



Wednesday 21st July 2021

Term 3, Week 2

## From The Principal's Desk

### New Kitchen

During the holidays Jen and Chris Philp (and at times, the kids), worked hard on installing our new kitchen, donated by the Rocky River P&C. I would like to thank Jen and Chris for the long hours and hard work they put in to provide us with such a wonderful new space. Thank you also to the many parents and members of the community for your hard work over the years, to raise the funds to purchase and install such a great new asset to the school. We have added some photos of the new kitchen in this week's newsletter for you to see our amazing new area.

### COVID 19 Update

Thank you to you all for your understanding and support in helping our school comply with the NSW Department of Education's COVID 19 requirements for schools. At this stage, we remain at *Level 2 Restrictions* where schools are requested to restrict the number of visitors, parents and community members allowed to enter the school. Detailed information was sent home last week and also placed on the school app. Please contact us if you would like more information.

### Education Week 2021

Next Week, is Education Week across all public and high schools in NSW. Due to the current restrictions, our school will need to change our plans and not hold events as we would like to. Students will be involved in in-class activities, including a cooking workshop next Friday! We are also going to celebrate NAIDOC Week next week.

### Assembly Next Week

We will hold our first assembly next Friday 30th July from 2.15pm. We are not able to invite any visitors to our assemblies, so once again we will go back to broadcasting these via ZOOM in Term 3. As it is difficult to broadcast student performances, we will restrict the assemblies to awards and announcements and upload photos of events and student work onto the Class Dojo platform from time to time. Please see further information on today's newsletter.

### Rocky River School Drink Bottles

I trust all students are enjoying their new metal drink bottles, purchased by the school. We are encouraging all students to have their own drink bottle at school each day and hope that the new drink bottles will be used by all students. We have secured enough for our new students for next year with a small number of them left over. If you would like to purchase an extra bottle, they can be purchased at the school for \$10 each.

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# Look what's happening in Lower Division

## Term Overview – LD Term 3

We've made it to 100 days of school!! We celebrated yesterday and dressed up as 100 years older or 100 years smarter.

### Topics This Term

#### English

In English we will be focusing on visual literacy and creating narrative texts. Our topic this term is learning about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures. This will be a cross-curricular unit that encompasses the concepts of country and place, people, culture and identity. The other small schools will be participating on the same topic. We had hoped to go to the Armidale Keeping Place for an excursion, but unfortunately due to restrictions, we've had to reschedule for later in the year. We are planning with the K-2 classes in the Thunderbolts Alliance to do oral presentations together on Zoom instead.

#### Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE)

In PDH we are focusing on food, fun and fitness! We will be learning about balanced lifestyles, healthy eating habits, decision making and the benefits of physical activity.

#### History

Students will investigate the differences in family structures and roles today and how these have changed or remained the same over time. Students will have the opportunity to pose questions, analyse sources and communicate their thoughts and findings. They will investigate changes and continuities in family life and identify similarities and differences between their family and others.

#### Science & Technology

LD will get the opportunity to learn about Earth and Space with Mr Baker! In Technology we are learning how to use Scratch and Scratch Jnr on student laptops.

#### Art with Mrs Schaeffer

In LD we have started looking at some of the symbols Aboriginal people use in their visual storytelling. Some of the symbols we have been learning about are waterholes, animal tracks, stars, meeting places and spears. These are some examples of what we have been doing.



#### Music

We are thoroughly enjoying music and will continue lessons with Jess from NECOM this term.

#### Drama

We are beginning to prepare for the school play this term – 'The Bee Musical'. Years 2-6 will be starting on the script this term and Kindergarten and Year 1 will participate in drama lessons with Mr Baker.



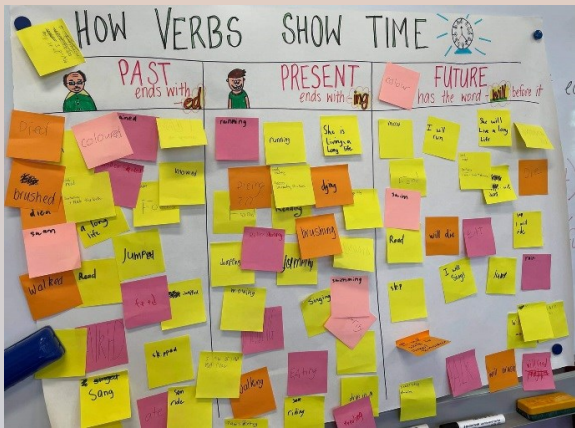
# Look what's happening in Upper Division

Welcome to Term 3 for what promises to be another busy term for our class.

Thanks to all of our students (and their families) for participating in our 100 days of school for 2021 along with our Lower Division students! What a great effort!

We also attended the Life Education Van yesterday where our students were part of class discussions on healthy eating, learning about body systems, helping students understand the impact of alcohol and drug abuse on their bodies and how to manage difficult situations such as peer pressure.

In English we will be focusing on creating speeches to present to the class during the next few weeks. We will then move to a unit on poetry for the remainder of the term. We have been exploring how verbs depict time. We went on a verb hunt with Mrs Schaeffer and sorted our verbs into groups to show examples of past, present and future tense.



In Maths, whole number will again be a feature along with topics such as measurement, time, fractions and decimals.

Our students will continue working on a unit of work in history and geography focusing on the impact of white settlement in Australia and how this impact has changed the environmental landscape of our country. We will also be welcoming Miss Brien to our class each Friday to use a STEM Share Kit using resources such as iPads and filming equipment.

## Drama

We are beginning to prepare for the school play this term – 'The Bee Musical'. Miss Brien has already started her work with us to prepare for our musical this year!

As always, if you have any questions regarding your child's learning, please contact us at the school.

Brad Hunt & Cameron Baker

## Our New Kitchen Upgrade

We love our new kitchen, complete with a dishwasher, new oven and cooktop! Thank you to our P&C, Jen, Chris & family.



# 100 Days of School!



Even though Mr Hunt was unable to attend school on Tuesday to celebrate the 100 days of school with us, he dressed up and was able to 'Zoom' with students and staff to see everyone in their costumes and wish them a great day!



# School News

## School Calendar

22nd July—'Get into Rugby' Program

29th July—'Get into Rugby' Program

30th July—Zoom Assembly @ 2.15pm

2nd August— P&C Meeting 5.30pm

6th August—PSSA Zone Athletics Carnival

## P&C News

At this stage we can still hold face to face meetings provided we adhere to COVID restrictions including social distancing and wearing of masks. **Our next meeting will be held on Monday 2nd August at 5.30pm at the school.** We will advise via the Skoolbag app if this meeting cannot go ahead.

**PLEASE JOIN US!** We are seeking new members to join our dynamic P&C team. We meet on the first Monday of each Month, please come along, we value input from all of our parents and work together to make a difference for our school and our students

Thank  
YOU

We would like thank families for their support of the Hot Dog meal deal on the last day of Term 2, we raised \$155 for the Mark Hughes foundation. What a great effort!

Our street stall is scheduled to be held the week beginning Monday 9th August. We are seeking volunteers to help run the stall and donations of cooking, plants or other saleable items to sell.

Items should be dropped directly to the stall where possible. Please contact Jen on 0403 082 875 if you are able to assist.

## 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

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



Our canteen is run by parent volunteers. If you are able to help with canteen on any Wednesday and would like to be included on the roster please contact Erica on 0422 054475

## School Assembly

**Friday 30th July 2.15pm**

*via*



Go to:

<https://nsweducation.zoom.us/j/2656786702?pwd=b05HcDN2RURQZHlKV1FnNEtHOFRJUT09>

Meeting ID: 265 678 6702

Password: 251202

**PLEASE NOTE: You will need your child's school username and password to log in.**