Dear Parent/Carer

End of Year Excursions
It was great to see so many tired faces last week when the students returned from their end of year excursions. They all had great tales to tell about sleepless nights and new friendships. For the first overnight secondary excursion for a number of years, it was wonderful to see the number of students who attended. The primary excursion was also well attended and shows that extra activities, like these, are really well supported by the students.

Life Beyond School
If there are any parents who would like to be involved in this initiative, but have not yet replied, please do so as a matter of urgency as we are presently completing the organisation for this event.

Rock or Bust Fundraiser
As many of you might not be aware, the school’s P&C have been given the task of selling soft drinks, as a way of fundraising, at the concert this Saturday. This should bring in quite a substantial amount of funds, which is fantastic. I know that the P&C committee have found it difficult to get enough parents to assist with the selling of drinks and we really would prefer that students not be involved, unless they are with a parent. So, if you would like to assist your school this weekend with drink sales at the Rock or Bust Concert, please contact the school ASAP.

Year 6 Fundraiser - Let’s wash those cars!
Thursday 26th November will be the annual car wash held by Year 6 students. Mr Kotzur is putting the information together at the moment, but I just wanted to claim the date as it is an extremely busy time of the year.

Donna Rockley
Principal

REMEMBER

ATTENTION SECONDARY PARENTS
Due to Work, Health & Safety regulations, ALL secondary students doing noisy subjects, ie music, woodwork, etc. must wear earplugs. Can you please supply a suitable pair for your child. Thank you for your prompt attention.

CANTERBURY NEWS

2015 ROSTER

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THIS WEEK’S SPECIALS

RECESS
Apple & Sultana Tarts
$1

LUNCH
Sweet Corn & Ham Pasta Salad
$5

Please use your cream SUMMER MENU.
Please note there are some price increases, as well as new items, which are effective immediately.

P & C MEETING
6PM
TONIGHT
STAFFROOM
ALL WELCOME

BOOK CLUB IS DUE MONDAY 30TH NOVEMBER
(All orders and money must be posted in the money box at the front office).

BOOK CLUB

We URGENTLY require more HELP on the day to man the drink stall and the jumping castle. If you can spare any time during the day, please call Bec on 0427203323.
Secondary Excursion to Yackandandah & Beechworth

(left) Karrs Reef Gold Mine at Yackandandah is a 160 year old gold mine that miners hand dug at 2 feet a day, harvesting quartz to crush on a steam grinder to harvest the gold. Claiming only 1 tonne of gold as tax, it is estimated that a further unclaimed 12 million tonnes was harvested from the mine. The opening of the mine was then destroyed to bury any further mining by other prospectors or tax auditors, until 5 years ago when a research and engineer redug the opening and now holds personalised tours.

(right) Beechworth Jail. Famous for its infamous characters such as the Kelly's. Students had a guided tour of the jail and the surrounding grounds, including the gallows (below).
(above) Woolshed Falls, just out of Beechworth, where our students stopped to admire the Falls. These falls were once a huge gold mining place in which as estimated 8000 miners used a range of methods, including the extremely—bad for the environment—‘hydraulic sluicing’ to look for gold. Miners would spray water at high pressure onto gold bearing stream banks. Large eroded gullies can still be found all along the falls after 140 years.
Primary Excursion to Canberra

Day 1
On Monday 9th November, we headed to Canberra at 7.30am. When we got to Canberra we went to Lake Burley Griffin. It was a lovely view. At about 12noon, we went to the Canberra Exhibition Centre, where we built our own capital cities out of Lego. Mrs Driscoll and Mr Kotzur were the best! Straight after that we watched a video on the ‘Founding of Canberra’. There was a lot of different kinds of names Canberra could have been called, like Shakespeare and many others.

Next we went to the Canberra Zoo and Aquarium, where we saw big cats, penguins, giraffes, sharks, starfish and many other interesting animals. When we finished going around the zoo, we went to the souvenir shop. After the zoo, it was time to go to our accommodation. We stayed at Capital Country. After dinner we did a tour of the AIS and saw some training pools and equipment. We also learnt about a woman who swam 40,000 km in the pool there! We saw a group of girls at Volleyball training. We had free time in the games room then went to bed at 9.30.

Day 2
We had to be up early for breakfast at 7.00am!! After breakfast, we went to Parliament House and saw the two chambers called ‘The House of Representatives’ and ‘The Senate’. We also met Sussan Ley. Following Parliament House, we travelled to the War Memorial and learnt about WW1 and WW2. Next we went to Mt Ainsley and Questacon. Questacon was soooo much fun. At 7.30pm we went to the Dinosaur Museum, which was the highlight of the evening. Our tour guide’s name was Josh and he was very funny.

Day 3
We packed up and had breakfast before we went to Old Parliament House, also known as the AEC (Australian Electoral Commission). We learnt about voting and how to do it. Lastly we went to Telstra Tower.

It was the best excursion ever! We learnt about parliament, dinosaurs, sport and animals, as well as the world wars. It was truly awesome. We can’t wait till next year! IT WAS AWESOME.....

by Maddy Wantling, Blayne Julian, Tahnia Debono, Lizzy Wantling
Day 1
It all started at 7.30am on Monday 9th November, when we left The Rock Central School waving goodbye to our parents.
We had a very long three hour drive, but once we arrived we went to the Great Exhibition Centre, where we learnt how Marion & Walter Burley Griffin designed Canberra. We also got to design something that we thought Canberra was missing with Lego. After that, we went to the Canberra National Zoo and Aquarium, where we explored the outside and inside of the animals. We even got to touch a starfish. Once we left the zoo, we drove to our accommodation—that's where we had showers and dinner. After dinner, we got on the bus and drove to the Australian Institute of Sport, where we had an absolutely amazing time looking though the special features like the 50 metre swimming pool, the gym and the indoor volley ball courts. The were all quite fun. Once we finished looking around, out tour guides, Matt & Angus took us to the play room, where we got to try out all the different sport icons. And I think everyone had an awesome good time. After that we headed back to the Capital Country Caravan and Holiday Park, where we hit the hay!!

Day 2
We went straight to Parliament House. When we got there and looked at all the rooms then we went and got morning tea and met Sussan Ley—we got a photo with her. We then got back on the bus and went to Mt Ainsley where we had some fruit, a look around and a photo taken. We got back on the bus and went to the War Memorial. We went to two shows and looked around and then we went outside and had a wrap for lunch. After lunch, we went to Questacon and had so much fun. All their stuff was so cool. We went back to our rooms and had a shower and dinner, then we went to the Dinosaur Museum. We had a tour there and the guides name was Josh and he was really funny.

Day 3
We got up tired from the great adventures we had and hear rain. Great!!! After breakfast, we went for a tour around all of the embassy's and we were all amazed of how many there were. We all loved how big the American one was. We went to the Australian Electoral Commission, where we all learnt how to vote. We made our own poll and our winner was APPLE. We had great fun at the Old Parliament House. We then went up Black Mountain to visit Telstra Tower. Some of us were afraid of heights, but they still had fun. We started our journey home. We stopped at McDonalds for a late lunch and then got back on the road again. When we got back to The Rock, all of our parents were waiting for us. We all had a great time and we would like to thank Mr Kotzur, Mrs Driscoll, Mrs Higginson and Mrs Campton for taking us and Allens coaches for driving us. It was an amazing experience and we all loved it!!!
P & C News

STILL NEEDED

Our P & C are asking for donations of the following for the Rock or Bust Music Festival on Sat 21st November. Please leave at the front office.

SOFT DRINKS
(30 or 24 can packs)
Coke, Diet Coke, Fanta, Sprite, Squash, Water

THIS IS A P & C FUNDRAISER

Community News

We are now taking enrolments for 2016

The Rock Preschool currently operates Mon-Thurs 9am -3pm (during School Terms)
We take all children aged between 3 & 5 years old.
Please phone the preschool on 69202455 for an enrolment pack and all information.

The Rock Progress Association 2016
Debutants Ball - 8th April
The Rock Memorial Bowling Club

Interested Debutantes aged 15 years and upwards who would like to make their debut, please contact Ann or Carol at deballapril2016@mail.com by 10th December 2015

KID’S CORNER

... INTRODUCING ...

Hannah (Year 1)

helpful  intelligent

caring  organised

JOKE

How do you fix a cracked pumpkin?

(Answer next week)

LAST WEEK'S JOKE: Where do baby apes sleep? ANSWER: In apricots.
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**TERM DATES 2016**

**Term 1**
Wed 27th Jan
Fri 8th April

**Term 2**
Tue 26th April
Fri 1st July

**Term 3**
Mon 18th July
Fri 23rd Sept

**Term 4**
Mon 10th Oct
Fri 16th Dec

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- School fees are **NOW OVERDUE**.
- Sporting Schools (Active After School) finishes on Thursday 26th Nov.