FROM THE PRINCIPAL
2016 Selective High School Applications
Applications for placement in Year 7 at a selective high school in 2016 will be close to parents of students in Year 5 on 17 November 2014. The application information booklet will be available on the High Performing Students Unit’s website at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement. Please remember there are no paper copies of the application. Applications for the 2015 class are online.

Thank you morning tea
On Tuesday 2 December from 10:45 you are invited to our annual thank you morning tea. Morning tea is provided by the staff in a small way to thank the parents who have provided help in the classroom throughout the year. On behalf of the P&C and the entire school those parents who have assisted at working bees, sports carnivals, canteen, uniform shop and in any other way I invite you to attend this special morning tea.

OC Orientation
Next Thursday we welcome our 2015 year 5 OC students. These students who will be attending our school in 2015-16 will be coming from North Rocks Public School, Murray Farm, Carlingford West, Eastwood, Jasper Road, Strathfield South, St Ives North, Greystanes, Baulkham Hills North, Epping West, Kellyville Ridge and Beecroft.
Our school captains, year 4 students and invited guests will provide information about our school and welcome our new students. The band and choir will give a special performance. We appreciate the support of the 5M class families for the provision of morning tea.

North Rocks Symphonic Showcase
Each year we present a showcase of our performing arts groups. This year we invite parents to attend a special presentation from our bands, senior and junior primary choirs, K-2 dance group, 3-6 dance group and a performance by three of our wonderful public speakers. This year showcase will be held in the school hall in the evening of Tuesday 11 December starting at 7pm.

P&C Meeting
Due to the upcoming Interrelate program the next P&C meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 19 November. The meeting is held in the staffroom from 7:30pm. All are welcome to attend.

FOOD ALLERGY ALERT
To help minimise the risk of life threatening allergic reactions we ask all parents to refrain from packing foods that contain peanuts or tree nuts in lunch boxes. Help us protect our students.
At NRPS we value **RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, SAFETY, HONESTY**

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**Student Leaders for 2015**

I would like to congratulate the 18 students whom put themselves forward as potential school leaders for 2015. I was particularly impressed by the confidence and delivery of these students. Unfortunately as we know in elections there are always the possibility of a positive and a negative result. I also congratulate these students on the way they handled the announcement and know that whomever from that group was elected we would be in very good hands.

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**P&C Fundraising**

Where does your P&C contributions and fundraising go? How is it spent? For 2014 the NRPS P&C supported the school by providing $30000 towards School Learning support Officers (SLSO—new term for teacher’s aides) these people help with literacy and numeracy programs across the school helping students grasp key skills and concepts; $5585 towards library books to support the Premier’s Reading Challenge; $1590 towards shade shelters; $5000 to the new sound system which we used at the fete; $3000 in new signage in the hall and school grounds;$9297 to provide a new science program called Primary Connections and $1000 for new art racks. Together this provided $54472 to assist the school better meet the learning needs of the students.

The next big project the P&C would like to pursue is the revamp of the K-2 playground. The P&C is requesting the assistance of parents to form a project group to provide ideas and chase a design and quotation. If you would like to help please contact the school office on 9871 1772.

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**Organisation 2015**

Presently we have 105 kindergarten enrolments for 2015 which will fit into 5 kindergarten classes. With growing enrolments our school will be receiving an additional demountable placed opposite Block J (new classrooms).

I remind parents that teachers will spend a great deal of time organising classes for next year considering the academic and social needs of the children. We will by all accounts be having a 1-2 and a 4-5 composite class next year. Students will be carefully selected to go into these classes and will have excellent teachers. Being in a composite class is not a good or a bad thing. We have a teacher teaching students at different levels in every class in the school.

Children are generally chosen for a composite class due to their strong work habits. We do try to be true to the promise that if placed into a composite class one year you won’t be in one the next. Parents of students currently in kindergarten and year 1 will be faced with this concept for the first time. Parents should not be concerned about a placement in this class. Your child will have a successful year.

If you have any information regarding your child’s class placement for 2015 please write to me prior to Friday 14th November. Information coming to me after this date may not be considered.

**Proposed class structure for 2015**

K = 5 classes, Year 1 = 4 classes and a 1-2 composite class, Year 2 = 3 classes; Year 3 = 3 classes, Year 4 = 3 classes and a composite 4-5 class, Year 5 = 3 classes plus the composite and Year 6 = 4 classes.

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**Leaving North Rocks Public School**

Parents could I ask that you inform the office as soon as possible of your intentions to move your child from North Rocks PS for the start of the new school year. This information is vital enabling us to have our classes and staffing ready for the start of the school year.

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**FROM THE SPORTS DESK**

**Summer PSSA Results**

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**Working Bee**

Our next working bee is set down for Sunday 16 November. Please put this date in your diary and keep the morning free. We were forced to cancel the last working bee and are hoping to get a pile of work done at the next one preparing the school for summer. At this working bee we would like to build a couple of sleeper retaining walls, garden edges, repaint some of our warning walk signs, clean up the gardens, etc.. To achieve these objectives and put the school grounds into reasonable shape we are going to need a small army. I ask you to please consider coming along and lending a hand. The working bee notice is attached to the newsletter (see page 1).

**School certificate winners**

If your child has gained the required number of merits to gain a certificate I would ask that they present them to the office as soon as possible. Our last opportunity to present these certificates will be at our final 3-6 assembly on Wednesday 3 December and for K-2 Friday 5 December In addition for those students who will be receiving School Awards certificated need to be handed to the office by Friday14th Nov.
FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Student Leader Elections
This year saw an exceptionally high interest amongst Year 5 students in gaining leadership positions for 2015. Forty-eight students nominated and after a lengthy process, this Monday we announced the 8 successful students who will become our school captains and prefects for 2015. Specific roles will be announced and the induction will take place on Presentation Day. Congratulations to Ryan C, Charli D, Damon L, Caitlin R, Hazel S, Lachlan T, Tolstoy W & Alyssa W.

Chess State Final
Kevin, Jason, Haibing and Matthew defeated Summer Hill PS in a nail-biting affair last Friday week, winning on tie break 4(11) to 4(9). With the game looking lost at some points throughout, the boys held their nerve, remained focussed and clinched a well-deserved victory, catapulting them into the state final on November 28th. Should the boys be successful in the final against the country-region champion, they will travel to Adelaide to take part in the Australian Schools Championship. We wish them well.

School Planning Consultation
On Tuesday 28th October a group of parents met with me in the staffroom to discuss the school’s strategic plan for the period 2015-2017. After overviewing the plan, its purpose and processes, we identified three strategic directions the school will direct energy towards in the coming years. Those directions, supported by research indicating ultimately improved student learning outcomes, are:

1) Creative, critical, capable learning
2) Teacher quality
3) Community engagement

During the meeting we discussed teacher quality in detail, gleaning ideas about the qualities of a teacher that best support student learning, engagement and facilitates connection with school and commitment to lifelong learning. Most present could recall a teacher who had left a lasting impression on them as a child and could quickly identify the qualities which enabled that. While many of the qualities are innate personal characteristics, others can be developed through experience, training and development - the focus group was useful in directing some of our future teacher development priorities.

I would like to offer the community the chance to join me at two further sessions to discuss school planning. The next will take place on Wednesday 19th November at 6:30 pm (an hour prior to the P&C meeting), with the final opportunity scheduled for Monday morning 1st December at 9:10 am.

Inter-Relate - RSVP DUE
The highly acclaimed Inter-Relate program will be run on the evening of November 18 in the school hall. Presenters will cover the topics “Preparing for Puberty” and “Where Did I Come From”. Notes and payments are required to the office by Thursday 13th November. Please return your notes as soon as possible.

Multimedia Assessment
The High Performance unit of the Department of Education and Communities is developing an online multimedia interactive assessment for Science and Technology Stage 3 as part of work to expand resources for assessing a broader range of student learning. The test, based on the model of the current Essential Secondary Science Assessment program for Year 8, will provide teachers, schools and parents with diagnostic information and resources for the new K-6 Science & Technology syllabus due for implementation in 2015. As part of the development, North Rocks Public was invited to participate in the first major trial of this new assessment. Our Year 6 students completed a one hour online Science and Technology test which incorporated videos, audio and graphics during weeks 3 and 4.

Inter-Relate Tuesday 18th November 6:00 - 8:15 pm

Parent Focus Group Meetings
Wednesday 19 November 6:30pm
Monday 1 December 9:10am
THE SOCIAL CLUB
Reminder - Social Club Dinner on Friday, 28th November at Little Rock Café North Rocks All parents/carers welcome.
Please drop off RSVP to school office.
Our last meeting for 2014 will be on Monday, 10 October at 9.00am outside school hall. Please come along for a cuppa and friendly chat - preschoolers are also welcome.
Hope to see you there!

Carol Rizk

Band news
Symphonic Showcase is next week (11th Nov). All band members are to be there, remembering that your Band is like a team, each of you playing an important role within the team. It will be a great night. There will be a supper interval and I would appreciate 4-6 helpers to assist me on the evening with serving food & drinks. The children will be 'back stage' during the interval and will be given a drink then, allowing parents to have some 'adult time' over supper. Kids will be given an ice-block at the end of the evening. Could you please email or text me (0408963068) if you can help. Supper is being provided by the band committee.
In regards to the Band Tour, if your child is in the Performance Band and going on tour and does not yet have their black pants, could you please contact me so we can organise their uniform in time.
The end of year is quickly approaching. There will be a Band BBQ Breakfast on Tuesday morning, Dec 16th. This will replace the usual band practice that morning. Cost is $2 per child. We will give the band teachers a thank you card & gift each on that morning. A contribution towards the gifts will be greatly appreciated and the money can be left at the office in a clearly marked envelope and I will collect it from there. I also need some helpers on that morning with the BBQ and supervising the children. Thank you so much!!
And lastly, I announced at last month's P&C meeting that I will be standing down as band coordinator at the end of the year due to work commitments. I regret not being able to serve out my full term in this role and I have appreciated the understanding of the band committee and school regarding my decision. It was a tough decision to make!
So, you guessed it...we'd love to hear from you if you are keen and able to take on the band coordinator role. Please contact me if you are interested so I can discuss it with you further. Thanks,

Jane Robards

Westfield Breakfast with Santa

We still have a few tickets available for our Breakfast with Santa which is happening this Saturday at 8am. Tickets are $10 with all proceeds going to charity, you can purchase the tickets at our concierge desk.
**WORKING BEE – NORTH ROCKS PUBLIC SCHOOL GROUNDS**  
**Sunday 16 November 8am – 1pm**

**Preparation for Summer**

The “Working Bee” operates from 8am – 1pm and you are welcome to come for all or part of that time. Children are welcome, and combine jobs with fun!

Please call Peter (9871 1772) if you need any further information, or have machinery/skills suitable for any of our tasks.

Here’s what we plan to do:

| 1. Weed and mulch gardens |
| 2. Repaint walk signs |
| 3. Edging grass areas and areas along fence lines. |
| 4. Build retaining edging G Block memorial garden – complete job started last working bee |
| 5. Blow/sweep pathways clean after works completed. |
| 6. Pressure clean paths behind F Block |
| 7. Clean air conditioner filters |
| 8. Remove garden edging and replace with small timber retaining wall near the vegetable garden. |
| 9. Trim hedges |

If you would like to weed prior to the day you are very welcome.

Please bring tools with you suitable for the task – wheelbarrows, gloves, saws, secateurs, spades, shovels, rakes, Pinch bar, buckets, trowels or hand tools for weeding, leaf blower.

Helper also needed for BBQ, catering and shopping call Peter 9871 1772.

Afternoon tea provided, please return this form for catering before Wednesday 13 August
Castle Hill High School P&C invites you to

**Children’s Health & Wellbeing in the 21st Century**

An information session on the potential risks of electromagnetic radiation exposure from telecommunication towers, WiFi routers, smart phones, wireless-enabled computers and other devices

**Monday 10th November - 5 to 7 pm - Castle Hill High School**

**Speakers include**

Prof. Dariusz Leszczynski, an internationally renowned expert on radiation health from the University of Helsinki, Finland. Editor in Chief - Frontiers in Radiation Health

Prof. Ray Kearney OAM, Former Head of Dept. Infectious Diseases & Immunology, University of Sydney

Dr. Priyanka Bandara, Advisory Board Member (Hon) Environmental Health Trust (USA) and Doctors for Safer Schools

Dr. Mary Redmayne, Research Fellow from the Centre for Population Health Research on Electromagnetic Energy, Monash University

Convener: Prof. Katherine Georgouras OAM

RSVP and queries: Elizabeth Madders:

chhspc2154@gmail.com
Social Club Dinner

When: Friday, 28th November 2014
Where: Little Rock Café – Westfields North Rocks
Time: 7.00pm

All NRPS parents/carers welcome – even if you’ve never attended a social club meeting!

Enquiries to Carol – 0401 138 430

RSVP for Social Club Dinner

Name: ________________________________

Number of people: ________________
Year 7 2015 Orientation Day
Could you please ask the TIC of Year 7 Transition from Year 6 to 7 to remind families of the correct date for our Orientation Day.

ORIENTATION FOR STUDENTS ENROLLING YEAR 7 2015

Wednesday 3rd December 2014

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The Rocks Report

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Soccer Registration
North Rocks Soccer Club has teams for girls, boys and mixed teams for all ages and all skill levels...
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Ladies Over 35s play Friday nights, Ladies and Girls play Sundays and Boys and Girls Mixed, play Saturdays.

Online Regos from early January
Club House Registration:
Saturday 31st January 2015
10.00am to 3.00pm
Clubroom at North Rocks Park, North Rocks Road, Carlingford

Please refer to our website after January 1st for information about online registration.
WANT MORE INFORMATION, GO TO
WWW.NRSFC.COM.AU
or phone Jane Willis, Club Registrar on 8424 578 240

NRPS Soccer Club
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Carlingford Netball Club

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- Under 7-9yrs Modified netball – Friday night
- Juniors and Seniors – Saturday competition
- NetSetGo! Accredited 10 week program for 5-7 years
  - Local Competition at Pennant Hills Park
  - Club Training at North Rocks netball courts

Our Club “on-line” Registrations are now open.

Simply go to our website www.carlingfordnetball.com.au to register and follow the prompts or contact our Registrar Fiona Briggs on ph: 0411 201 835.

Join us for Registration Day on Saturday 15th November 2014 at Murray Farm Public School Hall 10 - 2pm.

* As the Club is moving to a new uniform next year all players will need to attend Registration Day to be fitted for this uniform. See website for details.
* Any new players will need to provide a certified copy of their birth certificate.

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