PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

All parents are asked to complete the Tell Them From Me Parent Survey by 15th October 2015. You need to access this survey via a direct link that is unique to our school. This can be accessed by visiting our school website http://www.rockyriverp.schools.nsw.edu.au/ and scrolling down to Latest News and Features on the home page or by typing the following link into your web browser: https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/login.htm

Please refer to previous information that was sent out 2 weeks ago in the newsletter.

It was wonderful to see around 20 parents and grandparents at our Book Week Assembly. There were so many amazing costumes on parade.

Once again we only just had enough members in attendance to hold a P&C Meeting last night. The Rocky River P&C has always been very active and without it the students would miss out on many of the extra activities and resources. The P&C makes a huge contribution to the school including Presentation Night book prizes, subsidising the cost of major excursions and bus trips, purchase of library books, computers, hats for all new students, blazers for school leaders, purchase of outdoor furniture, meeting the Department of Education dollar for dollar to provide the covered walkway and the extension to the sheltered area across the back of the main building, the school sign and very shortly the installation of reverse air-conditioning in the main building. This contribution makes a huge difference to the opportunities and comfort of all students. As you can imagine the P&C has raised a huge amount of money to support the school.

Most other schools have an annual school contribution scheme, Rocky River doesn’t. Please get behind your P&C to ensure the continuation of this highly valuable support. If you are time poor and unable to help man a stall or do home cooking, a monetary contribution would be gratefully accepted.

The upcoming Car Boot sale will be held on Sunday 18th October. The P&C are holding a home cooking stall and tea and coffee. If you can spare an hour to help or donate some home cooking it would be very much appreciated.

Rocky River will also be involved in a cake and treats stall at the Thunderbolt Festival on Saturday 24th October. Again your support would be appreciated.
LOOK WHAT’S BEEN HAPPENING IN LOWER DIVISION

Some amazing characters from our Book Week Celebrations
**Okonomiyaki**

Preparation time: 20 mins  
Cooking Time: 25 mins  
Serves 4

- 4 cups (about 450g) green cabbage, finely shredded  
- 2 tsp fine salt  
- 4 green shallots, finely sliced  
- 4 cloves garlic, crushed  
- 2 cups plain flour  
- 1 tsp dashi powder (optional)  
- 2 eggs  
- 1 cup iced water  
- ¼ cup vegetable oil  
- ¼ cup Kewpie mayonnaise  
- ¼ cup sweet soy sauce  
- 2 tsp sesame oil  
- 1 Tbsp toasted sesame seeds  

Lemon Wedges to serve

1. Combine cabbage and salt in a large bowl. Stand for 10 minutes. Combine ½ of the shallots, garlic, flour and dashi powder in a medium bowl. In a third bowl, whisk eggs with iced water. Add egg mixture to flour mixture, stirring to combine, then fold in cabbage.

2. Heat vegetable oil in a large frying pan over a medium heat. Add ¼ of the mixture to pan forming a 15 cm pancake. Cook for 3 minutes or until cooked through. Transfer to a plate and cover with foil to keep warm. Repeat with remaining batter.

3. Put pancakes on serving plates. Drizzle with mayonnaise, soy, chilli sauce and/or sesame oil. Sprinkle with sesame seeds and remaining shallots. Serve with lemon wedges.

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**Cabbage pancakes**

On Tuesday Mrs Thornton made Okonomiyaki using cabbages that were produced from our garden with love, for the whole school.

Here are some of the comments from our students.

They were spongy, salty, sweet but sour, the cabbage was fresh, the sauces were spicy, they were seasoned well and they had good flavour.

26 out of the 30 people surveyed liked the Okonomiyaki!

Louisa Rassatti

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Watch Out!  
Once again Plovers are nesting in our playground!!
SPRING HOLIDAY CAMPS
DON’T MISS OUT

✅ New friendships  ✅ Fun
✅ Great value  ✅ Safe

Our popular Spring Kids’ and Family Holiday Camps are filling fast. Find out what’s on including our popular Cooking 4 Kids, Adventurer, Kids’ Club and Duke of Edinburgh camps plus lots more.
Led by qualified instructors, you can rest easy knowing your kids are in safe hands. Our Kids’ Camps are suitable for kids aged 7 and over and range from 1 to 5 days.

Residential Kids’ Camps include:
- 24 hour supervision
- Instructor led activities
- Accommodation
- Meals
- Supervised transport

Family Camps include:
- Instructor led activities
- Meals
- Accommodation
- Use of all facilities i.e. BBQ area, pool, tennis courts etc.

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Armidale Little Athletics
Registration Days
Thursday 10th and 17th September 2015
4-6pm
Harris Park Club house,
Kirkwood Street, Armidale
Cost: $80 per child/athlete plus uniform
New registrations please bring proof of age
Contact: president@armidalelac.org.au
Phone: 0427 752 022
Website: www.armidalelac.org.au
Indoor Hockey Season.

With the winter sports season drawing to a close the Indoor Hockey organizing committee has been busy organising the 2015-2016 summer competition. The representative teams will be selected soon and nominations are now being called for teams to participate in the upcoming competitions. This season Indoor will be offering Primary 3, Primary 2, Open Primary, U13, U16 and Open divisions.

The growth in interest in the sport has led to an increase in the number of teams being entered in the local comp and as a result more teams entering the HNSW indoor state championships. Indoor will again enter u13, U15 and U18 girl’s and boy’s teams in HNSW indoor state championships and an open men’s and women’s team will also participate. HNE also sends teams to both the men’s and woman’s masters state championships as well.

Locally indoor hockey is available to anyone who wishes to participate. It is not a requirement to have played outdoor hockey to play in the indoor game. The pace and skills of the game makes it very attractive and keeps the participants focused the whole game. Officials wish to encourage children of any age to give it a try as the game has so much to offer.

The Armidale based indoor hockey competition will commence in mid October and will use 'The Den' located in the grounds of Armidale High School and the PLC court. With the three courts at these facilities the sport will have room to accommodate the rapid growth seen in the last few seasons.

The games will be played on Friday evenings for the primary school divisions with the other grades on Thursdays. Contact Paul for further details on 67724089 AH.

Warm regards Rocky River Students & Staff.
PARTICIPATION AND PRIVACY CONSENT FORM
(2015 BEBRAS AUSTRALIA COMPUTATIONAL THINKING CHALLENGE)

About the Challenge
The 2015 Bebras Australia Computational Thinking Challenge (www.bebras.edu.au) is part of an international initiative whose goal is to promote computational thinking amongst students. Bebras is aligned with and supports the new Australian Digital Technologies Curriculum.

The Challenge is delivered online and will be held, at the discretion of your child’s school, in a school hour during the period of March and September, 2015.

How your child can participate
Participation in the Challenge is voluntary.

If you wish for your child to participate, please give your consent by completing and returning this form. If you do not provide your consent, your child will not be able to participate.

If you give consent for your child to participate, your child’s school will register your child online by providing your child’s first name, last name, class grade and gender to one of the Challenge websites.

If you wish, you may choose for your child to participate in the Challenge using a pseudonym. If you choose this option, your child’s first name and last name will not be stored on any computer systems and your child’s participation certificate will display the pseudonym.

Further information
If you do not understand any part of this form, or you would like more information, please contact your school, visit http://bebras.edu.au, or contact NICTA using the details below:
Attention: Bebras Challenge Manager
Level 5, 13 Garden Street, Eveleigh NSW 2015
Tel: +61 2 9378 2000

Your authority and consent
By signing below you:
• Confirm that you have read and understood this Participation and Privacy Consent Form
• Give permission for your child to participate in the Challenge, and
• Consent to the use and disclosure of your child’s personal information as described above and below where you have elected with a tick:

☐ (Optional) I would like my child to participate.

☐ (Optional) I would like my child to participate, but under a pseudonym chosen by the teacher.

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Thunderbolts Festival
24 October 2015
Uralla’s Community Event
markets, live music & heaps of activities!!

Uralla / Walcha inter-town challenge
Billycart Derby Entry Form

Prizes for winners
Giveaways for all entrants
FREE ENTRY

Sponsored by

Competitor name:___________________________ Age:_____
Competitor address:______________________ Town:_______ Postcode:_____
Phone:________________________ Signature:________________________

Risk Warning - Civil Liability Act 2002
I agree to participate in this event at my own risk and to indemnify and keep indemnified the Uralla Shire Council against all claims, suits, actions or demands which may be brought in respect of any injury or other loss sustained by me participating in the Billycart Derby.

Signature required for participants under 18 years; must be signed by parent, guardian, carer or adult over the age of 18 years

Billycart Derby will run down King Street, Uralla – from Bridge Street to the Caravan Park.
Racing will commence from approx 1pm. All entrants will be informed of scheduling on the day.
Please submit completed entry form before Saturday 24th October or you can enter on the day.

CONDITIONS
• All entrants must be over 8 years of age on the day
• All drivers must wear a helmet and padded clothing
• All carts to have an operating brake & steering mechanism
• All entrants & Billycarts will commence from a standing start
• No outside assistance allowed
• No pedaling, paddling or propulsion of any kind is allowed
• Billycarts must travel in a straight path – no swerving
• Any Billycarts that crash can be disqualified, any that are crashed into may receive another run
• Judges decision is final & no correspondence will be entered into thereafter
• All Billycarts and drivers will be scrutinized prior to racing
• Thunderbolts Festival Committee or its representative, reserves the right to deny entry without explanation and at its absolute discretion.

Enquiries / submit form to:
Uralla Visitor Information Centre, 104 Bridge Street, Uralla 2358 Ph:6778 6420 & Fax:6778 4654
Download form & Festival info www.thunderboltsfestival.com