



North Rocks Public School

NEWSLETTER

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DIARY DATES

Fri	27 March	Disco
Mon	30 March	Parent Teacher Interviews Commence
Tues	31 March	Met West dance Auditions
Wed	1 April	Year 6 Parent Coffee morning Gloria Jeans – 9am
Thurs	2 April	Brainstorm Productions
Tues	7 April	Combined Scripture Service
Wed	8 April	ANZAC ceremony
Thurs	9 April	Last Day for Term 1
Wed	29 April	First Day for Term 2

SCHOOL MESSAGES

CAR PARKING and DROP OFF

Please be aware that the only vehicles entitled to enter the school grounds are service vehicles, those belonging to staff and the taxi service which delivers students who are in the special education classes. You will often see cars entering and driving down to the lower car park these are either staff or the taxi service. That car park and road were added to the school for the use of the special education vehicles and staff, only. This is not a drop off and you could imagine the mayhem if all parents decided to use this as a means of dropping off and picking up their children.

FURTHER PROBLEMS IN LAWNSDALE

Again it has been brought to my attention the absolute crazy situation that exists in Lawnsdale. Double parking, left turns against the green pedestrian arrow, misuse of the laneway and the list goes on. The police have been informed and it is only a matter of time for the police to turn up and book law breaking motorists. Let's park our cars and get some exercise and walk the hundred or so meters and pick up our kids. This would alleviate the congestion and do wonders for the waistline!

SPORTING CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to Chloe H and Lara T on their selection in the zone softball team. Also to Megan O'K who has made the Sydney West girl's cricket team to play in the state championships later in the year. Whilst on all things sport, James J, Harleigh G and Max L will compete in the Sydney West Area Swimming Championships. Well done to all these talented students, we are proud of you and wish you well.

SCHOOL PROMOTIONS COMMITTEE UPDATE

We met again on Tuesday evening and completed some further planning on the prospectus, brochure and website update. We now have draft versions of these documents and will meet again at the beginning of next term. Thanks to those parents who have offered their ideas and best wishes.

TERM 2 COMMENCEMENT DATE

There have been some things written and spoken about in the media about schools having Monday 27th April as a holiday following the ANZAC Day weekend. Schools are always open 202 days in the year. The State Government gazetted the Monday as a holiday. This has nothing to do with teachers or their federation it was a government decision. At North Rocks teachers will return on Tuesday 28th April with students returning on Wednesday 29th April.

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY – Tuesday 28th April

Teachers will be working on Tuesday 28th April on professional learning activities. The focus of these activities will be the use of social stories aiding students who suffer anxieties to be able to cope with the many changes of routine that occur at school; the examination of teaching resources which support students who require some adjustment to their learning program; the planning of activities for gifted and talented students and team planning for programs in Literacy, Numeracy, PDHPE and Connected Outcomes Group units of work.

SPORT DAY 1 TERM 2 – Wednesday 29th April

Just for the first week back at school sport will be held on Wednesday 29th April. Students in Years 3-6 should wear their sports uniform on this day.

LOST PROPERTY

Parents, we have two locations for lost property: In the wet area near KV room for K-2 and in the open area next to Mr G Cummins' (senior) room for 3-6. The mountain of lost jumpers and hats is incredible and says a great deal about the level of responsibility of many of our students.

The teaching staff does not have the time nor is it their responsibility to manage this issue. Students need to regularly check the lost property for their clothing.

To assist in this task I was wondering if a small group of parents might like to take on the job of managing the K-2 lost property. A couple of times each term the group could go through the pile and return it to the students. If you would like to help please contact the office. Please label all items that are brought to school.

School Disco

K-2 5:30-7:00, 3-6 7:30-9:00 \$5 entry paid at the door



P&C AGM

I would like to offer my sincerest thanks to Jo-Ann and the P&C for the tremendous support offered the school over the last 12 months. Let us all get behind the new committee and help make North Rocks an even stronger school community.

CANTEEN NEWS

Urgent helpers required!

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

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

MERIT CERTIFICATES WINNERS

Miles D	Anthony L	Samantha C	William L
Natalie L	Ashvin R	Liam S	Cara H
Bright Z	Simon H	Ridwaan A	Daniel K
Hayden R	Cooper W	Brooke M	Andy W
Kate M	Jessica H	Harry A	Sophie W
Monica L	Mitchell S	Rowan M	Jocelyn L
Jibril K	Megan Y	Alana T	Cecilia S

SCHOOL AWARD (TROPHY) WINNERS

Congratulations to the following students who have achieved a School Award having earned 3 Merit Certificates.

Ava L	Joshua E	Malki S	Shantelle B
Emma R	Alick S	Sarah C	

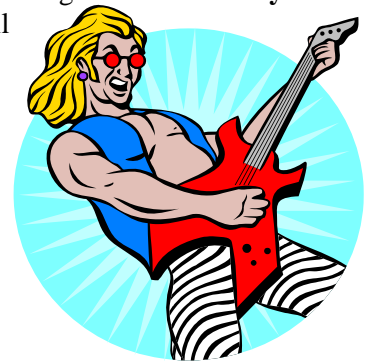
Three Little Pigs in Rhyme

<p>The three little pigs, Happy and gay, They built their own houses, The first out of hay.</p> <p>The second little pig, It was sticks that he used. "It looked pretty good, It has a solid roof," he mused.</p> <p>Alas the third, Who went further along, Found some bricks, That were super strong.</p> <p>But one starry night, A wolf was to arrive. He knocked on the door. The pig asked, "Care to jive?"</p> <p>The wolf was hungry, The wolf was evil. He ate the piggy Along with a weasel.</p> <p>But still his tummy roared, And still it rumbled. He sighted the second's hut, So on he stumbled.</p> <p>The second pig saw His brother being gobbled, So he offered the wolf Green jelly that wobbled!</p> <p>The wolf was hungry, The wolf was mean. Down went the second, With the jelly that was green.</p>	<p>But still his stomach roared, And still it rumbled. He sighted the third house And again he stumbled. But alas the third, Was oh so careful When the wolf did knock. (He was actually joyful.)</p> <p>Said Piggy three, "Go away wolf so bad. I saw what you did, You should not be glad."</p> <p>The mean wolf thought, He thought all night. A wonderful plan he made, He could just feel the bite!</p> <p>He used all his might, To get on the top. He jumped down the chimney, And.....PLOP!</p> <p>For the pig had placed, At the bottom a giant pot. He heated it up, Until it was very hot.</p> <p>All through the town, They heard a loud whoop. And that night he had, A delicious wolf soup!</p>
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By Clifton M 6W

SCHOOL DISCO

The first school disco has been organized for **Friday 27th 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.



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.

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.

- COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD -

NORTH ROCKS TENNIS SCHOOL Will be holding a school holiday tennis clinic from Monday 20th April to Friday 24th April 2009, from 9.30am to 3pm daily. Cost of the five day clinic is \$120 or \$30 daily. Suitable for all ages and standards and classes graded according to ability. Also included are round robin tournament, table tennis, court craft & tactics and tennis tutor. Enrolments for tennis coaching for Term 2 2009 are also available for after school & Sat mornings. More information please phone John Hassett **9872 6097 or 0408 414 881**



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P&C News

Hi everyone & a big thank you to all the parents who attended our March P&C meeting which included our Annual General Meeting. As always at the AGM the P&C office bearers are appointed for the year.

Office Bearers for 2009 are....

President: Jo-Ann Xegas

Vice President: [Vacant]

Treasurer: Sue Wellfare

Assistant Treasurer: [Vacant]

Secretary: Gabrielle Williams

Assistant Secretary: [Vacant]

Raffle Co-Ordinator: Kim Silver

Roxfest Co-Ordinator: Jeaninne Grey

As you can see, the positions of Vice President, Assistant Treasurer & Assistant Secretary are currently vacant. If you think you could step up to fill any of these position it would be very greatly appreciated. Each of the positions basically involves "filling in" for the President, Treasurer or Secretary in the event they cannot attend a P&C meeting. Historically these positions have not been called upon to perform these duties on any type of regular basis.

MAY 2009 P&C MEETING

Our next meeting in May will be a little different. We will be having a joint P&C meeting with Muirfield High School & it will be held on **Wednesday 13 May**. We will each have our respective meetings for the first 1/2 - 3/4 hour & then join up. Peter Harker & Steve Billington both support the idea of a joint meeting & are keen to bring the communities closer together.

We will use the opportunity for Steve Billington to speak to our parents about Muirfield HS & have a speaker of mutual interest - Ken Byrne [school counsellor for both NRPS & Muirfield HS]. I have spoken with Ken & he is more than happy to attend. As such a large percentage of NRPS students are now choosing to attend Muirfield HS, obviously the same community of parents are engaging in activities within the school. So, I'm hoping that by having a joint P&C meeting we are encouraging a larger community spirit, a greater understanding of how our school communities can work together & for our parents an insight into Muirfield so they can make a better informed decision about their child's secondary education.

Hope to see you there!

*Jo-Ann Xegas
NRPS P&C President*

Uniform Shop Coordinators Position

We have a vacancy that urgently needs filling. We need someone who can spare a few hours per week, especially Friday mornings, to manage & oversee the operation of our Uniform Shop. After many years of outstanding service to our school community Ros Miller is stepping down from the position.

You will be required to co-ordinate & manage the volunteer roster, liaise with & place orders with suppliers, manage stockholdings in conjunction with the Uniform Shop's treasurer, ensure sales prices are reviewed & updated on an annual basis and report on a term basis to the P&C [to whom you are accountable].

It is essential we have someone volunteer for this role soon, so Ros can handover the role to facilitate a smooth transition before her boys move on to high school next year.

If you are interested in filling this role and/or would like more information please do not hesitate to speak with Ros at the Uniform Shop on any Friday morning or contact me at nrpspandc@yahoo.com.au

Thanks in advance

*Jo-Ann Xegas
NRPS P&C President*

YEAR 6 PARENT MORNING TEA

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

SOLAR POWER BULK PURCHASE GROUP

Are you interested or considering installing solar electricity? We have found a company that can do group discounts for 10 or more homes for around \$2000 instead of \$4000 if done individually. This amount applies to those eligible for the current \$8000 govt. rebate for household incomes below \$100,000 which is due to change this June. If you, family, friends or neighbours were considering solar panel electricity lets get a group together to benefit from this discount. In addition to saving the planet and cheaper electricity, the school would also get a donation from each completed installation. As it will take the government 2 months to approve applications and check eligibility I would like to get the process started before the school holidays. Phone Kirrily Pereira 9873 6879 or email kirrily.pereira@tpg.com.au to get further information.

YEAR 6 NEWS

Pennant Hills HS has an extension class assessment on Sat 4 April. If you considering a placement at Pennant Hills and would like more information an application form is available from the North Rocks School office.

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CHINESE LANGUAGE CLASSES IN CARLINGFORD COURT

1. School Holiday Classes: From 20 April to 24 April, 9.30 – 11.30am. 5 days total cost \$150

2. During school Term:

- A. Tuesday 3.30–5pm
- B. Saturday morning 9.30-11.30am.
- C. Sunday morning 9.30-11.00am.

Fees \$220 per term. Discounts available if enrolling & paying by April 4th

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VENUE: HOT School Level 3, Carlingford Court, next to Fitness First.

Call Linda Fan on 0403 326 524 for more information.