At North Rocks Public School we value:

RESPECT  RESPONSIBILITY  SAFETY  HONESTY

DIARY DATES

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School Messages
Welcome back to our new school year. We extend a special welcome to all new families who have joined us at North Rocks. We hope that during 2013 your family will have the opportunity to join in some of the school’s activities. The Diary Dates above include the meeting times for both Parents Auxiliary and P&C Association.

Our parent organizations support the school financially, and provide important parent viewpoints on school issues. Our meetings are friendly and provide a good way for new parents to join the school community. You will be made most welcome and your concerns treated as important.

Our classes have been formed for the year and I am happy to report that the structure devised for this year looks like being a winner with little or no change in student placement due to new expected enrolments.

Each year our school enrolments determine the need to form composite or multi-age classes in some years. Our approach to this is guided by the following generalizations:
- Multi-year (composite) classes are formed when the number of students enrolled in a year cannot be accommodated in single-year classes.
- When placing students into multi-year classes the school gives consideration to factors about each student such as: history of placement in multi-year classes; ability to work independently; and friendship groups.
- We try to have every child in a year group experience a multi-age class at some time during their education. In some grade groups students may experience this formation several times during their primary schooling. We try not to place a child in a multi-age class for two years running.
- Regarding class placement we are always happy to talk to parents however, the placement of students into classes is not something that is changed upon parent request. It is the school’s responsibility to determine class placements.

Important Notes on the website
Important information and notes are published on our website. Students are not given individual permission notes for activities they are expected to download from the net, print and return.

Links to this information is contained in this table each week.

Please “click” on the link in the table below to select the important notices relevant to your child.

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STAFFING
We welcome Ms Esquivel, Mrs Petre, and Miss Mah to our teaching staff. Mrs Dalton remains on sick leave and is anticipated to return to work taking release from face teaching as well as working on 4/5C on Tuesday replacing Miss Carney and on Friday on 3O replacing Mrs Olliffe who is only working 4 days per week this year. Miss Carney in the school’s computer coordinator and works on Tuesday maintaining the schools network, troubleshooting and assisting teachers in their use and understanding of technology.
FROM THE DEPUTY'S DESK

Thanks to the hard work of our teachers, students and some parents, we have now completed our commitment to the MoneySmart Teaching Trial. North Rocks PS is now a MoneySmart school! We will continue to reinforce financial literacy messages in the classroom this year.

Our year-end surveys have also been completed—again, thanks to those who responded. Our teams will now examine the feedback provided to enhance our educational programs. As we progress through the slow process of changing to Australian Curriculum over the next three years I will endeavour to keep you up to date about what is happening in our classrooms.

Tom Moth

FROM THE SPORTS DESK

SUMMER PSSA

Summer PSSA sport in cricket, softball, t-ball and touch football commences Friday week 4. Students entering junior teams are from yrs. 3 and 4 and also include those students turning 10 in yr. 5. Students are reminded once they commit to the team they must complete the entire season which includes Term 4. Summer PSSA students will not be able to attend the summer learn to swim program in Term 4.

The Good Guys Support for North Rocks School.

I have registered our school in the Good Guys “Support Your School Program” again in 2013. Last year we collected just over $1200 in vouchers. For every $50 spent at the Good Guys at Castle Hill a $1 voucher is provided upon request at the information counter. The vouchers add up.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Our annual school photos are being taken on Monday 18 February. It is important that each child is dressed in the correct school uniform including blue headbands and hair pieces as well as clean black shoes. If you wish your children to have a combined sibling photo please ask your eldest child to collect a sibling photo envelope from the school office. Payment methods are clearly marked on the reverse of the envelope. Please make payment to The School Photographer and not to the school.

Daking Automotive

9890 1333

7 Daking Street, North Parramatta

★ Pink Slips ★ Rego Inspections (RTA Electronic Lodgement)

★ Green Slips ★ Competitive Servicing
NUT MINIMISATION POLICY
Please read the nut minimisation policy on page 4 of this newsletter. Please help us make our school safe for students with anaphylaxis.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS
Quick and easy way to order uniforms. It's very easy and will save you a lot of time:
1. Go to the school website- www.northrocks-p.schools.nsw.edu.au
2. Click on P & C price list
3. Click on uniform shop price list
4. Print and fill in the form
5. Send it to the school office with your child
Then on that Friday we will process your order and send it to your child’s class.

MESSAGE FROM THE CANTEEN
Just a reminder that our canteen doesn’t run on credit. Parents are not entitled to run up bills. Lunch orders and over the counter sales are expected to be paid for at the time of purchase. If your child has forgotten to bring lunch they will be offer a cheese or vegemite sandwich and will be expected to pay for this service the next day. The canteen apologises for taking this action which has become necessary due to the number of families which owe money and constantly misuse this service.

P&C NEWS
Welcome to 2013 school year. A warm North Rocks welcome to the new children, family, and teachers joining us for the first time. The school parent community working with the school has made North Rocks PS such a wonderful environment for our children to grow and learn.
I would encourage you be involved with the school in parents auxiliary (fundraising and events organisation), uniform shop, canteen, band, P&C executive team, classroom parent helper, etc. All those services to the school community are run by volunteers, without them, we will not have those services. This year, we especially need volunteers to assist in uniform shop and canteen. If you are able to assist, please make yourself known to the uniform shop and canteen coordinators.

I am contactable on email frank.lin@optusnet.com.au or 0411 568 921
Frank - P&C President

Support our Raffle Sponsors
Bankstown Sports
Daking Automotive
Euphoria Beauty
Hills Bushcare
Samantha’s Cafe
SLSO
Specsavers North Rocks
Storeage King North Parramatta

Staffing 2013
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NUT MINIMISATION POLICY

North Rocks Public School is committed to providing a safe environment that meets the special needs of our students. Anaphylaxis is the most severe form of allergic reaction and is potentially life threatening.

Several students at North Rocks Public School have severe anaphylactic allergies triggered by nuts. The key to preventing an anaphylactic reaction is to avoid exposure to the trigger.

North Rocks Public School has developed a nut minimisation policy, in line with the Department of Education and Training’s Duty of Care Policy. Emergency response plans are in place for all school activities.

It is possible to minimise the risk factors within the school environment with parent/carer assistance by adopting the following strategies:

Please do not send nuts or peanuts to school. There is an increased risk of other food allergies in peanut allergic children and because of the risk of cross contamination; it is usually recommended that peanut allergic people avoid all nuts and sesame seeds.

Please do not send foods containing nuts or peanuts to school. In particular peanut butter, hazelnut spread (Nutella), certain muesli bars and biscuits containing nuts.

This applies to items with nuts as a listed ingredient, but does not apply to those foods labelled ‘may contain traces of nuts’.

No nut oils such as peanut oil.

Please avoid nuts and peanuts in birthday cakes or treats that may be brought to school.

Please encourage thorough washing of hands and face, if children have eaten these foods before coming to school.

Provide drink containers and lunch boxes which are clearly labelled with the name of the child for whom they are intended.

Discourage any trading or sharing of food.

Continue vigilance when there is a change from usual routines e.g. excursions, family picnic day’s at school, sports carnivals or discos.

A continuing awareness raising program will be provided through a range of strategies. Support for this initiative will be demonstrated through:

Teaching the children about the need for appropriate health and hygiene, when raising awareness of the range of allergic reactions that may affect people in the community.

Highlighting values such as tolerance, understanding and an appreciation for the uniqueness of others and their needs, through our values education programs.

Reminders of our allergy friendly approach which will regularly appear in the school newsletters.

Thank you in anticipation for your support of this initiative.
COMMUNITY USERS

Other Community groups using our premises include the following activities:

Speech Lessons
Saturdays – Patricia Spillane – 0411486994
Ju-Jitsu Tuesdays 3 – 4pm
Goshin Khan Karate
Mon & Thurs 6.30 - Hayden – 0419332755
GKR Karate Wed 6.30 & Sat 10.30am
Daniel – 0421211765

Keyboard Lessons
Mon 12.45 – 1.30pm VIP Music – 9411 3122

Dance - various - Lee Evans - 0404 841 231
Music Theatre - Wednesdays 3-4pm, Yrs 2-6
Maria Simpson - 0408 250 800

Table Tennis - Wednesday mornings 8am
Paul Zhao - 0411 205 398

Sport (various) - afternoons - Greg
0448 619 543

CARLINGFORD COUGARS
J.R.L.F.C.

If you love “Rugby League” you’ll love playing for the Carlingford Cougars Junior Rugby League Football Club. We play on Sundays and our teams start at U/6 all the way up to U/15. U/6 play FREE, U/7 – U/15 $120 per child or $200 per family. This fee includes all gear (except footy boots). We train on Friday nights just at Roselea Oval.

Registration Details
North Rocks Shopping Centre (near Kmart)
Saturday 9th February
9am to 3pm

Come and Try Night
Roselea Oval
Friday 15th February
5 - 7pm
Free BBQ

For further information please contact Warren Brooks 0423 361 944

"Korana Playgroup North Rocks meets on Tuesdays from 10am - noon, and is a fun way for parents and carers to meet up and for their kids aged 0-5 a chance to play! Please contact Emma on 0402496623 if you are interested!"

CLASSES RUN IN THE SCHOOL

Girls and Boys from 3 – 18 years
Classical Ballet, Jazz, Tap, Hip Hop & Modern
Boys Only Hip Hop & Tap Classes

FREE TRIAL
PH: 0404 841 231

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“A unique preschool ballet program that introduces little ballerinas to the wondrous world of classical ballet as well as encouraging imagination and creativity”

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DAYTIME CLASSES HELD AT DON MOORE COMMUNITY

Petite Tutus (Dance with Me):
Ballerinas 2-3 years

PH: 0422 850
FREE TRIAL CLASS
WWW.TUTUTOTS.COM.AU
North Rocks Community Church Preschool

Vacancies for 2013

North Rocks Community Church Preschool has enrolment vacancies available on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The Preschool operates from 8.30am – 3.30pm and caters for up to 24 children daily. Fees are $39.50 per day. For enquiries please contact the Preschool on 9630 4283.

PLAY HOCKEY IN 2013

Great non-contact mixed girls & boys team sport
Small field “Minkey” games for U5 - U9
Mixed junior comps U11, U13, U15
Play on world class artificial turf facility at Pennant Hills Park
Great for fitness as well as maintaining cricket & baseball skills

NORTHERN DISTRICT HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Pennant Hills Park, Britannia Street, Pennant Hills
Further information: Adrian Wilson 0419 299 808

Time to sign up for Music Theatre Group
Try it week 2 of term 1!
Wednesday afternoons in the school hall
Years 2-6 at 3pm till 4pm.

Do you love to dance, act and sing?
(DAS)
Shy or not sure if this class is for you? Give it a go and Only pay for the term if you continue.

Teachers with over 20 years experience who have performed in professional productions. Visit www.bilbyproductions.com

Our aim is to build confidence in public speaking, and to have loads of fun!! We will work towards performing a wonderful show. Every child will play a special role. Last year students had loads of fun performing live and even made their own movie.

Fee currently $9.90 per class. Please email expressions of interest to maria.simpson@optusnet.com.au asap or call 0408 250 800.

All students, past and new, must register before attending the classes.
Best wishes Maria Simpson and the music theatre team

Support your school.
GIVING BACK TO OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

CASTLE HILL LOCAL GOOD GUYS STORE
Corner of Showground Rd & Victoria Avenue
Ph: 9846 6300