Rocky River Public School Newsletter

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PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Thankyou to the Endacott, Wilkinson, Reynolds, Mason and Miller families for organising and /or supporting the Bingo night last Saturday evening. We also had wonderful support from the regular bingo players from the Bowlo. The P&C organisation works hard to raise money for many extra’s for the students at Rocky River eg. The cost of the bus for Lower Division students to Green Valley Farm, the Presentation Night book prizes that every child receives, the Insurance for all students which gives cover to students for 24 hrs a day, 7 days a week wherever they are, dollar for dollar funding which has provided the covered walkway as well as the cement area at the back of the school and many other resources the students enjoy at the school. The next fundraiser by the P&C is a Golf Day at the Uralla Golf Club on the 7th December. Donations of prizes are still needed for this day so if you are able to help please leave donations at the school. Please support this day for the benefit of the students at Rocky River. It is a great family day and an opportunity for everyone to socialise. As well as players, we need assistance with the BBQ and serving the players as they come in for lunch. The more volunteers we have the more we can spread the work around.

The school has been asked to participate in the Carols by Candlelight again this year which will be held on Wednesday 3rd December as per information below. This would have been the date of the next P&C meeting. That meeting will now be held on the Wednesday afternoon the week before at 5.30pm.

Xmas Carol’s In The Park
presented by the Combined Churches of Uralla
At Alma Park - Uralla Wednesday 3rd December.

Free BBQ from 5pm & Carol’s start at 7pm.
Santa arrives on the fire truck with lollies for all at around 8pm to conclude the evening.
Bring a picnic rug or a chair.

ALL WELCOME
Look what’s been happening in Lower Division

Left:
Jacob Toomey had the class enthralled with his ‘magical news’

Right:
Tori-Lee enjoying some computer time.

To complete our unit on things past and present the children are learning the art of decoupage to make an old-fashioned toy that children may have received as a gift in times gone by. The children have enjoyed learning how toys were limited in their variety in our grandparents and great-grandparents day. Cane hoops, jacks, marbles and hopscotch in the dirt was the order of the day.

On the weekend, my grandmother got a new ginger kitten. It is a boy. His name is Muffin or Mufty for short. He is one month old. Mickey came over for a sleepover. We rode my Pedal perfect bikes. The bikes are purple and blue. We went to TJS and bought some chocolate cake and we went with dad down to the pool. We ate the chocolate cake at the pool and Mickey and I went in the deep end. I scared Mickey from the deep end. After the pool, we rode back to my house and played out the back.
This Week...

It’s nearly the end of the year! We have started to rehearse our end-of-year Christmas Musical. If anyone has any ideas on how to raise money for the year 6 end-of-year present we would love to hear it. Also, because it’s nearly the end of the year we have swimming lessons coming up!! (YAY! J) It’s getting hotter!!! Upper Division are learning about light in science and have been doing some cool experiments with Miss Taggart.

From your 2014 School Captains;
Nick Page, Rose Burke and Sophie Byers.

Right: Sophie has come up with a very creative way to learn spelling, all the lines in this drawing are actually her spelling words!! Fantastic idea Sophie.

Below: This moth was discovered on the veranda of the Lower Division classroom last week and sparked a lot of interest amongst our students and staff.

OUR YEAR 6 FUNDRAISER
TO BUY THE SCHOOL AN AWESOME GIFT.

Paint your own calico library / shopping tote.
The cost is $4 each. Painting will be done at school during lunchtime next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.
Please place money in an envelope with child’s name on the front and bring in to the school by next Tuesday.
Bags will go home on Friday.
Celebrate Uralla’s Woodland
on November 28

Working Bee

With specialist activities from age 10 and up, the working bee will help restore healthy native vegetation in the Reserve. Please bring a hat, water, gardening gloves and small tools if you have them. No need to RSVP.
When? 4.30 pm
Where? Meet in Fitzroy Street North at the bottom of Mt Mutton Walking Track

Spotlight walk

An enchanting night time exploration to meet the inhabitants of Mt Mutton from 7.30 pm – 10.30 pm. This is an all ages event. If you would like to come along please bring a torch (one per group), binoculars if available and refreshments. As we will be walking in the dark and at night, sturdy closed shoes are essential. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. The walk will be led by Wendy Hawes of the Envirofactor, Inverell.
When? 7.30 pm
Where? Meet at the band stand in Alma Park
Kids, homework and lies
Do you think your child is lying about their homework? Listen to psychologist Anne Hollonds chat with James O'Loghlin on what to do when the dog eats the homework.


Maths at home
Kids' early experiences with measurement are often based on watching their parents. Seeing mum or dad measure and pour ingredients for a recipe or weigh items at the fruit shop will often become part of their play.


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**ANTIBIOTIC AWARENESS WEEK**

17–23 November 2014

As part of Antibiotic Awareness Week NPS MedicineWise invites you to play this educational and engaging video in your classroom, ‘Preserve the Miracle’ starring Dr John D’Arcy. This short 2:40 video will help your students learn more about the history of antibiotics, antibiotic resistance today and the importance of taking antibiotics correctly.

Q: How can I present ‘Preserve the Miracle’ to my students during Antibiotic Awareness Week?


Here you can find:

- The film ‘Preserve the Miracle’
- A slideshow on antibiotic resistance
- More information and resources to help explain this issue to your students

Antibiotic resistance is a global public health issue due to the overuse and misuse of antibiotics. We are all part of the problem, but we can all be part of the solution. By educating ourselves on this issue, we can prevent antibiotic resistance, meaning antibiotics will work when we really need them to.

Thank you for sharing this important message with your students.

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**The Far Side®**

Jazz at the Wool Club

Warm regards Rocky River Students & Staff.