



# North Rocks Public School

## NEWSLETTER

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### DIARY DATES

Mon	17 Aug	School Choir Rehearsal Sherwood Ridge PS
Tues	18 Aug	P&C Meeting 7:30 Staffroom
Wed	19 Aug	Maths Olympiad
		Zone Track Events
		Maths Competition
Fri	21 Aug	Zone Field Events
Tues	25 Aug	Primary Proms Performance
Thurs	27 Aug	Book Week Author Visit
Sun	30 Aug	Working Bee

### SCHOOL MESSAGES

#### BUILDING EDUCATIONAL REVOLUTION

Plenty has happened since the last newsletter update. You may remember Kevin Rudd's economic recovery package included building improvements to the nation's primary schools. Our allocation included classroom refurbishments in Block A and G and the construction of four new classrooms. The original placement of the classrooms was the site of the present before and after school centre, the next suggestion was the site of the K-2 fixed equipment. Both of these sites were discounted because of the loss of amenity of the after care, music program and the loss of the fixed equipment that the P&C had financed. A new site was proposed. This is situated in the bottom south western corner of the school. Clearly there are positives and negatives associated with this site. However this was deemed the most suitable and will be put forward in the planning documents to the Department of Education and Training. In the end the school will benefit greatly from the above works. Further information will be provided at the next P&C meeting (Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> August). Plans are on display in the school foyer

#### SCHOOL PRIDE FUNDING

The second element of Kevin Rudd's spending included carpeting of the kindergarten rooms, the administration building, the science room and the small reading room in E block; a covered over the basketball court and three interactive whiteboards. This work is to be completed by the end of November. The carpet is now installed so we are seeing the first elements of this work being carried out.

### FROM THE SPORTS DESK

#### PSSA Week 1 Results

Team	Opponent	Result
Netball Sen A1	Jasper Road	Win 10-3
Netball Sen A3	Kellyville	Win 7-5
Netball Jun A1	Crestwood	Loss 5-8
Netball Jun B2	Sherwood Ridge	Loss 3-9
Newcombe Sen	Winston Heights	Win 63-27
Newcombe Jun	Winston Heights	Loss 44-63
Soccer Sen	Winston Hills	Loss 0-2
Soccer Jun	Winston Hills	Loss 0-3
League Sen	Sam Gilbert	Loss 4-6
League Jun	Sam Gilbert	Win 28-16

#### PSSA Week 2 Results

Team	Opponent	Result
Netball Sen A1	Castle Hill	Loss 7-19
Netball Sen A3	Matthew Pearce	Win 7-3
Netball Jun A1	Castle Hill	Win 9-3
Netball Jun B2	Winston Hills	Win 8-3
League Sen	Murray Farm	Win 26-0
League Jun	Murray Farm	Win 24-0
League Sen	Oakhill Drive	Win 8-0
League Jun	Oakhill Drive	Win 26-10



#### STATE CROSS COUNTRY

Norton G represented Sydney West in the State Cross Country Championships ON Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July. Norton ran 38 a really wonderful effort indeed, well done Norton!

#### YEAR 5 OFF TO CAMP

This year our school camp for Year 5 will be at Camp Somerset. This is probably one of Australia's premier camp venues with an excellent set of facilities, philosophy and structure to provide a wonderful learning environment for our students. As it is our first year attending this venue a representative from the camp will be provide a 30min presentation for parents prior to our September P & C meeting. All parents are very welcome especially those with Year 5 students.

*Enrolling now for Kindergarten 2010 - drop in for an enrolment form*



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## STAFFING INFORMATION

Miss Choew returned to work this week. Due to the continuation of Miss Choew's rehabilitation and the unpredictable nature of the recovery and for the benefit of maintaining the consistent teaching of 3C Miss Carney will remain teaching the class for the remainder of the term. A decision about Term 4 will be made later. Miss Choew will work with the Stage 2 classes providing enrichment activities for students in Year 3 and Year 4. These group activities will continue for the term on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. Each class with the exception of 3/4J will receive 1 session of an hour per week. 3/4J will receive two sessions one for Year 3 and the other for Year 4.

## CONNECTED CLASSROOMS

North Rocks Public School will receive the first of the connected classroom hardware in the first week of September. The hardware includes an interactive whiteboard, LCD television, speakers, webcam and amplifier. The connected classroom project links classrooms and schools throughout the state, nation and globally. Teachers will use the project to link with other students and communities to enhance the educational outcomes of students. The opportunities are endless including linking with universities, doing debating remotely, playing chess, sharing learning, talking with schools across the world. It really is a wonderful project to be involved in. Four staff members will receive 2 days of training, they in turn will share their knowledge with the rest of the staff.

The connected classroom will be set up the Infants AV room.

## WORKING BEE ADVANCED NOTICE

Our next working bee will be held on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August. We anticipate this working bee will include a general clean up, weed, blow, fertilize, whipper snip and commence the job of preparing the storage area near Mr Cummins room for the uniform shop move. A working bee notice will be coming home shortly.

## UNIFORM ISSUES

A little more regarding the school uniform. Boys are expected to wear their shirts tucked in. If students are representing the school the official uniform needs to be worn. This includes long grey pants and black shoes for boys and the grey tunic with black shoes for the girls. Activities where this uniform is expected would include choir, band, chess, debating, prefects and captain activities and any presentation assembly. I very much appreciate the support being given by families to the fine tuning of the uniform wearing.

## MERIT CERTIFICATES WINNERS

Nicholas K	Jansen Z	Gretel B
Jacob T	Rebecca Z	Amelia N
Madeleine B	Patrick L	Bronte D

## SCHOOL AWARD (TROPHY) WINNERS

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

Bradley Thomas	Lachlan Napier	Kaia Sinanovic



*P&T Meeting*

*Tuesday 18 August*

*7.30pm in the staff room*

*Light refreshments will be served*

*Special Guest Speaker - Ian Noffs*

Mr Noffs will speak about "bullet proofing" you children. Teaching resilience can have a profound affect on your children's outlook on life and ability to bounce back from adversity. As we know their can be plenty of rough water out their and we as parents can't always be there to pick up the pieces. If our children can pick themselves up, dust off and face the new day with optimism, courage and enthusiasm they are well prepared for life.

## ROXFEST 2009

Calling all young artists, sculptors, photographers, writers and poets! The North Rocks Festival of Young Persons' Poetry, Prose and Art is on again...

The major change to this years' festival will see all art entries on display at a festival exhibition at the North Rocks School Hall on **Saturday 5 September**.

Winners will be announced and prizes awarded at 6pm on the day of the exhibition. So get your cameras, pencils, pens, crayons, paints and thinking caps out and start creating.

All entries need to be submitted by 4pm on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September to North Rocks Public School.

For further information contact North Rocks Public School during school hours: 9871 1772 or 9871 1622

or visit the website: [www.northrocks-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.northrocks-p.schools.nsw.edu.au)

## - COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD -

**BINGO – 1<sup>st</sup> North Rocks Scouts – Baden Powell Pl. North Rocks – Is holding a Bingo night on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August – Phone Liz Hayes on 9630-2557 for bookings and further information. This is a Jamboree Fundraiser.**



**THE GOOD GUYS**

Don't forget to collect your vouchers for North Rocks Public School when you make your purchases at the Castle Hill Good Guys.

To those parents who have helped by shopping at The Good Guys have collected \$370 so far. This is a very worthwhile exercise. Ask the Good Guys for a price match and then ask for your "Support Your School" vouchers.

**TERM 3 INVOICES**

Thank you for those who have promptly paid their term 3 invoices. 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.

**Sensei Paul's Self Defence Seminar**

Thursday the 13th August  
Starts: 6.30pm - you will be warming up with the junior class. Finishes: 7.30pm - or shortly thereafter  
What to wear: comfortable clothing, take shoes and socks off prior to warm ups, bring a drink.

Fee - no charge.  
This Self Defence Seminar is our way of thanking you for being committed to your children's continued study of Martial Arts

A donation of a maximum of 1 gold coin is appreciated - although not necessary. These donations will be used to purchase training equipment for our dojo.

If you'll be attending for the first time, we'll require you to fill in an registration form - you can do this on Monday night or come in a little earlier on Thursday and we can get you registered before we commence warm ups.

**KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS**

The time is upon us to start to enroll our children starting school in 2010. If you have a child starting next year and have yet to enroll please pop in and pick up an enrolment form. If you know of neighbours or friends who are in the same situation please encourage them to do the same.

**Monthly Canteen Vacancies**

4<sup>th</sup> Monday                      1<sup>st</sup> Thursday  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday                     2<sup>nd</sup> Friday  
5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday (30/9)            3<sup>rd</sup> Friday

Your help is always appreciated !

**HILLS PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL**

The following information is important for parents of students in the groups mentioned. Tickets to these concerts sell out quickly so get in early.

Come along and support students from the school choir, dance group, senior band and rock band.

Tickets on sale from **Saturday 15th August** from 9:00am

**Concert B**

Date: Tuesday 1st September 2009

Time: 7:00pm

Venue: The Hills Centre

Prices: \$15.50 (A reserve) or \$13.00 (B Reserve)

ph: 9899 3433 online: [www.hillscentre.com.au](http://www.hillscentre.com.au)

**SYDNEY CHORAL FESTIVAL**

Come along and support students from our Sydney Choral Festival Choir.

Tickets on sale from **Friday 14th August** from 9:00am

**Australis Concert**

Date: Wednesday 21st October

Time: 7:00pm to 9:30pm

Venue: Sydney Opera House

Prices: \$30 (Adults) \$25 (Concession/Students)

ph: 02 9250 7777

online: [www.sydneyoperahouse.com](http://www.sydneyoperahouse.com)

**GO GREEN WITH NUDE FOOD**

Did you know that each child produces approximately 30 kilos of waste per year from their school lunch alone? And imagine this amount multiplied by the number of children in your child's school! The latest edition of School Parents ezine is full of ideas on how to go green and how to make a 'nude food' lunch box for your child. Nude food is not only low on waste or makes no waste, it's not processed and therefore it's healthier and cheaper.

A nude food lunch uses:

- paper wrap, brown paper recycled bags but no plastic bags or aluminium foil
- reusable containers that get taken home and washed
- lunch boxes that have lots of separate sections
- Reusable forks and spoons
- drink bottles with water that can be used each day.

Find out more at: [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ezine](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ezine)

**NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING**

Discount Prices now for 2 terms.

Would you like to take out an advertisement in the school newsletter for the rest of the year?

The newsletter reaches 450 families and has 20 editions annually.

The cost is now \$220 gst inclusive and is available for the back page and limited to 10 companies. If you are interested please contact the school office.

TAFE – Free Course – Are you operating a home-based business, or would you like to? *Small Business Home Based Business Skill Set Course No. 17827* is on offer for 9 weeks Starting Mon 10<sup>th</sup> August 2009  
Ph: Jody Seagott 9865-1180

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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 4<sup>th</sup>

Experienced Beijing teacher with bilingual education.

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

Call Linda Fan on 0403 326 524 for more information.

### 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.



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