Number 3  Term 1 Week 5, 6 & 7  28 February 2013

At North Rocks Public School we value:

RESPECT   RESPONSIBILITY   SAFETY   HONESTY

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School Messages

SCHOOL CANTEEN
As you would know the school is in a transition point regarding the school canteen. Our present canteen supervisor has found the working environment difficult due to the number of stakeholders overly willing to express their views to her when they are working and when visiting. She has accordingly handed in her notice. Our canteen is run by the P&C which makes decisions on behalf of the entire school community to supply healthy food choices at a reasonable cost. The responsibility of signing off on the menu resides with the Principal who must ensure that the Department of Education and the Department of Health’s regulations are met. We meet the standards set by these regulatory bodies.

Outside this the running of the canteen is the responsibility of the canteen supervisor who becomes an employee of the P&C and is answerable to the P&C executive. Others who have opinions are invited to attend P&C meetings and as appropriate add to the discussion. However, over the years these discussions at canteen meetings have been less than productive. Due to this we no longer have these meetings and as has been shown by what has happened to the new canteen supervisor those lessons have not been learned.

When we consider that a significant amount of time each week is given by the P&C canteen coordinator (unpaid) the P&C Canteen treasurer (unpaid) and the approximately 50 parents who volunteer each year to assist the canteen delivering lunches etc., (less than 10% of the parent community) much work is done by very few which seems to be unappreciated and continuously criticized by elements of the community.

For the school to move forward with a happy productive canteen we must acknowledge the volunteer work of the coordinator and the treasurer and work together ensuring that in whatever form the canteen operates it does so in a productive and happy manner.

Currently the P&C has set up an advisory group to examine the advantages and disadvantages to running the canteen or outsourcing. This group will provide information from which a decision will be made on the long term future of the canteen. Presently it is within reason that the canteen may close when Maree leaves.

Important Notes on the website
Please “click” on the link in the table below to select the important notices relevant to your child.

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MEET THE TEACHER
Thank you to those parents who attended this week’s “Meet the Teacher” nights. This was an important opportunity for teachers to greet the parents of their class. Teachers explained the classes programs and processes as well as expectations of the students. The social gathering in the library on each night was very warm, inviting and friendly. Mr Moth makes a very good drinks waiter.

WORKING BEE
SUNDAY 3 MARCH
MORNING TEA AND LUNCH PROVIDED
RING 9871 1772 IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND BUT HAVEN’T REPLIED.
FROM THE DEPUTY’S DESK
Parents are reminded to please set a positive example to their children around the school regarding pedestrian behaviour and adherence to road and parking rules. At the bus stop I have been continually making requests to some parents to cross North Rocks Road at the crossing rather than walk / dodge (with their children by their side) across the road in the path of traffic. Additionally, you will note at the back of this newsletter some information regarding parking at Don Moore Reserve. No greater priority can be placed on the safety of our children - I would encourage everybody to park appropriately and cross the road responsibly.

Tom Moth

The Good Guys Support for North Rocks School.
I have registered our school in the Good Guys “Support Your School Program” again in 2013. Last year we collected just over $1200 in vouchers. For every $50 spent at the Good Guys at Castle Hill a $1 voucher is provided upon request at the information counter. The vouchers add up.

WORKING BEE
Thank you to the 18 families who will be attending the working bee on Sunday. Weather permitting the day will be lots of fun and a chance to meet new school families. See you at 8am Sunday.

CLASS COORDINATORS
Thank you to those parents who volunteered to be class coordinators. A meeting will be called soon to start organising some of this year’s activities.

COMING UP IN MARCH
On Thursday the 28th of March we will holding an afternoon reading workshop, titled Developing Active Readers Everywhere (D.A.R.E). This program is aimed at providing parents and community members with the skills and strategies necessary to support home reading, and invite parents and community members to provide in-school support to those students requiring additional support with their reading. The meeting will be in the staff room commencing at 2pm.

We look forward to seeing there!
Laura Jones
Learning and support teacher

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL 2013

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Muirfield High School

Open Evening for prospective students & their parents
Thursday 7th March, 5pm—7.30pm
Meet with our dedicated teachers and student leaders
Tour the excellent facilities & grounds
We offer:
A high achievers class
Broad cultural, sporting and extra-curricular activities
Strong enrichment programs

To arrange a tour on another date please call Sonya Anderson, Deputy Principal

Congratulations HSC Class of 2012 on your Outstanding Results
The school acknowledges the achievements of all our 9166 students.

- 100% of Advanced English, Mathematics Extension 2 and Music
  1 students in Bands 5 or 6.
- 6 students achieved an ATAR above 90.

Students achieved Band 6 Grades in the following subjects:
- English Extension 1
- General Mathematics
- Mathematics Extension 1
- Mathematics Extension 2
- Music 1
- Ancient History
- Modern History
- Business Studies
- French Beginners
- Industrial Technology—Timber
- Industrial Technology Multi Media
- VET Hospitality
- Personal Health Development and Physical Education

Limited places available in some year groups.
Enquiries: 9872 2244
Web: www.muirfield-h.school.nsw.edu.au
Barclay Road, North Rocks NSW 2151
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PSSA SUMMER SPORTS PROGRAM

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SCHOOL DISCO
On Friday 22nd March our first disco for the year will be held in the school hall. The cost is $5 per child which covers the cost of entry and an ice block at the disco’s conclusion. The disco is fully supervised by teachers and parent helpers. For our new kinders the teachers and year 6 student helpers teach the students some dances to start them off. It is lots of fun and an event not to be missed. What will be missed for this disco is twinkle toes Harker. After the knee operation—no more bustin’ the moves. But we do have Miss Carney, Mrs Petre, Mrs Watson, Mrs Durrington, Miss Feather, Miss Valenti and a whole lot more.

P & C NEWS
The P&C meeting on 19 Feb was well attended by many existing and new parents. The aim of the P&C is to work in partnership with the school for the welfare of the children. For those unable to make it to the meeting, below is a very brief update of the meeting:

Our Parents Auxiliary will be running many FUNdraising events this year. Please keep an eye out for those events notes/emails. We have these fundraising events because Department of Education only allocate around $31 per children for classroom resources for a term. The P&C on average raised about $30K each year for teaching resources and teacher aides which benefits the children. This year the P&C will also be giving school funds to build a COLA (Covered Outdoor Learning Area) in the K-2 play area. A Canteen Advisory Group was formed during the meeting to investigate the pros and cons of canteen run by P&C vs run by a third party.

Our school P&C is fully run by volunteering parents who dedicate their time and energy for the greater good of the school community. Our school motto is “Truth and Knowledge”. Our school strives to teach our children to seek truth and knowledge. As parents/carers with children at school, we too need to give them a good role model in seeking the truth and knowledge. I encourage everyone to attend the P&C meeting to obtain first hand information and not to succumb to hearsay or spread incorrect news.

Frank Lin
P&C President
frank.lin@optusnet.com.au 0411 568 921

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS
Quick and easy way to order uniforms. It’s very easy and will save you a lot of time:
1. Go to the school website- www.northrocks-p.schools.nsw.edu.au
2. Click on P & C price list
3. Click on uniform shop price list
4. Print and fill in the form
5. Send it to the school office with your child
Then on that Friday we will process your order and send it to your child’s class.

PARENT AUXILIARY NEWS
The Spit & Boogie Ball is coming up on 6 April – note coming out this week. Please have your money and rsvp’s to the office by 21st March. This is not a night to be missed so book a babysitter and come along!!

Dates coming up:
Harmony Day – 11th April – food order forms will be sent out soon.

Next PA meeting is on Monday 11th March. Hope to see you there!

Carol Rizk

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CHESS COACHING

Chess coaching for students at North Rocks Public School is held on Tuesdays from 12:30pm – 1:30pm. Term 1 lessons commenced on 19th February, 2013 and it is never too late to join! Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment. Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun practice games. Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop.

If your child is interested in taking part, you can either pick up an enrolment form from the school office, or email enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au for a copy. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.

ASPERGERS SUPPORT GROUP
(for parents of children with Aspergers syndrome)
We meet every 2nd Wednesday of the month during school terms from 7.30-9.30pm in the cottage at West Epping Uniting Church and welcome you to join us. The address is 35 Orchard St, Epping. For more information contact the church office on 9868 3574 or Julie Bullen on 9868 3546.

INVOICES
Invoice reminders will be sent out next week. If you experience difficulty with any aspect of the invoice please contact Mr Harker on 9871 1772.

WORLDS GREATEST SHAVE
Join us at lunch time in the school hall on Monday 11 March, 2013 to support some brave souls as they have their heads shaved for a great cause!
Please support our effort by making a donation to the North Rocks Public School team via the Leukaemia Foundation's website (http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au). Gold coin donations will also be welcomed on the day.

If you would like to be brave and shave too - please send an email to Anu Suttie at andrew.anu.suttie@bigpond.

HARMONY DAY/INTERNATIONAL FOOD DAY
Hi Everyone,
Harmony Day/International Food Day is being held on Thursday 11 April. This is a day where we celebrate our multicultural heritage. Parents, Grandparents & friends are invited to visit the classrooms, watch the colourful national costume/hat parade, and then join their children for a picnic. As happened last year, the P&C are organising food stalls to provide families with delicious international cuisine for their picnic. So far we have Lebanese, Indian, Chinese, Aussie BBQ, and Dessert stalls.

WE NEED SOME HELP!!! Specifically, we need 4 people to join the Chinese food team – you don’t have to be Chinese – you just need to like cooking Chinese food. Please email me at vicki.gillard@optusnet.com.au if you are able to join this team, and I’ll put you in touch with the team leader Wen Wen. Also, if you would like to create another cooking team – our school has families from many ethnic backgrounds – we’d love to have you on board this year.

Thanks, Vicki

BAND NEWS
It was great to see so many parents at our information night last week. The band has a section on the school website where event dates, contact details, photos & videos of performances and other details are so bookmark it and check it on a regular basis Band website. The event dates for the year will be added to the band page on the school website next week. Don't forget to add your details to the band contact database so we can send you updates about band events though the year. Please click here to go to the form and fill in the details by next Monday 4th March. The computer gremlins got into the link in the last newsletter so if you were unable to enter your details please try again with this link. We have a 2nd hand instrument register if you have an instrument lying around that you would like to sell. Contact nrbinstruments@gmail.com for more details. This service is available to all past and current band members. If you would like to purchase an instrument check the band page on the school website to see what's available.

If you have any questions please contact me on northrocksband@gmail.com

Kirrily Pereira

RAFFLE NEWS
This is the first notice for parent interested in helping our P&C major fundraiser for 2013. Our raffle brings in over $20000 and allows the P&C to fund many additional school programs and improvements to the school. If you would like any further information please contact Yasmin Arthur, contact details below.
yarhtur@optusnet.com.au
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If you have ever considered giving back to the community, we are looking for caring volunteers at Wesley Mission’s Rayward Carlingford. Our new ageing-in-place facility is in immediate need of caring, compassionate and committed volunteers for Wesley Rayward Café (during school hours), and assist with the following: reading, piano playing, gentle exercise, games, for relationships and art and crafts. You’ll be able to enrich and empower the lives of our elderly and lonely residents. Please share with anyone who may be interested. For information please call (02) 9857 2521 or email wesley.volunteers@wesleymission.org.au
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Monday 4 March 2013  5:00 - 8pm

Open Evening

Meet our teachers and view our new $3.5 million grounds and facilities

97 top ATAR 2012
27 students over 90
10 over 95
OPEN DAY
TUESDAY 19 MARCH 2013

Morning Session: 9.15am - 1.00pm
Evening Session: 7.00pm - 9.00pm

Northmead CAPA High School

Discover the fabulous opportunities that Northmead CAPA High offers:

At Open Day you will:

- Meet teachers and students
- Use technology to create a moments of your visit
- Develop team building skills
- Discover the powers of your mind
  Problem solving and brain teasers
- Explore 'living' music using technology
- Experience the fascinating and exciting world of Science
- View nature at work - visit the school farm and animals
- Enjoy lunch provided by the SRC

Extra Curricula Activities

- Sport
- Debating & Public Speaking
- Mock Trial
- MUNA
- Sister Exchange Visits
  - Kawaguchi Japan
- Lots More

Year 7 Scholarships

- 3 Categories
- Performing Arts, Academic Sport

Contact School on 0450 4116 for Application Forms

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+10)
- 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
COMMUNITY REMINDER: For the safety of our children, please adhere to the road and parking rules whilst using the Don Moore Reserve car park. Hills Council has advised that Compliance Officers regularly patrol areas around schools and fines are significant.

Parents are encouraged to take the time to park their vehicles within designated spots and collect their children from the back gate. Cars should not impede the flow of traffic (indicated above in white) nor should they park in areas where lines are not marked. Students should also be reminded to walk along the pathway provided and to only walk through the car park at the shortest possible route to their car.

Additionally, the front car park of the school is for staff and goods deliveries only – it is not for the drop off or collection of students at any time.

Thank you.
Put your shoes on and grab a plate, 
mark your diaries for the following date

Saturday 6\textsuperscript{th} April 2013

It's the \textbf{Spit & Boogie Ball}

\textit{night of nights,}
\textit{under our School Hall lights.}
\textit{It's local and it's lots of fun,}
\textit{so pay your money and grab a bun!!}

\textbf{7pm} the bell rings, just \textbf{$25 per person} includes these things:

- spit roast beef/pork/lamb, jacket potatoes, five salads, vegetarian lasagne, a bun,
- dessert and tea and coffee

\textbf{BYO drinks}, a night only for parents and friends over 18 years!

Return the slip below with money to the office by \textbf{Thursday 21st March}.

Any enquiries, please call Carol Rizk on 0401 138 430

\underline{RSVP for Spit and Boogie}

Name: \underline{______________________________}

Number of People: \underline{______} \times \$25 \text{ pp} = \$ \underline{__________}