FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Working Bee
My apologies for missing the Goodall family from the working bee list. Heaven knows how I could have missed Leah being in attendance! However the beautifully mulched and planted garden in front of 5W is testimony to her and others work on the day.

School award winners
Our congratulations to the following students who have reached the pinnacle of our recognition merit card system. Adam R, Paige B, Megan S, Stephanie L and Michelle Z. These students are to be congratulated on achieving this high honour. Our students work hard and their efforts are recognised through the merit card system. Once a student has achieved 10 merits they trade these for a school certificate; once a student has three certificates they are presented with a school award. The school award is in the form of a plaque.

CLASS PARTIES
Our end of year parties will be held on Wednesday 17 December. Children are permitted to wear casual/party clothes as long as they cover their shoulders and have enclosed footwear. Teachers will have already or will be communicating with you and the students regarding the party arrangements.

PRESENTATION DAY
Please join us on Wednesday next week for our annual presentation of awards ceremony. The Years 3-6 presentations will commence at 9:30 with a recess break followed by the K-2 presentations commencing at 11:30.
Please remember that every child has achieved this year and is deserving of accolades. However, each teacher can select only 4 students who are deserving of special mention through their academic achievement, peers support, citizenship or effort.
Some children will need support due to having trouble understanding why they didn’t get an award. I would suggest to parents of the particularly young students that they have that conversation before the awards are presented. Teachers will certainly be doing the same to support all students.

COMBINED SCRIPTURE
Our annual combined scripture will be held in the school hall on Tuesday 9 December commencing at 9am. All 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.
Final school assembly
Our final assembly is scheduled for Wednesday 17 December in the school hall from 1:50. We will have an opportunity to farewell our graduating year 6 class with a special video celebration followed by the traditional

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
Thursday 18 and Friday 19 teachers will be undertaking training in the anaphylaxis and CPR. They will also conduct our annual student handover. The handover involves this year’s teacher communicating important student learning and welfare information to next year’s teacher. This is an important exercise supporting your child’s transition into their class for 2015. Teachers will also complete important administrative tasks concerning a 2014 wrap up and preparation for 2015.

START DATES FOR NEXT YEAR
The 2015 school year commences for students in years 1-6 on Wednesday 28 January. Students will line up in their classes for 2014. Year 2 will assemble in the K-2 playground and will be collected by the Year 3 teachers. All students will then be allocated classes for the 2015 school year.

BAND TOUR
Congratulation to the band members who represented our school so wonderfully during this week’s band camp. The Central schools and others who received our school band were glowing in their praise for the talent and behaviour of the children. We thank the mums who attended, Mr Lavis for his enduring patience and Miss Walker for supervising the band students throughout the camp.

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.

School development surveys and planning
My thanks to the parents who returned the school surveys supporting our next three year planning cycle. The information coming from the surveys will inform our decisions on spending, teacher professional learning and changes in approach to support our 21st century learners.

CLASS ORGANISATION
I once again remind parents that teachers have spent considerable time organising the classes considering the academic and social needs of the children. We will by all accounts be having a 1-2; and a 4-5 composite classes next year. Students have been carefully selected to go into these classes and will have an excellent teacher for 2015. 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 and 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 in Year 1 and 2 should not worry about a placement in this class as it will be a successful year.

MERRY CHRISTMAS
Wishing you and your family a very merry Christmas and a safe holiday. Thank you for another great year and see you in 2014!

FROM THE SPORTS DESK
Summer PSSA Results
Congratulations to the senior touch football boys who made the semi finals this year. We await the results of Friday’s junior cricket final before announcing if they in fact win the competition as Mr Cummins has predicted. We also congratulate the senior girls softball team which went through the competition undefeated. Well done to all teams for their participation, sportsmanship and peer support.

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FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Presentation Day
This year’s school presentation day assemblies will take place on Wednesday 10th December. Invitations have been 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.

Australian Schools Chess Championships
Congratulations to Kevin, Jason, Aiden, Matthew and Haibing who last Friday claimed the NSW State Chess Championship in an 8-0 whitewash against New Lambton South Public School. The match took place at the Sydney Academy of Chess in Burwood, with the next stop Adelaide’s prestigious Prince Alfred College which will play host to the national championships. The North Rocks team will be representing New South Wales in the tournament which takes place this coming weekend. We wish the boys all the best!

School Planning
My apologies to the parents who had intended to participate in a school planning forum this Monday which unfortunately had to be cancelled. The plan, for the 2015-2017 period, will reflect the motivations, aspirations and needs of students, community and staff in the three strategic directions of 21st Century Learning, Teacher Quality and Community Engagement. I look forward to providing a detailed update and draft plan early in the new year.

Teacher Development / Thank You
This year North Rocks staff members have committed to high level participation in development activities. Staff members have also led various management teams, conducting research and presenting findings to colleagues in the sharing of practice, leading to collective improvement and innovation in classroom delivery. After students finish their school year on December 17th, staff members will be on-site a further two days participating in more development initiatives. As education continues to change and schools are required to implement government and departmental initiatives, it is imperative to have a pool of enthusiastic, energetic, professionally driven teachers whose focus remains student welfare and learning outcomes. I would like to acknowledge the efforts of all teaching, administrative and support staff for their tireless efforts throughout the year.

Semester 2 Reports
End of year reports are scheduled to go home with students on Monday 15th December. These reports are a summation of the achievements of students throughout terms 3 and 4 and to ensure a balanced appraisal is given, teachers are asked to highlight areas of potential improvement or further development. If you require a follow-up interview with your child’s class teacher, please make a mutually agreeable time.

Have a happy and safe holiday period
One of the more enjoyable components of my job description is interacting with parents and working in partnership to support young people in their growth and development through formative years. To the parents who have been in touch with me in any capacity this year - thank you for your proactivity and advocacy for your child and his/her needs. To the parents who I haven’t had the pleasure of meeting with, I hope to do so in the new year. Take care and have a restful holiday.

Tom Moth
Deputy Principal

From Mrs AA
WEEK 10: North Rocks Talent Quest FINALS (no winner, all finalists)
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday in the hall after eating time
A gold coin donation to see all the fabulous talent here at North Rocks - proceeds to the Cancer Council to help facilitate our "Crazy Hat and Glasses" day...
WEEK 11: Year 2 fundraiser (in conjunction with MONEY SMART program and our CHARLIE and the CHOCOLATE FACTORY literature unit) - give whatever info you want about how Money Smart works/purpose etc
We don't have a name for it yet. That will be happening on Thursday afternoon after singing, where Yr 2 will decide on it then. But I can say that it's all to do with chocolate treats...
2AA - Oatmeal Chocolate Balls
2W - Chocolate Crackles
2M - Rocky Road
We will be holding it on Tuesday (probably lunch time), 50c per treat and proceeds will go to ANGLICARE...

School Canteen closed
Wednesday 17th December
P&C News

President’s Report
Thank you to the families that have contributed to the school and P&C during the year. Helping in class, volunteering in the canteen or uniform shop, helping at the fete, participating in the P&C, etc... all make our school the great community that it is.

With the holidays almost here I thought I would share a modified to do list I saw yesterday.

1. Buy Be presents
2. Wrap gifts someone in a hug
3. Send gifts peace
4. Shop for Donate food
5. Make cookies laughter
6. See Be the lights

Wishing you and your families a happy and safe Christmas and safe new year.

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

Uniform Shop news
Thank you to our very happy team of volunteers. The shop has been very busy with our new families for 2015.

Small size Jackets have arrived!
The shop will be open on the 5/12/14 and 12/12/14. 8am -9.30 am.

If you would like to join our team next year call in and put your name on our roster.

Kerri Swadling and Karla Bartsch

Ginger bread night
This was our 8th year of our Ginger bread night. There were over 100 amazing houses constructed, and lots of very happy Children waking up to their mums handy work the next morning. It was wonderful to see so many families and friends having a great time and supporting our school. Thank you to all our very much appreciated helpers on the night.

Merry Christmas.

Kerri Swadling

Social Club news
Jelly Day - 27 November - Thank you to Amy and Belinda for organising this event.
Over 500 jelly cups were ordered.

Social Club Dinner – We had a very fun night with great food and friendly company. Thank you to all who attended.

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.

Finally, thank you to the NRPS community for supporting the PA/Social Club this year. Thanks to the dedication of many parent helpers, we have had a really successful year.

For next year, our meetings will be held on the second Wednesday of every month with the first meeting for 2015 being on 11th February at 9.00am.

We will also 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. I look forward to meeting some new parents at these meetings.

Have a safe and relaxing break!

Carol Rizk

School returns for Years 1-6
Wednesday 28th January
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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Community vacancies at RIDBC VisionEd Preschool

RIDBC VisionEd Preschool is a reverse integration preschool catering for children with a vision impairment. This means that we enroll up to 5 children per day who have a vision impairment plus 10 children from the local community. The preschool runs just like any other preschool but we have the advantages of high staff ratios, wonderful resources and a hands-on, dynamic curriculum. We follow the National Quality Standard guidelines and received an overall rating of Exceeding the National Quality Standard in our accreditation. We have a high staff ratio (currently 3 full time plus one part time staff) for 15 children which enables us to build strong relationships with each of the children and their families.

We currently have vacancies for community children for 2015. The preschool operates Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 9:00 until 3:00 during school terms catering for children aged 3-5 years. Children can attend 1, 2 or 3 days per week and fees are $51 per day for 3 year olds and $48 per day for 4 year olds.

For further information, please contact Kathryn Bowie on 98720287 (Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday)
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Online Regos from early January

Club House Registration:

Saturday 31st January 2015
10.00am to 3.00pm

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Please refer to our website after January 1st for information about online registration.

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DECEMBER 2014

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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