Principal’s Report

Dear Parent/Carer

School App - School ENEWS
The school now has its own App, it’s free and very easy to download. It will be great to have another avenue to communicate with parents that is quick and effective. The weekly school newsletter will be available from the App, as well as permission notes and any messages for parents and carers, eg. coming events or cancellations. The App will also replace our Facebook page. An information sheet is attached to show how to download the App and the information that it contains. A big thank you to Mrs Higginson and Mr Harvey for introducing an App to The Rock Central School.

If you require any assistance downloading this, please see Mrs Higginson or Mr Harvey.

Social Media Age Restrictions
Most social media sites have age restrictions for opening an account. To open an account with Facebook, Instagram, Pinterest, Twitter or many other social media sites, children need to be 13 years old. Some other social accounts require you to be 17 years old. YouTube requires account holders to be 18 years old, but a 13 year old can sign up for an account with a parent’s permission.

It is very important that as parents/carers you know what your children are doing on the internet and on social media sites. Recently the social media site KIK changed its viewing age and now older students (16-17 year olds) can interact with younger students. We must be watchful that our children are not putting themselves at risk while they are on these sites. Net Nanny is an example of a site that can assist parents to protect their children, themselves and their computer.

 Stranger Danger
From time to time, we are contacted by parents, community members or the Police about cars or strangers that might be in town. Please remind your children, young and old, not to approach cars they do not know, even if it is to give directions, and not talk to or go anywhere with people they do not know. If you are at all concerned, please contact the local police.

Secondary Individual Education Plans (IEP)
Next week (week 5) I will be meeting with each secondary student to review their Individual Education Plan. The secondary year advisors, working with our learning support team, have implemented an IEP for every secondary student, which have been reviewed by staff. However, as a new initiative to improve the learning outcome for students, I will be meeting with students to get their feedback and to assist in evaluating this initiative. So, if your secondary child comes home saying they were in the principal’s office, it was for a positive thing.

Donna Rockley
Principal

School News

Apology
In the Paper Plane challenge results in last weeks newsletter, 1st place in the Years 7-10 Longest airtime section was Cody Tutt. Congratulations.

Jeans for Genes

THIS FRIDAY

Gold coin donation
Students can wear school shirt, jumper + jeans
(this is NOT a mufti day)

BOOKWEEK PARADE

Wed 26th Aug—2.15pm
Theme is: ‘Books light up our world’

SIGNING STUDENTS IN AND OUT OF SCHOOL

When your child/ren are late to school (arrive after 9am), THEY MUST BE SIGNED IN BY AN ADULT at the front office and receive a ‘Late’ note to take to the teacher. Please do not just drop them off and leave, PLEASE SIGN THEM IN.
(This is a departmental/legal requirement)

Students must be signed out at the front office, if they are leaving school before 3pm. The Office staff will collect your child from the classroom, while you wait. Please do not go directly to the classroom.

Your co-operation in making the above run smoothly, would be greatly appreciated.

CANCEN News

2015 ROSTER

Day & Date  Name
Thurs 13th Aug  Conny Blacklock
Fri 14th Aug  Lori Campton

THIS WEEK’S SPECIALS

 AVAILABLE THURSDAY & FRIDAY

Chicken & Corn Soup
$3 or $3.50 with roll

Ham & Penne Pasta
(only available at recess)
$1

NEW MENU
Please use the ‘PINK’ winter menu.
If you do not have one, copies are available at the canteen or office.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE
PLEASE READ

BOOKWEEK PARADE
Wed 26th Aug—2.15pm
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School News (cont.)

Tony Lockett Shield

Last week, I had the pleasure of taking two football teams to Wagga to play in the Tony Lockett AFL Knockout competition. The boys team played three games, winning two. They defeated Turvey Park convincingly and Lake Albert by 1 point. In the third match, they were leading at half-time against Sth Wagga but narrowly went down at full-time. Congratulations boys on a wonderful carnival and a special mention to Jake Alexander, who won the award for the team.

The girls team also played three games against a combined small schools, Eurongilly and Wagga Public. TRCS displayed excellent sports'girl'ship skills and improved in confidence during each game. We played in very muddy conditions, but still had several goal scorers for the day. Erin Hogan was awarded the encouragement award for the team.

A big thank you to Leeanne Evans who drove the school bus and to all the parents who came and supported our school. Thank you to Mick Mazzocchi for training and coaching the boys team. Mick's inspirational half-time team talks and continuous encouragement are amazing!

Jess Higginson
AFL Co-ordinator

Education Week

Once again, thank you to all the parents, grandparents and community members who visited TRCS last week for our Open Day.

It was great to see so many of you enjoying a BBQ lunch (put on by the canteen) and then wandering through classrooms and showing an interest in what your child/ren have been doing. They also get a great thrill from your visit.

Our pictures show some of you who came for lunch and also to listen to our staff present topics, such as:

◊ How2Learn
◊ Focus on Reading
◊ Emotional Intelligence, and
◊ The School Plan

A special mention to Shane at The Rock Butchery for supplying the wonderful sausages for our BBQ lunch. It is greatly appreciated.
K/1 visit Healthy Harold

by Max

by Savannah

by Blake

by Max

by Paige
School News (cont.)

Middle School Program

(above) - Jake and Jordan are staining their Ipod port and notepad stations. This program, which is designed for students in Stage 2, 3 & 4, engages in various hands-on activities such as woodworking, cooking, art and science & technology (computer game making). All students who participated last week thoroughly enjoyed their afternoon.

FATHERS DAY STALL

Friday 4th September 2015
Gifts: $1, $2 & $5
On sale before school and recess
Donations will be gratefully accepted and can be left in the 3/4 classroom or at the front office.

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN

The Rock Pre-school is collecting ‘Earn & Learn’ stickers. If you shop at Woolworths, could you please bring the stickers in to our front office or place them in ‘The Rock Pre-school’ box outside the Market Place Woolworths.
Thank you for your generosity.

KID’S CORNER

... INTRODUCING ...

Blair
(Year 5)

humorous quirky conscientious creative

(ANSWER NEXT WEEK)

JOKE OF THE WEEK

What is Dracula’s favourite food

(ANSWER: MORSE TOAD)
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- School fees are **NOW DUE**.
- Tea towels still available at the front office—$2 each.
- Uniform orders due **Thursday 6th August**.
- Secondary excursion Expression of Interest to Mrs Loes asap.
- Secondary Self-Evaluation sheet due to the front office asap.