child/children _____ to travel by bus to the 2020 swimming carnival held at the Uralla Swimming Pool. I understand my children will be leaving school at **2:00pm** and I **will collect them by 7:00pm at the Pool.**

- ☐ I would like my child in Year 2 who is 8 years old, or turning 8 by the end of the year to participate in the 3-6 carnival. **I understand they must be able to swim a 50 metre distance of the pool, and will be required to start in the deep end.**
- ☐ I am able to assist with time keeping on the day.

Signed _____ Name _____ Date _____