At North Rocks Public School we value:

RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY SAFETY HONESTY

DIARY DATES

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School Messages

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Our teachers will be sending out information regarding parent teacher interviews over the coming week. These interviews examine how the children are progressing in literacy and numeracy as well as their social development. The interviews have a strict time limit. Following the interview if you have more to discuss you may need a follow-up interview. Please make this appointment through the class teacher.

SCHOOL DISCO
Our disco is Friday 22nd March and is the highlight of the term. Our teachers and Year 6 students lead many of the dances so the kids have lots of fun in a supervised fashion. Please do not allow your child to bring glow sticks as they present a hazard and often arguments between students. The cost is $5 which includes an ice block at the end of the disco. Parents are welcome to attend and join in the dancing. I would ask that parents be on time when the discos finish. There is a half hour break between discos allowing the staff and year 6 student dancers an opportunity to have a bite to eat and a rest.

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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HARMONY DAY
Our harmony celebration in 2012 was fantastic, full of fun and a great community event. This year’s festivities promise the same with a sumptuous lunchtime menu (see the link above for your order form), a parade of national dress and messages of harmony. Please book this date in your diary and join us.

SCHOOL CARPARK
It seems each year the same old message needs to be delivered regarding entry to the school car parks. We are blessed with Don Moore Reserve and Westfield Parking which are available a very short walk for most parents.
1. The bottom car park often used by OOSH parents was installed purely for the Student Assisted Travel Program which services our Support classes. I would ask OOSH parents to refrain from entering this driveway and car park. If necessary and you arrive really early use the top car park.
2. The top car park is for staff parking only before and during school hours. Parents with children attending after school activities in the school hall may enter the school car park when the majority of teachers have vacated usually after 4pm. On Wednesday’s staff are often at school late attending staff meetings. Please be aware that this is the staff’s car park and these parents are invited guests. I would ask that you act accordingly.

SCHOOL DISCO
FRIDAY 22ND MARCH
K-2: 5:30-7:00 3-6: 7:30-9:00
$5 PER HEAD
CLASS COORDINATORS
Thank you to those parents who volunteered to be class coordinators. The class coordinators’ meeting will be held in the staffroom on Tuesday 19th March at 7pm before the P & C meeting.

COMING UP IN MARCH
On Thursday the 28th of March we will holding an afternoon reading workshop, titled Developing Active Readers Everywhere (D.A.R.E). This program is aimed at providing parents and community members with the skills and strategies necessary to support home reading, and invite parents and community members to provide in-school support to those students requiring additional support with their reading. The meeting will be in the staff room commencing at 2pm.

We look forward to seeing there!

Laura Jones
Learning and support teacher

WORKING BEE
Thanks to the Lamb, Gutierrez, Noakes, Oates, Chen, Gulliver/Lewis, Le Noury, Tan, Lin, Williams, Wadnere, Romano, Lee, McMillan, Gardiner, Chen, Kim, Clifton, Balodis, Buttner, Roberts families and Mr Tom Moth and Mr Steve.

Thanks Ms Kelly Lewis, Mrs Susan LeNoury and Mrs Nicole Lamb for the great catering and BBQ

FROM THE SPORTS DESK

SWIMMING CARNIVAL RESULTS

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CHAMPIONS AND RUNNERS UP

**Senior Champions:** Natalie Lau, James Le Schultz and Ethan Uslu tied.

**Senior R/up:** Rachel Lee and Jasmine Mario tied.

**11yrs Champions:** Jessica Layton and Minseo Kim

**11yrs R/up:** Paige Gardiner and Matthew Dezius

**Junior Champion:** Hannah Choi and Chloe Kang tied, Jacob Uslu

**Junior R/up:** Alex Lau

Congratulations to all competitors and the Oakes House for their team victory.

ZONE RESULTS:

**Ethan Uslu**

**Jessica Layton**

PSSA SUMMER SPORTS PROGRAM

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FROM THE DEPUTY’S DESK

CHILD PROTECTION
Parents are reminded not to approach children other than their own within the school. There might be times throughout the year that you notice something untoward happening while on site. Please seek the assistance of the nearest staff member in these instances.

PAUL KELLY AFL CUP
This Tuesday 48 students from grades 5 and 6 took part in the Paul Kelly Cup, a round robin inter-school AFL competition designed to promote active lifestyles, fun and fitness while also introducing primary aged children to the sport of Australian Rules Football. Although at first appearing to be “fish out of water”, our four North Rocks teams soon became accustomed to the fast paced nature of the game and throughout the day improved their hand passing, marking, kicking and tackling skills. For most of the students it was their first try at AFL, and as usual they represented the school admirably.

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**Tom Moth**

INVOICES
If you experience difficulty with any aspect of the invoice please contact Mr Harker on 9871 1772.
P & C NEWS

Working Bee: Thank you to all who attended the recent working bee. Working bee was a great opportunity for the school community to get together to have fun. Photos of morning tea and lunch.

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.

WORLD'S GREATEST SHAVE
Congratulations to those brave souls who shaved for a cure on Monday in the school hall. Thanks to the mums for organising the event and to the SRC for the promotion.

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.

RAFFLE NEWS
This is the first notice for parent interested in helping our P&C major fundraiser for 2013. Our raffle brings in over $20000 and allows the P&C to fund many additional school programs and improvements to the school. If you would like any further information please contact Yashmin Arthur, contact details below.
ph. 0425 397 697

P & C AGM
Tuesday 19th March 7:30pm in staff room. All are welcome to attend. No prior arrangement is required for attendance.

Canteen: It is regrettable that the canteen is closed. There are many deep rooted issues that as a community, we need to resolve. We hope to have some working solution soon.

Uniform Shop: We need someone (or two) to volunteer for uniform shop coordinator. If you are able to assist, please see the Linda / Jane in the uniform shop.

Frank Lin
P&C President
frank.lin@optusnet.com.au 0411 568 921

PARENT AUXILIARY NEWS
The Spit & Boogie Ball is coming up on 6 April
Please have your money and RSVP’s to the office by 21st March. This is not a night to be missed so book a babysitter and come along!!

The Class Coordinators list is just about complete for this year. 4/5C does not yet have a coordinator - if you are a parent from this class and would be willing to become a Class Coordinator, please let the office know.
The first class coordinator meeting for the year is on Tuesday, 19 March at 7.00pm in the staffroom.

Dates coming up:
Harmony Day – 11th April – food order forms have been sent out so please complete and send back to office asap.
Carol Rizk
**HARMONY DAY/INTERNATIONAL FOOD DAY**

Hi Everyone,
Preparation is well underway for the International Food Day, which is happening on 11th April, together with the school’s Harmony Day activities.
Please look out for your food order form (complete one form for the whole family). Please do this asap and return with your payment to the school office by Friday 22 March. You will see that we have lots of yummy food again this year – thanks to some very generous school families.
We are still looking for more helpers - “many hands make light work” – you know the saying. If you are interested in helping please contact me at vicki.gillard@optusnet.com.au

Thanks, Vicki

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**BAND NEWS**

It was great to see so many parents at our information night last week. The band has a section on the school website where event dates, contact details, photos & videos of performances and other details are - so bookmark it and check it on a regular basis Band website. The event dates for the year will be added to the band page on the school website next week. Don't forget to add your details to the band contact database so we can send you updates about band events though the year. Please click here to go to the form and fill in the details by next Monday 4th March. The computer gremlins got into the link in the last newsletter so if you were unable to enter your details please try again with this link. We have a 2nd hand instrument register if you have an instrument lying around that you would like to sell. Contact nrbinstruments@gmail.com for more details. This service is available to all past and current band members. If you would like to purchase an instrument check the band page on the school website to see what's available.
If you have any questions please contact me on northrocksband@gmail.com

Kirrily Pereira

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

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If you have excellent communication skills, an ability to build rapport and clear and fluent English, then you may be one of the people we are looking for!

A demonstrated sales experience will be an advantage and your enthusiasm and commitment are essential to excel in this role!

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