Number 2 Term 1 Week 3, 4 & 5 14 February 2013

At North Rocks Public School we value:

RESPECT  RESPONSIBILITY  SAFETY  HONESTY

DIARY DATES

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Important Notes on the website

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

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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.

The above are approximate times and will depend on the smoothness of the actual taking of the photos. Generally the class photos are taken outside under the COLA and the individual student photos are taken in the hall.

School Messages

KINDERGARTEN L3 PROJECT

Our kindergarten teachers will be undertaking intensive training in the L3 project which will equip them with the most recent research and strategies to effectively teach literacy. The training involves 12 half days of intensive training, feedback and sharing with other school associated with the program. It is a very exciting prospect which will deliver even stronger literacy growth for our youngest students. Our Kindy teachers will be also sharing their acquired knowledge with our Year 1 teachers allowing for a flow on of strategies.

Our kindy students and parents are informed that teachers will be off class from 12 noon on 15 & 22 Feb; 22 March; 2 & 23 Aug; 13 Sept and 18 Oct. Casual teachers will replace the class teachers during these times.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Our annual carnival will be held at waves pool on Thursday 28 February. Students from years 3-6 are expected to attend and travel to the pool by bus. Parents are very welcome to attend and cheer on the swimmers. We look forward to a great day at the pool.

MEET THE TEACHER EVENING

YEAR 3-6 TUESDAY 26 FEBRUARY 6:00-6:45PM
YEARS K-2 WEDNESDAY 27 FEBRUARY 6:00-6:45
JOIN US FOR A DRINK AND NIBBLES IN THE LIBRARY FROM 6:45
FROM THE DEPUTY’S DESK
Student leadership is a significant component of our welfare program and so far this year it has been pleasing to see our senior students exhibit their leadership skills in different environments. I would particularly like to thank and acknowledge the Year 5 students who have assisted kindergarten newcomers in the playground. This has enabled recess and lunch times to pass trouble free and has helped our youngest students develop socially with new peers.

Students Representative Council (SRC) class elections have also been taking place in grades 2-6. Elected representatives will meet fortnightly to set the student body agenda which often includes coordinating special events and fundraisers, but more importantly features day to day leadership in and around the school, setting a positive example and helping to maintain a high level of responsibility among students.

While some leadership roles allow students to wear badges and have a title, most leadership opportunities do not and so we encourage all students at North Rocks to be leaders of their conduct and attitude towards learning.

Tom Moth

MEET THE TEACHER
On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings, 26-27 February, teachers will hold information sessions to provide parents with the opportunity to find out about class programs and procedures. This is not a time for parents to seek out the teacher for an individual interview. Parents are encouraged to seek interviews with the class teachers when issues of concern arise. Please arrange appointments at mutually acceptable times. Following the class information sharing sessions on each evening, parents are invited to stay and join the teaching staff for a social function. The times for these meetings are 6:00-6:45pm.

WORKING BEE
We are very proud of our grounds and work hard to keep the gardens in good shape. To continue to improve your child’s school environment we run working bees once per term. At these we weed gardens, paint lines, clean concrete, plant gardens and spread mulch, clean air conditioner filters and a whole lot more.

Working bees are a great social event as well. It provides and opportunity to meet other parents and to put something back into the school. Kids are very welcome and enjoy riding their bikes and helping as well. Please consider spending an hour or so with us at our next working bee on Sunday 3rd March. The working bee notice is available via the link on the front page of this newsletter.

CLASS COORDINATORS
At our meet the teacher evening on 26-27 February each class will be asked to elect a parent coordinator. This role involves supporting the P&C by co-opting parent assistance for fundraising and other events organised by the P&C; supporting class families by organising the odd coffee and chat time, perhaps a dinner at a restaurant for the parents, a play date in the park for the kids or any other ideas which may be a way of building the community and the concept of togetherness. From time to time the class teacher might also need your help gathering assistance for class activities. We hope that all classes will have a coordinator organised on that night.

DON MOORE RESERVE CAR PARK
Early this week we had issues with the entry to Don Moore car park being locked. The council is responsible for opening and closing these gates at 5am and 9:30pm. There seems to have been a problem with a change of security company and poor communication in the council itself. I have been assured that the problem has been fixed.

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.

Muirfield High School

Open Evening for prospective students & their parents
Thursday 7th March, 5pm—7.30pm
• Meet with our dedicated teachers and student leaders
• Tour the excellent facilities & grounds
We offer:
• A high achievers class
• Broad cultural, sporting and extra-curricula activities
• Strong enrichment programs
To arrange a tour on another date please call Sonja Anderson, Deputy Principal

Congratulations HSC Class of 2012 on your Outstanding Results
The school acknowledges the achievements of all our 9166 students.
100% of Advanced English, Mathematics Extension 2 and Music. 1 students in Bands 5 or 6.
4 students achieved an ATAR above 80.
Students achieved Band 6 Grades in the following subjects:
English Extension 1, General Mathematics, Mathematics, Mathematics Extension 1, Mathematics Extension 2,
Music 1, Ancient History, Modern History, Business Studies, French Beginners, Industrial Technology—Timber,
Industrial Technology—Multi Media, VET Hospitality, Personal Health Development and Physical Education.

Limited places available in some year groups.
Enquiries: 9872 2244
Web: www.muirfield-h-school.nsw.edu.au
Barclay Road, North Rocks NSW 2151
FROM THE SPORTS DESK
Congratulations to our 2013 House Captains and Vice-Captains on their recent elections.

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STUDENT BANKING - 2013
Our school participates in the CBA Dollarmites Banking Program. Student Banking will commence on **Wednesday 27 February 2013**.

New students are welcome to join the banking program and 2013 packs are available from the school office. Unfortunately we do not participate in the token rewards, instead students who bank on the last day of Term 4 receive a small gift.

CANTEEN NEWS
A BIG Thank You to all of the past and new canteen volunteers. Your time and help is very much appreciated. We still have a few gaps in the roster to be filled. There are still vacancies for the 5 week of the month. This equates to working only 3 or 4 times per year. I would really appreciated a call from any past volunteers who have worked on the 5th week. If I have not contacted you could you please call me if you are able to continue.

Roster 15-2-13 to 1.3.13
Fri 15 Feb: Vicki Zheng, Mrs Yogathasan
Mon 18    Ho, Paul Weir
Tues 19   Flor Cui, Lynda Langley
Wed 20    Jo-anne Horridge, Dawn Wyn, Gail Bicerra
Th 21     Sally and Akram Roman
Fri 22    Renae Horne, Elissa Naughton
Mon 25    Lois Kim
Tue 26    Julia Chiao, Francesca Fuccilli
Wed 27    Lisa Treglown, Dawn Wynn, Gail Bicerra
Th 28     Amy King, Karen Ewens

Please do not hesitate me should you have any questions or it there are issues with the roster.
Maree
9871 1771, 0408 102 047

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS
Dr Shoe will be visiting the school this Friday 15/2 and on Friday 22/3. He sets up just outside the uniform shop where the yr3-6 lost property is located. He will be there from 8.30am.

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.

PARENT AUXILIARY NEWS
Welcome to the 2013 school year! Hope you all had a great holiday and are ready for an exciting new year. The Parents Auxiliary already has lots of plans for some great events this year so we hope you can all come along and join in the fun!

We hosted the “Tea and Tissues” morning tea for Kindergarten parents last Tuesday – it was good to see lots of moral support for the new kindy parents.

Thank you to all parents who attended the first PA meeting for the year – we had a sell out crowd! It was great to see so many new parents coming along and bringing with them lots of ideas. We were able to discuss the framework of activities planned for the year and we hope that all school families will enjoy the events.

Next PA meeting is on Monday 11th March. Hope to see you there!
Carol Rizk

Support our Raffle Sponsors
Bankstown Sports
Daking Automotive
Euphoria Beauty
Hills Bushcare
Samantha’s Cafe
Storage King North Parramatta
Specsavers North Rocks
CHESS COACHING
Chess coaching for students at North Rocks Public School is held on Tuesdays from 12:30pm – 1:30pm. Term 1 lessons will commence on 19th February, 2013 and it is never too late to join! Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment. Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun practice games. Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop.

If your child is interested in taking part, you can either pick up an enrolment form from the school office, or email enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au for a copy. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.

WORLDS GREATEST SHAVE
Join us at lunch time in the school hall on Monday 11 March, 2013 to support some brave souls as they have their heads shaved for a great cause!

Please support our effort by making a donation to the North Rocks Public School team via the Leukaemia Foundation's website (http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au). Gold coin donations will also be welcomed on the day.

If you would like to be brave and shave too - please send an email to Anu Suttie at andrew.anu.suttie@bigpond.

HARMONY DAY/INTERNATIONAL FOOD DAY
Hi Everyone,
On Thursday 11th April, our school is holding our annual Harmony Day celebration.

This involves the children participating in a National Costume Parade, with parents and friends welcome to watch and then share a picnic lunch with their children.

Last year the P&C organised an International Food Festival to compliment the day, and provide families with a beautiful picnic lunch. It was a great success, and we would like to do it again this year.

So – I’m looking for people to lead/join teams of cooks willing to provide the food. Last year we had Korean, Lebanese, Chinese, and Indian food stalls, as well as an Aussie BBQ and French dessert.

Hopefully we will have them back again this year, as well as some others if possible. So – please talk to your friends – can you cook?? and are you interested in sharing your fabulous ethnic cuisine with the rest of us?

Please email me at: vicki.gillard@optusnet.com.au if you want to be part of this wonderful multicultural celebration.

Thanks, Vicki Gillard

ASPERGERS SUPPORT GROUP
(for parents of children with Aspergers syndrome)
We meet every 2nd Wednesday of the month during school terms from 7.30-9.30pm in the cottage at West Epping Uniting Church and welcome you to join us. The address is 35 Orchard St, Epping. For more information contact the church office on 9868 3574 or Julie Bullen on 9868 3546.

AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS PROGRAM
Term 1 After School Cricket @ North Rocks Public School - Thursday 3pm-4:20pm

Cricket Program Includes: coaching in batting, bowling & wicket keeping, catching & fielding drills, crazy catch, running between the wickets & fun games of cricket each week!

Please note: Real leather cricket balls will be used for older children and bats, pads, gloves & helmets will be provided for children to use. Younger children will be using plastic bats and tennis balls.

Bookings: Email your childs name, age, school, parents name & contact number to cricketclinics@live.com.au or call Greg 0448 619 543.

Cricket program begins Thursday 14th February!
**BAND NEWS**

The band information night for parents is on Tuesday 19th February from 6.30-7.30pm in the staffroom, just before the P & C meeting. Everyone is welcome to come along and meet the committee and hear what will be happening during the year for the band.

Don't forget to add your details to the band contact database so we can send you updates about band events though the year. You can do this through the school website (www.northrocks-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/curriculum-activities/arts/band.band-camp-at-home/contact-event-details)

The contact details from last year are not kept as students change class each year, email addresses change and people leave or join the band. Please provide your details asap. If you have any questions you can send an email to northrocksband@gmail.com

Looking forward to seeing as many parents as possible on Tuesday.

Kirrily Pereira  Band Co-ordinator

**P&C NEWS**

Welcome to all new parents to North Rocks -especially those who is just started in kindergarten. I would like to introduce what the P&C is and what role it plays in the lives of our children at NRPS.

P&C stands for Parents and Citizens’ Association. The P&C is made up of parents who voluntarily work together in mutual respect and positive support with the school to improve our children’s learning years. Over the years, P&C have raised money through many FUNdraising events to build extension to school hall, purchased and installed air-conditioner to every classroom, purchased and installed interactive whiteboards, new books for the library, funded additional teaching and learning resources and support teachers, and the list goes on.

The P&C also provides services such as the school canteen serving healthy food / snacks and uniform shop where parents always get a courteous and personal service. The P&C also coordinates the school band program open to all year 3 to year 6 children. As mentioned above, all services provided by the P&C have been managed and coordinated by parents who volunteered their time and energy in service to the whole school community.

We need new and continuing parent volunteers to keep those services and fundraising running. Without volunteers, we will have to reduce or even close down the uniform shop and canteen services, have no funds to put additional teaching and learning resources into our children classroom, no opportunity to master a musical instrument and perform in front of large audiences.

I would like to encourage every parents to make time to come and join the Uniform shop, Canteen, Parents Auxiliary (organise events), band, in class parent helper, school working bee, etc. Please see the uniform shop coordinator, canteen coordinator, PA coordinator, or band coordinator to express your interest. Alternatively, you can contact me (details below).

Everybody is welcome to our P&C meeting (first meeting of year) on Tuesday 19th February in the staff room (admin building) at 7:30pm. (P&C meet every 3rd Tuesday of the month during school term. Please check newsletter for any changes.)

I can be contacted on frank.lin@optusnet.com.au or 0411 568 921.

NRPS P&C President Frank Lin 0411 568 921

**AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS PROGRAM**

**Term 1 After School Netball @ North Rocks - Thursday 3pm-4:20pm**


Netball Program Includes: coaching by Tamara in passing, footwork, movement & goal shooting drills & skills, positional play, attacking & defensive play & fun games of netball! **Bookings:** Email your child's name, age, school, parents name & contact number to sportsday@live.com.au or call Greg 0448 619 543.

Netball program begins Thursday 14th February!

**Term 1 After School Inflatable Soccer @ North Rocks Public School - Thursday 3pm-4:30pm**


In 2013 Greg will be offering a fun new sport called Inflatable Soccer. Each week children will learn soccer skills and play fun games of soccer inside the inflatable soccer field. The idea of inflatable soccer is that the ball never goes out. It bounces off the inflatable walls so the soccer game is continuous and the kids are active all the time!

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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**
Thur 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

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### PRIVATE MUSIC TUITION

**Trumpet & Singing**

Located only 2 minutes drive from NRPS

Lessons include:
- Building confidence and enhancing performance skills
- Correct technique
- Preparation for AMEB exams, auditions, band, choir etc
- Music Theory
- Learning to improve sight reading

Contact:
Hannah Alexander - 0448 950 623
HannahAlexanderMusic@gmail.com

Current Student at Sydney
Conservatorium of Music
(Bachelor of Music Education)

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### 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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### PETITE TUTUS (DANCE WITH ME): BALLERINAS 2-3 YEARS

**FREE TRIAL CLASS**

PH: 0422 850

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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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Do you love running around, kicking a ball and being with friends, well Soccer would be a great game for you. You could be the next Socceroo!

If you would like to play this year all you have to do is go to www.roseleafootballclub.com or contact Ray Anjoul 0411 594 794 for more information

Small-sided games (Non-Competitive) Under 6, 7 & 8
Competitive Teams – Under 9 (small-sided) to Super League
Mixed competition played Saturdays
“Girls only” competition (from Under 8’s) played Sundays
All games played in the local Gladesville-Hornsby district
Local training grounds (Carlingford Oval and Harold West Reserve)
NORTHMEAD CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS
HIGH SCHOOL
Campbell Street
NORTHMEAD 2152

OPEN DAY
TUESDAY 19 MARCH 2013

Morning Session: 9.15am - 1.00pm
Evening Session: 7.00pm - 9.00pm

Northmead CAPA High School

- Central Location
  - Just of Windsor Road - end of Campbell Street
  - Good Transport Connections - Bus and Rail
  - Experienced and Committed Teachers

- Creative and Performing Arts
  - Year 7 CAPA Class (selected by audition)
  - Elective classes in CAPA (Yrs 9-12)
  - Bands & Choir
  - Dance, Drama & Music
  - Instrumental Programs

- Focus on Academic Excellence
  - Gifted and Talented Programs
  - Extension Program for Year 7 Students
  - Support and Remediation Programs

- Comprehensive Education
  - Special Performing Arts Programs
  - Broad Curriculum
  - Excellent Sporting Opportunities

- Caring School
  - Support for Year 7 Students
    - Orientation Program, Yr 6 to Yr 7
    - Peer Support
    - Year 7 Camp
    - Student Ambassadors Year 7
    - Proactive Learning Support Team
    - Anti-bullying Program, with state recognition
    - Values driven school that promotes Respect, Responsibility, Commitment, Community
  - Special Programs

- Extra Curricula Activities
  - Sport
  - Debating & Public Speaking
  - Mock Trials
  - MUNA
  - Sister Exchange Visits: Kawaguchi Japan
  - Lots More

- Year 7 Scholarships
  - 3 Categories
  - Performing Arts, Academic, Sport

- Contact School on 9630 4116 for Application Forms

Discover the fabulous opportunities that Northmead CAPA High offers!

At Open Day you will:

- Meet teachers and students
- Use technology to create a momento of your visit
- Develop team building skills
- Discover the powers of your mind
- Problem solving and brain teasers
- Explore ‘live’ music using technology
- Experience the fascinating and exciting work of Science
- View nature at work - visit the school farm and animals
- Enjoy lunch provided by the SRC