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**FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

**STOP PRESS!!!!! BIG NEWS!!!!!!!**

The fete comes to town. Saturday August 30 here at North Rocks. Rides, showbags, games, food, and would you believe it FUN!!!!!

**P&C AGM**

On behalf of the school community I wish to thank the outgoing P&C committees for their tireless efforts over the last 12 months. To Frank I especially wish to acknowledge and thank him for his leadership and commitment to each and every event held at North Rocks over the last three years. Our thanks to Karen, Tina, Kathryn, Lesley and Justine from the uniform shop and Kirrily from the band. We have appreciated your collective efforts over the period. Our thanks also to those who are continuing in their roles including Lisa from the canteen, Carol from the parent auxiliary and their legend of helpers. I wish the current committee a very successful year particularly with the new ideas and initiatives (fete) which are being organised.

**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
The P&C executive and the school will be meeting to determine proposed areas for expenditure for 2014. If you would like to have consideration given to a certain project in the school you are invited to submit the proposal through the P&C secretary. Alternatively you could drop the school an email and I will make certain the information gets to the relevant persons. Over the years areas for P&C expenditure have included the SLSO program (school learning support officers helping in classrooms), the K-2 COLA (covered outdoor learning area), air-conditioning, the hall extension, the levelling of the school oval, reading and maths materials, interactive whiteboards, computers, wireless access points for future wireless technologies and a great deal more. Every dollar spent by the P&C supports every student in the school. This is where the P&C fundraising money and revenue generated through the voluntary contribution scheme is spent.

Reminders
- It is always a sensible idea to name every item of your child’s clothing, bag and equipment.
- If your child is away from school an explanation via a note to the teacher is sufficient.
- If you intend to travel in school time an exemption from attending school must be applied for. Exemption applications are available through the school office.
- We would like all Term 1 invoices not yet paid to be finalised before the end of this term.
- Students who have played summer sport and have not yet paid the summer sports fee need to have this done prior to being considered for a winter sports team.
- There is no entry to the school car park before and during school hours—this is for the children’s safety.
- All contact book information needs to be returned ASAP as Contact Book will be emailed out prior to the end of term.

Parent teacher interviews
Information will be forwarded to you by your child’s classroom teacher regarding times for the upcoming interviews. Interviews are scheduled between 31st March and 11th April. Teachers will identify the times which they are available for interviews, parents will be asked to nominate several choices for interview times. Teachers will then schedule the interviews taking into consideration the available times and parents requests. I would remind parents that the interviews are scheduled for 10 –15 minutes. If every parent takes a minute or two longer other interviews will be delayed. If you require further information or require an additional interview at a later date please organise this through the class teacher.

Disco
I wish to thank the parents who helped out at last week’s disco. It was an excellent night. A message to parents: If you are looking for a boogie why not come to the Wine, Cheese and Dessert evening Saturday 5 April in the school hall. All the lights, fashion and moves available!

Harmony Day
Please put the following date in your diary and join us for a great afternoon. Harmony day is Thursday 10th April 2014 from 12:15. Our celebrations will start with in class harmony day activities at 12:15. Following this we will enjoy a picnic lunch consisting of pre-ordered international cuisine. After lunch children will proudly parade around the oval in traditional costume, colours of the country of their heritage or the universal harmony colour orange. The aim of harmony day is to further promote togetherness. Please join us!

Good Guys Promotion
The Good Guys at Castle Hill have offered $1 coupon for every $50 spent in store for our school. The coupons are then exchanged by me for items used for the raffle, fete or the like. Next time you are in the market for electrical or home appliances think about the Good Guys and ask for the voucher for North Rocks.

Peter Harker

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Congratulations to our school certificate winners. These are our first awards for 2014. Students receive awards at assemblies and once they have 10 assembly awards they are invited to bring those to the office and ask the office staff if they can trade the 10 certificates for a school certificate. Once the students name appears in the newsletter (table below) the certificate is generally presented at the next available formal assembly. Once a student receives three school certificates they can trade them for a school award. Usually this takes a number of years to complete. Formal assemblies are held fortnightly for 3-6 and weekly for K-2. Parents are welcome to attend these assemblies to be part of the presentation.

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Tom Moth
FROM THE SPORTS DESK

PSSA Results

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Castle Hill PSSA Representatives

Congratulations to Kate P, Sophie B and Jessica L who represented Sydney West in the state cricket carnival held at Barooga, in the Riverina. The girls under the expert coaching of Mr Cummins acquitted themselves showing great skill with bat and ball. All except Sophie who had a mishap on the first day ending in a broken arm. Kate has been selected in the NSW trial squad. We wish her all the very best and hope she gets selected as the opening bowler.

PSSA Teams

If any child representing our school in PSSA sport doesn’t have a school hat they should see me. I have a stock of hats, from the uniform shop, at a cost of $20 for the sports cap.

Zone swimming results

Congratulations to our Senior girls relay team which finished 3rd and will now compete at the state championships. Kevin L finished 4th in the freestyle, Jessica L 4th in the breaststroke. Both individual students swam well with Jessica having the added problem of an ankle injury.

Disco fun

Other selection news

Congratulations to Roxy Lou Grey - Sydney U13 girls hockey team Lachlan Pereira - Sydney U11 boys hockey team. They will both be playing in various carnivals around NSW over the next few months.

Parent dance Night

Saturday 5 April—$20 per head
P&C NEWS

The P&C Annual General Meeting was held on Tuesday 18 March and in accordance with the constitution all roles were declared vacant, nominations sought and by the end of the evening all roles were filled. The new P&C Executive Committee is; Anthony Macarthur (President); Frank Lin (Vice-President); Peter Kemp (Secretary); and Leah Goodall (Treasurer) supported by Vicky Gillard (Assistant Secretary) and Carmel Graham (Assistant Treasurer). Additionally, the P&C Sub-committee Coordinators are : Lisa Treglown (Canteen); Carol Rizk (Parents Auxiliary); Jane Robards (Band); and Kerri Swadling (Uniform Shop). I would like to thank the outgoing members of the P&C team for their service and dedication. In particular I would like to thank Frank Lin for the leadership he has provided over the last 3 years in the role of President and look forward to his continued involvement as our new Vice-President.

The standard Constitution for all NSW P&C associations sets the objectives as: (a) to promote the interests of the school by bringing parents, citizens, students and teaching staff into close cooperation; and (b) to assist in providing facilities and equipment for the school and in promoting the recreation and welfare of the students of the school. The P&C is best placed to meet these objectives when we have active involvement from a wide cross section of our school community. I encourage you all to consider getting involved with the P&C, our subcommittees, volunteering in the canteen or uniform shop and/or participating in class room activities as it can be rewarding for you personally as well as the school and your children.

Due to the timing of the school holidays the next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 20 May at 7:30pm in the staff room.

Anthony Macarthur
P&C President

Parent auxiliary news

Just a reminder that the Cheese, Wine, Dessert & Dance Night is on 5 April – please have your money and rsvp’s to the office asap. This is not a night to be missed!

Dates coming up:
Harmony Day – 10th April – food order forms have been sent out so please complete and send back to office asap.
Next PA meeting is on Monday 12th May. Hope to see you there!

Carol Rizk
Band

Harmony Day

On Thursday 10th April, we are hosting an International Food Day to compliment our school’s Harmony Day activities. Your child should have already brought home a note & order form so you can order lunch for your family to share at a picnic here at school. The order form is also attached to this newsletter & on the school’s website. This is a fantastic opportunity for you to visit your child’s classroom, join them for lunch & then watch them participate in the colourful national costume/hat parade. There are many generous school families donating their time & effort to bring us this wonderful International cuisine – I’m sure you will join me in thanking them. If you are interested & available – we could use a few more helpers. Please contact me at vicki.gillard@optusnet.com.au. Hope to see you there.

Vicki Gillard

Primary Ethics

Primary Ethics classes will be available again this year for students in years 3-6 who don’t attend scripture classes. Under the guidance of a trained volunteer teacher, students learn how to think about ethical issues. Subjects such as homelessness, keeping promises, and the treatment of living things are discussed as students learn how to find and evaluate the morally relevant issues in each topic. There is a short video of an ethics class and more information on the following website: http://www.primaryethics.com.au/whathappens.html

Feel free to contact Shirley Allsop on 98710436 if you require further information or collect a permission slip from the office if you are interested in your child attending. Please note, there are limited spaces available in each class.

Primary Ethics K-2 Teacher Wanted

We are looking for a volunteer Primary Ethics teacher who is able to commit to attending a two day training course and who is available on Tuesday mornings (during term time) from 10:15 – 10:45 to deliver the programme at our school. The students will be from years K-2. If you are interested or have any questions please contact Shirley Allsop on 98710436 or visit www.primaryethics.com.au.
Uniform Shop News

2014 OPENING DAY FOR TERM 1: TUESDAY MORNINGS.

FROM TERM 2 FRIDAY MORNINGS

ORDER SERVICE: order form is available at www.northrocks-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/p-c-pricelists or at the School Office. Delivered free of charge to your child’s classroom.

OUR NEW WINTER SHIRT
Long sleeve shirt featuring an embroidered school crest $30. Available now at the Uniform Shop.

LIMITED OFFER & QUANTITY
Library/ Swim/ Boot Bag
Features: Navy, showerproof, dual action drawstring, name label, microfibre with PVC backing, 38W x 48H

ONLY $12 – for the ultimate accessory!
Available at the Uniform Shop or by Order Service (please request on order form).

From the incoming uniform shop coordinator
Welcome to all our new families who have joined our school this year, as well as our already much valued families. We are looking for volunteers to come and join us once a week or once a month, to help us in our uniform shop. In Term 2, we will be open on Fridays 8:00am to 9:30am. If you can give one hour in the morning or even 30 minutes please let us know. You will meet new friends have fun and catch up on all the school news. The profits made from our uniform shop go towards resources in our school. It is very important and also good to see our children all dressed in the correct uniform. Our school rule is no hat no play, it is important for our children’s health and sun safety to wear a hat at all times.

If you wish to help and join our team in Term 2 please put you name and email address on the form in the office or send an email to uniform.shop.nrps@gmail.com

Kerri Swadling
Incoming Uniform Shop Co-ordinator
0419913525
We are happy to answer any questions and welcome any ideas!!!!

Band
I would like to welcome Jane Robards as the new Band Co-ordinator, she will do an amazing job. We will be doing the handover over the next few months.

There are limited spaces still available for Band Camp at Home. If you are interested in coming please return your note and payment to the school office by Monday. Contact northrocksband@gmail.com if you need a copy of the note or more information. This event is highly recommended to all band students. It would be great to have all performance band members coming as this day is used as preparation for the Yamaha Festival.

Important band information will be emailed out over the next few weeks so if you haven’t provided the band committee with your contact details please email northrocksband@gmail.com asap.

Kirrily Pereira

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.

Erin Dooley, Assistant Principal
North Rocks Community Church Preschool has enrolment vacancies available for 3-5 year old children. The Preschool operates from 8.30am – 3.30pm and caters for up to 24 children daily. Fees are $41.50 per day. For enquiries please contact the Preschool on 9630 4283.

North Rocks Uniting Church Preschool is proud to have recently received an assessment rating of Exceeding the National Quality Standards. We provide high quality care for your preschool aged child in a warm and friendly envi-
Become an EYE CHAMPION at High Sight Optometry.

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
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 = $ ____________

$20 per person
SINGLE PARENTS

FAMILY BBQ

Are you looking for activities to do with your children? Do you want to make friends with other single parents who share similar experiences to you?

Then come along to the Single with Children family BBQ

Join us for a day of fun at Lake Parramatta Park and sausage sizzle. This is a beautiful location with walking trails alongside the lake, children's play equipment and enough open spaces to throw a ball. There is even a cafe on site for the adults who really need a coffee to get through the day.

- WHERE: Lake Parramatta Lackey St North Parramatta
- WHEN: Sunday 30th March
- TIME: From 10.30 am, sausage sizzle starts at 11.30pm
- WHAT TO BRING: Bring picnic rugs and/or folding chairs, BYO snacks/sides etc
- COST: NB: Non-members $2.50 for a sausage sandwich and drink, free for members - 1 per person/child
- WHO'S INVITED: All single parents and their children. Non members welcome and if you join on the day - receive $6.00 off membership.
- RSVP: By Friday 22nd of March. Leanne Bennett 0410645490. Assistant children's functions co-ordinator

For information call 1300 300 496 or go to www.singlewithchildren.com.au

Single with Children is a non-profit social organisation operated by the Single Parent Family association. We provide social activities every week for both custodial and access single parents as well as their children.