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School Messages

I would once again remind parents that access to the school grounds before and during school hours is not permitted. There is no entry to the school to drop off students.

I would also point out that the drop off area near the library is not a general use “assisted parking spot” (meaning : disabled parking). This area was constructed as a drop off point for a student with a specific disability in the morning and afternoon. The parents of this child had a school issued permit enabling them to assess this drop off point. I hope this explanation clears up any misunderstanding regarding entry to the school grounds and the use of the designated drop off area.

Our concern is for student safety and by restricting vehicle access to the school grounds assists in this matter.

From time to time issues arise that can create some conflict between students. It is important that the school be made aware of anything which may be bothering your child. Generally, the first point of contact should be the classroom teacher. If this doesn’t resolve the matter then please contact the school office. Parents at times may make the mistake of confronting their child’s classmate about an issue. This is inappropriate. No student should ever be confronted with an angry parent irrespective of what they may have done.

RAFFLE RESULT

Congratulations to the school community on the raffle result. Somewhere between $18500 and $19000 is a pretty strong result. I wish to thank Yashmin and her team for the wonderful organization. The money will certainly be put to good use. I would also like to thank our sponsors who made the event a great success: Hills Bushcare, 1st Available Ltd, McGrath Real Estate, Smartline Mortgage Brokers, Stewart Follows Automotive, Storage King North Parramatta.

WORKING BEE

Our school working bee set down for this weekend has been cancelled. The Crossway Church, who use our school hall, are conducting a working bee on Saturday 31 August on our behalf. If you are available on Saturday you could certainly join in. We appreciate the church’s offer and the ongoing relationship.

DISCO

With the new election date, Saturday 7 September, I have had to push back the date of the next disco. The disco will now be held on Friday 13 August.

Important Notes on the website

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

PRE SCHOOLERS CONCERT

For those parents who have students starting kindergarten next year we are holding our first orientation event, “The Preschoolers’ Concert”. Commencing at 11:30 on Thursday 3 September the concert will involve our school band and dance groups, K-2 choir and some cool K-2 performances. Class teachers will be informing the students and parents of their involvement.

We invite any preschool student irrespective of their enrolment at our school. Younger brothers and sisters of school age students are also invited. Please contact the office with numbers to assist catering for the sausage sizzle which follows the concert.

ENROL NOW
FOR KINDERGARTEN 2014
FROM THE DP’S DESK

FREE AFL GIANTS TICKETS
On Sunday 25th August, when the GIANTS take on Richmond at 3:15pm SKODA Stadium, Sydney Olympic Park, Kevin Sheedy will lead the team as Head Coach for the final time in Sydney. This game will be a celebration of his remarkable career.

The GIANTS invite North Rocks students and their families to be part of this special event, and to attend the game with a free family pass. Registration is via the link below and each child will receive a family pass (four tickets) to sit in The GIANT NewsLocal Schools Stand, Invitation to a pre-game clinic, an hour and a half prior to the game with some of the GIANTS players, A GIANTS show bag including a commemorative flag.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/newslocal2013

Tickets and information regarding the location of the pre-game clinic will be posted to you within 7 days of registering. Registrations close at 5pm on Thursday, August 22. Availability of tickets is subject to capacity.

CANCER COUNCIL – BIGGEST MORNING TEA
On Thursday 22 August we are hosting the Cancer Council’s Biggest Morning Tea. This is such an important fundraiser – did you know that at some time in our life we will all know someone (or be that someone) who will face the challenge of a cancer diagnosis. I know this fundraiser is normally held in May – but we wanted to host it when there would be lots of visitors to our school – the Book Week Character Parade is a perfect opportunity.

I’m sure you will want to help – here’s how you can be involved:
* Donate a cake/plate for the table – these can be brought to the back of the hall on the day.
* Help with setting up/serving/collecting donations/cleaning up – please let me know at vic.gillard@optusnet.com.au.
* Come along to school on the day – visit the classrooms & watch the costume parade. Invite your extended family/friends.
* Join us in the hall at recess for coffee/tea & cake – toddlers are welcome but our students will not be allowed into the hall during this time. They will have their recess as usual in the playground.
* Make a generous donation to the cause – All funds raised will go to the NSW Cancer Council and be used for much needed research.

Last year we raised $780.00 at this fundraiser – I am hopeful we will do as well this year.

Thankyou in advance – I hope to see you there.

Vicki Gillard – for the P&C

2B MEET THE TEACHER
A reminder to parents of students in 2B that Mrs Sara Welsby will be conducting a meet the teacher session on Monday 26th August in the classroom. It will commence at 6:30pm.

Tom Moth

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE
Premier’s Reading Challenge must be completed by 23rd August, 2013.

BOOK CHARACTER PARADE
Following the roaring success of last year’s book character parade, we will again be holding a parade this year. Mark August 22nd in your diaries for this spectacular event. You may wish to start thinking about characters with your child.

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As you may have heard, there was an attempt to break into the canteen this week. The attempt was unsuccessful and, I’m happy to report, had little impact on canteen business as usual!

Thanks to Mr Moth for his calm assistance in formulating a ‘Plan B’ for morning service and thanks also to everyone who helped out and for the patience and concern shown by everyone placing orders that morning.

Volunteer call
Our wonderful team of rostered parent volunteers is inevitably changing as children get older and parent's careers resume and evolve. So, we're starting to see a few gaps in our roster and it's putting a bit of pressure on!

Please give me a call or email me with your contact details for either:
- emergency roster, if you prefer not to commit to a specific day or
- permanent roster, if you know you have a few hours or just one day once a month to have some fun in the canteen with the lovely Gail or myself!

My contact numbers are 0401 995 992 / 9872 7535 & my email address is andrew.anu.suttie@bigpond.com

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Thank you for your continued support of the Canteen on the Rocks - Anu, Gail & Lisa (your Canteen Team).

STUDENT MEDICAL FORMS
During Terms 3 and 4 we will be updating our medical records systems to ensure we have the most up-to-date information on your child’s health.

All families will receive a copy of the new forms and will need to fill them out and return them to us as soon as you can.

The new forms will help us collect your child’s important medical information and the introduction of new systems will mean we'll be able to better manage the daily and emergency health needs of your child.

We appreciate your support as we start collecting the information, and if you have any questions please call.

RECIPE BOOK
A 2nd Edition of our North Rocks Public School Recipe Book is now open for recipes. Please email your recipe to jdconroy@bigpond.com no later from Friday 23
Anaphylaxis Information
North Rocks Public School is committed to providing a safe environment that meets the special needs of our students. Anaphylaxis is the most severe form of allergic reaction and is potentially life threatening. Several students at North Rocks Public School have severe anaphylactic allergies triggered by nuts. The key to preventing an anaphylactic reaction is to avoid exposure to the trigger.

North Rocks Public School has developed a nut minimisation policy, in line with the Department of Education and Training’s Duty of Care Policy. Emergency response plans are in place for all school activities.

It is possible to minimise the risk factors within the school environment with parent/carer assistance by adopting the following strategies:

Please do not send nuts or peanuts to school. There is an increased risk of other food allergies in peanut allergic children and because of the risk of cross contamination; it is usually recommended that peanut allergic people avoid all nuts and sesame seeds.

Please do not send foods containing nuts or peanuts to school. In particular peanut butter, hazelnut spread (Nutella), certain muesli bars and biscuits containing nuts.

This applies to items with nuts as a listed ingredient, but does not apply to those foods labelled ‘may contain traces of nuts’.

No nut oils such as peanut oil.

Please avoid nuts and peanuts in birthday cakes or treats that may be brought to school.

Please encourage thorough washing of hands and face, if children have eaten these foods before coming to school.

Provide drink containers and lunch boxes which are clearly labelled with the name of the child for whom they are intended.

Discourage any trading or sharing of food.

Continue vigilance when there is a change from usual routines e.g. excursions, family picnic day’s at school, sports carnivals or discos.

A continuing awareness raising program will be provided through a range of strategies. Support for this initiative will be demonstrated through:

Teaching the children about the need for appropriate health and hygiene, when raising awareness of the range of allergic reactions that may affect people in the community.

Highlighting values such as tolerance, understanding and an appreciation for the uniqueness of others and their needs, through our values education programs.

Reminders of our allergy friendly approach will regularly appear in the school newsletters.

P&C REPORT
Raffle: A BIG THANK YOU to all for another successful School Raffle last week. The funds raised from the raffle will benefit every children in the school. The raffle is the largest fundraising event we do as a school community. While many people helped, there were three people that put exceptionally huge amount of effort to ensure the raffle was a success - Yashmin Arthur, Nicole Cotton, and Jane Robards. Thank you also goes to Mr. Moth who did a terrific job as the MC for the draw and Ms Mahony, Ms Carney and the School Choir for a great entertainment.

Fed Election: There will be a great deal of activities at the school during the Federal Election on Sept 7. I suggest you all come to the school to vote and enjoy the activities. There will be Arts in the Park fair, School Band is busking and hosting a BBQ sizzle, and Crossway North Rocks running a coffee cart with proceeds going to the school library.

P&C Meeting is on 7:30pm Aug 20th. All are parents and carers are welcome to attend.

Frank Lin (frank.lin@optusnet.com.au)

P&C President.

PA REPORT

Athletics Carnival - The PA provided drinks and refreshments to teachers and volunteers throughout the day. Thanks to everyone that offered their help especially Gail, Lisa, Dawn and Amanda.

Entertainment books - Thanks to everyone that purchased a book - approx $1,200 in profit.

Dates Coming Up:

Book Week Parade and Biggest Morning Tea – 22 August - The PA will be hosting the morning tea. If you can provide a plate for the morning tea, please bring it to the back of the hall in the morning after drop off. We also need some help with set up and serving of coffee/tea and helpers at the door collecting donations. If you can spare some time, please come to the hall that morning.

Father’s Day - wrapping will take place on 28th Aug and the stall will be on the following day - information will come out soon.

Shopping Tour - 27 October - Keep this date free. Information will come out soon about this fun day!

The next PA meeting is Monday 9 September at 9am in the staffroom – if you haven’t been before, why don’t you come along, have a coffee and a chat, and find out what your children are up to at school!

Carol Rizk
DO YOU HAVE A CHILD DIAGNOSED WITH AD/HD?
ARE YOU LOOKING FOR POSITIVE STRATEGIES TO HELP MANAGE YOUR CHILD’S BEHAVIOUR?
Is your child between 6 and 12 years old?
You are invited FREE OF CHARGE to attend a well-known parenting program at Macquarie University.
The program is part of an evaluation study and participants will be asked to attend evening sessions and to fill in questionnaires (anonymously). Please call Julie Chesterfield (Department of Psychology, Macquarie University) on 0412 414 114 (if unanswered please speak slowly and leave your name and phone number on the voicemail) or email julie.chesterfield@students.mq.edu.au and leave your phone number.

THE TEENAGER I LOVE

11th September 2013 7.30pm
Muirfield High School Common Room
The P&C at Muirfield High School extend an invitation to parents from North Rocks Public School, Murray Farm Public School and Baulkham Hills North Public School to a joint P&C meeting at Muirfield on 11th September (Week 9) at 7.30pm in Muirfield HS Common Room.

Ken Byrne, the School Counsellor at Muirfield HS and North Rocks PS, will be presenting on “The Teenager I Love”. Parents of children in Years 5 & 6 should find this presentation useful as their children move into adolescence.

There will be time for questions from a panel of “experts” with over 80 years of experience in education and counselling adolescents— Ken Byrne, Bryce Grant (Deputy Principal) and Jennifer Reeves (Principal).

Hype Youth School Holiday Workshops

These school holidays The Hills Shire Council will be running music and dance workshops on Monday, 23 September at Castle Grand Community Centre (cnr Castle St and Pennant St, Castle Hill).

GUITAR & UKULELE with the Hills Shire Music School
10am–11.30am | Tribute Room, Castle Grand | $12
Book online at www.springmusic2.eventbrite.com.au

JAZZ DANCE with Rhiannon Villareal
11am–12.30pm | Rebellion Room 1, Castle Grand | $12
Book online at www.springdance2.eventbrite.com.au

GUITAR & UKULELE with the Hills Shire Music School
12:30pm–2pm | Tribute Room, Castle Grand | $12
Book online at www.springmusic2.eventbrite.com.au

HIP HOP DANCE with Rhiannon Villareal
1pm–2.30pm | Rebellion Room 1 | $12
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MORE INFORMATION
Call 9843 0149
Stay in touch and LIKE the HYPE Youth Facebook page www.facebook.com/HillsHypeYouth
North Rocks Public School presents

Art in the Park

A market for arts, crafts, artisan foods, books, clothing, activities for the kids and much more!

Saturday, September 7
9 am-4 pm

on the playing field at the back of the school

We are still looking for artisans and craftspeople who would like to have their own stall, if you would like to participate, or know someone who would, please contact Jennifer Burns on: 0488 446 657 or email: seraphiccreations@gmail.com

TSA Band Camp – 14-15 Sept 2013!

Yes, it’s that time of year again! Pull out your best swimmers for the waterslide, your grooviest PJ’s for the pyjama disco and get into training for the staff V students beach volleyball match!! (Oh, and you should probably practise your band music too!)

Whilst most kids come to camp for the excitement of new friends, fun activities and a weekend away, the real benefit is in the valuable experience (both musical and social) gained from such intensive time spent in such a highly musical environment. With over 8 hours of face-to-face tuition over the weekend, there is over a term and a half worth of 30 minute lessons to be had! Camp is also a valuable experience for students that may be losing interest in music and need a boost of enthusiasm and practice to get them to a level where they can enjoy their music and performance.

Notes for camp should have been received late last term outlining details including cost, venue, times and dates. If your child did not receive this note or you need another copy, please visit www.teachingservices.com.au and download the note. Permission notes, along with deposit, need to be returned ASAP to avoid missing out as the camp is now being finalized.
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AFL family fun day

Come and join us and learn AFL skills by playing fun games with other families. Meet AFL accredited coaches and have an exciting and enjoyable family fun day! Bring along drinks, hats and sun protection. Chairs or picnic blankets. Suitable sports footwear. Children under 16 year olds must be supervised by an adult. Activities include:

- basic AFL skills and games
- show bags with a football and information of local services
- afternoon tea and picnic

In the event of rain this event will be cancelled and rescheduled to 13 October at the same time.

Details

When: Sunday 22 September from 1.30pm to 3.30pm
Where: James Park, Low and Palmerston Roads, Hornsby
Cost: Free

Bookings: Essential. Please call:
- Isabella on 0435 494 696 or email Tae.Kim@det.nsw.edu.au
- Fiona on 9476 9715 or email zhou1yan@police.nsw.gov.au
- Jian on 9847 6994 or email jzhao@hornsby.nsw.gov.au

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Celebrate Book Week at North Rocks Public School with:

A Book Fair! A Character Parade!

Be part of the
Book Week
Character Parade
2013

Thursday, 22nd August 2013

Choose a book character, make your own costume, join
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Tennis Coaching and Holiday Programs

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 the month of August

Holiday Tennis Programs- September 23rd-25th September 30th – October 4th

9.30am to 12pm 9.30am to 12pm

Monday to Wednesday Monday to Friday

Cost $80 Cost $130

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