At North Rocks Public School we value:

**RESPECT    RESPONSIBILITY    SAFETY    HONESTY**

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| Mon 29 April                  | School Development Day 1  |
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| Wed 8 May                     | Mother’s Day Gift Wrapping|
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| Mon 13 May                    | Cross Country wet weather back up|
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### Important Notes on the website

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### ANZAC DAY SERVICE - Friday 12 April

Our annual ANZAC DAY service will be held in the school hall on Friday 12 April at 11:45. Students from year 2 to year 6 will assemble to commemorate our ANZAC Day. Parents are very welcome also to attend. I would ask that parents be seated by 11:40 for a 11:45 start.

### CANTEEN UPDATE

I am pleased to inform the general school population that our school canteen will reopen for business from Wednesday 1 May. This is the first day of Term 2 for our students.

The P&C is pleased to announce the new interim canteen manager (3 days per week) is Anu Sutti and the new interim canteen supervisor (2 days per week) is Gayle Biccera.

Both positions are interim depending upon the outcome of the P&C sub-committee advice on the future model for running the canteen. Once the P&C examines that reports towards the end of term 3 a decision will be made regarding 2014 and on.

### School Messages

**SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY**

With the term soon coming to an end I wish everyone a safe and relaxing break.

Term 2 starts for teachers on Monday 29 April with a school development day targeting our implementation of “The Classroom of Choice” which our school is heavily invested. “The Classroom of Choice” is an approach which highlights clear understandings of how students learn and have increasing responsibility for their behaviour and learning. It gives teachers better insight into how children have their key psychological needs met. Through our improved learning we are better able to cater for the wide range of needs within our classrooms.

Tuesday 30 April has been also mandated as a school development day. On this second day our teachers will begin the introduction of the NSW response to the English Australian Curriculum. Teachers will be hard at work examining the differences presented in the new curriculum and begin to cement their understandings.

For our students school commences on Wednesday 1st May.
FROM THE SPORTS DESK

SYDNEY WEST SOFTBALL
Congratulations to Mitchell M Year 6, on his selection in the Sydney West Regional Softball team. A great effort Mitchell we are proud of you and wish you best of luck in the state championships

PSSA WINTER SPORTS PROGRAM
Good luck to our teams playing their first winter competition round after last week’s washout. To advise parents of wet weather affecting PSSA sport we intend to inform students if the round is called off prior to the day. It will be the student’s responsibility to inform their parents. If called off on Friday morning we will email all parents with the news of sport cancellation.

EARN POINTS FOR YOUR SCHOOL
Turn your shopping dollars into valuable musical resources for your children in 2013. NRPS has joined the WOOLWORTHS “Earn and Learn Points for Your School” program for 2013. From Monday 8th April until Sunday 9th June, when you shop at Woolies you will be given a Woolworths Earn and Learn point, in the form of a sticker, for every $10.00 spent. You can help by sending your stickers to school with your children (on their Music day) to place in the box outside the Music Room, or placing them in the GREEN box in the front office. If we all collect enough points they can be converted into musical instruments to benefit EVERY CHILD at NRPS in RFF Music lessons.
As this is for music, I wanted to put a "note" in the newsletter.
Thank you in advance for your support
Karen Andrews

D.A.R.E READING PROGRAM
Thank you for supporting the D.A.R.E reading workshop, your response was both overwhelming and tremendously encouraging. We would appreciate your feedback regarding the workshop; as this is a vital part of the learning process of your child.
At North Rocks Public School we value the contribution that families make to the learning outcomes of our students, therefore we are inviting those parents/ caregivers/ community members that are able to volunteer some of their time to support the educational needs of our students.
If you are interested in supporting this voluntary program please contact Laura Jones (The Learning and Support Teacher) via email at laura.dehorta@det.nsw.edu.au or alternatively contact the office on 9871 1772.
We understand that some families were unable to attend the workshop; therefore we have placed the D.A.R.E reading workshop presentation on the school website. DARE click on this hyperlink.
Mrs Laura Jones

PSSA SUMMER SPORTS PROGRAM

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FROM THE DEPUTY’S DESK

BEHAVIOUR / RESPONSIBILITY
Term 1 has been incredibly successful for most students as they have settled into new class routines, made new friendships, tackled challenging work and tried out for extracurricular groups. The vast majority of students have exhibited exceptionally high levels of responsibility throughout the term—often maintaining level ‘D’ on the school responsibility ladder. Students at North Rocks are challenged to take ownership of their behaviour. If you would like to know more about the responsibility ladder and how it forms our discussions with students, please refer to the back of this newsletter. Throughout the holidays you might like to take the opportunity to discuss the ladder with your son/daughter, all the time remembering that they, ultimately, are the ones that choose their own behaviour.

ANZAC SERVICE
Tomorrow’s ANZAC service will begin at approximately 11:45. Parents are welcome to attend, though we ask you arrive at 11:30 to ensure all is in readiness to begin on time.

NAPLAN
Any parents considering withdrawing their child from the National Assessment Program should speak with Mr Harker as soon as possible. Students cannot be withdrawn or exempt without first discussing the matter with the school principal.

Tom Moth
P & C NEWS
Senior Constable Rob Paterson, the Youth Liaison Officer at Castle Hill Police Station, will be giving a presentation with case studies and examples of what children are accessing online today.

Cybersafety is the number one non-academic problem that schools and young people experience today. Online behaviour often affects students self-esteem, learning and relationships. Children are now exposed to images, words and behaviour that is most inappropriate for their age and this can be accessed through the internet, social networking and online gaming.

Parents must know how to use technology and should know what to avoid, where to seek help and what their children are doing online. "I don't need Facebook, I don't understand why people need it" is an example of adults simply ignoring or missing out on the issues that their children are facing today. Parents and carers must have at least a basic understanding of social media in order to keep their children safe.

Some topics covered- 
- How to keep children safe online 
- The latest social networking sites 
- Online gaming 
- Cyber bullying 
- 'Sexting' 
- Cyber luring 
- Facebook
◆ Relevant laws and police action

Canteen: We just conducted the interview for the position of canteen manager and supervisor. Thank you to Vicki Guillard, Lisa Treglown, and Mr Harker for giving up their Friday morning to conduct selection process. We are expecting to have the canteen in operation from Term 2 onwards.

Uniform shop: Thank you to all who volunteered to run the uniform shop. As you would have read from previous school update, the new opening time for the uniform shop will be on Wednesday 8:30am - 9:30am. I would like to thank Linda Uslu and Jane Peterson for all their hard work over the past 2 years in running the uniform shop.

No P&C Meeting for April - Have a fun and safe school holidays. See you all for the special presentation on P&C Meeting in May.

Thank you
Frank Lin (frank.lin@optusnet.com.au 0411 568 921)

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.

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.

In term 3 we will be conducting the raffle. This is our major fundraiser for the year, with a trailer and its contents as first prize. It has been very successful in past years, raising $20,000—$25,000. This has allowed for installation of air-conditioning, smart boards and other valuable improvements to our school. We are currently approaching local businesses to be sponsors of the raffle. Sponsorship includes:
◆ Identification as a major sponsor on over 12 000 tickets 
◆ A3 size advertisement connected to the trailer 
( displayed at Westfield Shopping Centre)
◆ Distribution of pamphlet to all school families 
◆ Small advertisement in the school newsletter for term 2 & 3.

At a cost of $500 this offers significant exposure within the local community. If you are interested in sponsorship, please contact me at robusts@bigpond.net.au or on 98725946.

Jane Robards
UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

From Term 2 opening day will be Wednesday’s 8.30 to 9.30 am.

Let us help you get ready for the change to winter uniform in week 2.

If you can spare one hour a week, fortnight, monthly or even occasionally on Wednesday’s to serve in the shop or pack orders after closing we would love to talk to you. This would be a great opportunity for those who would like to update their resume with some current (voluntary) work experience, or just want to help our school. Please contact us in the shop or via the school office.

Don’t forget that you can also order using the form on the school website by clicking here www.northrocks-p.schools.nsw.edu.au return completed to the school office.

Uniform Shop Volunteer Team (incoming)

CANTEEEN NEWS

We're delighted to announce that the school canteen will be fully operational for recess and lunch from Wednesday 1 May (1st school day of Term 2). Check out the menu here.

Our canteen is a great asset to the school community thanks to a wonderful team of parent volunteers and the canteen management team of Lisa Treglown, Gail Bicerra and Anu Suttie.

We still have the following spots to fill on our canteen roster, please email Gail Bicerra or call her on 0434 858 230 with the dates you can help out.

Every 4th Monday from Term 2 to end of year - one spot
Tuesday 30/7 & 29/10 - two spots
Thursday 30/5, 29/8 & 31/10 - one spot
Friday 31/5, 30/8 & 29/11 - one spot

Here's to a happy year of tasty, healthy eating at the 'Canteen on the Rocks'!

Anu Suttie

STAR GAZING AT PARRAMATTA PARK

FREE Family Fun

When: Saturday 20 April 2013
Time: 5.30 pm to 8 pm
Where: Telescopes located on Salter’s Field (in front of the Dairy)
Free talk located at the Parramatta Park Café and Event Centre

What's new at the cutting edge?

Come along and share the mystery of our place in the universe at Parramatta Park’s popular Star Gazing @ Parramatta Park. There will be up to 30 telescopes provided by members of the amateur astronomical societies who will be there to share their knowledge with you, or you can bring your own telescope and get pointers on its use from fellow enthusiasts.

In addition there will be a talk about what is happening at the “cutting edge” of astronomy in 2013 by the well know astronomer Fred Watson.

What's happening?

- Talk at the Parramatta Park Café and Event Centre, by Fred Watson seating is limited so be prepared to come early to secure a seat.
- A Planetarium to get a close up look at the universe.

Refreshments are available at the Cafe, and the park will remain open to vehicles until 8.30 pm. Bring a torch, with a red cellophane covering to preserve night vision, and to light your way.

Info T 8833 5000 or www.parrapark.com.au

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BAND NEWS

Band Camp at Home is on Tuesday April 30th. It is for all levels of band students. Don't forget to return your note and payment by Friday next week, 5th April if you would like to attend. A copy of the note is on the school website in the 'Information' section. It would be great to have all the Performance Band members attend this year to help in their preparations for the Yamaha Festival next term.

A band update email was sent out last week. If you did not receive it that means you have not provided your contact details to the band committee yet. Please send an email to northrocksband@gmail.com so we can email you a copy of the note and give you instructions to add your contact details to our database so you don't miss out on any important information during the year.

The Beginner band started morning band rehearsals last Tuesday. I am sure you all enjoyed the early morning start! All band students now need to be at the hall at 7:30am every Tuesday morning to set up for rehearsals so they can start playing on time at 7:45am and get the full benefit of their rehearsal time.

If you have any questions about band please contact northrocksband@gmail.com

Kirrily Pereira
Band Co-ordinator

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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SWANS PREMIERSHIP PHOTOS
To all those budding Swans fans here is a chance to get your hands on a piece of history. We have two framed Swans memorabilia to be auctioned at the upcoming trivia night on Saturday 22nd June. The framed photos are available for viewing in the office foyer adjacent to Mr Harker’s office. You will be able to but in a silent bid if you are unable to make the trivia night. A reserve of $200 is set for each piece. If you would like to put in a silent bid you can do so by emailing your bid to the school’s email address: northrocks-p.schools.det.nsw.edu.au
If you ever need framing we purchase all our frames from National Print Distribution at Castle Hill. See Wade and tell him Peter sent you for a good deal on framing.
NPD is at 21/22 Mitchell Park, Hudson Avenue Castle Hill, ph: 98996355
Seraphic Creations
After School Art Classes
At North Rocks Public School
Explore new artists and cultures through painting, drawing and mixed media.
Term 2, 2013. Art classes run from Monday 29 April – Friday 21 June, 8:30 – 3:30 pm in the first grade classroom foyer.
An end of Term Art Show for all classes will be held on Friday June 21 at 3:00 pm in the school hall.
Cost: $160 for 5 weeks which includes all materials.
Children will need to provide their own painting shirt.
Numbers are limited to 10 children per class.
For registration forms please email: SeraphicCreations@gmail.com
Or call Jennifer Burns on 0488 446 657.

Muirfield High School P & C Fundraising Committee are holding our 2013 Car Boot Sale, Saturday 25 May 2013
– Bookings are now open –
Cost of standard space is $35, Early bird price of $30 if paid by 20/4/13.
Tables are also available to be booked. Book a car space and/or table and turn unwanted household items into cash. Don’t have enough stuff on your own? Talk to your family, friends & neighbours & maybe share a stall together. Small businesses are also welcome to apply [booking rate will vary, so please call or email for more details].
If you would like to book a car space please email Karin Grant on kgrant@hydroinnovations.com.au or phone 0425 354 924.

World Ju-Jitsu Federation
Australia
WWW.WORLDJJITSUAUSTRALIA.COM.AU
Self Defence & Fitness classes @ North Rocks Public School
Classes held every Tuesday after school in the School Hall.
FIRST LESSON IS FREE

NORTH ROCKS TENNIS SCHOOL
School Holiday Tennis Clinic
9.30 - 3pm daily
Monday 15 April to Friday 19 April 2013
Cost: $145 or $35 daily.
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Enrolments for Term 2 tennis coaching now being taken. Lessons after school and Saturday morning.

John Hassett 9872 6097
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Full Day Sessions (9.00am-3.00pm) $40.00 per day
Half Day Sessions (9.00am-12.30pm) $30.00 per session
April 15th – 19th and April 22nd – 26th (excluding 25th)

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Term Enrolments Now Being Taken
Classes for Boys and Girls 2 years and above

Book now on 9620 8323 or sydacgym@hotmail.com
Unit 7/32 Artisan Rd Seven Hills
and
Unit 5/1a Gibbon Rd Winston Hills
www.sydneygymnastics.com.au
We use this ‘Responsibility Ladder’ as a simple model to promote considerate behaviour and the value of following rules and being co-operative. You may wish to check your child’s understanding and awareness of the levels. Students are encouraged to think constructively about modifying/improving their behaviour. It is best to avoid telling a child what level you think they are acting at rather ask ‘So what level do you think you were on when you were doing that?’ ‘Is that acceptable?’ ‘What would I see if you were acting at level C instead’ ‘How would that help?’ For a change to really occur a child needs to know what is expected and be able to see how they can benefit by following the rule. Students are encouraged to see that the rights they wish for are attached to the level of responsibility they are able to demonstrate.

Students can see that levels C & D are ‘above’ the line of acceptability and A & B are below the line.

Students are taught that they have a right to meet their needs for fun, power, choice and friendship. But they have the choice of how responsibly they act to meet these needs.

They learn that each choice brings its own consequence and the more responsibly we act the happier everyone can remain. Students can see that acting at the B level is more likely to produce a B level response (which is usually unpleasant).

**A: Anarchy** is used to describe someone out of control, acting dangerously, not considering risk to self or others

**B: Bossing or Bullying** describes Someone who is making their own rules at other peoples expense ie being inconsiderate, bosses & bullies others, annoys or teases others, breaks rules

**C: Compliance** describes someone who acts in ways expected ie. follows directions and rules, conforms, shows respect, listens, co-operates

**D: Democracy** acting responsibly by choice ie. choosing to do the right thing not for reward or acknowledgement or because it is expected but simply because they value doing the right thing ie is respectful, considerate