Thank you, Walk-a-thon supporters

We were lucky enough to have a beautiful sunny day for our walk...walk...walk around the school grounds last Wednesday. The students participated very enthusiastically. The red faces indicated that some may have been a bit too keen to do the most laps.

It was wonderful to have so many volunteers to assist in supervising the students and helping to pack up afterwards. It was also lovely to have so many spectators join in this fun event. Thank you everyone.

A big thank you to Miss Carla Alexander for setting the course and ensuring that everyone had what they needed. Thank you also to our P&C fundraising team for all the behind the scenes organising and counting of donations. We look forward to finding out the grand total at the end of the term, and also which classes have earned parties!

School Photos – Wednesday 19 March

Our school photos are fast approaching. I hope everyone has had time to peruse the different photo packages to find one that suits your family needs.

This year we encourage you to order online if possible to simplify the administration process. After ordering simply record your reference number on the envelope.

Remember that the envelopes must be returned to school by the photo day, even if you are purchasing your photos online.

If you were thinking of ordering a family photo and would like to pay online, you will need a shoot key. As these photos are specific to each family they each have their own individual shoot key. You can obtain this by calling MSP photography directly on 9499 6555 and they will provide you with one. Alternately you can collect an envelope from the school office.

All students are to wear full summer uniform, which includes black shoes, and no jewellery. Captains, SRC and sport leaders, don’t forget to wear your badges.

Mrs Angela Churchland – School Photo coordinator

2013 Annual School Report

A report detailing our achievements, school programs and future directions is now available on the school website. There are also plenty of photos from 2013. Visit: http://www.northrydeps.nsw.edu.au/news/
Coming events for Term 1

Week 7

Tue 11 March  
Training Band lessons commence – 8.00am
P&C meeting – 7.00pm – staffroom

Thu 13 March  
Year 1 Schoolhouse Museum excursion
Selective High School placement test
Whole school assembly – 2.20pm

Week 8

Tue 18 March  
Stage 2 Botanical Gardens excursion

Wed 19 March  
School Photos – full school uniform

Thu 20 March  
Harmony Day celebrations – wear orange

Fri 21 March  
National Day of Action – Say no to bullying
No PSSA

Week 9

Thu 27 March  
Whole school assembly – 2.20pm

Week 10

Mon 31 March  
Young Leaders Day – SRC students attend

Wed 2 April  
School Disco

Week 11

Tue 8 April  
Kinder 2015 Parent Info Afternoon at 4.30pm
P&C meeting – 7.00pm – staffroom

Wed 9 April  
Student leaders camp – SRC attend

Thu 10 April  
Student leaders camp – SRC attend
Whole school assembly – 2.20pm

Fri 11 April  
Last day of term

Term 2

Week 1

Mon 28 April  
Staff Development day – no students

Wed 30 April  
ANZAC Day assembly – time TBC

Week 2

Mon 5 May  
Gymnastics program commences

Wed 7 May  
Gymnastics program

8 9 May  
Mothers’ Day Stall - TBC

Fri 9 May  
Stewart House Blue Day

Week 3

Mon 12 May  
Gymnastics program

Tue 13 May  
NAPLAN – language, writing
Anti-bullying performance – Years 2-6
P&C meeting – 7.00pm – staffroom

Wed 14 May  
NAPLAN – reading
Gymnastics program

Thu 15 May  
NAPLAN – numeracy
Whole school assembly – 2.20pm

Term 3

Tuesday 15 July – Friday 19 September

Term 4

Tuesday 7 October – Wednesday 17 December

P&C News

Online donations up until Friday afternoon 7 March 2014:

Don’t forget to return all sponsorship forms and cash donations by this Friday 14 March 2014. Even if you have received online donations, please remember to return all forms by the end of this week. Thank you!

P&C News

P&C Meeting – Tuesday 11 March

Please consider attending our P&C meeting tonight at 7.00pm in the school office (staffroom). It is an opportunity to hear more about what is happening at the school and the background to decisions made on behalf of the school community. See you there.

Annual Walk-a-thon

Our walk-a-thon was held last Wednesday, and what a fantastic day it turned out to be! The students did so well in doing several laps of the school grounds, being cheered on by the many teachers, parents, carers and younger siblings that came along on the day.

Thank you to all the parents that came along to help man a station.

Thank you also to the many people that have made generous donations so far for the walk-a-thon. Every dollar counts!

Online Donations for Walk-a-thon

We have received over $2400 in online donations so far and sponsors are still donating each day. Thank you once again for your support. Online donations can be made up until 31 March 2014 so there is still plenty of time left.

Remember, that one of the prizes this year will be the class which raises the most online donations. (See class totals so far opposite)

School Disco – Wednesday 2 April

The Fundraising Committee is finalising details for the school disco and we hope to share more information with you next week. Stay tuned for details in the newsletter. Be sure to keep the date free as this is a night that students don’t like to miss. Whilst our children have an opportunity to enjoy a social event with the support of our teachers and the Dance 2bfit Team, parents will be invited to enjoy a bite to eat and a chance to catch up with other parents. More details will follow, but keep the date free.

Save the Date

Thank you so much to those people who have already offered their time to help on the day. We really appreciate the support to make this an exciting event.

Jannet Pawsey & Chaitali Desai – Fundraising Team
fundraising.nrps@gmail.com
Canteen news

Volunteers
We are always looking for new helpers to assist in the canteen so please don’t hesitate to contact us if you are able to help at any time, not just when your child’s year is on the roster. If you have time to spare, even if it is just for an hour, we would really appreciate it. If you are able to help, please write your name on the roster posted on the canteen doors or contact:
Jodie Hutchison: jbehutchison@gmail.com or 0402 424 556

This week’s canteen roster:
Wednesday 12 March  Year 3/4
Carolyn Foster – lunch sales
Sandra Lockhart – lunch sales
1 Volunteer Needed

Thursday 13 March  Chaitali Desai
1 volunteer needed

Friday 14 March  Year 5/6 – Sushi Friday
Kiran Sharma
1 - 2 volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed for each day next week.

Class Volunteer Roster – Term 1

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Online Canteen Ordering

Registration Process
If you would like to order lunch for your child from the canteen, this can only be done through the School24 system.

Registration only takes a few minutes to complete. Go to http://www.school24.com.au and enter in the School ID as 25162963. Remember that you can top up your account either through a bank transfer or by paying cash at the banking table on a Monday morning in the COLA. Please remember that a bank transfer can take up to 2 working days to process so ensure you top-up in advance of when you need to order.

Special events and our popular Sushi Fridays can only be ordered through the School24 system. So register and top-up now to ensure you are ready to order.

Membership Fees – changes
If you use the online canteen, you will be charged a family membership fee of $2.20 per each term that you use the canteen. The P&C has agreed to cover 50% of the cost to use the system this term, making the fee extremely reasonable.

The P&C has been supporting families for the last 12 months by covering half of the membership fee. Please note however that from Term 2 onwards, families will be required to pay the full fee of $2.20 per term.

If you have any questions regarding the Online Canteen, please contact Jannet at: Canteen.NRPS@gmail.com

Sushi Friday – orders due TONIGHT
Don’t forget that all online sushi orders are due tonight at 11.55pm.

Orange & Mango Slushies coming soon! – Stay tuned

Canteen Survey
We are well into Term 1 and in fact, we are fast approaching the end of term. Not too sure where the time has gone. Each term our Canteen Co-ordinators work on changes to our Canteen Menu and look at ways in which we can help encourage our parents, guardians and grandparents to offer a small amount of time to help serve in the Canteen.

Our Canteen is run by the P&C and it is a service that we consider to be crucial to the students at our school. To help us look at volunteer roster options, we are asking parents to log onto the P&C website and complete a very short survey on the Canteen.

We have also attached a volunteer form to the Newsletter, please take the time to complete this and return it to the school office (Attention: P&C Survey).

https://sites.google.com/site/nrpspc/website-survey
Uniform News
Winter Uniforms
Just a reminder to parents that winter uniforms are in stock and ready to be purchased. We have more stock arriving in the next couple of weeks. Please make sure that you are ready for the change in weather and don’t get caught out.
NB Winter uniforms are to be worn from the start of Term 2.

School Band News
Today, the Training Band had their first early morning rehearsal with Mrs Imelda Crimmins. Congratulations to all students for your readiness to help make this first rehearsal a successful one! Thanks also to those students who remembered to arrive early to help put out music stands, chairs and other equipment.

Weekend Band Workshop – Sunday 6 April 12.00pm – 4.00pm
Please save the date for our annual Band Workshop to be held on the afternoon of Sunday 6 April. This is a key part of your child’s band experience with the afternoon designed to consolidate learning and develop a team approach to making music at NRPS. Any initial enquiries can be addressed to susanblencowe@gmail.com

Rehearsal Times
Concert Band Rehearsals - Tuesdays 3.10 – 4.10pm
Training Band Rehearsals - Tuesdays 8.00 – 9.00am

It has been excellent to know that students are working hard to arrive early and stay back 10 minutes after each rehearsal until all equipment is packed away.

Rental Agreements
If you have opted to rent an instrument this term, please send in the ‘Instrument Rental Agreement’ that was sent out to families. If you have any questions regarding this, please email susanblencowe@gmail.com

Susan Blencowe - Band Coordinator

Playground help needed
Can you spare an hour on Sunday March 16 - from 2.30pm?

The Joseph family have some lovely sandstone they are generously donating for use in our new school playground. We need helpers to lift the stone blocks and load them into trailers, then unload them at school.

The more helpers we have, the quicker we can get the job done. We imagine it will take an hour or two, but even if you have half an hour to spare, that would be a great help.

Thanks for the swimming caps  P&C

Schoolhouse Museum News
1936 Lights Reinstalled
Last week the 1970s fluorescent lights in the museum’s 1910 room were replaced with twelve beautiful original school lights. This has been a project on the museum’s wish list for many years. Also installed were two heritage style fans centrally mounted in each room and next week the hall lights are to be replaced. When these rooms were built in 1910, gas lamps lighted them. The gas pipes and ventilation flues are still in the roof cavity. Electric lights were connected in 1936 when electricity was brought to North Ryde. They are now back in their original positions.
A big thank you to Tom at Chippendale Restorations for terrific advice and a great deal on the lights and to their recommended electrician, Scott, who has done an amazing installation, patching and repairing as he went.

Schoolhouse Museum team
We have had a very busy week with the visit from “Travel Bugs”, the first Community Meeting for the year, and two visits to the Incontro Café. All were a huge success! We even secured a new pet- a crowned stick insect- yet to be named. We will be having a vote on the most popular and appropriate name for her. She has already laid some eggs.

The Vacation Care Program for April is now available at the centre for collection. To secure a booking at the discounted early bird rate, please ensure you return the completed forms by Thursday the 27th March.

Vacation Care activities include excursions to Strike Bowling and Chipmunks at Macquarie Centre and in-house days such as Master Chef and Wheels Days.

Please feel free to pop into the centre to have a look and have a chat. We are open from 7am to 11am and then again 2pm to 6pm. Alternatively please contact us on 0408825733 or email nroshc@primaryoshcare.com.au or visit our website www.primaryoshcare.com.au

Kind regards - Kerry, Fei Lin, Kristin, Dani, Lewis, and Sorcha

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**Farewell Brown and Gold**

The last of the brown and gold uniforms (all 20 boxes) were collected by North Ryde Rotary representative, Liane and Phil, last Friday. These uniforms will be travelling to schools in Vanuatu. Thank you everyone for your donations. We know that they will be valued by their new families.

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**Library news**

Registrations for the 2014 NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge are now open! A separate note with more detailed information has been sent home today and can also be accessed via the school’s website. The PRC is a great way to support reading at home and to acknowledge your child’s reading efforts at school. The Challenge runs until the end of August.


**Great books for tweens to read**

Favourite books from the Premier’s Reading Challenge team that will inspire kids aged between 9 and 13 to read, read, read!


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**Clean-up Australia – great effort North Ryde!**

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Harmony Day – Wear Orange!
On Thursday 20 March North Ryde Public School will be celebrating Harmony Day. Harmony Day celebrates “Everyone Belongs”. Students will participate in Harmony Day activities in class. The activities will focus on how all Australians, from diverse backgrounds, equally belong to this nation and enrich it.

All students are encouraged to wear orange clothing to school to celebrate this day. Further information can be found: http://www.harmony.gov.au/

Stewart House is a children’s charity supported by NSW public schools. It provides short term respite in a quality environment, to improve the self-esteem, resilience and general well-being of children in need from NSW and ACT public schools.

Twice each year they hold a clothing drive in conjunction with the Smith Family, to raise much needed funds. So now is the time to clean out those closets and place any good, clean clothes, manchester or blankets that you no longer need, in the bags provided and return them to school by Wednesday morning, March 18. Bags can be placed in the corridor outside 3/4F.

Mrs Gail Morris – Charity coordinator

2014 homework planner
The best homework help you can give your child is to teach them to be organised. Print out the 2014 homework and study calendar, which includes key dates and school holidays. Stick them on the fridge and above their desk.


Maths A to Z
Brush up on some of the maths terms your child uses in the classroom. The Maths A to Z glossary provides straightforward explanations and illustrated examples.


Tennis Court Hire
The school tennis court is available for hire after school and on weekends.

To make a booking, please contact Lynne-Marie Bowen on 0402 488 432
Skoolbag app

Community news

Open Day

Saturday 15^th^ March, 11AM - 3PM

91-93 Pennant Hills Road, Normanhurst Ph: 1800-LORETO
www.loretinh.nsw.edu.au enquiries@loretinh.nsw.edu.au

Community Update

Have your say
Roads and Maritime welcomes your comments by Friday 28 March on how clearways can be better used to reduce congestion along Lane Cove Road while minimising impacts on businesses and the community. Your suggestions will help us to determine the best way forward.

You can provide comments on the Lane Cove Road proposal or find out more by:

- Visiting rms.nsw.gov.au/clearways
  An interactive map is available to provide feedback at specific locations along the route.
- Calling 1300 706 232
- Emailing clearways@rms.nsw.gov.au
- Writing to Clearways, Roads and Maritime Services, PO Box 973 Parramatta CBD NSW 2124
- Nominate another clearway at transport.nsw.gov.au/sydneyclearwaysstrategy
- Coming along to one of our drop in community information sessions to discuss the project with the project team.

Community information sessions

Thursday 20 March
5pm to 8pm
St John's North Ryde
Anglican Church Hall
152 Cox's Road
North Ryde NSW 2113

Saturday 22 March
1.30pm to 3.30pm
www.loretinh.nsw.edu.au

Riverside Girls High School

The Principal Ms Kelly, staff & students request the pleasure of the company of former students on Thursday 20th March, 2014 for a Garden Party
to celebrate the 80th Anniversary of Riverside Girls High established on this site in 1934.

Refreshments will be served from 10:30am with tours of the school to follow.
Phone: 9816 4264
KIDS WON’T EAT THEIR VEGGIES?

CSIRO are looking for volunteers to participate in a study that aims to increase children’s acceptance and consumption of vegetables.

What is the study about?
- The objective of the study is to explore different techniques for increasing children’s vegetable intake.

Who can take part?
- Children aged 4 – 6 years of age, who consume less than 2 serves (150g) of vegetables per day. No food allergies.
- One parent of the child.

Are you interested?
- For more information please contact Maeva Cochot on 9490 8359 or email tastestudy@csiro.au.

This study is approved by CSIRO Human Research Ethics Committee.

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Do you have a child in year 4, 5 or 6?

Have you missed out on thousands of dollars?

In 2001, the government introduced the "First Child Tax Offset" and surprisingly many Australians did not know about it and have NOT claimed any benefits. If you have ANY child that was born between 1 July 2001 and 30 June 2004 you may be eligible to receive up to $12,500 of entitlements. The government has a 20 June 2014 deadline on this entitlement so please email childoffset@twelve.com.au today to receive more information.

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Single with Children

A non-profit social group operated by the Single Parent Family Association

ARE YOU A SINGLE PARENT?

Every week Single with Children provides fun and exciting activities especially for single parents and their children (many activities are subsidised or even free).

It’s a great way to meet and get to know people in your area.

To find out more and get a FREE copy of our social calendar, contact us today.

Call 1300 300 496

Or visit our website:
www.singlewithchildren.com.au

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Let's Get Loud at North Ryde Library

MONDAY 14 APRIL, 2014

Shekere Beats
Set up and beat your own African rhythm! Come and join Jonni for a fantastic morning of African drums, songs and an exploration into another culture.

Where: North Ryde Community Hall
Time: 10:00am
Cost: $5.00
Ages: All ages

TUESDAY 15 APRIL, 2014

School Holiday Rhymes and Fingerplays.
Where: North Ryde Library
Time: 10:30am
Cost: FREE
Ages: 0-2yrs

TUESDAY 22 APRIL, 2014

School Holiday Rhymes and Fingerplays.
Where: North Ryde Library
Time: 10:30am
Cost: FREE
Ages: 0-2yrs

WEDNESDAY 23 APRIL, 2014

Caterpillar Shakas
Come and have fun making your own noisy shakers.

Where: North Ryde Library
Time: 11:00am
Cost: $3.00
Ages: 5yrs+

For more information call (02) 9952 8352 or visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/library

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL through your local library.