FROM THE PRINCIPAL

New Family BBQ
Last Friday afternoon our inaugural “Welcome BBQ” attracted many new families. Parents and children enjoyed the relaxed get together and appreciated the efforts of our parent auxiliary representatives who had worked hard to ensure the afternoon was a success. With the support of the Crossways Church, which provided drinks and ice blocks, the welcome BBQ was a smash hit. These events are so important to our collective sense of community. Let’s pull together and support the initiatives of our P&C and Parent Auxiliary because effort made makes us a stronger school and community.

Notes on the Website
Important information and notes are published on our website. Students are not given individual permission notes for activities they are expected to download from the net, print and return. Links to this information is contained in this table each week. Please click on the link in the table above to select the important notices relevant to your child.

Fete Meeting
A group from the P&C will be holding a meeting on Wednesday next week to canvas ideas for a potential school Fete to be held later in the year. I would encourage parents to come along and share ideas. There will be no expectation that you will be given a job to do or co-opted into a committee.

Working Bee
Each term we conduct a working bee to tend to jobs that our general assistant can’t get to during the week or are so large that we need many hands. Over the years we have constructed gardens, built garden protection (post and chain), laid pavers, erected sheds, painted rooms, painted lines in the playground, cleaned air conditioner filters, weeded, mulched and planted new gardens. The school, generally is well presented however the termly TLC that we provide is vital. Our next working bee is on Sunday 2 March. All families are invited to participate. Children are also very welcome. The link to the working bee note is shown in the table above.

School Fees and Contributions
Work books were distributed this week after a delay from the retailer. The school does not receive funds to cover this outlay accordingly we would appreciate the prompt payment of the invoices. Parents experiencing difficulty paying for textbooks etc… are reminded that they can speak to Mr Harker at any time.
School attendance
Students are expected to attend school each day that school is open. When sickness comes it is important that children are kept at home until well enough to attend school. Please remember we do not have the facility to look after sick children. Children who present at sick bay are monitored for a short time then either returned to class or a phone call to parents is made for the child to be picked up and taken home. If your child has been sick and has been absent from a school a note should be sent to the teacher explaining the absence.

If for any reason you find that you are required to take your children out of school for an extended period the procedure is to write a letter to the school or collect an application for exemption from attending school. Once this application is filled out it should be returned to the office. The office will then issue an exemption certificate covering the period of the absence. This would include overseas or extended holidays.

It is vital that children attend school every day with the exception of when they are sick. The routine of learning is easily broken by absences resulting in students not reaching their potential.

Appointments with teachers
Teachers are busy people but are more than happy to meet with you at an arranged time to discuss your child’s progress. Please make an appointment if required. I would ask that parents refrain from speaking at length to teachers in the morning before school. This time is vital as teachers are setting the organisation in place for the day’s learning. Additionally at no time should a parent enter a classroom to speak to a teacher. This is something that has happened previously. It would be most upsetting for other parents to know that a parent has disturbed the valuable learning time of their children through this type of interruption. I have instructed the teachers not to engage with parents once the day’s lessons have commenced.

Parent Tutor Reading Program
Here at North Rocks Public School we value and appreciate the wonderful resource that you all are, therefore we are asking for your support with the Parent Tutor Reading Program. The program targets students in years 3-6 who require extra support with their reading. No experience is necessary and your commitment to the program can be as little as 30 minutes a week. An information session will be held explaining the program in greater detail.

The information session will be held on Tuesday the 11th of March in the staffroom at 2pm. We would love to have you participate in this very worthy program.

Laura Jones
Learning and Support Teacher

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FROM THE SPORTS DESK

Waves Pool played host to the 2014 edition of the NRPS swimming carnival yesterday.

NEW CONQUERS ALL
After a back and forth tussle with Oakes from the first race to the last, New emerged triumphant at the conclusion of the carnival. Terrific sportsmanship was palpable in all house group areas, evidenced through deafening chants and raucous applause at courageous efforts. The final points table read:

New: 368
Oakes: 349
Hackett: 205
Turner: 182

RECORDS TUMBLE
The 2014 carnival will be remembered for many reasons, including the breaking of three records. Emily U set a new mark in the 8 years girls 50m freestyle, swimming a time of 45.00, while Kevin L shaved nearly a second off the junior boys 50m breaststroke mark with a time of 51.86. The junior boys Oakes relay team also set a new best mark, swimming the 4x50m freestyle in 3:22.23. Congratulations to these swimmers.

ZONE CARNIVAL
The Castle Hill PSSA zone carnival will be held at Waves Pool on Tuesday 11th March. Generally, the students swimming the two fastest times for each event (not each individual race) will earn a spot on the school team for this meet. Permission notes will be distributed shortly, and ribbons for 1st to 3rd placegetters in each event will be presented at the 3-6 assembly on Wednesday 12th March.

THANK YOU
Parent Auxiliary representatives, teachers and parent volunteers worked tirelessly for weeks before the carnival and throughout the day to ensure it was an event enjoyed by all. Student behaviour was exemplary and smiles shone throughout the day, foiling the overcast conditions. Particular thanks to the Year 3 and 4 staff who coordinated the outstanding carnival.

Selective High School Placement Test advice
Applicants for Year 7 placement in a selective high school in 2015 are required to take the Selective High School Placement Test to be held from 9.00am to 1.15pm on Thursday 13 March 2014.
The test centre for students from our school is:

Baulkham Hills High School
Windsor Rd
BAULKHAM HILLS NSW 2153
P&C NEWS

Thank you to all who attended the first P&C meeting. Key outcomes / points of interest from the meetings are:

- Increase teacher aide’s funding by 20% (increase from $25K to $30K)
- To investigate the feasibility of running a community driven fete / event as the major fundraising activity to replace / in conjunction to school raffle.
- Detail options for uniform shop in moving forward at next meeting in light of uniform shop coordinators stepping down at end of term 1 (if you are willing to volunteer as the coordinator(s) please make yourselves known at uniform shop, myself and / or at AGM)
- Advertisement for canteen manager / supervisor on Healthy Kids Association site
- Volunteers required to help with swimming carnival & volunteers required to assist with harmony day food stalls (different cuisines)

18th March is the P&C AGM. I encourage every parent to participate in this election (note: you must be a financial member for 2013-14 to vote)

I would like to thank the uniform shop coordinators for an outstanding job. Over the past year, they were able to streamline and document the process of running the shop. This means we now have a tested operational manual that future coordinators and volunteers can use in operate the shop.

Frank Lin (frank.lin@optusnet.com.au)
P&C President

Parent Auxiliary News

Last Friday we hosted a welcome BBQ to all the new families in NRPS. This was a huge success with lots of families coming along. It was good to see many parents and children enjoying themselves and meeting other parents. A big thank you to all the parents who helped on the day.

Dates coming up:
- Wine, Cheese, Dessert & Dance Night – 5th April. Information coming out this week. See the advertisements in the back of the newsletter for details.
- Harmony Day – 10th April.
- Next PA meeting is on Monday 10th March. Hope to see you there!

Carol Rizk

Harmony Day

On Thursday 10 April, our school will hold our annual Harmony Day. This is a day when we celebrate our multicultural heritage. Our students can dress in the national costumes of their country of origin, or simply wear something orange – the colour of Harmony Day. There will be open classrooms and parents & families are invited to celebrate with us.

As we have done for the past 2 years – the P&C want to host an International Food Day on Harmony Day. We need your help to do so – we need several small groups of people who are prepared to cook & serve food from their various ethnic backgrounds. Last year we had – Chinese, Korean, Lebanese, & Indian as well as an Aussie sausage sizzle & delicious desserts. If you are interested in getting a group together & participating this year – we need to hear from you asap. Please contact me at vicki.gillard@optusnet.com.au

As you can imagine, this will take some organising – we need to get started now. I can provide guidance on what will need to be done & when – I just need people prepared to lead cuisine teams & people to be team members. This day was such a lot of fun last year – and the food really was delicious – well worth the effort. It is also an important fundraiser for our school. I hope to hear from you soon,

Vicki Gillard

CANTEEN ON THE ROCKS NEWS

We do still have a couple of spots available on our roster:
- 2nd Monday of the month, 3rd Monday and Tuesday and the 4th Monday and Tuesday of the month.

The hours are from 9 -1.30pm approx. We welcome any grandparents or aunties and uncles etc to volunteer. We also have an emergency roster for days when regular volunteers are unable to make it, if you are interested in putting your name down on that or our regular roster just drop by the canteen or send me an email to nicktreg@optusnet.com.au

Combo deals are available with:
- Chicken / Fish snack packs and Chicken / Beef burgers

It is only an extra $1 to add a 600ml water or 100% juice, a saving of 50c.

The Snack packs come with either chicken breast strips or fish and they are accompanied by carrot and cucumber sticks, a bread roll and a choice of sauce, healthy and delicious.

Thank you

Lisa

Working Bee

Sunday 2 March 8am –1pm
Lost Property

We are no longer keeping a stock of lost property in the K-2 classrooms. All items that are left in the classroom and playground are being collected and returned to the child. Parents are asked to ensure that all clothing and lunch containers are labelled to assist us in this process. We have had an ongoing problem with mouldy, unlabelled containers accumulating in the classrooms. Any items left that are unlabelled will be thrown away by the classroom teachers at the end of the week.

Uniform Shop News

PLEASE NOTE IN 2014 UNIFORM SHOP WILL OPEN ON TUESDAY MORNINGS.
Shop will open approximately 8.45am. We do our best to open as early as possible after we have taken our children at school and preschool, your patience is appreciated.

VOLUNTEERS – URGENTLY REQUIRED: If you can assist on Tuesday mornings we would love to talk with you. We offer full training and support to all uniform shop volunteers; options available include serving customers, unpacking deliveries or packing orders. Please leave your contact details at the School Office.

WINTER UNIFORM: In term 2 the students changeover from Summer to Winter school uniform, therefore you are advised to organize your uniform requirements for the changeover during this term. Please take the time to read our Tips for Winter Uniforms to assist you in providing uniforms suitable for our active children and giving you value for your money.

TIPS FOR BOYS WINTER UNIFORM: Our quality Midford boys long pants are have double knee protection - designed to last. Last year I bought these pants for the first time and it was the first time that a pair of long pants made it through term 2 & 3 without holes in the knees. These same pants will be back again for this winter!!! Our new long sleeve boys shirts embroidered with the school logo will be delivered in week 4. We will continue to stock the plain unisex shirt.

TIPS FOR GIRLS WINTER UNIFORM: We have carefully selected good quality Midford girls tights which are designed to outlast cheaper tights found elsewhere. A new larger size will also be available in coming weeks, refer to our Order Form for more information. We have stock of plain unisex short (limited quantity) and long sleeve shirts for girls to wear under their winter tunic.

BEAT THE QUEUES/ ORDER SERVICE: The Uniform Shop also offers an Order Service if you cannot make it to the shop. An order form is available at www.northrocks-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/p-c-pricelists or at the School Office. These orders will be packed (usually on Tuesdays) and are sent direct to your child’s classroom for them to bring home at no extra charge. Please allow up to one week for delivery. If you do not receive it your teacher may not have cleared their tray on that day so it should come home the following day, or can be requested at the office. A Sizing Chart is available on the Uniform Shop page on the school website.

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS: available for purchase during uniform shop during opening hours only. We would welcome any donations of the current uniform in wearable condition, please leave at the School Office. Please choose carefully as no refunds or exchanges are available on Second Hand clothing.

CLEARANCE: new discontinued items are available for purchase including hats, sport shorts, school sloppy joes (size 4 & 16 only) and more. These are also available using the Order Service but please select carefully as there will be no exchanges or refunds.

Band

Our first event of the year will be Band Camp at Home on Monday 28th April. A note will be emailed out next week with all the details. This is a full day of music lessons, both group and full band ending with a concert for parents. Any band member is welcome to attend as students are grouped according to music level. If you haven't already provided your contact details please make sure you do by the end of this week so you don't miss out on any notes regarding band events. Go to the link below to enter your details for the band committee’s contact list. Your details will only be used by the committee to send emails, they will not be given to any other people or used for anything other than band related communications. A new contact list is started each year so you need to provide details even if your child was in the band last year.

Click on Contact-Event Details and then click on contact details entry. Please do a separate entry for each child you have in the band.

You may want to bookmark this link so you can check the band pages on a regular basis. Photos and other information will be added during the year.

If you have any questions please email northrocksband@gmail.com
Kirrily Pereira
Band Co-ordinator
Vocal Improvement & Effective Communication Skills
North Rocks Public School 2014

The Vocal Improvement & Effective Communication Skills course on offer at North Rocks Public School is designed to enhance the speech, language, vocal and presentation skills of participating students.

Research has shown that it is important that students engage in this form of training to improve their verbal communication skills to further develop academic and social processes.

Lessons commence Friday 14th February in the Science Room at the following times:
Kindy: Friday after school 2.50-3.20pm
Year 1: Friday after school 3.20-3.50pm
Year 2: Friday after school 3.20-3.50pm
Year 3: Friday after school 3.50-4.20pm
Year 4: Friday after school 3.50-4.20pm
Year 5: Friday after school 4.20-4.50pm
Year 6: Friday after school 4.20-4.50pm
Seniors: Friday 4.50-5.20pm
Adults: Friday 5.20-5.50pm

If you would like to participate please contact Angela Tesoriero on 0402 439 250 or info@fixaustralia.com.au

ChiFUNese is an innovative Chinese language program where PLAY=LEARN! Students learn the language and culture through fun games, songs, arts and craft. ChiFUNese Beginner Speaking and Listening classes are held at North Rocks P.S. on Wednesdays 3pm-4pm. Visit www.chifunese.com and www.facebook.com/chifunese for further information. Email or call now to register for a FREE trial lesson!

info@chifunese.com

WWW.DLDSTUDIOS.COM.AU
Wine, Cheese, Dessert and Dance Night

When: Saturday, 5th April 2014
Where: School Hall
Time: 7.00pm – till late

A selection of cheeses, dips, crackers and desserts will be provided – and of course Music!
BYO favourite wine and your dancing shoes and come for a fun night!

Return the slip below with money to the office by Tuesday 1st April.
Any enquiries, please call Carol on 0401 138 430.

RSVP for Wine, Cheese, Dessert and Dance Night

Name:__________________________________________________________

Number of people: ___________________ x $20 pp = $___________
**Gregson’s Tennis – North Rocks Tennis Coaching 2014**

Enrolments for after school tennis coaching are now being taken. Various tennis coaching programs are available including group, private and MLC Hotshots, catering for beginners to advanced standards.

*FREE introductory lesson to new enrolments from North Rocks Public School in 2014.*

Enrolments and enquiries to Scott Gregson Tennis Advantage on 0414554612 (North Rocks Royal Institute Tennis Courts)

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**Dundas Chinese School**

**2014 Enrolment Open**

Founded in 1982, Dundas Chinese School as a non-profit-making organization is heading towards its 32 years. With experienced teachers & interesting approach in teaching, we aim at providing our students a pleasant learning environment to learn Chinese (both Mandarin & Cantonese). Classes are from beginners to High School level covering speaking, writing and Chinese culture. In order to cater for students of various backgrounds, classes are taught in Cantonese (traditional), Mandarin (simplified) & English-aided Mandarin.

Primary and High School students from all schools and backgrounds are welcome.

**Chinese School resumes 6-2-2014 Thursday.**

**When:** Term time Thursdays 3.30-5.30pm

**Where:** Dundas Public School, 85 Kissing Point Rd, Dundas 2117

**Contact:** Mr. Phillip Ng (Principal) on 9876 2900 for more details

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Is your child struggling to read?

Complaining of tired, watery eyes or blurry vision?

Having trouble concentrating in the classroom?

Losing their place or confusing words and letters?

Sometimes glasses are not enough and children need vision training to become EYE CHAMPIONS in the classroom.

For more information or to book an appointment for an EYE CHAMPION assessment ring **PH 98710633**. Appointments booked before Easter 2014 will have the initial $90 fee waived.

Regular eye examinations are otherwise bulk billed to Medicare.

**High Sight Optometry**

Shop 3,326 Pennant Hills Road (near cnr of Coleman Ave, Carlingford)

PH 9871 0633

E: info@highsight.com.au
Join North Rocks Girl Guides

**Having fun today, leading the world tomorrow…**
Guiding helps girls to develop self-confidence, leadership and teamwork skills in a fun and exciting way. Enjoy a variety of activities with new friends from crafts and games to camping and canoeing.

Mondays: Junior Guides (Aged 6-10)  
Guides (Aged 10-14)  
Website: www.joinguides.com.au/

GUIDE HALL AVAILABLE FOR HIRE

For more details contact Jeanette 0450 733 168
Carlingford Netball Club
We still have a couple of vacancies across most of our Junior Age Groups aged 7 to 12. Competition is played at Pennant Hills and training at Don Moore Reserve North Rocks. If you are interested please call Fiona Briggs on 0411201835. Or visit our website for further information www.carlingfordnetball.com.au.
Shop 6/39 Bartlett St
Ermington NSW

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**Open Day**

**Tuesday 18 March 2014**

Year 5 (entering Yr 7 2016)
Year 6 (entering Yr 7 2015)

**Morning Session:** 9.15am - 1.00pm
**Evening Session:** 5.00pm - 8.00pm

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### Northmead CAPA High School

- **Central Location**
  - Just off Windsor Road - end of Campbell Street
  - Good Transport Connections - Bus and Rail
  - Experienced and Committed Teachers

- **Creative and Performing Arts**
  - Year 7 CAPA Class (selected by audition)
  - Elective classes in CAPA (Yrs 9-12)
  - Bands & Choir
  - Dance, Drama & Music
  - Instrumental Programs

- **Focus on Academic Excellence**
  - Gifted and Talented Programs
  - Extension Program for Year 7 Students
  - Support and Remediation Programs

- **Comprehensive Education**
  - Special Performing Arts Programs
  - Broad Curriculum
  - Excellent Sporting Opportunities

- **Caring School**
  - Support for Year 7 Students
  - Orientation Program, Yr 6 to Yr 7
  - Peer Support
  - Year 7 Camp
  - Student Ambassadors Year 7
  - Proactive Learning Support Team
  - Anti-bullying Program, with state recognition
  - Values driven school that promotes Respect, Responsibility, Commitment, Community
  - Special Programs

- **Extra Curricula Activities**
  - Sport
  - Debating & Public Speaking
  - Mock Trials
  - MUNA
  - Sister Exchange Visits: - Kawaguchi Japan
  - Lots More

- **Year 7 Scholarships**
  - 3 Categories
  - Performing Arts, Academic, Sport

**Contact School on 9630 4116 for Application Forms**

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### Discover the fabulous opportunities that Northmead CAPA High offers:

**At Open Day you will:**

- Meet teachers and students
- Use technology to create a memento of your visit
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- Discover the powers of your mind
  - Problem solving and brain teasers
- Explore ‘living’ music using technology
- Experience the fascinating and exciting work of Science
Carlingford High School invites ALL YEAR 6 PARENTS AND STUDENTS TO AN

INFORMATION DAY FOR YEAR 7 2015

WEDNESDAY MARCH 5 2014

The program consists of a tour of our school conducted by students and a short information presentation with student performances. Information regarding class groupings and selection into the Extension class will be given.

We are offering two sessions: morning and evening.

Morning 9.30—11.00am
Evening 6.00—8.15pm

• Meet the Principal, students and staff
• See our students experiencing the wide variety of outstanding educational opportunities available to them
• Visit our state of the art science laboratories
• View our Dance/Drama Studio and Music Centre
• Experience our Student Learning Centre/Library in operation
• Enjoy entertainment and refreshments

You may register for our placement test into the Extension class at either of the sessions. Alternatively you may contact the school on 9871 4222. Registration deadline: Monday March 17 2014. The Test will take place on Wednesday March 19 2013 from 9.30—11.30am in the school assembly hall. There is a cost of $50.00 to be paid at time of registration. Registrations are limited to the first 200.

All enrolment applications will be considered.
For further information, or to enrol your child, please phone (02) 9871 4222 or email carlingfor-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au
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For more information visit www.thehills.nsw.gov.au or call 9843 0555