



North Rocks Public School

NEWSLETTER

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DIARY DATES

Mon	16 Feb	Band Meeting 7:30 Staffroom
Tues	17 Feb	P&C Meeting 7:30pm
		School Photos: see roster
Fri	20 Feb	Summer PSSA Sport commences
Tues	24 Feb	Year 5-6 Information Evening
Wed	25 Feb	Year 3-4 and Special Education Class Information Evening
Thurs	26 Feb	K-2 Information Evening
Fri	27 Feb	Clean up Australia Day
Sun	1 March	Working Bee
Mon	2 March	Swimming Carnival Years 2-6

SCHOOL MESSAGES

SCHOOL PHOTOS

The order envelopes need to be handed to the school photographer on photo day. The teachers will collect the envelopes from the students in the morning and hand to the photographer.

CLASS INFORMATION EVENINGS

This is a very important event in the school calendar. Parents are given the opportunity to come to school and meet their children's teachers. It is a wonderful opportunity to engage in a dialogue with the person responsible for your child's care and education.

Teachers will give an outline of the class program for 2009; identify special requests and expectations for your child; express to you their educational philosophy and provide you with opportunities to assist in the delivery of class programs. The sessions will commence at 6:30 and conclude at 7:30 followed by drinks in the staffroom.

Date	Class Groups
Tues 24	5A, 5/6R, 5KM, 6C, 6H, 6W
Wed 25	K-6H, K-6M, 3E, 3C, 4T, 4N,3/4J, 4/5L
Thurs 25	KAA, KK, KP, KV,1C, 1R, 1M,2M, 2D, 2S

SUMMER PSSA SPORT

You may be aware that North Rocks PS is trialing involvement in the Castle Hill PSSA summer sports program. We are entering teams in Cricket, Softball and T-Ball in the senior and junior divisions. The divisions are age based with students turning 10 and under considered for junior teams and those 11 and 12 considered for the senior teams. Trials have been held at lunchtimes. The competition commences Friday 20th February. Students selected in teams will bring home a permission note and request for payment. Unfortunately, payment must be made to cover the cost of bus travel and is a prerequisite for participating.

WORKING BEE

Our first working bee is planned for **Sunday 1st March** commencing at 8am and concluding at 1:00ish. A working bee notice is coming home today. We need a huge rollup to get the place looking spick and span. Jobs to be done include: leveling mulch next to the water tanks, tidying the new mounds near the ESL room, planting out those same mounds, small paving jobs around the flagpoles, some weeding, watering, constructing a sleeper garden bed and more. More jobs than people, so we need you! Plenty of drinks and food. If you would like to help cater please contact the office. Hey Richard, can we get the big boy toy again!

SWIMMING CARNIVAL – YR 2 (8YRS) – YR 6

All students are expected to attend the North Rocks swimming carnival. These events are where school spirit, physical effort and participation are developed. We have a great school which can be shaped positively by the essence of friendly competition. Come along to Waves at Baulkham Hills and support the kids on Monday 2nd March. Wear your team colours!

SCHOOL PROMOTIONS COMMITTEE

Are you interested in joining a school PR committee to develop a promotional brochure and to make suggestions for the website? Ring me on 9871 1772.

BAND MEETING

Monday 16th February in the staffroom commencing at 7:30.

*P&C Meeting Monday 17th February 7:30pm in the staffroom.
Come and meet the crew!!!!*



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PHOTO TIMETABLE - TUESDAY 17TH FEBRUARY

8:30	Staff	12:50	Prefects
9:00	KAA	9:15	KK
9:30	KP	9:45	KV
9:55	1C	10:10	1R
10:25	2M	10:35	2D
11:00	K-6M/K-6H	11:15	1M
11:25	2S	11:35	3C
11:45	3E	11:55	4T
12:05	4N	12:15	4/5L
12:25	6H	12:35	6C
1:40	6W	1:50	5A
2:00	5/6R	2:10	5KM
2:20	3/4J		

Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct school uniform including black shoes and appropriate coloured hair ribbon.

HORNSBY AND THE HILLS SRC CAMP

Our four school leaders, Adem, Brendan, Amelia and Annalise were wonderful ambassadors at the combined schools' leadership camp held at Vision Valley last week. They engaged in every activity and showed strong leadership throughout the camp. We are looking forward to seeing the fruits of their labour when they run the school's Student Representative Council. We also thank Mrs Noffs, Mrs Halloran and Mrs Artlett who ran sessions at the camp and had huge involvement in developing leadership skills in the students.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

If you need to speak to a teacher regarding any school issue please make an appointment through the office or directly with the teacher by dropping in a note outlining the issue and some times that would be convenient for you. The teacher will then do their best to accommodate you and try to have information which will shed light on the issue. My advice is to never ask to speak to a teacher during class time or when they are in charge of students. The teacher's attention must be on the job of teaching the class and it is inappropriate for any parent to enter a classroom to speak to a teacher during that time. The period prior to school is also a bad time for a teacher because that time is important to them as they prepare the lessons of the day. Please abide by this advice and I am sure you will find the teaching staff happy to help with whatever concerns you may have. Formal parent interviews will be held in Week 10 and 11 this term.

P & C NEWS

Hi everyone & a big welcome to all our new families joining us at NRPS in 2009. Please make the most of your child's new school and become involved. There will be many opportunities throughout the year and you will find us very approachable. It is extremely satisfying being part of our school community & **the kids love just love it** when they know you are part of their school life [and it is much more interesting than covering the homework books!].

It's also that time of the year when families receive their first invoice for the year. Included in your invoice amount is the Voluntary P&C Contribution request. As the funds we receive from these contributions directly go towards school enhancement projects that ultimately **benefit every child in the school**, we encourage you to make this payment if at all possible. *Please note that your Voluntary P&C Contribution is tax deductible if you indicate that your contribution is for the Building Fund.* During 2009 these monies will contribute to providing teaching & literacy resources, a support teacher, upgrading the computer network, grounds maintenance & playground shading.

You may also have seen a note about the P & C School Contact List. Please consider including your information in the contact list as it is an invaluable parent resource [especially at birthday party time!]

Our next P & C meeting, the first one for this year, will be on **Tuesday 17 February at 7.30pm** in the staff room and light refreshments will be served.

Hope to see you there!

*Jo-Ann Xegas
NRPS P&C President*

ROXFEST 2009?

We desperately need a volunteer to fill the role of **Roxfest Co-Ordinator**. If we do not fill this role the festival will not take place this year

If you are interested or would like to find out more please contact me at roxfest@gmail.com

Thanks in advance
Jo-Ann Xegas
P&C President

NEED A JP

Mrs Jeannine Grey has offered her services as a JP if required. Her contact details follow,
Mobile 0438728442.
Email: jcgrey@bigpond.net.au

- COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD -

Carlingford West Kindergarten. Vacancies 3-5 year olds. Hrs 9-3pm. Ex. School Readiness program. Ph 9871 4595
Student Exchange Australia. Host families are needed for overseas students aged 15-18 arriving in July. 1300 135 331
Carlingford Cougars Rugby League Club. Ages 6-13. Registration and 'try' night Fri 20 Feb, 5.30-7.30, Roselea Oval, Roselea Way, Carlingford. Contact Warren Brooks 0423 361 944 or Dave Fisher 0415 373 649.



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NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING

Would you like to take out a yearly advertisement in the school newsletter? The newsletter reaches 450 families and has 20 editions annually. Cost is \$440 gst inclusive and is available for the back page and limited to 10 companies. If you are interested please contact the school office.

YOUR P&C SUB-COMMITTEES NEED YOU!

Across our P & C & its sub-committees we have approximately 20 positions that need to be filled each year. Currently the following positions are in need of volunteers as the current volunteers are stepping down from these roles. As we have in excess of 400 families in our school, we would hope that we can fill these positions easily & without imposing on existing office bearers to "doubleup". So if you think you may have some time to give please let us know at nrpspandc@yahoo.com.au or contact anyone in the P&C or subcommittees about the roles. It will be greatly appreciated!

- **Uniform Shop Co-Ordinator's Role** [approximately 1.5hrs / week – meetings held once/term]
- **Uniform Shop Treasurer's Role** [approximately 1hr / week - meetings held once/term]
- **Parents Auxilliary Treasurer's Role** [approximately 1hr / month - meetings held once/month]

Uniform Shop Roster Vacancies

The Uniform Shop needs volunteers!!!

Friday mornings from drop-off time till about 9.15

If you are able to spare one Friday per month please let the uniform shop know. Your contribution can make a huge difference!!

CANTEEN NEWS

Hi Everyone, and welcome to 2009.

Thankyou to all of you who have volunteered to work in the canteen this year. We really do appreciate it. Unfortunately, the roster still has some big gaps in it.

We are having problems filling Thursdays in particular, but also still have some gaps on Wednesdays and Fridays. If you are able to help, please contact Mary or Glenda, or fill in the attached form and drop it in at the canteen.

We have taken delivery of our new upright freezer, and so we now have one surplus Chest Freezer.

We'd be very happy to exchange it for a modest donation to the school. Please contact the office if you are interested.

Vicky Gillard, Canteen Co-Ordinator

TEXT BOOKS AND FEES

Thank you to the many parents who have so promptly paid their school account. If you haven't finalised your child's textbook and other payments I ask that you do so at your earliest convenience. *Textbooks will be given out to those who have paid from Wednesday next week.* Teachers would like to commence working in these books as soon as possible and it is a level of frustration if all students don't have their books.

ROAD ISSUES

Please be reminded that children emulate their parents. *They do what they see.* Crossing the road with your child in places other than the traffic lights is a very dangerous habit. We would hate to see a parent or child hit by a car crossing North Rocks Road. Please use the lights. It has also been brought to my attention that parents are doing U-turns across double lines and dropping off in the bus bay. Both these things are against the law. Please use the Don Moore Reserve, Lawndale Avenue or the Westfield car park.

JOEY LEAGUE COACHING CLINICS

The Parramatta Eels development team will be conducting rugby league skill development clinics at our school on selected Thursday afternoons between 3 and 4pm. The dates are Thursdays; 26th Feb, 5th and 19th March. The cost will be \$1 per week. Boys and girls interested in participating in these clinics are asked to register their name and pay the \$3 to me by Friday 20th February.

Mr Cummins - Snr

STUDENT BANKING has commenced. Our volunteer parents are here on **Wednesday mornings** to process student's banking. Application packs are available at the office should you wish your child to open a Commonwealth Bank Super Saver account. The school receives a commission for processing these deposits.

HINDU SCRIPTURE

We now have a Scripture Teacher taking Hindu Scripture on Tuesday mornings. If you would like your child/ren to attend please notify the school if you have not already done so.

*Swimming Carnival Monday 2nd March, Waves
at
Roxborough Park, Baulkham Hills*

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DANCE CLASSES for all ages at Mui rfi el d High School !
Kirstar Dance & Talent Factory holds weekly dance classes for preschool students to young adults every Monday evening for only \$10 a lesson. Enrolments currently open for 2009. For more information email ki_rstardance@hotmail.com or call 0413473512.