FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Working Bee
Our thanks to the following families who assisted at Sunday’s working bee Lu, Cameron, Lin, Clayton, Thomas, Peterson, Gulliver, Ashdown, Williams/Janson, Uragaha, Mei, Beahan, Katsaouils, Xu, McNamara, Wilkinson and Bridges. A special acknowledgement of Neil Clayton who has been a mainstay at the working bees for many years. We thank Neil and Allison for their dedication and hard work over many years.

Thank you morning tea
On Tuesday 2 December from 10:30 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 to attend this special morning tea.

OC Orientation
On Thursday it was our pleasure to host the new 2015 OC class. The OC program is a two year program offered to gifted students who apply and sit an entrance test conducted by the High Performing Students Unit. Each year we have over 400 applicants for the 30 positions at our school.
A score of 230 in the test is comparable to an IQ score of 143+. At North Rocks our cut off score which included the top 45 students who placed North Rocks as their number 1 school was 239. This indicates the level of intelligence the students have who are placed in the class and certainly how difficult it is to achieve a placement.
At the orientation our band and choir performed as did our current Year 5 OC class. The performances were fantastic as was Corinna’s piano playing at the beginning. Our Captains, prefects and year 5 OC speakers sold the program and the school. We should be justified in our pride of all students involved. A special thanks to our Year 5 OC mums and dads for the great morning tea provided on the day, a great job well done!

North Rocks Symphonic Showcase
If you didn’t attend the Symphonic Showcase last Tuesday evening you missed a fantastic night’s entertainment. The bands, choir, dance groups and public speakers were brilliant. The showcase evening has been developed to enable our students to not only showcase their skills and talents but to do so in front of parents, family and friends. Students learn their routines, repertoires, speeches and the like to perform. Our thanks to the band committee for their organisation, the teachers who prepared the performing groups and of course the talented students. Well done everyone!

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.
P&C expenditure for 2015
Each year at this time we ask the community for ideas to direct our thoughts on how we might expend the P&C monies in the following year. We have ongoing commitments to the SLSO program and the proposed K-2 playground upgrade however your thoughts are welcome. Please direct any information you feel relevant to Anthony Macarthur or me via the front office.

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.

Staffing issues
Over the next couple of weeks we will be selecting two new staff members. A new teacher for the increased enrolments and a new SLSO (School learning support officer) to work in the full time autism class with Mrs Clark. This position we vacated by Mrs Hammond earlier in the year. The P&C have nominated Mr Frank Lin to assist with the selection of the SLSO and Mrs Vicki Gillard to do likewise for the teaching position.

School development surveys and planning
Please return the surveys to the front office by Friday 28 November. Information in the surveys will help direct our planning for 2015 and beyond. Three main areas were targeted which are 21st Century learning, teacher quality and community engagement.

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.

FROM THE SPORTS DESK
Summer PSSA Results

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FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Presentation Day
This year’s school presentation day assemblies will take place on Wednesday 10th December. This week invitations will be sent home to parents of award recipients. An invitation is extended to the community to attend these assemblies. Years 3 to 6 will be acknowledged at a 9:40 am assembly, while the K to 2 assembly will begin after recess, at 11:30 am. It promises to once again be a fitting celebration of the achievements of the school and its students.

School Planning Consultation
The second of three parent focus groups was held on Wednesday evening to discuss the school’s 2015-2017 strategic directions. Discussion focussed predominantly around community engagement. Issues such as maximising the volunteer culture, enhancing communication, empowering various cultural groups and connecting parents with their children’s learning were highlighted. I’d like to thank the parents who attended the meeting - each made most valuable contributions. The final parent focus group will be on Monday 1st December at 9:00 am. All are welcome to attend.

Inter-Relate Family Night
The sessions on ‘Where did I come from?’ and ‘Preparing for puberty’ were very well received on Tuesday evening. The Inter-Relate Family Night is organised every second year at North Rocks. We will book the program again for 2016.

Tom Moth
Deputy Principal

Enrol now for 2015
P&C News
President’s Report
On Tuesday I attended the OC Orientation to welcome some new families to our community and speak about the P&C. The event had the school band and choir performing in addition to a dance piece by the current year 5 OC class. All of the kids did a wonderful job demonstrating the wide variety of activities available to our students and the level of excellence that can be achieved.

Thank you to the families that attended the school working bee on the weekend. Your commitment to the school is greatly appreciated.

As the year draws to a close it is time to start planning for the next year! A key item on our radar is the K-2 playground refurbishment, which has been mentioned in prior school newsletters by both Mr Harker and myself. The P&C has earmarked $150k in accumulated funds to complete the refurbishment, but need interested parents to be involved in the planning. If you have an interest in getting involved or know of someone who may be well suited to the task please give me a call or drop me an email.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the P&C please drop me a line to discuss.

Anthony Macarthur
P&C President parramaca@gmail.com 0431 280 748

THE SOCIAL CLUB
Jelly Day - 27 November - Information and order form has been sent home. Please have your orders in asap. Thank you to Amy and Belinda for organising this.
Social Club Dinner - 28th November @ 7.00 pm - the venue for this dinner has changed to Millones Restaurant Baulkham Hills - please RSVP to Jo or Carol or leave a note at the office. We hope you can join us for a fun night.
Dates for next year:
Tea & Tissues – 3 February – Social Club will provide morning tea for kindy parents. Please come along to chat to new parents and offer support.
Kindy and new parents welcome BBQ - 20 February – Social Club will host this event. If anyone can help please let the office know and I will be in touch.
As of next year, we will have a social club meeting & dinner once a term for those parents who cannot attend morning meetings. The first meeting for term 1 will be Friday 6th March 2015.
Carol Rizk

Canteen on the Rocks News
We have an newly designed menu coming out in a couple of weeks and Mel has done a great job on the new layout and design.
We unfortunately have had to increase several prices due to the risen costs of our suppliers, we have tried to keep costs as low as we can and this will be the first price increase in 2 years. If anyone has any concerns or questions please do not hesitate to contact Mel,Gail or myself.
Our volunteer roster for next year is up in the canteen, so just pop into the canteen or email Mel at bella-blooms@bigpond.com if you would like your name to be added for next year.
Please do not forget that the schools ‘Thank you’ morning tea is held on Tuesday the 2nd of December, in the hall from 10.45, you all should of received an invitation from Mel and we look forward to seeing you there.
Just a reminder that the Canteen will be closed on the last day of term.

Thank you Lisa

Uniform shop News
This has been another great term. Our orientation days went extremely well. Another big thank you to all our wonderful volunteers this term. Our shop could not run so smoothly with out you.!! Thank you also goes to Yanlin our Uniform shop treasurer.
We look forward to 2015 and welcome all school parents to join our roster.
Shop opens Friday 8am -9.30 am.
Kerri Swadling

Parent Focus Group Meetings
Monday 1 December 9:10am
P&C News continued...

Band news
A very successful Symphonic Showcase was held in the school hall last Tuesday evening, Nov 11th. Entertainment was provided by Primary Proms Choir and Senior Choir, K-2 and 3-6 Dance Groups, our 3 Bands & 4 public speakers. There were approximately 200 adults attending plus lots of kids! Adults got to mingle during a supper interval and kids enjoyed an ice block at the end of the evening. A total profit of $750 was made which will be put to good use for the benefit of our 3 bands. We will keep you informed on the spending. Thank you to everyone who attended & supported the evening. We were certainly pleased to see more children from band in attendance as compared to the Chamber Music Night. Well done!

Thank you to the Performance Band for providing some entertainment on Tuesday to the OC students who will be joining North Rocks Public next year. Hopefully some of them have been inspired to join the School Band!!

Plans continue to be underway for the Band Tour to the Central Coast on Dec 1-2. We have 27 students from years 5-6 attending, 4 parent helpers and 2 band staff. A note will be coming home next week plus it will be emailed, with the final details. Have a great time representing your school! What a fabulous opportunity for all involved.

Finally, could I please have some volunteers to help set up, cook sausages and supervise the students at the Band Breakfast on Tuesday 16th December. Remember, there is no band this day. Also remember money donations for the band teachers gifts to the front office please, in a clearly marked envelope. These will be handed out to the teachers at the breakfast.

We’re welcoming any volunteers interested in taking over from my coordinator role from the beginning of 2015. Please contact me for more details.

Jane Robards

Carols by Candlelight at Old Government House, Parramatta (Parramatta Park)
Saturday 6 December 2014
Time: 7.00pm to 9.00pm Gates open 6.00pm
Start the festive season with a night of carols played by NSW Police Band. Enjoy Model Farms High School students as they sing favourite contemporary Christmas songs and enjoy a visit from Santa Claus.
Entry is via a gold coin and all funds raised go to support Old Government House and Experiment Farm Cottage (two of our most precious heritage properties)
There will be a sausage sizzle, candles, drinks and several Christmas Hampers as a raffle.
Please bring rugs or low chairs for seating at the front of Old Government House.

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From Muirfield High School

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

Enrol now for Kindergarten 2015
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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... including Ladies Over 35s

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 0424 578 240

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TERM 1
Table Tennis will be offered again by Paul Zhao’s Table Tennis Academy in Term 1, 2015 commencing from Week 2, Wednesday on February 4th 2015.

Duration of each session will be 45 minutes and will be held in the school Hall.

These sessions will be held at 8.00~8:45am before school on Wednesday from Week 2 through till Week 10 inclusive.

Cost per student is $10.00 per session (including GST)
Total Cost for 9 weeks - $90.00 (including GST)

Numbers in each session are limited. Please submit the application form below and return to Paul Zhao personally or put in the school Office Box marked ‘Table Tennis’ by or before 26 November or 3rd December 2014.
You will be notified of your session time before start of the lesson 4 February 2015

DO NOT SEND ANY MONEY WITH YOUR APPLICATION FORM.
MONEY WILL BE COLLECTED DURING THE FIRST LESSON

For enquiries, please contact Mr. Paul Zhao on 0411 205 398

APPLICATION FORM :  Paul Zhao’s Table Tennis Academy

NAME OF STUDENT
___________________________________________________________

Class in 2014 (if know- 2015______________________________________________(Years 1 – 6 )

Date of Birth
____________________________________________________________

Parents Name
____________________________________________________________

Phone /Mobile Number____________________________________________________________

Address
____________________________________________________________

Table Tennis Lesson Day Wednesday 8:00 ~ 8:45am

Dear Parents,

We are pleased to inform you that your child________________________ has been accepted into our Table Tennis Academy.

Your child has been allocated the following day and time ;

Wednesday 8.00 – 8.45 am

If you have any problems with your allocated time, please call Mr. Paul Zhao on 0411 205 398

Payment will be collected at the 1st lesson by cash or cheque (payable to Paul Zhao’s Table tennis Academy).
Total amount due is $90.00, ( 9 weeks @$10 per lesson).
Lessons commence in Week 2, 4 February 2015, and end on Week 10 April 1 2015 of Term 1.
Your child’s first lesson will begin on : Term 1 - Week 2, 4 February 2015, in the School’s Hall.

Thank you