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Advance notice Friday 13 June Grandparents Day

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

North Rocks School Fete

30 August 2014

We need your help!

Our thank to the individuals who have come on board so far to assist with the fete organisation. Every student and every family will be encouraged to commit to supporting this community event. Our next meeting will be Tuesday 20 May, 2014 at 6:30 in the staffroom. EVERYONE is welcome!!

K-6 Movie Night

This is the second children’s movie night to be held in the hall on Friday 16 May. Last year the children had a wonderful time watching “The Three Stooges”. For 2014 the movie selected is “The Croods: This prehistoric comedy adventure follows the world’s first family as they embark on the journey of a lifetime when the cave that has always shielded them from danger is destroyed. Traveling across a spectacular landscape, the family discovers an incredible new world filled with fantastic creatures.

Just like the school discos this event is fully supervised. Notes have come out this week. If you missed the note select the link in the Notes Online table.

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School Certificate Winners

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Working bee

Please set aside Saturday 31 May in your diary for our next working bee. For the term 2 working bee we will be joined by members of the Crossways Church who have kindly volunteered to assist us on the day. We are trying a Saturday afternoon for this working bee hoping to get more families available to help. Please see the working bee notice in the “Notes Online” table above.

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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.
School security fencing
This information is extremely important for all families and members of the community. About twelve years ago Principals were asked to consult with their communities and to provide the Department of Education with three major priorities for upgrades and maintenance of schools. Mr Costello, the then Principal, applied for a security boundary fence. Since then both he and I have been agitating for the provision of such a fence. The primary reason for the request was to restrict the unknown number of people who use our school throughout the day as a thoroughfare. In addition to curb the amount of vandalism and graffiti which has been an ongoing issue.
Essentially as Principal I am unable to provide certainty around the safety of the students in our school. We have had occurrences of members of the public using our school toilets during the school day. This is one reason why we no longer use the toilets at the North Rocks Road end of the Year 1 classrooms. We have also have a number of students who are flight risks both in our mainstream and support classes.
For the safety of the students in our school I am happy to report that the Department of Education will be funding a security fence for North Rocks Public School. Work will commence on the fence shortly.
Once installed we will be restricting access to the school during and after school hours. The school will no longer be used as a thoroughfare and persons who do not have business at the school will not be allowed access. To this end the closure of the back gate and front gates will form part of the safe operations of this school. Access outside of the opening hours will be via the front gate nearest the office. This will require our community to change some of their habits. No longer will the school be accessed via the Don Moore reserve between the hours of 9:30 and 2:30. A period of grace will be enacted with signage posted with gate opening hours. I am sure you will welcome the improved safety for your children whilst at North Rocks Public School.

Retirement of Mrs Hammond
Mrs Chris Hammond, SLSO (school learning support officer), has been with this school since 2001. Between then and 2014 Chris has worked as the SLSO in the support unit assisting students with autism and moderate intellectual delay. Her skills, dedication, compassion and professionalism have been her trademarks during this time. Working with students with disabilities Chris has provided comfort, direction, support and guidance. She has shared her knowledge and skills with the teachers with whom she has worked and over the last five years in an outreach role supporting the teachers and students in the autism intervention class at their home schools. Chris will retire at the end of this term. We wish Chris a wonderful retirement filled with grandchildren joy, Swans and Tigers victories and great travel time with her husband John. If anyone would like to contribute to a retirement gift you can place the offering in an envelope and drop it into the office.

Reminders
- Students in our representative league and soccer teams are reminded that the jerseys provide to them are for school only. These jerseys cost a great deal of money and we expect they are looked after.
- We have a school counsellor available on Tuesday, Wednesday and alternate Fridays. The counsellor is available to assess students who are referred via the class teacher or parent. The counsellor may also provide guidance and referral to outside providers.
- Anaphylaxis reminder. Please no nut products to be brought to school.
- There is no entry to the school car park before and during school hours—this is for the children’s safety.
- Students are reminded that we and you expect them to behave appropriately whilst travelling on the school bus service.
- Contact for after school care is Jodie on 0419160692
- Semester 1 Reports will come home from Monday 23rd June. If you require an interview with the teacher this should be organised at a mutually convenient time.

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.

Staff training
From Tuesday 20 through Friday 23 May four of our teachers will be at intensive training on Choice Theory. For those of you who are new Choice Theory underpins our response to student welfare and our conversations with students around their behavioural choices. Mrs Watson, Miss Hayman, Mr Diaz and Mrs Olliffe will be out of school for those four days. We have engaged casual teachers to take their classes for this period.

Peter Harker
Opportunity Class 2015 Applications
A reminder to parents of Year 4 students that applications for 2015 Opportunity Classes close tomorrow. No late applications will be accepted. All applications are to be made online https://www.shsocplacement.org.au/registration/

Curriculum Update
NRPS continues its transition to implementing the full range of NSW Syllabuses for the Australian Curriculum. Presently, all grade teaching and learning programs in English and Mathematics are aligned with updated syllabus documents and at the recent School Development Day all staff members participated in training surrounding the updated Science syllabus. In 2015 NRPS will begin implementing the new Science and History syllabuses in teaching and learning programs. You may notice some very subtle changes to our semester 1 reports, which will be distributed in the final week of term. The semester 1 report will indicate student achievement in the newly categorized modes / strands of learning in English and Mathematics.

Chess and Debating
This week both the interschool chess and debating competitions commenced, with NRPS students achieving a mixture of wins, losses and ties. More important than the final result, all students in these groups displayed sportsmanship and team spirit, as well as persistence, resilience and pride. These competitions will continue throughout terms 2 and 3 and we wish all NRPS representatives well.

Food Allergy Week
This week is Food Allergy Week where all Australians are encouraged to ‘be aware’ and ‘show you care’. A significant number of NRPS students have food allergies, many of them life threatening. While these students are learning to manage their conditions and avoid potentially harmful allergens, all members of the school community can assist by refraining from packing food for their child that contains peanuts or tree nuts. Visit http://www.foodallergyaware.com.au for more information

Tom Moth
Deputy Principal
Public Speaking Competition
All children from 3 – 6 will be participating in the North Rocks Public Speaking Competition during Term 2. The competition forms part of classroom speaking and listening programs and it is expected that all children will participate. Refer to the Speaking and Listening handout from your class teacher as to when your child will be presenting to his or her class.

Two speakers from each class will present their speech in front of their grade. A grade winner will be announced and will be presented with a medal at the Primary Assembly during week 8 (18th June). These children will also deliver their winning speech at this assembly.

Topics - Own Choice

Speech Rules
- Students present one set speech.
- Years 3 and 4: 2 minutes and Years 5 and 6: 3 minutes.
- No microphone to be used. No props/visual aids
- Speeches will need to be written and rehearsed at home. Parents are encouraged to assist their children however, please do not write the speech for them.

Preparing your speech
Preparation – use palm cards with key points written on them.
An attention getting beginning to engage your audience – You could use a rhetorical question, a story etc. Try not to begin with, “Today I am talking about…”
- Speak in a loud, clear and expressive voice.
- Use body language that is appropriate to your speech.
- Eye contact – look around at your audience, don’t read your notes.
- Stick to the topic.
- Timing is important.
- An effective ending.

Marking Criteria
Students will be assessed in class using the following criteria – eye contact, use of voice, pace, effective introduction, detailed content, effective conclusion, use of palm cards, timing, evidence of preparation, delivery and body language.
We are looking forward to hearing the student’s speeches.

Have fun and good luck!
FROM THE SPORTS DESK

Cross country 2014
Congratulations to the Oakes house for their close victory over Hackett in last week’s cross country carnival. The table below indicates the champion cross country runners and their runners up. Well done and thanks to the Year 5 organising team and the parents who assisted around the course as course marshals. The top 6 runners will compete in the zone carnival at Baulkham estate on Monday 16th May.

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P&C NEWS

P&C President's Report
This week is National Volunteer Week and this year marks the 25th anniversary of the event. http://www.volunteeringaustralia.org/
Our school relies on the support of volunteers across a range of activities to ensure that our children gain the greatest benefit from their time. I encourage each of you to consider how you may be able to volunteer some of your time to our school community. Opportunities exist to participate in classroom activities, come along to the school working bee, work in the Canteen or Uniform Shop or participate in events organised by the Parent's Auxiliary or Band. Additionally, this year we are running a fete and need volunteers to help plan various aspects or assist on the day in running activities. With such a wide range of activities available there is sure to be something that suits your particular skills or interests. To get involved all you need to do is ask.

The next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 20 May at 7:30pm in the staff room and all are welcome to attend.

Anthony Macarthur
P&C President
(parramaca@gmail.com)

Fete Committee
The Fete Committee met on Wednesday last week to progress the planning for August's event. Each of the Coordinator roles have now been filled, but they each need the support of a small team so there remains opportunity for more people to get involved. You will start to see more communications coming home with your children and via email from the school with details on activities to collect baskets, toys, books, etc... for raffle prizes, etc.
A good way to keep up to date on all things fete related is to like our facebook page https://www.facebook.com/NRPSfete The next Fete Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday 20 May in the staff room between 6:30pm and 7:30pm (just before the P&C meeting). Each of the coordinators will provide an update on key actions completed, next steps and any decisions required by the Fete Committee. All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Anthony Macarthur
Fete Committee Chair

Parent Auxiliary News
Mother’s Day stall - a big thank you again this year to Lisa & Dawn and their team of helpers for organizing the Mother’s Day stall. Following is a message from Lisa:
We would like to thank all of the following people who helped us on the mother’s day stall; Melanie, Julie, Jane, Ashwini, Hanna, Elise, Maria, Carol, Sharnie, Jo, Louise, Vanathy, Mel, Jennifer, Jo, Jodee, and Veronica. A special thank you goes to Ashwini for her kind donation of candles and Julie who made a guest appearance, we really appreciated her invaluable help.
We made a record profit of over $1800 dollars, and I hope everyone had a great Mothers day and enjoyed their gifts. Thanks Lisa and Dawn

Movie Night – this Friday, 16th May – “The Croods”. We are sure it will be a fun night for all the children attending. Will let you know how the night went.
Next PA meeting will be on 16th June.

Carol Rizk

Band news
UNIFORM SHOP NEWS
PLEASE NOTE: Uniform Shop has new opening hours in term 2 - Fridays 8.15 -9.30am
Volunteers needed . We would love you to come and put your name on our roster. Half an hour, one hour , once a week or once a month will be greatly appreciated.
Kerri Swadling
0419913525

CANTEEN ON THE ROCKS NEWS
Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers who make the canteen successful ! It's been great getting to know lots of you as I've started in my new role – your knowledge and experience is much appreciated. We still have a few vacancies in the roster if anyone is interested in helping out - the 1st Wednesday of each month, and 3rd and 4th Monday of each month. The hours are from 9-1.30pm approx and your morning tea, lunch and refreshments are provided. We welcome any grandparents or aunties and uncles etc to volunteer. We also have am emergency roster for days when regular volunteers are unable to make it Just drop by the canteen or email me at bellablooms@bigpond.com if you would like to volunteer – we’d love to have you on board !
Melanie Eagleston

Any children that are participating in winter PSSA sport, unfortunately due to fact the children have an early lunch on Fridays the canteen is unable to fill all of our “hot menu” items , the following items can be purchased; Sandwiches, Wraps, Salad plates, Sushi, all Pasta types, Hokkien noodles, Fried rice and Drinks. Also could we please have all lunch bags marked “PPSA” so we can organise their lunch first. All other children that are doing school sport and K-2 nothing changes for them and they can order as usual. Thank you for your co-operation.
Lisa Treglown

Band

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
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Are you interested in a little extra one-to-one band tuition during the Easter Holidays?
Would you like a lesson from a specialist music teacher on your instrument?
Do you have an old guitar or keyboard laying around you’d like to dust off for a good cause?

TSA and DMC staff are coming to donate a day of their time, raising money for charity these Easter holidays and invite students, staff, parents, family and friends to sign up for a good cause.

Help DMC & Teaching Services Support Mr Lewis and Car 56 on the 2014 Newcastle Variety Bash with our School Holiday Music Tuition Day raising money for Variety, The Children’s Charity

Date: April 22
Time: Book a 30min time slot between 9am-4pm
Venue: Dural Music Centre
Cost: $35 inc. a $5 donation to Variety (to be passed on in full to Variety, The Children’s Charity)

All proceeds from the day will be passed on in full to Variety, The Children’s Charity.
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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.

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Term 2 Events & Programs

Making Stepfamilies Work – 3 hour seminar (for couples)
$50 / $30 concession (per couple) – 3 June 6 – 9pm
A 3 hour seminar that will assist couples in the process of forming a stepfamily or those already living in a stepfamily to:
- Encourage an awareness of the need to forge new ways of being in a stepfamily
- Develop strategies for coping with difficult stepfamily dynamics and relationships
- Accept each individual’s current and prior situation no matter how complex or difficult these are

Being A Mum
$25 / $15 concession – 26 June 10am – 1pm
A 3 hour seminar that will assist mothers to:
- Understand themselves as a Mum
- Really connect with their children
- Understand children at different ages
- Learn positive ways to discipline children and communicate more effectively

The Challenge of Disciplining your Child
$25 / $15 concession – 24 June 6 – 9pm
A 3 hour seminar that will assist parents of children aged 2 – 12 years old to:
- Understand what positive discipline means and how to set clear boundaries that children respect and learn to appreciate
- Use conflict as a tool to improve relationships
- Use tips and hints on different discipline techniques

Ideas for Parenting Teens
$25 / $15 concession – 17 June 6 – 9pm
A 3 hour seminar that will assist parents to:
- Understand what is normal adolescent behaviour
- Reduce the anxiety inherent in raising teenage children
- Develop skills to communicate and negotiate with teenagers

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