IMPORTANT DATES TO

- 21st March - Harmony Day
- 24th-28th March Scholastic Book Fair
- 24th-29th March RRPS Street Stall
- 29th March-Lantern Parade
- 2nd April-P&C Meeting 3.30pm
- 11th April-Easter Hat parade

PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Bandaged Bear Day. We raised a grand total of $66. Our own little Bandaged Bear, Phoenix, has had her operation and is doing very well.

This Friday we will be celebrating Harmony Day with a short assembly commencing at 2:00pm. Everyone is welcome to come along to see the activities the students have been involved in.

Please don’t forget we still need items for the street stall next week. You can drop any donations off at school or take them to the street stall. We need items for a raffle as well as cooking and plants.

Parents of Upper Division students, your child may ask you on Thursday evening to make a dish for the particular country they have been studying. This is NOT necessary. Some students are bringing food but it is not necessary and they will not be penalised in any way if they don’t have food.

WINTER WARMER RAFFLE AND STREET STALL

We are desperately seeking more donations for our street stall ‘Winter Warmer’ raffle, at the moment we only have a few items, if each family could send in one item this would make a huge difference to our raffle.

Please see the attached slip with a suggestion for one item per family to send in.

Could we have the raffle items to the school no later than Monday morning otherwise stall items can be taken directly to the stall after Monday.

Thankyou, your support will ensure a successful fund raiser for our school.

P&C

The next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday
2nd April 2014 at 3.30 pm
ALL WELCOME

CANTEEN

If you are interested in helping out with canteen please contact Jaz Taylor on 0437 957 219. There is a price list in the front foyer of the school and a tote tray provided to place orders into when students arrive.
Look what’s been happening in Lower Division

Last Friday we held a very successful Bandaged Bear Day. Thank you to all those students who brought their bears in to share with us. I think everyone had a wonderful time and bears had lots and lots of cuddles!
Recently...

Last Friday we had a Bandaged Bear Day to raise money for the Westmed Children’s Hospital. We raised around $66 for them and we all had a great time eating some chocolate coated biscuits from Mrs Boaden, and some delicious cupcakes from Mrs Thornton!

For Harmony Day Upper Division students have been researching different countries and writing a PowerPoint about them.

We have also been painting some masks for the Harmony Day Carnival Celebration!! They’re all looking great!!!

From your school captains and vice: Nick Page, Rose Burke and Chris Rassatti.

HARMONY DAY

On Friday it is Harmony day. Mrs Thornton picked countries for us to do research on. We are doing slides on our countries. Some will be shown on Harmony Day. Parents are welcome. Children are welcome to bring food for their countries.

By Emma Page and Toby Endacott

The Under 12’s Uralla Cricket Team won their Grand Final on Saturday. The team includes Nick Page, Adallan and Meyrick Griffiths, Chris Rassatti and Stelios Charnas. Unfortunately Chris and Stelios were unable to make the game.

WHAT PEOPLE EAT IN FRANCE

Fun fact

10% of St. Petersburg territory is covered in water.

Above: A sneak preview of Jacob’s Power point Presentation on France and Toby’s on Russia
FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)**
If your child is currently in Year 3, 5, 7 or 9, they’ll sit NAPLAN tests this May. And despite what you may have heard, there’s no reason to panic or start an intensive study schedule for your child. Find out more: [http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/all-about-naplan](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/all-about-naplan)

**Sushi train**

**School A to Z app**
Do you struggle to understand your child’s homework? Does your child need to practise their spelling and times tables? Are you looking for inspiration for projects and assignments? This free homework helper app provides maths and English glossaries, assignment starters and more. Find out more: [http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/about/mobile-applications/school-a-to-z](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/about/mobile-applications/school-a-to-z)

**Wild Australia app**
Your child can use this terrific app as an interactive educational tool at Taronga Zoo in Sydney or at Taronga Western Plains Zoo, Dubbo. Wild Australia can also be used at home to discover more about the zoos’ amazing animals and interesting keepers. Find out more: [http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/zh/homework-and-study/educational-games/taronga-zoo-wild-australia](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/zh/homework-and-study/educational-games/taronga-zoo-wild-australia)

**Comprehension help at home**
Every subject relies on students having the ability to understand what they’re reading and then use the information in a certain way. Here’s how to check your child’s comprehension and help them to improve. Find out more: [http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/reading/comprehension-strategies-you-can](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/reading/comprehension-strategies-you-can)

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**Hockey New England**

**Under 13, 15 & 18’s Clinic**

**When:** 23rd & 24th April 2014
**Time:** 1pm - 4pm Wednesday
         9am - 3pm Thursday
**Venue:** NE Hockey Complex, UNE
**Cost:** $30 (Cash or Cheque payment on the day)

HNE in conjunction with NSW Sport & Recreation will be conducting a clinic for Under 13, 15 & 18 year old boys and girls. This is a great opportunity for players to develop their core and specialist skills before the season starts.

Principles of Hockey NSW will be used to underpin the development of players at this camp. Participants will also be exposed to quality coaches with a wealth of playing and coaching experience.

**Uralla Soccer Registration Days**

will be held at the Uralla Bowling Club on
* Saturday 8th March from 10am to 12pm
* Sunday 30th March from 12pm to 2pm.
All ages are welcome.
Enquiries to Quinten Dillon P: 6778 4953

**Help Kids Discover a Treasure of Books by Volunteering at Our Book Fair**

**Dates:** 24th to 28th March
Volunteer to help kids enjoy our Book Fair: a journey back to Ancient Egypt overflowing with hundreds of treasures just waiting to be discovered. We need your help to make this our most historic Book Fair ever. Join our volunteer team to:
* Bring creative flair to signs and decorations
* Organize and put things in place
* Offer a helping hand, set up, or pack up
* Help shoppers of all ages find the perfect book

We appreciate your support in whatever form it takes.

Please contact Anne at the school on 6778 4122 if you wish to become involved.
Warm regards Rocky River Students & Staff.

"Everybody is a genius, but if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree it will live its whole life thinking it's stupid!"

Albert Einstein

Country Fair Bubble Wand Stall
A big thank you to the mums and dads that helped on the stall throughout the day, and those that helped set-up and pack-up the marquee and tables. The children all enjoyed playing with the wands (and in the bubble mix). $295.50 was taken on the day.