At North Rocks Public School we value:

RESPECT   RESPONSIBILITY   SAFETY    HONESTY

DIARY DATES

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HARMONY DAY - Thursday 11 April
Our harmony celebration in 2012 was fantastic, full of fun and a great community event. This year’s festivities promise the same with a sumptuous lunchtime menu (see the link above for your order form), a parade of national dress and messages of harmony. Open Classrooms: Harmony Day activities
Parade: 11:55am
International lunch: 12:40pm

ANZAC DAY SERVICE - Friday 12 April
Our annual ANZAC DAY service will be held in the school hall on Friday 12 April at 11:45. Students from year 2 to year 6 will assemble to commemorate our ANZAC Day. Parents are very welcome also to attend. I would ask that parents be seated by 11:40 for a 11:45 start.

CANTEEN UPDATE
A P&C representative group has been formed to interview for a new canteen supervisor. Mr Lin, Mrs Treglown, Mrs Gillard and myself will sit on the panel. We hope to have the canteen open at the beginning of next term if not week 1 then week 2. With the selection process the canteen will operate under that format until the end of the year. At that time a long term organization will be in place.
FROM THE SPORTS DESK
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INVOICES
If you experience difficulty with any aspect of the invoice please contact Mr Harker on 9871 1772.

EARN POINTS FOR YOUR SCHOOL
Turn your shopping dollars into valuable musical resources for your children in 2013. NRPS has joined the WOOLWORTHS “Earn and Learn Points For Your School” program for 2013. From Monday 8th April until Sunday 9th June, when you shop at Woolies you will be given a Woolworths Earn and Learn point, in the form of a sticker, for every $10.00 spent. You can help by sending your stickers to school with your children (on their Music day) to place in the box outside the Music Room, or placing them in the GREEN box in the front office. If we all collect enough points they can be converted into musical instruments to benefit EVERY CHILD at NRPS in RFF Music lessons.

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FROM THE DEPUTY’S DESK
PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS
At this stage all parents should have received notice from their child’s teacher about interviews, to be held throughout the coming fortnight. These interviews are scheduled after one term to enable the teacher to provide you with feedback as to how your child has settled in for the year and to give you a snapshot of his/her performance to date across the key learning areas. Remember that these interviews are a two-way process. You are encouraged to ask questions and also provide the teacher with any insights into your child’s learning / social / emotional development that may assist in the classroom. Should families need additional interview request notes, they can be found on the school website by clicking here.

NSW SYLLABUSES FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CURRICULUM
As you would have seen on the front page, term 2 begins with two school development days, meaning students return for their first day on Wednesday 1st May. During these days, teachers will receive training in new Australian curriculum documents which will begin to take effect in the coming years. In 2014 North Rocks PS teaching staff will be transitioning to the new English syllabus, and in 2015 we will implement the new Mathematics syllabus. These changes will mean associated adjustments to some of our teaching/learning programs, assessment and reporting practices over the coming years. At any time, please feel free to contact me with questions or to find out more information.

New syllabus documents are publicly available by visiting the NSW Board of Studies website.

NAPLAN ADVICE
Students in Years 3 and 5 will sit the National Assessment Program in May (14th-16th). A letter has been sent home outlining the program. Note that parents wishing to withdraw their child from the testing must discuss this with Mr Harker.

Tom Moth
**P & C NEWS**
Thank you to the following people who were elected at the P&C AGM 2013:
President – Frank Lin
Vice President – Linda Uslu
Treasurer - Anthony Macarthur
Assistant Treasurer – Leah Goodall
Secretary – Peter Kemp
Assistant Secretary – Jason Boonham
Auditor – Adam Slade
Canteen Coordinator – Lisa Treglown
Band Coordinator – Kirrily Pereira
Parents Auxiliary – Carol Rizk
Uniform Shop Coordinator – Vacant
Raffle Coordinator – Vacant

We are still in need of a Raffle Coordinator and Uniform Shop Coordinator. The School Raffle is the largest fundraising event for the school. We need someone to coordinate volunteers in regards to seek out businesses to partner with, organise for printing, distributing, counting of tickets and banking of money. The previous coordinators will still be on board to assist and guide you. Please contact me (Frank.Lin@optusnet.com.au) if you want more information on the Raffle Coordinator role.

Canteen - we are currently organising to have new canteen manager and supervisor in place as soon as possible.

Canteen Advisory Group - this group was set up to review feasibilities of different canteen models. Thank you to all who are currently busy working in this group.

Uniform Shop - we are also making progress with uniform shop. I am hoping to have some news for the community in due course.

Thank you
Frank Lin, 0411 568 921

**ANNUAL SCHOOL RAFFLE**
In term 3 we will be conducting the raffle. This is our major fundraiser for the year, with a trailer and its contents as first prize. It has been very successful in past years, raising $20,000—$25,000. This has allowed for installation of air-conditioning, smart boards and other valuable improvements to our school. We are currently approaching local businesses to be sponsors of the raffle. Sponsorship includes:

- Identification as a major sponsor on over 12 000 tickets
- A3 size advertisement connected to the trailer (displayed at Westfield Shopping Centre)
- Distribution of pamphlet to all school families
- Small advertisement in the school newsletter for term 2 & 3.

At a cost of $500 this offers significant exposure within the local community. If you are interested in sponsorship, please contact me at robusts@bigpond.net.au or on 98725946.

Jane Robards

**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.

**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.

**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 Yashmin Arthur, contact details below.

ph. 0425 397 697

**HARMONY DAY/INTERNATIONAL FOOD DAY**
Hi Everyone,
Preparation is well underway for the International Food Day, which is happening on 11th April, together with the school’s Harmony Day activities.
Please look out for your food order form (complete one form for the whole family). Please do this asap and return with your payment to the school office by Friday 22 March.
You will see that we have lots of yummy food again this year – thanks to some very generous school families. We are still looking for more helpers - “many hands make light work” – you know the saying.
If you are interested in helping please contact me at vicki.gillard@optusnet.com.au

Thanks, Vicki

**PARENT AUXILIARY FILM NIGHT**
Don't forget to get your child’s entry to the film night held in the hall on Friday 17 May. Students can also enter the draw for a chance to win gold class seating by buying a raffle ticket for $2 available from the front office.
**BAND NEWS**

Band Camp at Home is on Tuesday April 30th. It is for all levels of band students. Don't forget to return your note and payment by Friday next week, 5th April if you would like to attend. A copy of the note is on the school website in the 'Information' section. It would be great to have all the Performance Band members attend this year to help in their preparations for the Yamaha Festival next term.

A band update email was sent out last week. If you did not receive it that means you have not provided your contact details to the band committee yet. Please send an email to northrocksband@gmail.com so we can email you a copy of the note and give you instructions to add your contact details to our database so you don't miss out on any important information during the year.

The Beginner band started morning band rehearsals last Tuesday. I am sure you all enjoyed the early morning start! All band students now need to be at the hall at 7.30am every Tuesday morning to set up for rehearsals so they can start playing on time at 7,45am and get the full benefit of their rehearsal time.

If you have any questions about band please contact northrocksband@gmail.com

Kirrily Pereira  
Band Co-ordinator

**SWANS PREMIERSHIP PHOTOS**

To all those budding Swans fans here is a chance to get your hands on a piece of history. We have two framed Swans memorabilia to be auctioned at the upcoming trivia night on Saturday 22nd June.

The framed photos are available for viewing in the office foyer adjacent to Mr Harker’s office. You will be able to but in a silent bid if you are unable to make the trivia night. A reserve of $200 is set for each piece. If you would like to put in a silent bid you can do so by emailing your bid to the school’s email address: northrocks-p.schools.det.nsw.edu.au

If you ever need framing we purchase all our frames from National Print Distribution at Castle Hill. See Wade and tell him Peter sent you for a good deal on framing.

NPD is at 21/22 Mitchell Park, Hudson Avenue Castle Hill, ph: 98996355

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**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.
NORTH ROCKS TENNIS SCHOOL
School Holiday Tennis Clinic
9.30 - 3pm daily
Monday 15 April to Friday 19 April 2013
Cost: $145 or $35 daily.
Graded classes suitable for all ages and standards, also
other tennis related activities.
Enrolments for Term 2 tennis coaching now being tak-
en. Lessons after school and Saturday morning.

John Hassett  9872 6097

SERAPHIC CREATIONS
After School Art Classes
At North Rocks Public School
Explore new artists and cultures through painting, drawing and
mixed media
Term 2, 2013: Art classes run From
Monday 29 April - Friday 21 June - 3.30 - 4.30pm
in the first grade classroom foyer
An end of Term Art Show for all classes will be held on
Friday June 21 at 5.00pm in the school hall
Cost: $160 for 8 weeks which includes all materials
Children will need to provide their own painting shirt
Numbers are limited to 10 children per class
For registration form please email: SeraphicCreations@gmail.com
Or call Jennifer Burns on: 0488 446 657

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