



North Rocks Public School

NEWSLETTER

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DIARY DATES

Tues	5 May	Promotions Committee Meeting Mother's Day Stall
Wed	6 May	Lessons afloat Excursion – Stage 2.
Thurs	7 May	Cross Country Carnival
Fri	8 May	Winter PSSA Commences
Mon	11 May	Parent Auxiliary Meeting 9:00am Group Photos
Tues	12 May	NAPLAN Testing Commences For Years 3&5
Wed	13 May	Canteen Meeting 1:30pm Maths Olympiad
Fri	15 May	Walk to School Day
12-15 May		NAPLAN testing for Years 3 and 5

SCHOOL MESSAGES

WELCOME BACK to TERM 2

Welcome back to school for another term. It was wonderful to see the warm friendly smiles and happy dispositions on Wednesday morning (and those belonged to the mums dropping off the children). The students were also happy to be back.

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY

Mr Noffs led the staff on a process of reflection about education, the development of the individual student and a thing called mental well being. What we desire for our children is that they are well adjusted, motivated, self directed and happy contributors to the community. Mental well being is an important aspect of this capacity.

Staff developed responses to assist students gain and maintain healthy mental well being. They worked on meeting the needs of a variety of students from those who are gifted to those who may struggle academically or socially.

Staff also spent time developing plans for the remainder of the year in their stage teams and curriculum teams.

SOCIAL SKILLS PROGRAM

North Rocks runs important social skills programs design to assist students develop positive relationships. The Peer Support, Social Skills, Social Language programs are all implemented to assist students. These programs will be running throughout the term.

LIBRARY MURAL

Ideas for the mural can be submitted to Mr Harker anytime over the next two weeks.

STAFFING UPDATE

- 3C -Unfortunately, Miss Choew has still not recovered enough for the doctor to give her permission to resume full time duties. Please be advised that Miss Choew will continue to upgrade her working time until the doctor releases her to fulltime duties. As this is a worker's compensation issue her compliance with the doctor is mandatory. I have engaged Miss Carney to work the periods which Miss Choew isn't allowed to work until further notice. Miss Carney has worked on the class previously and is well known to the students.

UNIFORM CHANGEOVER

The official change over to winter uniform is Monday 18 May. Prior to this date students may wear either uniform depending upon the weather. I would expect that every child be in the correct winter uniform after this date.

“Have you labeled all clothing items?”

ANAPHYLAXIS

Just a reminder to parents that we are a “nut-free” school. Nut products are not allowed to be brought to school and consumed by students. We have many students for who contact with any nut product is a life threatening situation. I am sure that you support us in this for none of us would want a death on our conscience.

GROUP PHOTOS – 11 MAY

Group photos will be taken on Monday 11 May including, the combined Year 6 grade, the bands, choirs, dance group, winter and summer sport teams, Semester 1 and Semester 2 SRC representatives, debating and chess teams. All sport teams are requested to be in sports uniform, choir, band, SRC, debating, chess and Year 6 in full winter uniform.

The winter uniform expected for girls is the tunic, mid blue blouse, black shoes and for boys long grey trousers and mid blue long sleeved shirt and black shoes. I expect all students in photos to be dressed appropriately.

Photos will be displayed ready for ordering in a couple of weeks. I will inform you of the ordering process.

TERM 2 INVOICES

The Term 2 invoices will be coming home from Friday. I would ask that you attend to these at your earliest convenience. You would be aware that many of our activities are extra curricula requiring a user pays approach to cover the costs. PSSA Sport, choir, dance, excursions, incursions supplement the experiences your child receives at school and incur a cost. This cost is defrayed by invoicing those who take part. As always if payment presents a problem please see me and discuss issues confidentially.



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.

HOLIDAY SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS

During the school holidays we had a number of contractors working at school. Eighty windows had protective film applied to ensure safety standards are met, pest control was undertaken, two new covered areas near the ESL demountable were constructed and ICT cabling just about completed. Some of the improvements that are carried out are often unseen but do make the operations of the school work more smoothly. Today we had two new ICT switches installed (\$6000) the cost of which was met by the DET (an unexpected outcome).

BUILDING AN EDUCATION REVOLUTION

Some of you who read the Herald would have noticed a list of schools which had been approved for \$200,000 in improvements courtesy of the Federal Government. This was the first round. Our school was not included. However, I do have a meeting, next week, with our properties officer to determine the spending priorities for our school. I will keep you informed as more information comes to hand.

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

SPORTING LEGENDS

Our congratulations to Harleigh G and Norton G who were both selected in the Sydney West Area Hockey team to play in the State Carnival. Well done boys!

MOTHER'S DAY STALL

Next Tuesday, the Parent Auxiliary is holding the annual Mother's Day Stall. Please support this most important event. Let's not forget our mums on this special day. Dads don't forget to give each little one something so they can experience that thrill of buying their own gift for their mum

CANTEEN NEWS

Hi Everyone, and welcome to Term 2. During Terms 2 & 3, we would like to offer the children home made pizza for lunch on Wednesdays. In order to do this, we need extra volunteers to work on Wednesdays from 11.15 to about 12.45

We already have a couple of Wednesdays covered, so are looking for help on the 2nd, 4th, and 5th Wednesday of each month during terms 2 & 3. Please see the form accompanying, or call in at the canteen.

Thanks in advance.

Cheers, Vicki Gillard

YEAR 6 FUNDRAISER

As a Year 6 Fundraiser, we are selling Apple Slinky Machines. They are \$25.00 each, and make apples a lot more fun to eat. Please fill in the attached order form and return it by 14 May. Thanks for your support.

HILLS CULTURAL FESTIVAL

THE Family Festival

When: 16th May 2009 – 10:30am to 4pm

Where: Market Square, Rouse Hill Town Centre, Windsor Road

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Learn Music on Keyboard at North Rocks Public School

- * 45 minute lesson weekly. Small group.
- * \$22 per session.
- * Music material provided.
- * Instrument not required initially.
- * Beginners & children of all levels welcome.



Call to Enrol 9411 3122

VIP Music 9am-5pm (Mon-Fri) during school term



Walk Safely to School Day Friday 15th May

Why not walk the kids to school on Friday 15th May. Why not form a walking group for the day. Perhaps meet at the park or cross street.

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Cross Country Carnival Thursday 7 May

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Mother's Day Stall Tuesday 5th May

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