



# North Rocks Public School

## NEWSLETTER

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### DIARY DATES

Fri	13 March	Entries close for International Schools Competitions
Mon	16 March	Regional Swimming Carnival
Tues	17 March	P&C Annual General Meeting
Thurs	19 March	Selective HS Test
Wed	25 March	Zone Swimming carnival finals
Thurs	26 March	Snuggle Pot and Cuddle Pie K-2 excursion
Fri	27 March	School Disco

### SCHOOL MESSAGES

#### WORKING BEE



Amelia was hard at work mixing mud for the paving.

From the positive responses it seems the community is very pleased with the improvements made at the working bee.

#### PLAYGROUND BLITZ

Backyard Blitz has nothing on us. Thanks to the Clifton, Williams, Topfer, Ford, Low, Napier, Thomas, Thomas, Brabaakaran, Baldock, Silver, Allsop, Angus, Tomlin, Clayton, Oates, Gillard, Beahan, Isles, Kemp, Wilkinson, Landry, Macarthur Le Noury, Arthur, Hwang, Ryan, Grimes, Stewart, Milne, Peterson, Williams, Dezso, Bain, Sheng, Uslu, Jaconson, Robards, Roeleven, Glass, Malcolm, Kuan, Ehsankya, Pereira families. If I missed anyone I am sorry, please forgive the error.

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

A huge thank you to Mrs Tropea for her organization of the school's swimming carnival. It was great to see so many parents at the carnival who were on hand to help and cheer on the swimmers.

#### SCHOOL PROMOTIONS COMMITTEE

At our meeting last week we took on some reviews of our "Welcome Book", considered and are working towards a prospectus and brochure promoting the wonderful aspects of our school. The members of the committee meet again on the 24<sup>th</sup> to examine ideas and make some decisions regarding the promotional material. Any ideas you have would be welcome. Please speak to Linda in the office or myself.

#### FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS BUILDING THE EDUCATION REVOLUTION

The Federal Government has announced a \$3.2 million package for each primary school to improve its facilities. It is unknown if this figure is an average figure or a guarantee figure for each school. At North Rocks we will be applying for a number of initiatives including three covered Outdoor Learning Centres, providing shade in the playgrounds; a multipurpose performing arts room; an administration upgrade, covered walkways, library upgrade and a lot more. Submissions are due on Monday so time is of the essence. I have spoken with the P&C President and Parents Auxiliary to gain some idea of community expectations. It will be difficult to have more discussions as the timeline is so short.

#### BROADBAND UPGRADE

On Tuesday Telstra completed our broadband upgrade allowing much faster access to the internet for students and administration. The students should acknowledge an improved service from next week.

#### PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Notes were sent home regarding the parent teacher interviews. Please return the interview slip as soon as possible. It is vital that every parent attends the interviews to hear how their children are going and to find out how we can work together to improve outcomes. The parent teacher interview is one of the most important contacts that all parents will have with their child's teacher.

*P&C Annual General Meeting  
Tuesday 7:30 pm in the staffroom - all welcome*



### SHAVE FOR A CURE



I was so disappointed I wasn't able to witness the great shave. I am full of admiration for the mums and one very brave lad who had their curly locks taken off for such a good cause. If you would like to donate to the Leukemia Foundation you can do so at the front office.

Well done Alex you have great courage!

### REVIEW OF MERIT SYSTEM

Our student welfare team is reviewing the current student merit scheme. One issue is the lack of consistency in the awarding of these merits and the value that the system places on student achievement and effort. The school places great importance on developing intrinsic rewards, where the achievement is valued most by the student and effort is the reward in itself. The current system will continue until the review has been completed and the recommendations are endorsed by the school executive and the P&C. I will keep you informed.

### SARAH T

Congratulations to Sarah T on her selection in the Sydney West Area Tennis team. Sarah will travel to Canberra in May to compete in the State Championships.

### YEAR 6 PARENT MORNING TEA

“Year 6 Parents Get-Together at Gloria Jeans, North Rocks, Wed 1<sup>st</sup> April 9a.m. Come along and meet up with some other parents who have children in Year 6 this year.”

### SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL

Applicants for Year 7 placement in a selective high school in 2009 are required to take the Selective High School Placement Test to be held from 9.00am to 1.15pm on Thursday 19 March 2009.

The test centre for students from our school is:

Northmead High School  
Campbell St  
NORTHMEAD 2152

### WINE AND CHEESE EVENING

Over 50 people enjoyed our first social evening on Friday night for 2009. It was a lovely night with lots of catching up, laughter and a little bit of after hours dancing. Thanks to Mrs Swaddling and Mrs Topfer for organising the event. Next time more dancing and fun to be had.

### SWIMMING CARNIVAL RESULTS

Champion House: Turner

Junior Champions		Runners Up	
Max L	Georgina H	James J	Naomi Y
11yrs Champions		Runners Up	
Daniel J	Tara A	Harley G	Sarah F
Senior Champions		Runners Up	
Kane G	Jason T	Victoria X	Amelia N

### MERIT CERTIFICATES WINNERS

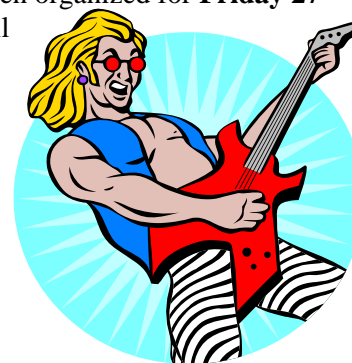
Georgia P	Victor B	Lauren H	Andrew Ni
Mark T	Arunan B	Beryl J	Bradley T
Tenee A	Victor Siu	Georgia C	Cole W
Clement W	Joanna Q	Nicholas K	Megan O
Piper O	Caitlin D	Alana W	Andrew Ni
Clifton M	Tyra D	Nathan C	Tara S
Jeffrey Y	Sarah C	Shontelle G	Hailey P
Ryan F	Alexia A	Anikait K	Sophie T
Freya C	Siena R	Emily G	Dominic B

### SCHOOL DISCO

The first school disco has been organized for **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March**. The first session will

be held for students in Kindergarten – Year 2 from 5:30-7:00 and the second session for Year 3 – Year 6 from 7:30-9:00. Cost of entry is \$5. Students who would like music played at the disco can bring the CD into school and I will

download the track that they request. Only North Rocks students are invited. Parents must be on time to collect their children after each session.



### - COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD -

**North Rocks Casual Child Care Centre – Westfield Shopping Town.** Flexible child care for families needing care for appointments, emergency care, shift work, shopping, studying, leisure pursuits etc. For further information including the Child Care Benefit – 1800 670 305



### 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.

#### **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!!

### P&C NEWS

Hi everyone & a big thank you to all the families who did such a wonderful job at the last working bee - everything looks great. You may have noticed our water tanks behind the hall - well, finally they are operational. Funded by a Community Water Grant, our P&C & the school these four 36000 litre tanks are going to be a great asset to our school and the environment. We have had a great response to the Voluntary P&C Contribution this year yet again. During 2009 these monies will contribute to providing teaching & literacy resources, a support teacher, upgrading the computer network, grounds maintenance & playground shading. Thank you to Jeaninne Grey for stepping up to be our Roxfest 2009 Co-Ordinator. Roxfest is in its ninth year & gives young poets, writers and artists the opportunity to exhibit their talent publicly.

Also a note from David Costello ... he & his wife have booked a trip to the UK & Paris during the month of May. He wanted me to pass on their great appreciation for the wonderful FlightCentre gift vouchers he received from our school community upon his retirement last year & for you all to know they have been put to excellent use!

Our next P&C meeting, the AGM, will be on **Tuesday 17 March 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*

### TEXT BOOKS AND FEES

Thank you to the many parents who have so promptly paid their school account. If you haven't finalized your child's textbook and other payments I ask that you do so at your earliest convenience.

**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.

### PRAYER MEETING

A Christian prayer meeting is held every Tuesday morning from 8:30 - 8:50 in the VIP room. We meet to spend time praying about various needs in our school. Everyone is welcome. Enquiries: Linda Gard 9872 6136.



**P & C AGM**  
*Tuesday 17 March*

*7.30pm in the staff room*

*Light refreshments will be served*  
*All welcome! & it's not as scary as it sounds!*

### CANTEEN NEWS

#### **Urgent helpers required!**

We need helpers to fill vacancies on the following days:  
4<sup>th</sup> Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month.

If you can help please call the canteen and we will be very welcoming!

#### **Attention all Ladies - We need you!**

Want to play Netball and not wear Lycra?  
Looking for ladies of all abilities to join the Fun, Friendly, Social, Local Netball Comp. We play Saturday afternoons starting 28/3/09 at Gooden Reserve Baulkham Hills

Fees \$55 under 16's, \$75 over 16. Spots still available for Junior players.

Further Information please contact Deanna Moore 9896 3631

***School Disco – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March***

***Cost: \$5:00 entry***

***K-2 5:30-7:00      3-6 7:30 – 9:00***

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